Call to Worship

- Leader: Jesus speaks to us through his church, inviting us into God's kingdom
- People: We are in the church because we want to be in God's kingdom.
- Leader: We may be in church, yet fail to accept Christ's invitation into God's kingdom if our faith does not lead to action.
- People: May our response to Christ be a personal commitment in which our faith and life enable God's kingdom to be our home.

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Prayer of Confession: Father, we feel it is necessary to be in the church. But once we are in the church, we too easily become deaf to your call to Christian commitment. And in our deafness, we lose interest in Christ's invitation into your kingdom.

Forgive us for the apathy we express toward the eternal blessing you share with us through Christ.

Help us to be ready, willing, and excited about your promised kingdom.

We pray through Christ our Lord. 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.