

Call to Worship

Leader: What is it about the life wish that leads us to do what we ordinarily would not or could not do?

People: Is it desperation or hope that brings us to the miracle of restoration?

Leader: Can we save ourselves, or must someone intercede for us?

People: Must we become partners with God in order to make it through life and to thrive?

Leader: We come with many questions because living life fully is our goal, but living fully is exacting.

Prayer of Confession:

We need the comfort and assurance of your leading us on, O God.

We admit that we are weak, that we are weary and worn down by the pressures of daily living, from the frailties of body and spirit, and from asking ourselves to do less or more than we are able.

Because our independence is not omnipotent, we need your help to come through the temporary times of feeling our vitality nearly depleted. 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.