

## IMMIGRANT CREED

I believe in God the Liberator who guided the people in the exodus and in the exile, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylonia, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean who was born far from his village and his home, who had to flee with his parents when his life was in danger, and who, upon returning to his own country, had to suffer the oppression of Pontius Pilate, servant of a foreign power. He was persecuted, beaten, tortured and finally accused and condemned unjustly to death. But on the third day, this Jesus, disparaged, rose from death, now not like a foreigner but to offer us a citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant of the Reign of God among us, who speaks all languages, inhabits all countries, and brings all races together..

I believe that the Church is the secure home for all foreigners and believers who comprise it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose. I believe that the communion of saints is inseparable from the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness of God, who makes all of us equal, and in God's reconciliation, that identifies us more than our race, language or nationality.

I believe in the resurrection. God will reunite us as one people in God in which all are distinct and similar at the same time.

I believe in another different world, where no one is an immigrant but all will be citizens of the Reign of God that has no end. Amen