

Call to Worship

Leader: Express gratitude to God, invoking God by name. Make God's deeds known in the world around, declaring the supremacy of the divine name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God of peace, Prince of peace, Spirit of peace, your names are to be hallowed as supreme.

Forgive us if we fail to give due honor to your name in our families and in our social life.

In our society the name of Santa Claus sometimes obscures the name of the Christ Child, the hammering of elves drowns out the song of angels.

The mission of reindeer competes with the adoration of shepherds and the travel of those who seek the one born to be king.

Pardon us if we have let such things get out of hand in our social circles. Help us to restore your name to its rightful place.

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.