

I believe in the Holy Trinity. I am captivated by the sacred and wondrous yet mystifying, Divine Dance among the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. I recognize that the movement and experience of the Trinity is not one that can be fully understood or explained through human language. The Trinity enables us to understand in part, and truly experience the holy.

I believe in God who creates and covenants with creation. The God who is said to have brought up the world from a formless void is the same God who chooses to be in relationship with each one of us. God's covenant is one that stands for the ages and cannot be broken.

I believe that God is love. God is the fullness and goodness, that is love. The Divine love is a life giving heartbeat that is stronger than even death. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. This love holds such redemptive and transformational power so whenever we experience this radical love, we can never be the same again.

I believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus, the son of God, whose unconventional birth and humble beginnings, show us that even the ordinary is Holy. Jesus embodied the powerful and transformative love of God. Truly Divine and truly human, He witnessed to Truth, practiced faithfulness and embodied love. Through death, Jesus showed us mercy and gave us the gift grace. Through his resurrection, the world was redeemed, and the the resurrection promise of new life is fulfilled.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, whose sheer brilliance and Divine mystery is captured as it swept over the face of the deep during the earth's genesis. The same Spirit whose flickering, fiery flames we remember at Pentecost. This wily and wondrous Spirit is sent as our comforter and guide. The Holy Spirit moves in ways that are as bold as something, and as soft as a still small voice. We find ourselves calling upon the Holy Spirit to stir our hearts, to challenge our preconceptions, to guide us as we peace, and to comfort us in afflictions.

I believe that that through the dance of the trinity we experience the Jesus' promise, "I am with you until the very end of the age."<sup>1</sup> God is with us. From before the beginning of time, to the ends of the earth, The Divine is closer than the very air we breathe, and stretches beyond the stars that illuminate the cosmos. Through the work of the Divine three in one, we glimpse God showing up in our lives at both ordinary moments, and the extraordinary times. God's heart breaks with our suffering, angers with our pain in the face of injustice, and rejoices with ours when joy abounds.

I believe in the authority of Scripture, whose stories and poems help us to see God more clearly. This ancient text continues to be filled with new possibilities for understanding. These sacred stories have the ability to teach us and transform our understanding. Scripture also holds the stories of our faithful ancestors. Through scripture we are able to connect with the great cloud of witnesses; prophets, priests, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. The truth that is offered in this bound in this book is the same living Truth that God speaks.

I believe the Holy Sacraments of Communion and Baptism are signs and seals of God's love for us. When we celebrate Baptism we are reminded that God loves us and claims us. Like the cool refreshing touch of water, we remember the overflowing, transformational promise that God's grace holds. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper experience the same radical grace as Christ welcomes each and every one of us to the table where we taste and see, and called to proclaim the goodness we experience there with world.

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 28:20