

Readings: Job 1:1, 2:1-20 and Psalm 26 or **Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8;**  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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

You are good, O Lord, and your ways bring life;  
*Happy are they who fear the Lord.*

You establish the work of our hands and grant us productive labor;  
*Happy are they who fear the Lord.*

You are generous with us and bring fruitfulness to our lives;  
*Happy are they who fear the Lord.*

You, Lord Christ, are the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint  
of his nature;  
*Happy are they who fear the Lord.*

You uphold the universe by the word of your power.  
*Happy are they who fear the Lord.*

You have purified us from our sins and dwell with the Majesty on high.  
*Happy are they who fear the Lord.*

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;  
*May we ever follow in your ways.*

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

Lord Christ, by the grace of God you tasted death for everyone;  
*Deliver your people from the fear of death.*

Grant us courage and a right fear of you alone;  
*That we might glorify you with our lives.*

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.

Lord Christ, you are a merciful and faithful high priest;  
*In humility, we ask for your help.*

We pray for all men and women. You have created us male and female to reflect your image. Teach us to glorify you in who we are.  
*In humility, we ask for your help.*

We pray for those who are married. Steady their hearts and kindle their affections that they might serve one another in your love.  
*In humility, we ask for your help.*

We pray for those touched by the brokenness of divorce. Pour your refreshing spirit on wounded hearts and lift up heads weighed down by shame.  
*In humility, we ask for your help.*

We pray for those who are dating or engaged. Grant them guidance and loving respect for one another.

*In humility, we ask for your help.*

We pray for those who are single. Firmly establish them in the family of your Church, and may all men and women serve one another in mutual love.

*In humility, we ask for your help.*

We pray for the bereaved. Bind up the hearts of those who grieve and surround them with the companionship of your people.

*In humility, we ask for your help.*

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.