

# NICENE CREED

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 His 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 at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

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## WHY WE SAY THE CREED

When we say the Nicene Creed in church, we all stand and face the altar. We do that because when we say the Creed, we are telling God what He first told us about Himself and how He loves us. Telling God what He told us says that His Word is good.

The Creed is like an adult holding my hand when I cross the street. It helps me use the Bible safely and surely. The Creed helps me speak about God as the friends of Jesus and the first Christians did.

## ITS HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

The Nicene Creed was written in the year 325 by over three hundred bishops who had traveled many miles to a city called Nicaea. Emperor Constantine the First had asked them to come. It was written because some didn't like what Jesus' special friends, called apostles, had taught: that the Son of God is eternal with the Father. Fifty-six years later, other bishops came to a city called Constantinople. They added words to make sure we say that the Holy Spirit is also God, with the Father and the Son, and that Jesus' "kingdom will have no end." The Creed we now use was approved by the bishops who gathered in the city of Chalcedon in the year 451. It became part of the Divine Service in the eleventh century. It is joyfully said by nearly two billion Christians every Sunday. Including me.






I believe

I believe many things.  
I believe I will wake in the morning,  
so I go to bed at night.  
I believe in Jesus.



in one God, the Father Almighty,

I cannot see God.  
Nobody can.  
But I call Him "Father."  
God can do whatever He likes.  
He likes me.



**maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible  
and invisible.**

God made everything.  
God made me.  
God gave me an unseen angel guard.  
He tells God what I need.