

Theology Thursdays

LENT 2022 - NICENE CREED



The Holy Trinity

We Believe in One God

- Introduction to the Nicene Creed
- 'We Believe'
- One God – The Holy Trinity
 - How they relate to each other
 - How they relate to us
 - How they make a difference in our lives



Introduction

Three Parts to the Nicene Creed:

- "We Believe in One God... the Father the Pantocrator... We Believe in One Lord Jesus Christ" (Nicaea 3235 A.D.)
- "Yes, We believe in the Holy Spirit.. we confess one baptism for remission of sins... and the life of the age to come, Amen" (Constantinople 381 A.D.)
- 'We exalt you O Mother of the True Light' (Ephesus 431 A.D.)



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The Creed

- Constitution of our Christian Doctrine
- Creed is prayed in every service and hourly prayer in the Church
- Formulated in 4th and 5th Century to defend the faith against heretics
- Creed is necessary because:
 - We confess before God and man that we will uphold the true faith until the last breath and remain steadfast in the Word of God
 - We remember the persecution and suffering of the early fathers to preserve the purity and integrity of the faith
 - We recite verses from Scripture which is the source of the Holy Creed.



'We Believe...'

- Correct and true faith of the Church
- God exists and God is One

What about the faith of each one of us? What does Faith look like in every Christian?

Hebrews 11 – St Paul speaks of preserving the faith in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son and Logos of God and that we must faithfully hold fast to Him. Each Christian must persevere in faith towards the Kingdom of God.



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The Triune God

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

One God | Three Persons | Same Nature and Essence

1. **Understanding the Faith**
2. **Without the Trinity, the faith disintegrates**
3. **Through Worship, we acknowledge the relationship and roles of the Trinity**
4. **From the Father, through the Son in the Holy Spirit**
5. **Christian growth and sanctification through the Trinity**



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Trinity...

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Announcements

10 March| 'The Father' | Fr Elijah

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