

Call to Worship

Leader: Allegiance to our nation is God's will;
but it must not hinder our allegiance to God.

**People: And allegiance to God ought not to
keep us from being responsible citizens
in our nation.**

Leader: Our nation deserves our loyalty. But
every government is finally responsible to God.
It cannot claim what belongs to God.

**People: We thank God for our nation, and
pledge our allegiance to it. And we reaffirm
our faith in God, the final ruler of all nations.**

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**Prayer of Confession: We love our nation,
Father, and commit ourselves to its support
and defense. But we would not want that
allegiance to interfere with our devotion to you.**

**Nevertheless, we interfere with it ourselves
through apathy.**

**Forgive us when we are so careless in giving
you what is yours, but continue to expect you
to bless our land and our lives.**

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Make us a strong nation to people who are sincere in our devotion to you, and in our support of one another.

In our Savior's 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.