

The Apostles and Nicene Creeds (4th Century AD)

Apostles Creed

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
power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

Nicene Creed

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, one in
Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;

he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he arose again
in fulfillment of 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 Son.
With the Father and Son
he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.

Triadic Formulae in the New Testament

Triad = “a union or group of three often closely related individuals or things”

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the
Son and of the
Holy Spirit”

(Matthew 28:19)

“According to the foreknowledge of
God the Father, in the sanctification of the
Spirit, for obedience to
Jesus Christ
and for sprinkling with his blood”

(1 Peter 1:2)

“The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.”

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same
Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same
Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same
God who empowers them all in everyone.”

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

“There is one body and
one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call —
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

(Ephesians 4:4-6)