

CREEDS AND OTHER  
AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

## THE NICENE CREED

Minister: Let us affirm our faith together saying:

People: *We believe in one God the Father Almighty,*

*Maker of heaven and earth,*

*And of all things visible and invisible:*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,*

*the only-begotten Son of God;*

*Begotten of his Father before all worlds,*

*God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;*

*Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father;*

*By whom all things were made:*

*Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,*

*was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary,*

*and was made man:*

*And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;*

*He suffered and was buried:*

*The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures:*

*He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father:*

*And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;*

*Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,*

*Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;*

*Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;*

*Who spoke by the prophets:*

*And we believe in one catholic and apostolic Church:*

*we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins:*

*And we look for the Resurrection of the dead:*

*And the Life of the world to come. Amen.*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

People: *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 Ghost,*

*born of the Virgin Mary,*

*suffered under Pontius Pilate,*

*was crucified, dead, and buried;*

*He descended into hell;*

*the third day He rose again from the dead;*

*He ascended into heaven,*

*and sitteth on 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 Ghost;*

*the holy catholic Church;*

*the communion of saints;*

*the forgiveness of sins;*

*the resurrection of the body;*

*and the life everlasting. Amen.*

-The Apostles Creed

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION 1

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

People: *That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,*

*and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.*

*He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head*

*without the will of my Father in heaven:*

*in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.*

*Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,*

*assures me of eternal life*

*and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready*

*from now on to live for him.*

(Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Q.1.)

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

ON A SUNDAY WHERE BAPTISMS TYPICALLY TAKE PLACE BUT THERE ARE NO CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM, IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THOSE PRESENT TO RENEW THEIR OWN BAPTISMAL VOWS IN PLACE OF THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.

Minister: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

People: *I believe and trust in him.*

Minister: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

People: *I believe and trust in him.*

Minister: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

People: *I believe and trust in him.*

Minister: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Minister: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Minister: Will you proclaim in word and deed the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Minister: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being, rich and poor, sick and well, born and unborn, Christian and non-Christian?

People: *I will, with God's help.*