

Litany of Believing

(Apostle's Creed with responses from a Confession for a Progressive Christian Community)

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,*

Respecting divine mystery beyond our human knowing
revealed but not contained in the stories of our faith
we strive to walk humbly with God.

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Celebrating the fullness of Jesus' witness
flowing from the baptismal waters at the river Jordan
and the stories of bread broken and shared,
we confess the God made known in the one we call Christ.

*Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*

Believing Jesus about God and trusting his example,
we accept the cost and joy of following him;
welcoming the unwelcome-able, speaking the unspeakable,
touching the untouchable, and suffering the insufferable.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

Honoring the Spirit revealed in the paradoxical,
we live the questions of our faith,
open to the continuing revelation of our still speaking God.

*He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

Discerning strength in vulnerability,
we acknowledge our interdependence
and mutual accountability with all of creation.

*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.*

Claiming God's grace abundant in our common life,
we covenant together to cherish inquiry,
embrace diversity, and honor vulnerability.