

# I Believe in God:

## A Reflection on the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God  
who made us all  
and whose divinity  
infuses all of life  
with the sacred.

I believe  
in the multiple revelations  
of that God  
alive in every human heart,  
expressed in every culture,  
and found in all the wisdoms  
of the world.

I believe that Jesus Christ,  
the unique son of God,  
is the face of God  
on earth  
in whom we see best  
the divine justice,  
divine mercy,  
and divine compassion  
to which we are all called.

I believe  
in the Christ  
who is One in being  
with the Creator  
and who shows us  
the presence of God  
in everything that is  
and calls out  
the sacred  
in ourselves.

I believe  
in Jesus, the Christ,  
who leads us  
to the fullness  
of human stature,  
to what we were  
meant to become  
before all time  
and for all other things  
that were made.

Through Christ  
we become new people,  
called beyond  
the consequences  
of our brokenness  
and lifted to the fullness of life.

By the power  
of the Holy Spirit  
he was born  
of the woman Mary,  
pure in soul  
and single-hearted—  
a sign to the ages  
of the exalted place  
of womankind  
in the divine plan  
of human salvation.

He grew as we grow  
through all the stages of life.  
He lived as we live  
prey to the pressures of evil  
and intent on the good.

He broke no bonds  
with the world  
to which he was bound,  
He sinned not.  
He never strayed  
from the mind of God.

He showed us the Way,  
lived it for us,  
suffered from it,  
and died because of it  
so that we might live  
with new heart, new mind,  
and new strength  
despite all the death  
to which  
we are daily subjected.

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For our sake and for the sake  
of eternal Truth  
he was hounded, harassed  
and executed by those  
who were their own gods  
and who valued the sacred  
in no other.

He suffered so that  
we might realize  
that the spirit in us  
can never be killed  
whatever price  
we have to pay  
for staying true  
to the mind of God.

He died  
but did not die  
because he lives in us  
still.

"On the third day"  
in the tomb  
he rose again  
in those  
he left behind  
and in each of us  
as well  
to live in hearts  
that will not succumb  
to the enemies of life.

He changed all of life  
for all of us thereafter.  
He ascended into  
the life of God  
and waits there  
for our own ascension  
to the life  
beyond life.

He waits there, judging  
what has gone before

and what is yet to come  
against unending values  
and, in behalf of eternal virtue,  
for the time when all of life  
will be gathered into God,  
full of life and light,  
steeped in truth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the breath of God on earth, who keeps  
the Christ vision present  
to souls yet in darkness, gives life  
even to hearts now blind.  
Infuses energy into spirits yet weary,  
isolated, searching and confused.

The spirit has spoken  
to the human heart  
through the prophets  
and gives new meaning  
to the Word throughout time.

I believe in one  
holy and universal church.  
Bound together  
by the holiness of creation  
and the holiness of hearts  
forever true.

I acknowledge the need  
to be freed  
from the compulsions  
of my disordered life and my need  
for forgiveness in the face of frailty.

I look for life eternal  
in ways I cannot dream  
and trust that creation  
goes on creating  
in this world  
and in us forever.

**Amen.**