

Call to Worship

Pastor: God calls us to live a life of righteousness; but at the same time, he wants us to be honest in the confession of our sins.

People: It is too easy for us to be silent about our sins, and remind God of the good things we have done.

Pastor: God is pleased with our righteousness. But he also knows about our sinfulness, and wants us to repent with true humility.

People: May God be merciful to us, for we are sinful people.

Prayer of Confession:

Many times we have repented of our sins, Father; but mentally we like to think we are keeping life in balance with our righteousness.

Forgive us when we have tried to justify ourselves by deeds of righteousness.

Forgive us when we have resisted the humility needed for an honest confession of sin.

Reveal to us our sinful nature, that we may seek your forgiveness with sincere penitence.

We pray through Christ our Redeemer. 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.