

# **Athanasian Creed**

**Leader:** **Whoever wants to be saved**  
**All:** **should above all cling to the catholic**  
**faith.**

**Leader:** **Whoever does not guard it whole and**  
**inviolable**

**All:** **will doubtless perish eternally.**

**Leader:** **Now this is the catholic faith:**  
**All:** **We worship one God in trinity**  
**Leader:** **and the Trinity in unity,**  
**neither confusing the persons**  
**nor dividing the divine being.**

**All:** **For the Father is one person,**  
**the Son is another,**  
**and the Spirit is still another.**

**Leader:** But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

**All:** What the Father is,  
the Son is,  
and so is the Holy Spirit.

**Leader:** Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

**All:** The Father is infinite;  
the Son is infinite;  
the Holy Spirit is infinite.

**Leader:**      **Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son;  
eternal is the Spirit: And yet there are not  
three eternal beings,  
All:              but one who is eternal;  
Leader:**      **as there are not three uncreated and  
unlimited beings, but one who is  
uncreated and unlimited.**

**All:**              **Almighty is the Father;  
almighty is the Son;  
almighty is the Spirit:  
Leader:**      **And yet there are not three almighty  
beings, but one who is almighty.  
All:**              **Thus the Father is God;  
the Son is God;  
the Holy Spirit is God:**

**Leader:** And yet there are not three gods,  
but one God.

**All:** Thus the Father is Lord;  
the Son is Lord;  
the Holy Spirit is God:

**Leader:** And yet there are not three lords, but one  
Lord. As Christian truth compels us  
acknowledge each distinct person as  
God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids  
us to say that there are three gods or  
lords.

**All:** The Father was neither made  
nor created nor begotten;

**Leader:** the Son was neither made nor created,  
but was alone begotten of the Father;

**All:** the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father  
and the Son.

**Leader:** Thus there is one Father, not three  
fathers; one Son, not three sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

**All:**           **And in this Trinity,  
no one is before or after,  
Greater or less than the other;**

**Leader:**       **but all three persons are in themselves,  
coeternal and coequal;  
and so we must worship the Trinity  
in unity and the one God  
in three persons.**

**All:**           **Whoever wants to be saved  
should think thus about the Trinity.**

**Leader:**       **It is necessary for eternal salvation  
that one also faithfully believe  
that our Lord Jesus became flesh.**

**All:** For this is the true faith  
that we believe and confess:  
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
is both God and human.

**Leader:** He is God, begotten before all worlds  
from the being of the Father,

**All:** and he is human, born in the world  
from the being of his mother—

**Leader:** existing fully as God, and fully as human  
with a rational soul and a human body;  
equal to the Father in divinity,  
subordinate to the Father in humanity.

**All:** Although he is God and human,  
he is not divided, but is one Christ.

**Leader:** He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

**All:** He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

**Leader:** For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and human.

**All:** He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and dead.

**Leader:** At his coming all people shall rise bodily  
to give account of their own deeds.  
Those who had done good  
will enter eternal life,  
Those who had done evil  
will enter eternal fire.

**All:** This is the catholic faith.

**Leader:** One cannot be saved without believing  
this firmly and faithfully.