

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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;¹ 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; the holy catholic² Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort 2.4.

² "Catholic" means universal, that is, that there is one Church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).