

Call to Worship

Leader: Decide — what is better? A quiet, orderly, sterile sabbath where everyone stays in line, nothing unexpected happens, and everyone is able to leave safe, sound, and untouched by mission — or a loud, child-filled, exuberant worship of the most high God, where anything could happen, including changed lives and commissioned slaves of the Lord.

Decide. Which is better?

Prayer Of Confession:

Forgive us, God Almighty, when we fail to claim rest and renewal.

We have listened to the lies of this world and measure everything — especially the sins of others.

Your Son has challenged us to save the world instead of our false standards.

We will try, with your help. 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.