

Creeds

(The Apostle's Creed, The Nicene Creed, The New Creed)

The Apostle's Creed (Rome- approx. 150 CE)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

The Nicene Creed (325 CE)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 begotten from the Father before all ages,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made;
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
 he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
 and became human.

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He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
 to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
 and to life in the world to come.
Amen.

A New Creed (UCC 1968,
revised 1989- “to live with respect in Creation”)

We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others
 by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
 to celebrate God’s presence,
 to live with respect in Creation,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.