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and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
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suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
he descended into hell
on the third day he rose again from the dead
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God*

Philippians 2:6-11 NRSV

Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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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 life everlasting.

Amen.

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- Philippians 2:8

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- Philippians 2:9

*Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn,
but the world will rejoice; you will have pain,
but your pain will turn into joy.*

- John 16:20

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in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

- John 1:4

“By nature we are all on the way from birth to death.
But by grace we are travelling in the opposite direction.
The Christian life is a mystery that moves from death to birth.
At the beginning we are baptized into Christ’s death;
and at the end we are born into the life of resurrection.
We are born as though dying;
we die as those who are being born.

‘Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your string?’”

- Ben Myers