

UNPACKING THE CREEDS

Cathedral Commons, January 8, 2025

Canon Wendy Claire Barrie

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The 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,
of one 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 became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,*
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with 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.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

revision authorized by 1997 General Convention:

*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.

*who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

Alternative Creeds

AN ALTERNATIVE CREED

as sung at Trinity Cathedral, Portland, OR



We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.



We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



vir - gin - born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024); Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

We believe in God, who created the world in love,
who led the First Peoples to this land,
who rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt,
who sent the ancestors and the prophets to judge and to bless,
who returns the exiles to their home,
whom Jesus called Abba.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born of Mary,
Heir of David and God's Own Child,
proclaimer of God's peace with justice,
healer and teacher,
sacrament of God's love,
Who was tortured and crucified,
then rose again to reconcile all the world,
and is coming again to make the world new.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
whose breath gave life to creation,
who speaks through ancestors and prophets,
who came upon Jesus at his baptism,
who gives birth to the church, Christ's body,
who pours out gifts for the ministry of love,
who works night and day to renew all that is alive.

We believe in God,
Lover, Beloved and Spirit of Love.
Amen.

MAASAI CREED, 1960

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from that grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

*Congregation of the Holy Ghost,
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