

# The Apostles' Creed

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*The Creed*

*A Paraphrase*

*Ten Commandments—  
Lord's Prayer*

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**I believe in God**

the Father almighty,  
  
creator of heaven and earth;

I promise and pledge myself to the Triune God:  
  
the first member, God the father,  
all powerful but all nurturing,  
  
who created everything I see and can't.

Comm 1-2: No other gods, images  
  
LP: Our Father...in Heaven  
Comm 3: No misuse of name  
  
LP: in Heaven / daily bread / kingdom, power, glory  
Prologue + Comm 4: Sabbath

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**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and buried;

he descended into hell,

the third day he rose from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead;

And the second member, God the son, equally God,

whose divine nature is truly divine,  
whose human nature is truly human,  
who really experienced every aspect of human life:  
birth, suffering, death, burial.

He went the whole way—not just part of it—he even experienced hell!

He was resurrected  
and is with the first member now.

He will return again as our true judge—  
ready to reward and punish both the living and the dead, saints and sinners.

Comm 1-2: No other gods, images

All of above ≈ Prologue

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**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.

And the third member, God the spirit,  
and the effects of the Spirit's wind:

the true church, which God makes holy through the Spirit;

the fellowship of God's holy people,  
one with another,  
and the fellowship of God's holy things;

the true forgiveness of all sins—ours  
and others;

and God's resurrection of our bodies,  
like Christ's,

so we will live with God, just like Christ.

Comm 1-2: No other gods, images

Comm 1-10

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LP: Forgive us...as we forgive

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**Amen.**

**Yes.**  
That's what I believe.  
I expect and hope it to happen.  
I live like it is and live so that it will.

LP: **Amen.**  
Comm 10: covet ≈ reread!

# The Apostles' Creed<sup>1</sup>

Credo in deum patrem omnipotentem,  
creatorem coeli et terrae;

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

Et in Iesum Christum, filium eius unicum,  
dominum nostrum,  
qui conceptus est de Spiritu sancto,  
natus ex Maria virgine,  
passus sub Pontio Pilato,  
crucifixus, mortuus et sepultus,  
descendit ad inferna,  
tertia die resurrexit a mortuis,  
ascendit ad coelos,  
sedet ad dexteram dei patris  
omnipotentis,  
inde ventrus est iudicare vivos et  
mortuos;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and buried;  
he descended into hell,  
the third day he rose from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty,  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead;

Credo in Spiritum sanctum,  
sanctam ecclesiam catholicam,  
sanctorum communionem,  
remissionem peccatorum,  
carnis resurrectionem,  
et vitam aeternam.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> The Latin text is taken from J. N. D. Kelly, *Early Christian Creeds*, 369; the English translation is adopted from Kelly, *Early Christian Creeds*; K. Barth, *Credo*; and the *Book of Common Worship*.