

Call to Worship

Leader: Wait upon the Lord; remain true and let your hearts be bold!

People: We do wait upon the Lord, and we seek God's healing power today.

Leader: Hold fast to your faith; be firm and let your hearts take courage!

People: Our faith remains strong; yet we seek the promised one to come.

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, for God has heard and honored our prayers!

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Prayer of Confession: Lord, as we continue to move through Advent, we are so aware there is much in the world that would distract and harden our hearts to the message of love You gave us in the birth of Christ.

Lord, forgive us for all of those times when we have willingly chosen the distractions and turned away from You.

**Call us once more to the true joy in Christmas.
In Christ 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.