## Call to Worship

Leader: Let us gather together all who await the return of the Lord!

People: Let our hearts always be ready to stand before the throne of God!

- Leader: For the Lord will come again and God's judgment will be real.
- People: And we are each called to share God's love while there is yet time.
- Leader: So let us lift our voices in song and praise for God's abiding love!
- All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

- **Prayer of Confession:** 
  - If we knew when Christ would return, Father; we would feel more comfortable.
  - But we do not know; and we become careless in living responsible lives.
  - Forgive us for weak commitment based on our manipulation of faith and hope.
  - Give us the desire to surrender our total being without the necessity of knowing when the day of our Lord will come; but only that each day requires us to live our best.
  - In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

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## 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.