

## **Apostles' Creed**

The *Symbolum Apostolorum* developed between the second and the ninth centuries. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. Its central doctrines are those of the Trinity and God the Creator. The earliest written version of the creed is perhaps the *Interrogatory Creed of Hippolytus* (A.D. 215). The current form is first found in the writings of *Caesarius of Arles* (A.D. 542).

Protestant Christians share the Apostles' Creed with all the major denominational families in the world.

### **Modern English Version**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father  
and 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.