Call to Worship

Leader: As we walk with Jesus during his last week, we see him in the home of Lazarus at Bethany. Mary is anointing his feet with perfume. **People: That was a sacred moment in the life** of Jesus which we wish we could have shared. Leader: The sacredness of that moment is with us now as we shut out of our minds all other concerns, real as they are, and think only of Jesus.

People: We unite in devotion and meditation, conscious of the precious life of Jesus which he gave for us.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father, we are conscious of the conflict between Judas and Mary, regarding the use of valuable perfume.

We see ourselves in that conflict when we tend to argue with values that involve money.

But our real concern is not so much better Stewardship, as it is a resistance to sacrificial expressions of our faith.

Forgive us when we have criticized honest devotion with false piety

Lead us in a more committed fellowship with your Son, our Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.



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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.