

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy New Year! 2021 is on the next calendar page! Christmas symbols are still here – until Epiphany when our images change to depict a maturing Jesus. During these last four weeks, we've told our faith stories and our family memories; we've given gifts, as the magi gave gifts to the Christ Child and as God has given divine presence in Jesus of Nazareth.

People: From him we learn to be God-bearers in this world.

Leader: Our expectations have been met: God is among us in new ways.

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People: Like angels, we sing to God; like shepherds, we honor God and all creation.

Leader Praise God! Hallelujah!

People: Light the Christ candle again to remind us that Christ is light for the world and banishes our own darkness!

Community Confession: Loving God – as we look back over this last year, we are aware of things we wish we had done differently.

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Sometimes we have not been hospitable; sometimes we have been stingy; sometimes we have spoken unkindly; sometimes we have been nasty.

Relieve us of guilt and help us to be aware of the opportunities when we can manifest your goodness in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in our church.

Empower us with newly birthed delight and go with us as peace into the world. 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.