

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

As an Anglican Church, we stand in the tradition of the English Reformation. Our standards include the Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed, and the 39 Articles of Religion. Our school statement of faith highlights key points of our standard.

1. Holy Scriptures (the Old and New Testaments) contain all things necessary to Salvation, so that whatever is not found in the Scriptures, nor proved thereby, no one shall be required to believe as an article of faith.
2. There is but one living and true God, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. In the unity of this Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
3. The Son, of one substance with the Father, took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin, so that two whole and perfect Natures, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined in the one person, Jesus Christ, never to be divided. In his Manhood, Jesus Christ is like unto us in all things, except sin only, from which he is clearly void. This same Christ, very God and very Man, truly suffered and was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original sin, but also for the actual sins of men.
4. Christ did truly rise from death, and took again his body, and ascended into heaven, from whence he will return to judge all men at the last day.
5. We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by faith, and not for our own works or deserving. Wherefore, we are justified by faith only, as the Scripture teaches.
6. Good works, however, spring necessarily out of a true and lively faith, insomuch as by them a lively faith may be known.
7. The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful people, in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) be duly ministered according to Christ's Ordinance.
8. The Church has power to decree ceremonies and rites, and authority in controversies of the faith; and yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain anything contrary to God's written Word. Neither may the Church expound one place of Scripture in repugnance to another. Wherefore, although the Church is the Witness and Keeper of God's Holy Word, yet ought not to decree anything against the same.