

# Call to Worship

Leader: We celebrate today a great event: the  
Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.

**People: IN THAT GREAT EVENT, HE IS  
EXALTED AND WE ARE INSPIRED.**

Leader: Our temptation is that of the witnesses to  
that event: to wish for this to be the end, and  
to long to join Christ in heavenly bliss.

**People: BUT OUR WORK HAS JUST BEGUN.  
WE HAVE A MISSION: TO BE WITNESSES  
TO OUR EXALTED MASTER UNTIL HE  
COMES AGAIN.**

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## **Prayer of Confession:**

**God of mercy, we confess how much we often long to be rid of this world, to leave it behind and ascend to a heavenly state of bliss.**

**Forgive us our impatience.**

**Impress upon us the comission of Christ.**

**Remind us again and again that there is work to be done on earth for your Kingdom in his name.      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.