

Statement of Faith – adopted in 1972

We believe in the one living and true God,
creator, preserver and ruler of all things
in heaven and earth,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Him alone we worship,
and in him we put our trust.

We believe that God, in his infinite love for men,
gave his eternal Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who became man,
lived on earth in perfect love and obedience,
died upon the cross for our sins,
rose again from the dead
and lives for evermore, saviour, judge and king.

We believe that, by the Holy Spirit,
this glorious Gospel is made effective
so that through faith we receive the forgiveness of sins,
newness of life as children of God
and strength in this present world to do his will.

We believe in the one, holy, catholic, apostolic Church,
in heaven and on earth,
wherein by the same Spirit,
the whole company of believers is made one Body of Christ,
to worship God and serve him and all men
in his kingdom of righteousness and love.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life,
and believe that, in the fullness of time,
God will renew and gather in one all things in Christ,
to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

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Alternative Statement of Faith – adopted in 1997

We believe
in the one and only God,
Eternal Trinity,
from whom, through whom and for whom
all created things exist.
God alone we worship;
in God we put our trust.

We worship God,
source and sustainer of creation,
whom Jesus called Father,
whose sons and daughters we are.

We worship God
revealed in Jesus Christ,
the eternal Word of God made flesh;
who lived our human life,
died for sinners on the cross;
who was raised from the dead,
and proclaimed by the apostles, Son of God;
who lives eternally,
as saviour and sovereign,
coming in judgement and mercy,
to bring us to eternal life.

We worship God,
ever present in the Holy Spirit;
who brings this Gospel to fruition,

assures us of forgiveness,
strengthens us to do God's will,
and makes us sisters and brothers of Jesus,
sons and daughters of God.

We believe
in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church,
united in heaven and on earth:
on earth, the Body of Christ,
empowered by the Spirit
to glorify God and to serve humanity;
in heaven, eternally one with the power,
the wisdom and the love of God in Trinity.

We believe that,
in the fullness of time,
God will renew and gather in one
all things in heaven and on earth
through Christ,
and be perfectly honoured and adored.

We rejoice in God
who has given us being,
who shares our humanity
to bring us to glory,
our source of prayer and power of praise;
to whom be glory, praise and adoration,
now and evermore.

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