**Affirmation of Faith** from the Lenten series ‘Journey into Wholeness’ by Christine Sine

We believe in God above us,

Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,

Companion and friend,

redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,

Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God’s resurrection created world,

Where all things are fixed,

and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within,

God yesterday, today and forever,

the three in one, the one in three,

We believe in God.

**Creed** from Greenbelt liturgies

We believe in God the Father,

Creator and giver of life,

calls us to live and love

as respectful stewards;

to do justice, to love mercy,

and to walk humbly with God.

We believe that time is a gift,

to be received with gratitude

and to be given generously.

We believe that love is the fulfilment of the Law;

that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We believe that Jesus Christ

teaches us to love God

with heart, soul, mind, and strength

and to love our neighbours as ourselves,

so we see God in the poor, oppressed,

condemned, and forgotten,

and embrace all people with God's true compassion.

We believe that the Holy Spirit

unites us in God's eternal journey of love,

frees us to serve,

and fills us to overflow

with grace, truth, beauty, and life

as God's children in this world. Amen

**Lenten Creed** from **Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide,**by Patmos Abbey- The Order of Saint Columba.

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,

who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,

and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God

who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,

and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,

and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,

and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Amen

**Advent Creed** written by Lisa Frenz, in **Word of God Come Be With Us: An Advent Order for Holy Communion**

We believe in one God, who is Creator,

maker of all we see and all we don't see.

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,

God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.

He is one with the Creator;

the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,

Breath of God moving among us;

Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;

our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

Affirmations of faith authorised by the Church of England:

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All**   **Though he was divine,**

**he did not cling to equality with God,**

**but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,**

**he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself**

**and was obedient to death,**

**even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,**

**and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus**

**every knee should bow,**

**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

We say together in faith

**All**   **Holy, holy, holy**

**is the Lord God almighty,**

**who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,

who created all things:

**All**   **for by his will they were created**

**and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,

who was slain:

**All**   **for with his blood,**

**he purchased us for God,**

**from every tribe and language,**

**from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**All**   **the Spirit and the Bride say,‘Come!’**

**Even so come, Lord Jesus!**

**Amen.**

cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

From ‘A Wee Worship Book’ by Iona Community

We believe in God;

who is older than eternity

and younger than our next breath;

who is beyond describing

yet knows us all by name;

who inspires faith

yet cannot be contained by religion.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

he came in the body

to give worth to every human life.

He touched the untouchable,

loved the unlovable,

forgave the unforgivable,

and endured slander,

persecution and death

in order that though suffering love

God’s kingdom might come on earth.

He rose from the grave as living proof

that what is laid down in faith

will be raised in glory.

He ascended to heaven

that he might be present

at all times

to all people.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who leads us into truth and freedom,

who gives good gifts

to all God’s children,

who inspires research, enables prayer,

and wills

that human economics and politics

should prioritise justice,

care of the earth

and the healing of the nations.

We celebrate the potential of the Church,

the life on our bodies,

the yearning in our souls,

the promise of good things in store

for those who love the Lord.

From ‘Alternative Worship’ by Jonny Baker and Doug Gay

We believe in one God

The eternal power of life and goodness

The maker of space and time

Who was and is and is to come

We believe in God our maker

Whose love fires the sun

Whose word made the world

Whose law is good

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Child of God and Mary’s Child,

Born in Palestine,

A prophet of Israel.

Born in a stable,

A victim of Empire.

Born to a woman

And made in her image.

Born of the Spirit

The icon of God.

Born as a saviour

Of sinners and victims.

Born as a healer

Of wounds and diseases.

Born as a teacher

Of wisdom and justice.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

The intimacy of God with creation

The power of God against death

Whose breath lives in all life

Whose peace gathers the church

Whose love sends God’s people in mission.

We believe in one God,

Our maker, saviour and helper

A trinity of beauty and holiness

A community of joy,

To this holy and awesome God

We give glory and praise

Now and forever, Amen.