Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate, for Christ our Savior has been born!

People: Is our Messiah, the promised one, among us this day?

Leader: Surely I say unto you, Christ the Lord is with us even as we speak.

People: Are even sinners such as we welcome in Christ's kingdom?

Leader: Praise to the Lord God Almighty, for in Christ we are all welcome!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer Of Confession:

Lord, so often we have allowed the worldly trappings of the holidays to blur our vision and pull us away from the true message of Christmas.

Forgive us, Lord, and where we find the hurting, let us give comfort; where we see need, let us give a helping hand; and where we find the lost, give us the wisdom and courage to lead them home to You.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.