**Creeds and authorized affirmations of faith**

E1

All 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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.

E2

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,

All 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,

All God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

All Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;

All 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,  
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All With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.

All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

All We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

E3

All 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,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,   
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,   
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.

E4

All 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.

E5

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe 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 was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

E6

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

All We believe and trust in him.

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

All We believe and trust in him.

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?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

E7

We proclaim the Church’s faith in Jesus Christ.

All We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, is both divine and human.

God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;  
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

All fully God and fully human;  
human in both mind and body.

As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.

All Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.

One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God;

All truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.

For as mind and body form one human being  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

All The Word became flesh and lived among us;  
we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

from the Athanasian Creed

E8

All We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven’s king to rule and reign,  
to the Father’s side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end

E9

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.                                  cf Philippians 2.6-11

E10

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

E11

We say together in faith

All Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:

All for by his will they were created  
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:

All for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

cf Revelation 4.8,11;5.9;22.17,20

E12

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

E13

The president may use words of introduction to this part of the service.

A large candle may be lit. The president may address the congregation as follows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.  
Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

The Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you [with these candidates] to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe 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 was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

The president says

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The president may use the Affirmation of Commitment.

The president concludes the Renewal of Vows saying

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

E14

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

All With the help of God, I will.

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

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ’s authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All With the help of God, I will.

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