O Father of all nations and Lord of the universe, may we always show ourselves to be a holy people, trusting in You, our God, and fulfilling Your will. Since You have bestowed on us this heritage of Your bounties, may we ever worship You, and make our nation a place of freedom, equality, and justice for all.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, two hundred years ago, our country claimed its place
among the family of nations. You have richly favored us with Your blessings and prospered us with the fulness of the land.

We now offer our gratitude to You, and we re-dedicate ourselves to serving You, so that the works of justice and freedom might be shared by all peoples.

Cantor

Now and ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion - Tone 8

Our founding fathers established this nation with an abiding trust in God our heavenly Father, giving liberty to all its inhabitants.

We have become the stewards of this cherished heritage. Deem us worthy,
O Theoto-kos, Ev-ver-Vir-gin, to pro-tect and transmit this trea-sured in-her-i-tance.

Lead us to your Son, Christ our God, so that He would bestow on us His e-ter-nal free-dom, grant-ing us His great mer-cy and lead-ing us into the land of right-eous-ness.

Pro-keimenon - Tone 5 (Lev. 25:10; Psalm 88:15):

Verse: Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne; * kindness and truth go before You.

Epistle: Hebrews 12: 7-11, 14-17, 25-28
Alleluia - Tone 7 (Psalm 118: 45, 142):

Verse: I will walk at liberty, * because I seek your commandments.
Verse: Your justice is everlasting justice, * and Your law is permanent.

Gospel: John 8:31-42

Communion Hymn (Psalm 104: 44a, 45):

He gave them the land of the nations that they might keep His precepts and observe His laws. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!