

**Apostle's Creed, Psalter Reading, and Scripture Reading
For December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
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,
and the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PSALTER READING: Psalm 89:1-11

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever, with my mouth I will make your
faithfulness known through all generations.

**I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your
faithfulness in heaven itself.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn
to David my servant,

**I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all
generations."**

The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

O Lord God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

You crushed Rehab like one of the slain; with your strong arm you scattered your enemies.

The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 40:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,^[a]
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.