Call to Worship

Leader: While we wander far from home, the Father awaits our return.

People: I will get up and go to my Father and say, "Father, I have sinned, and I am no longer fit to be called your child."

Leader: Our Father will welcome us home with open arms and celebrate our return, because we were lost but now we have been found.

People: Praise be to God, our merciful Father, who forgives our sins and restores us to wholeness. Amen. **Prayer of Confession:**

- Gracious God, our Father ,we have all gone astray like lost sheep.
- We have been lured by the world to squander our blessings.

Finally we have come to our senses, and we give you thanks and praise for welcoming us home with open arms.

Amen.



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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.