

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

** That is, the church in all times and all places*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Revelation 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

2 Corinthians 4:16b: Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What stood out to you from this sermon and why?
2. How does the resurrection speak to your anxiety (fear of loss)?
3. What might it look like for you to take up your cross and follow Jesus through your fear, trusting that there is life on the other side?
4. Why is Jesus' judgment good news? Why do you think so many have come to view it as bad news?