

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

(For Choral Readers and Congregation)

C= Congregation AR= All Choral Readers 1R=only one Choral Reader
2R=2 Readers 3R=3 Readers

- Choral Readers do not read the passage references; it breaks the rhythm of the reading.
- Choral Readers do read [bracketed] words for clarification.
- The Creed alone should be printed for the congregation with the word (*Pause*) at the end of each line. The pastor leads the congregation's reading.

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

AR: "I trust in you, O Lord; I say you are my God."
(Ps 31:14)

1R: "In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is
in them."
(Ex. 20:11)

1R: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
(Ps 139:14)

AR: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."
(Ps.124:8)

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.**

AR: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son."
(Jn 3:16)

1R: "[Mary], you have found favor with God. The Holy Spirit will come upon
you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Lk 1:30)

1R: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son." (Is 7:14)

1R: "So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."
(Lk 1:35)

Cong: He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

1R: "[Pilate] had Jesus flogged"
(Mt 27:26)

1R: “They brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha, and they crucified him.”
(Mt 15:22, 24)

AR: “With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.”
(Mt 15:37)

1R: “Joseph brought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in linen...

AR: “... and laid it in the tomb.”
(Mt 15:46)

C: He descended into hell.

AR: “He went and preached to the spirits in prison. Having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”
(1Pe 3:19)

C: The third day he rose again from the dead.

1R: “He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.”
(Ro 4:25)

AR: “In Christ all will be made alive.”
(1Co 15:22)

C: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

1R: “After the Lord had spoken to them, he was taken up into the heavens...”

2R: “... and he sat at the right hand of God.”
(Mk 16:19)

1R: “In my father’s house there are many rooms; I go to prepare a place for you.”
(Jn 14:2)

3R: “And God placed all things under his feet...”

AR: “...and appointed him to be head over everything under the church.”
(Eph 1:22)

C: From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

1R: "God has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed."
(Ac 17:31)

1R: "He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."
(Acts 17:31)

AR: "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(Mt 24:42)

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

1R: "The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life."
(Job 33:4)

1R: "From the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth."
(2Th 2:13)

1R: "He called you to this through our gospel."
(2Th 2:14)

AR: "The fruit of the Spirit is...

1R: love...

1R: joy...

1R: peace...

1R: patience...

1R: kindness...

1R: goodness...

1R: faithfulness...

1R: gentleness...

1R: and self-control."

(Gal 5:22)

AR: "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."
(Gal 5:25)

C: the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

1R: "In Christ, we who are many form one body. Christ is the head."
(Ro 12:5; Eph 5:23)

1R: "One Lord...
1R: one faith...
1R: one baptism...
3R: one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."
(Eph 4:5, 6)

AR: "The Lord knows those who are his." (2Ti 2:19)

C: the forgiveness of sins,

1R: "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them."
(2Co 5:19)

AR: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we may become the righteousness of God."
(2Co 5:21)

C: the resurrection of the body,

AR: "There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also."
(Ac 24:15; 1Co 6:14)

C: and the life everlasting.

AR: "Whoever does not believe will be condemned."
(Mk 16:16)
Then he will say to those on his left...

1R: "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."
(Mt 25:41)

3R: "Then they will go away to eternal punishment."
(Mt.25:46)

AR: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved."
(Mk 16:16)

1R: "'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'
(Mt 25:34)

1R: "Then the righteous [will go away] to eternal life."
(Mt 25:46)

1R: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes."
(Rev 21:4)

1R: "There will be no more death...

1R: or mourning...

1R: or crying...

1R: or pain,

3R: for the old order of things has passed away."
(Rev 21:4)

AR: "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!"
(Ps 23:6)

C/AR: AMEN!