



ST. THOMAS MORE CHORAL SERIES

The Nicene Creed

Stephen Dean

Preview



The Nicene Creed

Stephen Dean

Soprano/
Alto

Tenor/
Bass

I believe in one God, the Fa - ther al - mighty, maker of heav - en and earth,

S

A

T

B

of all things visible and in - visible. I believe in one Lord Je - sus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father be - fore all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begot - ten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

Text © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
 Music © 2011, 2012, Stephen Dean. Published by OCP, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved.

Note: Keyboard may double choral score to encourage congregational singing.

through him all things were made. For us men and for our sal - vation

At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.

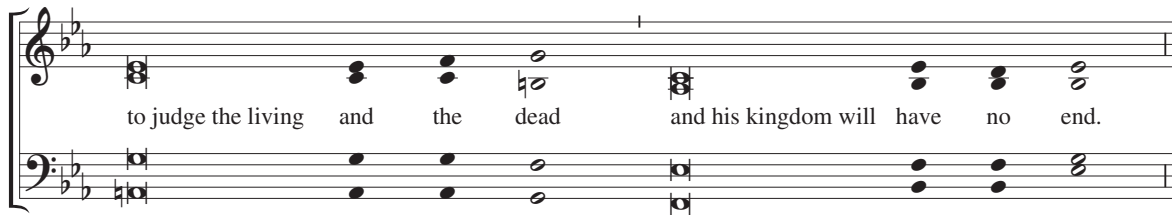
he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was in - carnate

of the Vir - gin Mary, and be - came man.

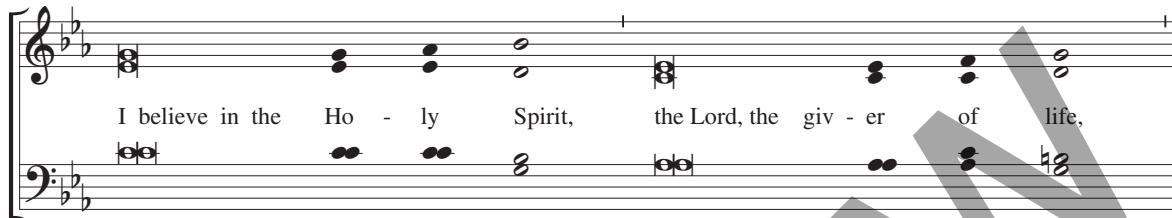
For our sake he was crucified under Pon - tius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended in - to heaven

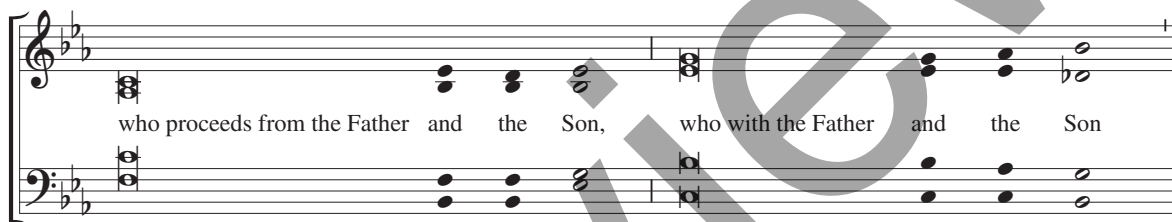
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come a - gain in glory



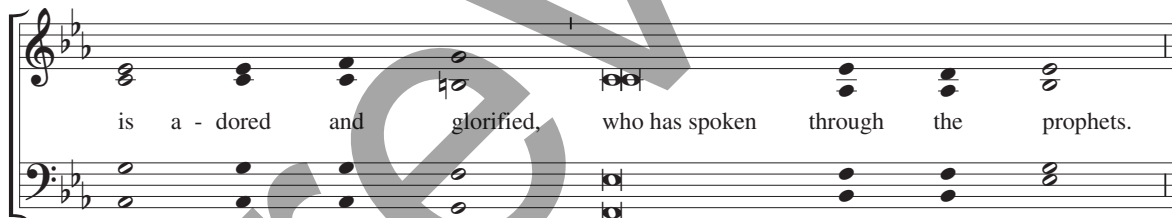
to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.



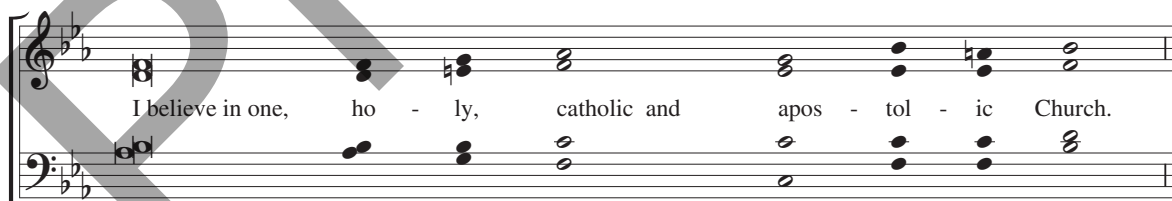
I believe in the Ho - ly Spirit, the Lord, the giv - er of life,



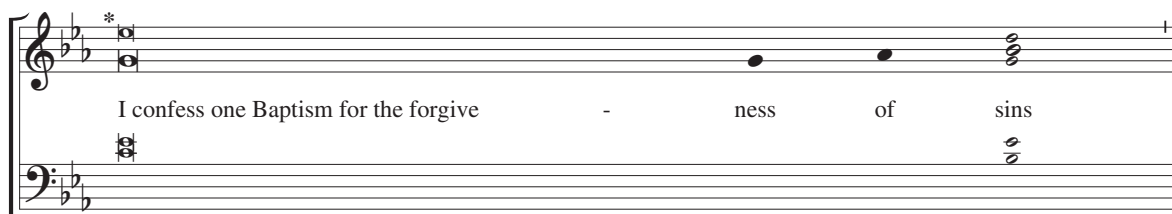
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son



is a - dored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.



I believe in one, ho - ly, catholic and apos - tol - ic Church.



I confess one Baptism for the forgive - ness of sins

*Cue notes may be hummed or sung on "ah" by choir.

Final

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

(♩ = ca. 60)

Alternate Ending

A - men. and the life of the world to come. A - men.

Preview

Composer Notes

It might be asked why the Creed needs to be sung at all. The answer is the same as for any other text in the liturgy—music has the aim of “making prayer more pleasing, promoting unity of minds, or conferring greater solemnity upon the sacred rites.” (*Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, 65). Although it is low down on the list of musical priorities, to introduce an element of lyricism into this rather prosaic text seems appropriate; many older Catholics can still sing Credo III from memory.

This is a simple setting which is easily learned. It was written for a workshop on the revised translation of the *Roman Missal*, as music can often ease the way to introduce a new text. Encouraged by its favorable reception I subsequently introduced it in the parish where I lead the music, where we sing in unison, and made this choral arrangement for another parish which requested it. It could be sung by choir and congregation in alternation, a traditional way of singing the creed.

No dynamic marks have been provided, but to reduce volume at “For us men and our salvation” would be appropriate, with a *rallentando* at “and became man.” The volume can be gradually increased after that, with “he will come again in glory” being a high point.

—Stephen Dean

Preview

Assembly Edition

THE NICENE CREED

Stephen Dean

I believe in one God, the Fa - ther al - mighty, maker of heav - en and earth,
of all things visible and in - visible. I believe in one Lord Je - sus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father be - fore all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begot - ten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us men and for
our sal - vation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit
was in - carnate of the Vir - gin Mary, and be - came man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pon - tius Pilate, he suffered death
and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures. He ascended in - to heaven

At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.

Text © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
Music © 2011, 2012, Stephen Dean. Published by OCP, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.
All rights reserved.

For reprint permissions, please visit OneLicense.net or contact us at 1-800-663-1501.

Assembly Edition

THE NICENE CREED (cont.)

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come a -

gain in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will

have no end. I believe in the Ho - ly Spirit, the Lord, the giv - er of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father

and the Son is a - dored and glorified, who has spoken

through the prophets. I believe in one, ho - ly, catholic and

apos - tol - ic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgive -

ness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

Final
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

Alternate Ending
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

For reprint permissions, please visit OneLicense.net or contact us at 1-800-663-1501.

