

(church choir singing over organ)

Female Speaker: Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian faith.

Congregation: 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 Ghost, birthed of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

Female Speaker: Please be seated. (church organ) (choir singing) (choir singing over organ) (choir singing over organ) (choir singing over organ) (choir singing over organ)

Male speaker: Let us stand for the responsive prayer. Almighty God, as you have granted us a place in this university, hallow to us now this day, when we dedicate ourselves to the life and work to which you have called us, that we may remember with gratitude the families and friends who have cared for us.

Congregation: We ask you this, oh God.

Male Speaker: That in the life ahead, we may keep faith with those who have loved us, and trusted us, and whose hopes follow us.

Congregation: We ask you this, oh God.

Male Speaker: That we may enter with good courage and constant purpose upon the tasks which await us.

Congregation: We ask you this, oh God.

Male Speaker: From all vanity and pride, as if our accomplishments were of our sole creation.

Congregation: Deliver us.

Male Speaker: From neglect of the opportunities which are all about us, and from distrust of our ability to meet the duties of each dawning day.

Congregation: Deliver us.

