

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

November 13, 2022

The Apostles' Creed:

What It Means, and Why It Matters

“From Here to Eternity”

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

~ SERMON NOTES ~

Today we come to the final Article in The Apostles' Creed:

“I believe in...the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”

One of several things I cannot fully explain or grasp is life after death, even though I am convinced of its reality. I just don't know exactly what it is like or how one gets there.

I am convinced of are a few simple things taught in Sacred Scripture, plainly affirmed by the ancient believers as seen in the final article of the Creed:

1. Death is a _____.

2. Immortality is a _____.

3. Eternity is a _____.

