

Creeds

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Believe

We believe in God, eternal yet ever-moving one, who creates and is creating, who keeps covenant with humankind, who sets before us the ways of life and of death.

We believe in Jesus, the servant-advocate, who lived the way of dying/rising, who embodied justice and reconciliation, who, with authority, calls us to share this way and this embodying.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, sustaining presence and transforming power, who dwells among us in clarity and in mystery, who inspires us individually and corporately, who challenges, prods, emboldens.

We believe in the church, community of faith and caring, covenant and promise, which nurtures our pilgrimage and through which we are called to be witnesses to God's truth, love, and justice.

We believe our believing affects our daily walking and talking, our doubting and struggling, our decisions and choice-making, our responses to persons and systems.

We intend in this community in these days to raise questions hopefully, to work for justice lovingly, to share a ministry faithfully and by God's grace, passionately.

Source: Barbara B. Troxell

We Believe In God Present

We believe in God, source and ground of all that exists. We believe in God present and active everywhere in a universe with space and matter beyond our imagination.

We believe in God present and active on this planet for billions of years before human life emerged: in the new beginnings, in the upheavals, in death and destruction.

We believe in God present and active everywhere on earth in the slow development of human cultures and societies, in the growth of knowledge, and in the constant search for meaning as men and women tell stories of their connectedness with the mystery, the source and sustainer of all that exists.

We believe in God present and active in Jesus of Nazareth, revealing to us the good news of our connectedness with God and with all other people and urging us to love graciously and generously so that God's reign might be established.

We believe in God present and active in our times, prompting us who are Christian to be more expansive and more inclusive as we reflect on our understanding of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, our connectedness with all people, and our responsibility to make God's reign visible in our hearts and in our world.

Source: Michael Morwood (adapted)

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who is like a good mother or father, near to us, and strong to help us. We believe in Jesus Christ, in whom we see God: he is for us the way of truth and life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose life is in us, giving us new life and healing strength for our spirits. We believe our faith is a confident trust in the truth and goodness of God. We believe our hope is a power to fill the present and the future with deepest meaning. We believe our love is the means by which this faith will be made real in our lives. Glory be to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

Source: Banquet of Praise #36

Faith Affirmations

I believe in God, maker of an unfinished world, who calls us to participate in bringing about the fullness of Creation – God, who created abundant resources to provide for all; God, who has not divided people into rich and poor, owners and slaves, nor pitted us against each other because of race, color, social class or sex.

I believe in Jesus Christ who was ridiculed, tortured and executed for the sins of humankind. He has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice and continues to judge and redeem the hatred and arrogance of human beings.

I believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and justice.

I believe in the reconciling power of God in my life and in the world. I believe that God, through people, can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, the relief of suffering and pain, and the final triumph of love and grace.

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We believe in Jesus Christ, eternally begotten of God, God from God, Light from light true God from true God. For us all, Jesus came from heaven to earth. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of Mary, human like us. For our sake he was crucified, died and was buried. He rose again in glory, ascended into heaven, and is seated at God's right hand. Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his reign will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit the sustainer of life.

We believe in the church, the people of God, who are striving for holiness, unity and spirit of service. We know our need for baptism in water and the Spirit. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. This is our human testimony to our faith.

My Creed

I believe in God who fathers and mothers me, loving and caring for me even more than I do for myself.

I believe that I am more than I am because God's power is present in me, creating me each moment, functioning in me, in my life.

I believe that Jesus is just as human as I am, and I join in his acceptance of the limitations, weaknesses and tragedies of human life, as well as the resurrections held within them.

I believe that Jesus is God, and I accept the way he sees life -- his values, his words, his judgments -- as the way I choose to live and the measure of his judgment on me.

I believe in God's Spirit present in me, loving me, accepting me from the first giving me all that I am.

I believe that I belong to God's people, manifesting God's presence in this world.

I believe that I can already rejoice with those who are saved because of God's action in me.

I believe that I can and do betray God's love, but that in my sinfulness I can turn my heart to my God and forgiveness is already there.

I believe that each day I arise again, and that my resurrection and eternal life have already begun.

I believe, my God; help me to believe more firmly and deeply.

Source: Marie le Clerc SSND (adapted)

Credo

As a people of faith, let us profess with union of hearts and voices, our belief in God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

We believe in you, one and only God; we take notice of all you have made and find the cosmos wholesome, holy and good.

We feel blessed in the truth you reveal through Creation and word, through women, men and children, through all you hold in store for us.

We look to Jesus, living image of your love, who was with you before yesterday began, before the flourishing of this earth.

Today you speak and act through the Risen One, who is our way, truth, hope and justice. Born of woman, Jesus is one of us, drawing life from our life and giving your spirit to us in fullness.

Embracing the fullness of humanity, our fellow pilgrim has shared our lot of disappointment, of weariness, anxiety and loss.

In pouring out his Spirit on Good Friday, the Lamb of God passed through painful death to radiant new life.

As Redeemer, Jesus Risen is with us as loving presence, an unfettered Spirit, no longer bound by space and time.

We await the day when this new life and presence will engulf us all, when we will be with you in this fuller life and larger sphere.

We believe that Jesus is, even now, praying in our midst, forgiving, healing and renewing us.

We await the moment when we will finally come home to celebrate with you and be reunited with the ones we love, face to face forever.

Source: Canticle and Gathering Prayers, John Moss