

Call to Worship

Leader: I'm so glad we're here together! Today's the day we want to be wise and know just where to locate God.

People: This is Epiphany, the day when we are magi and bring our best gifts to God.

Leader: God quite clearly is here —

People: in each of us!

Leader: We have hopes that when the stars shine just right, we will find the baby who grows up to be our teacher and guide.

People: We will search like the ancient men and women until we find some tangible evidence of God being at home with us!

Leader: We know the astrologers and astronomers read into the movement of the stars the hopes of God being ruler and savior on this earth.

People: They followed the star until it stood over a certain place in Bethlehem. There they found a baby, named Jesus, with Mary, his mother. They gave their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Those scholars understood the baby to be their future king.

Leader: Let us be joyful wise people in this age, searching, singing, and sharing the goodness of God!

Prayer Of Thanksgiving In Unison.

God of yesterday and today — thank you for all of nature that makes your creativity visible to us. Thank you for stories that help us understand our search for you and your seeming absence.

We are grateful that every now and then, we have an epiphany — a clear experience of your presence and your activity with us. Let us be wise as we journey from now until eternity.

The gift we give this hour is our undivided attention. We anticipate being enthused by your Spirit with words, silence, and music. 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.