

THE NICENE CREED – God the Father

CCC 186 – Creed - summary of faith

Nicene Creed – emphasised the Holy Trinity

- Council of Nicaea I (325 AD); Council of Constantinople I (381 AD)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

God is LOVE.

1 John 4:8 *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

Who is God the Father?

GOD – God of Abraham – Muslims, Jews, Christians

Islam – Allah – Quran (17:110)

Judaism – YHWH (Yahweh- “I Am”) – Exodus 3:15

Christianity – Father – Gospel of John

FATHER

- God desires our love and obedience: *If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.* 14:23
- God is constantly changing us: *I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.* 15:1
- The Father will give us everything we need to spread his love: *go out and bear fruit that will last; and the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.* 15:16-17
- The Father loves us personally and wants us to talk to him: *When that day comes, you will ask in my name; I do not say that I shall pray to the Father for you, because the Father himself loves you for loving me and believing that I came from God.* 16:26-28
- We can know the Father by following the teachings of Jesus: *Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them, and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.* 17:26

ALMIGHTY

Exodus 3:14 – I am who I am ... tell them **I am** sent you – YHWH – ineffable name

Judith 16:13-14 – *O Lord, great are you and glorious, wonderful in power and unsurpassable. Let your every creature serve you; for you spoke, and they were made, You sent forth your spirit, and they were created; no one can resist your word.*

CCC 268 – We believe that his might is universal, for God who created everything also rules everything and can do everything.

MAKER of heaven and earth...

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth*

Summarize God the Father?

Love

Truth (CCC 215+)

First person of the Holy Trinity

Alive

Created us to share his kingdom

Became man

Gave us his Spirit

Gave us a 'road map' to his kingdom

Gives us many other aids to help us

Fair and just

How can we know the Father better?

Know Jesus – *The Father and I are one.* Jn. 10:30

Think of your own father (parents)

Imagine pure love

Meditate on the Lord's Prayer

Recognize blessings

Trust in God

Read Gospel of John – Chapters 15 – 17