## **Call to Worship**

- L: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall.
- P: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!
- L: Even though we fail, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace
- P: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope
- L: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us
- P: Thanks be to God, whose mercy is all over us all.

**Prayer of Confession:** 

- Lord, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
- But we confess today that we often live like slaves.
- Instead of receiving your grace as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your forgiveness, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our ways. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Heal us.
- We ask this in Jesus Name. 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.