



Doctrinal Statement

I. HOLY TRINITY

We believe in the one true God who is triune, eternally existing in three coequal persons: Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit. In concert with the Church through the ages, we affirm that God is one in essence, three in person. It is this triune God, together in his coequality, who created the world and sustains it. Ultimately, it is the triune God who redeems sinful men. All members of the Trinity are distinct, yet equally divine.

II. AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

We believe that the Bible is God's Word. This Word is inspired through the Holy Spirit, written by human authors, and serves as the authority and basis for all of our practices and theology. We believe this Word to be infallible and sufficient for all matters of doctrine, faith, and Christian life. Finally, we believe that this Word is clear enough for all to understand and is sufficient for knowledge of salvation and godly living.

III. REDEMPTION

We believe that man and woman were created in the image of God. However, the first humans broke fellowship with God through yielding to the temptation of Satan and rebelled against God. This rebellion is called sin. We believe that humans are thus inwardly depraved and wretched, incapable of returning to God but through his grace. Yet, for us and for our salvation, we believe that the Father sent Jesus Christ the Son to redeem us from sin. Through the death of the Son on the cross, our guilt has been removed. Through his resurrection we have the hope of eternal life with him. We believe that the Holy Spirit renews our hearts and enables us to turn from sin and cry out in faith to God the Father on the basis of the merits of Christ the Son. We call this good news the Gospel. It is in this way that we are forgiven for our sins and justified by faith alone through Christ's sinless life, death, and resurrection. We believe that the Father hears our cry of faith, "Abba Father," and graciously adopts us to be his sons and daughters.

IV. THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is a corporate and spiritual body made up of Christians both past and present from around the world. All Christians are called to participate in the life of a local church. The Church is marked by its identity as God's people, its proclamation of Scripture, its distinct practices of Christian baptism and communion, and its leadership by elders/pastors and deacons. We believe that the Church is a community animated by and united to Christ in the Gospel. Just as the Father sent the Son into the world, so has the Church been sent by the Son—through the power of the Spirit—to worship God and bear witness to his gospel in the world.

V. THE APOSTLE'S CREED

We believe and confess, in unity with Christians around the world and throughout the ages, the ancient confession of the Church: the Apostles' Creed. We believe it to be a historic rule of faith of genuine Christian doctrine.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

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.¹*

¹ *The Book of Common Prayer*. Anglican Liturgy Press, Huntington Beach, CA, 2019.