

Call to Worship

Leader: Commitment to the Christian faith is a way of life, not just knowledge of God's laws.

People: Many of Jesus' day knew how to look righteous without being righteous.

Leader: Jesus condemned them for their hypocrisy, and called his followers into a life of humility and service.

People: May the devotion we feel for God in our hearts direct us to live in the beauty of holiness.

Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us, Father, for our desire to look more righteous than we are.

We learn so easily how to act as Christians, and we find ourselves acting instead of living.

Cleanse us of all false piety, and fill us with your Spirit to live genuine Christian lives.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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.