

Readings: *Job 38:1-7 (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b* or *Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45*

King of all the earth,  
Creator of the universe,  
Holy Triune God,  
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
*O Lord, how excellent is your greatness!*

All of creation reverberates with your majesty and power;  
*O Lord, how excellent is your greatness!*

You were before all things, and in you all things hold together;  
*O Lord, how excellent is your greatness!*

We marvel at your exquisite handiwork from the expansive heavens to the depths of the sea;  
*O Lord, how excellent is your greatness!*

Grant us holy fear, that we might gain knowledge and understanding.  
*O Lord, how excellent is your greatness!*

This is our God. Praise him, all you people, for he is our help and our salvation. I invite you to add your own praises to the Lord.

***Silence.***

You are worthy, Holy God, to receive all our praise. We worship you in the glory of your perfect Trinity and ask for grace to steadfastly believe and proclaim your unity.

We pray for your holy catholic church;  
*Teach us to serve others.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Give your ministers humility and honesty;  
*That they may deal gently with the ignorant and wayward.*

You, Lord Christ, learned obedience through suffering;  
*Help us to obey you in all circumstances.*

We praise and thank you for your eternal priesthood;  
*Draw all people to your saving grace.*

I invite you to add your own prayers for the worldwide church.

***Silence.***

Creator of the earth, you spoke the world into existence and sustain all things by your life giving word. Consider the toil and sorrow of the people of the earth and, in your compassion, have mercy on the world.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;  
For the refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;  
*Relieve and protect them, O Lord, and grant them eternal hope in you.*

Teach us how to rightly steward the gift of your creation,  
*That the resources of the world would be used to your honor and glory.*

I invite your prayers for the needs of the world.

***Silence.***

God of all love and peace, we come to you in faith, offering you access into every area of our lives.

You, O Lord, bore the weight of our grief and sorrow.  
*We trust in your merciful intercession.*

We often don't know what it is we ask you to do for us;  
*Help us to listen and follow you in all things.*

You, Lord Christ, came as a servant and gave your life to ransom the world.  
*Teach us what it means to serve as you do.*

We look to you, Lord of all, mindful of our helplessness;  
*Glorify your name in the midst of our need.*

I invite you to cast all your cares and concerns on the Lord, remembering that He cares for you.

***Silence.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We believe in you, Lord Christ.

We cry out to you, Father God.

We receive your witness, Holy Spirit.

Abide with us as we abide in you this week and always, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.