

# THE BASICS: THE CREED

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## AS WE GATHER

There is great power in words and greater power when those words are spoken with others of the same mind and confession. For many centuries the people of God have used the words of the Apostles' Creed to speak of what they believe. In the Creed we confess the faith we have received and assert that it is a summary of our belief. Through the Creed we rehearse and confirm the faith that is ours while we praise God for what He is and for what He has done for us.

**HYMN** "The Lord My God Be Praised" 794

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:105–112*

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**People:** I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep Your just and righteous decrees.

Pastor: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to Your word!

**People:** Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me Your just decrees.

Pastor: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget Your law.

**People:** The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from Your precepts.

Pastor: Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

**People:** I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the end.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People:**       **Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we are by nature sinful and throughout our days have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always made the best confession of our faith when the opportunity was there and have not cherished that confession of faith in every situation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we make our confession of faith boldly and grow in godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: God is gracious and forgiving. He lifts up the fallen and encourages His people by the indwelling of His Spirit. As He said to His disciples of old, our Lord Jesus says to us, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

**People:**       **Amen.**

*(Share the peace of Christ with those around you)*

**HYMN**                "Holy, Holy, Holy" 507

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:**       **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your grace You have revealed Yourself and Your works of love to us. Grant us grace to confess You as the Holy Trinity with unfailing confidence, knowing that You are our God who has delivered us from sin and the power of death. Direct our lives that we fully and faithfully respond to You as our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier. This we ask for Your name's sake.

**People:**       **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Isaiah 6:1–4*    (The vision of Isaiah in the temple)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**        *Romans 8:14–17*        (We are heirs of God.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**         *Psalms 145:3*

Pastor: Alleluia. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**People:**            **and His greatness is unsearchable. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Matthew 28:16–20*        (The Great Commission)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**People:**            **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**            **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**        “Now Thank We All Our God” 895

**SERMON**        “All Authority, All Love”    Matthew 28:16-20

**CREED**         *Apostles’ Creed (found inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy...

**People:** ...hear our prayer

## OFFERING

## SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1*

*Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** "There is a Redeemer" 971

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** "Lord Help Us Ever To Retain" 865

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father and King eternal, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we honor Your commands and confidently show forth Your love through acts of mercy. Through the continuing work of the Holy Spirit, sustain us and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People:**           **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:**           **Amen.**

**HYMN**           “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” 924

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