Call to Worship

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, God let it be known that Jesus was his Son with whom he was well pleased.

People: Those watching saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

Leader: His baptism represents not only God's anointing of the Holy Spirit, but also Jesus' acceptance of the ministry for which God anointed him.

People: We thank God for Jesus' ministry in which he remained faithful to his baptism.

Leader: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

We, too, are well pleased with your Son, Father, who came as your promised Savior, suffering death that we may be delivered to a new life.

Forgive us for our weak response to his sacrificial espression of love.

Guide us in our living, that we, too, may be pleasing in your sight by our commitment to your will.

We pray in Jesus' name. 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.