

# The 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<sup>1</sup>;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
I believe a holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

<sup>1</sup> That is, on the cross Jesus suffered the agony of hell which our sins deserved  
(cf. Heidelberg Catechism Q. 44).

<sup>2</sup> That is, God's people through all times and places (cf. Heidelberg Catechism Q. 54).