Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us renew our faith in God!

People: LET US GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS!

Leader: Let us dedicate our very lives to God's coming Reign!

People: AND LET US VOW TO SACRIFICE ALL TO CLAIM IT AS OUR OWN!

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Prayer of Confession: Righteous God, we confess that we do not consistently keep your promised coming Reign before us as our goal, and that we settle all too eagerly for the world as it is, as if there were nothing else to look forward to; and we admit that such complacency and being contented on our part denies your word and weakens our discipleship on behalf of you and your Christ.

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Forgive us, we pray, and inspire us anew with the parables of Jesus, which tell us of the glorious image of the wonderful future that you have in store for this suffering and sorrowful world.

In his name we hope and 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

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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.