

The Apostles' Creed.

ARRANGED IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUNDAYS FROM ADVENT TO TRINITY.

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Second Sunday after Easter (MAY 9).

From Thence He shall come to Judge the quick and the dead'—*The Judgment*.—Revelation xx. 11-15, 2 Cor. v. 10.

A. Facts about The General Judgment.

- I. Time { 1. only known to God.—S. Matt. xxiv. 36.
2. sudden.—S. Mark xiii. 35, 36.
3. unexpected.—S. Matt. xxiv. 38, 39, 44.

- III. The Judge { a. God.—Rev. xx. 12.
= Jesus { b. Man.—S. John v. 22, 23.
who is { c. just.—Gen. xviii. 25.
{ d. merciful.—2 S. Pet. iii. 9.

- II. Place—Mount of Olives?—Zechariah xiv. 4.

IV. The Judged

- = all mankind—i.e. 1. those quick.—1 Cor. xv. 51, 52.
2. those dead.—Rev. xx. 12, 13.

- V. The Accusers. { a. Books.—Rev. xx. 12.
{ b. Satan.—Zech. iii. 1.
{ c. Conscience.—Romans ii. 15, 16.

- VI. The Sentence—'eternal, that is, 'everlasting.'—S. Matt. xxv. 46.

B. 'Prepare to meet thy God.'

- First—by *Repentance*—for the past.—Ezekiel xxxiii. 14-16.
Secondly—by *Carefulness*—in the present.—1 Cor. xi. 31.
Thirdly—by *Watching*—to the future.—2 S. Pet. iii. 11, 12, 14.

- C. 1. Whence, whither, when will our Lord come again?—From Heaven, to earth, at the last day.
2. How will He come?—In the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
3. Why will He come?—To judge the living and the dead.
4. What will He judge?—Our sins in thought, word, and deed.
5. Why is our Saviour made our Judge?—Because as Man He was in all points tempted like as we are.
6. What then is the character of our Judge?—Just and Merciful.
7. How should we prepare for our Judgment?

Third Sunday after Easter (MAY 16).

'I believe in THE HOLY GHOST'—*God THE HOLY GHOST*.—Acts ii. 1-22; Ephesians iv. 30.

A. THE HOLY SPIRIT:—

I. His Personality. Who He is—

1. not the Same Person as THE FATHER or THE SON.—S. John xiv. 26.
2. proceeding from THE FATHER and THE SON.—S. John xx. 22; Gal. iv. 6.
3. One God with THE FATHER and THE SON.—Acts v. 3, 4.

II. His Office—What He does—

- 1st. in the world—*Creator*.—Gen. i. 3; Psalm. xxxiii. 6.
2nd. in the Church—*Guide*.—S. John xvi. 13.
3rd. in the Soul—*Sanctifier*.—Gal. v. 22, 23.

B. Our duty to THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- First—Recognise HIM.—Acts xix. 2.
Second—Receive HIM.—Acts viii. 17.

- Third—Honour HIM.—S. Matt. xii. 31, 32.
Fourth—Follow HIM.—Romans viii. 14.

- C. 1. Who is THE HOLY GHOST?—The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.
2. Why is He called 'Holy'?—Because His Office is to make holy.
3. Why is He called 'Ghost'?—Because His Nature is That of a Spirit.
4. How is He connected with THE FATHER and THE SON?—He is One with Them in Nature, and proceeds from Them in Person.
5. Which is the Greater of the Three?—They are All Equal.
6. How does THE HOLY GHOST come to us now?—By Baptism and the other Means of Grace in His Church.
7. What has THE HOLY GHOST done for you, and what should you do for Him?