

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us use this time of worship to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

People: What must we do to be ready?

Leader: Repent of your sins, and vow to follow the teachings of Jesus in all your ways.

People: We come before the Lord, our God, with penitent hearts, and seek the power of the Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, as we hear again the words of John the Baptist, we realize anew how selfish we have been, and how many opportunities we have missed to demonstrate your love and concern for all, because of our failure to share our bounty and blessing with those in need.

Renew a right spirit within us, we pray that people may know your love through us.

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.