

Call to Worship

Leader: Be still in God's presence and worship expectantly. Take delight in prayer, and you will receive your heart's desire.

Prayer of Confession:

**Compassionate Parent, understanding
Brother and Sister, loving and forgiving
Spirit, you know how weak we are and
how prone to retaliate when treated
spitefully.**

**We would rather return a curse with a
curse and a blow with a blow.**

We refuse many who ask us for what we think we do not owe.

We are ready to sue for the return of what is rightfully ours.

How is it that you expect us to do good to those who hate us?

Is it really possible that we could become so much like Jesus Christ?

**Forgive us, for his sake, for we are not.
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.