

ROMAN MISSAL

THIRD EDITION

Presentation of the Creed and Recitation of the Creed in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* and the revised translations in the *Roman Missal*

It makes good sense to use the revised English translations of the **Apostles' Creed** and the **Nicene Creed** found in the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* when they are presented to the elect in Lent and recited by them on Holy Saturday. This requires changing the older texts found in the 1988 USA edition of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, nos. 160 and 196 respectively. To make this easy, here are four formatted pages that you can trim to 6 ¾ x 9 ¾ (approx.) to fit most ritual editions (the hardbound ones used in Liturgy) and study editions, too.

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Give the elect a simple paper copy of the chosen Creed **after** the Liturgy – one they can fold up and tuck in purse or pocket to do what they are charged to do: put it to memory in order to recite (give it back) on Holy Saturday.

Do not give any printed text of the Creed during the Liturgy; the rite does not call for it. The presentation is an **oral** (by the faithful) and **aural** (by the elect) one, a verbally presented hearing of the beloved text. It is a ritual summary of the teaching and formation already received during the long period of the catechumenate that will help make them ready to profess that same faith personally at Baptism.



The Mass and Its Parts – Navigating the *Roman Missal*

The pastoral effectiveness of a celebration will be greatly increased if the texts of the readings, the prayers, and the liturgical chants correspond as aptly as possible to the needs, the preparation, and the culture of the participants. GIRM, no. 352.

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PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

160. After the homily, a deacon or other assisting minister says:

Let the elect now come forward to receive the Creed from the Church.

Before beginning the Apostle's Creed (option A) or the Nicene Creed (option B), the celebrant addresses the elect in these or similar words.

My dear friends, listen carefully to the words of that faith by which you will be justified. The words are few, but the mysteries they contain are great. Receive them with the sincere heart and be faithful to them.

A APOSTLES' CREED

The celebrant alone begins:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

As the elect listen, he continues with the assembly of the faithful.

Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including
the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

B NICENE CREED

The celebrant alone begins:

I believe in one God,

As the elect listen, he continues with the assembly of the faithful.

the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RECITATION OF THE CREED

196. The elect then recite the Creed. Depending on the version that was entrusted to them at the presentation, they recite either the Apostles' Creed, option A, or the Nicene Creed, option B.

A APOSTLES' CREED

Elect:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*At the words that follow, up to and including
the Virgin Mary, all bow.*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

B NICENE CREED

Elect:

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
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begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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