

Call to Worship

Leader:

What are you thinking, Jesus?

First you insult a woman who really needs you just because she was an outsider, and she gave you back as good as she got.

Then you went around touching sick people without gloves and gowns.

Jesus, you know what you were thinking.

What did you want us to think?

Help us!

Prayer Of Confession:

Touching God, we have wrapped ourselves in protective layers to keep the world at bay.

We have hidden behind stereotypes to excuse our hardness of heart and believed the worst of people to escape from ministry.

We have allowed anecdotes to replace hard scientific fact, listened to talking heads instead of the word spoken aloud in our worship.

**Strip away our notions, leave us bare to
infection by the needs of this world,
drench us in the sorrows of your people
that we might be made whole and healthy
at last.**

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.