

*A statement of the basics of the faith.*

*The Nicene Creed is a statement of belief widely used in Christian liturgy. It is called Nicene because it was originally adopted in the city of Nicaea by the First Council of Nicaea in the year 325 A.D. Later at the First Council of Constantinople, in 381 A.D., it was amended and the amended form is referred to as the Nicene or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. It defines Nicene Christianity. The Apostles' Creed formulary is comparable to the Nicene Creed, but the key difference is that the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox reject the filioque clause (Latin: "and from the Son. . .") regarding the ordering and procession of the Holy Spirit in the sacred Trinity. Western churches, Catholic and Protestant, have no problem reading the Nicene Creed in approbation alongside of the Apostles Creed, as the filioque maybe inferred even absent its direct affirmation. The Apostles Creed is held out as the detailed clarion statement of belief to simply clarify the truth of Nicene Christianity held by the western church, and the western church affirms both creeds.*

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 the 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 was 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 sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I 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 I believe in one holy 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.