

# Call to Worship

Leader: Our God is a loving God who rejoices whenever one of us who strays is brought back into the fold.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Our God is a persistent God who never gives up searching for those who are lost.

**People: Praise be to God!**

**All: Let us worship our loving and persistent God and let us celebrate with him when those who are lost are found.**

## **Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, Jesus set us an example of how to live patiently and lovingly, but so often we choose to treat our neighbors differently.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and strengthen our resolve to be loving, kind, and patient with everyone we encounter.**

**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.