

The Nicene Creed

A ROADMAP FOR OUR FAITH

We are Trinitarian: Father, Son, Spirit

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 men 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 worshipped 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 Apostle's Creed: Early Church's Confession of Faith required to be baptized as a Christian

Inserted to refute the Arian heresy that stated Jesus was created by God as an intermediate or lesser being and therefore, not equal to God.

Incarnation

Paschal Mystery
The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Eschatology
The last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell

The Four Marks of the Church

One—there is only one bride of Christ and that is the Catholic Church

Holy—through the grace of Jesus Christ, the Church is made holy even though all her members are not

Catholic—universal in mission; same full Gospel is preached everywhere

Apostolic—our faith is handed down from the original apostles

Formulated
at the 1st Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

Adopted
as the true expression of faith at the 2nd Council of Constantinople in 381 A.D.

