

AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH AND TE DEUM

716 THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; 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 Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

717 THE NICENE CREED

I 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,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures, and 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 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one catholic and apostolic church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

718 A CONTEMPORARY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Jesus Christ the Lord,
Who was promised to the people of Israel,
Who came in the flesh to dwell among us,
Who announced the coming of the rule of God,
Who gathered disciples and taught them,
Who died on the cross to free us from sin,
Who rose from the dead to give us life and hope,
Who reigns in heaven at the right hand of God,
Who comes to judge and bring justice to victory.

We believe in God His Father,
Who raised Him from the dead,
Who created and sustains the universe,
Who acts to deliver His people in times of need,
Who desires all men everywhere to be saved,
Who rules over the destinies of men and nations,
Who continues to love men even when they reject Him.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who is the form of God present in the church,
Who moves men to faith and obedience,
Who is the guarantee of our deliverance,
Who leads us to find God's will in the Word,
Who assists those whom He renews in prayer,
Who guides us in discernment,
Who impels us to act together.

We believe God has made us His people,
To invite others to follow Christ,
To encourage one another to deeper commitment,
To proclaim forgiveness of sins and hope,
To reconcile men to God through word and deed,
To bear witness to the power of love over hate,
To proclaim Jesus the Lord over all,
To meet the daily tasks of life with purpose,
To suffer joyfully for the cause of right,
To the ends of the earth,
To the end of the age,
To the praise of His glory. Amen.

719 TE DEUM

We praise Thee, O God:
 We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
 To Thee all angels cry aloud;
 The heavens and all the powers therein.
 To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
 The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.
 The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.
 The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
 The holy Church, throughout all the world, doth acknowledge Thee.
 The Father of an infinite majesty;
 Thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 Also the Holy Spirit, the comforter.
 Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
 When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.
 When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
 We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
 Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.
 O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thy heritage.
 Govern them, and lift them up forever.
 Day by day we magnify Thee;
 And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.
 O Lord, in Thee have I trusted;
 Let me never be confounded.