

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

October 23, 2022

The Apostles' Creed:

What It Means, and Why It Matters

“Giving Church Another Chance”

Scripture: St. Matthew 16: 13-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

~ SERMON NOTES ~

Our focus today is on this Article of the Apostles' Creed:

“I believe in the...holy catholic church.”

Notice two key descriptive adjectives used in defining the Church of Jesus Christ:

HOLY: _____

CATHOLIC: _____

What does the church of your dreams look like? Here are a few implications for us to consider:

1. Thinks _____

2. Lives _____

3. Grows _____

4. Cares _____

