

MY FAVORITE WINDOW

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Being a choir member in our church, one of the blessings I have every Sunday is to be able to view a beautiful, large stain glass window. It is located at the front of our church but is directly in front of me from our choir loft. It's pictures and symbols have special meanings to me. Throughout each service I often look at it and think about Jesus, especially during *The Apostles' Creed*.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Let me share with you what I see.

I see "God the Father" as the beam of light coming from heaven (upper left scene)
I see "Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord" as Jesus in the garden (upper right scene)
I see "the Holy Spirit" as the rays of light radiating out to the world (upper center scene)
I see "heaven and earth" as the sky, clouds and land in the middle center scene
I see "the Virgin Mary" as one of the angels at Jesus' feet (upper center scene)
I see "Pontius Pilate" as one of the men in the lower right or left scenes
I see "crucified, dead, and buried" in the cross, sacrificial lamb and tomb (lower center scene)
I see "He rose from the dead" as Jesus walking in the garden (upper right scene)
I see "He ascended into heaven" as Jesus in the clouds (upper center scene)
I see "sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty" (upper left scene)
I see "judge the quick and the dead" as Jesus pointing to us (upper right scene)
I see "holy catholic church" as the cathedral-like building in the middle center scene
I see "the communion of saints" as the two men in the lower right and left scenes
I see "the forgiveness of sins" as Jesus pointing to us (upper right scene)
I see "the resurrection of the body" as the angels at Jesus' feet (upper center scene)
I see "the life everlasting" as Jesus with outstretched arms (upper center scene)