

Call to Worship

Pastor: Even as an infant, Jesus was faced with rejection because of man's sinfulness.

People: King Herod felt threatened by Jesus' birth, and wanted to kill him.

Pastor: But God protected him by telling Joseph in a dream to take Jesus to Egypt.

People: Praise be to God for his divine protection of the infant Jesus!

Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us, Father, for taking so much for granted in the Christian faith.

You have constantly had to pour out your love to people who seem bent on resisting that love.

And we who want to accept your love, do so without considering the price you have paid.

Sharpen our senses to see what wonderful feats you have performed in order that we might be redeemed from sin.

In Jesus' name 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.