

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us bless the God of mercy!

People: Let us praise the God of grace!

Leader: For to do wrong is human!

People: But to forgive is the way of God!

**Prayer of Confession: God of all compassion,
we admit that we find forgiveness in any
degree difficult, and unlimited pardon
impossible because of our sin and the
selfishness that it produces in us.**

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**Instead, we take offense easily, cultivate it
Carefully, and perpetuate it endlessly.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your
Spirit of mercy and grace, which alone can
help us to overcome the obstacles of heart,
mind, and spirit that prevent us from
exhibiting in even the most trivial situation
the kind of forgiveness that Jesus showed
to his torturers on Calvary.**

In his holy name we pray.

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.