Call to Worship

- Leader: Come, let us worship our Messiah, the One sent from God, our Savior!
- People: Is this the messenger promised to bring us the news of eternal life?
- Leader: This is the Christ, firstborn of the living God!
- People: Is this the One sent to bring vengeance and death to our enemies?
- Leader: The Christ is sent to bring life through God's love and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we asked for You to come and to save us, but when You came it was not as we expected or wanted.

We asked for You to lead us but Your leading was not always where we wanted to go.

And we sought Your love, but we did not understand that Your love must be passed on to others around us to be real.

Forgive us, Lord, and lead us now in Your ways.

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.