

Call to Worship

Pastor: The pleasures of this world are so attractive that we invest quite heavily in them.

People: The pleasures of this world make life enjoyable. That is why they mean so much to us.

Pastor: But some of the pleasures we value so highly prevent us from receiving real life that God wants to give us, not only in this world, but in the next.

People: We do not want so much from this world that it prevents us from receiving the life God wants to give us. May he help us learn how to live.

Prayer Of Confession :

We love life, Father, but we know there are some things in this life that we ought not to love.

In our self centeredness we become greedy, even to the point of abusing the very life you give us.

Forgive us for taking life in our own hands, as though we were responsible only to ourselves.

Help us to lay aside our selfish motivations and invest our efforts in serving you, that we may be assured of your eternal love and care.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead,
and buried;

the third day he rose
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.