

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten 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 hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
I believe a holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.