

Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we are called to be prepared!

People: WE ARE CALLED TO BE READY FOR THE COMING OF THE CHRIST!

Leader: For the work of God is not yet finished!

People: THE REIGN OF GOD IS NOT YET ESTABLISHED!

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly God, we confess that we often let the prospects of the dawn of your Reign and of the arrival of the Christ fade from our minds, and that we therefore do not use them as images to inspire us or goals to guide us in our ongoing discipleship in the name of Jesus.

Forgive us, we pray, and keep us constantly prepared, not just for the Reign that is to come but for the Reign that is already in our midst, and not just for the ultimate Second Coming, but for all of the many present comings of the Christ, especially in the least of our brothers and sisters. In his 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

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

71

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.