

Statement Of Faith from David Mosgofian Koeker:

I confess that God, the creator of heaven and earth, has called me by name to love the Lord with all my heart, soul and might. Desperately stretching out for God one night in adolescence, I became aware that God has been reaching out for me. Undeniably loved by God, I respond with worship, adoration, prayer and service.

Jesus, the anointed Word incarnate, reconciles humanity to God and offers eternal life. The Holy Spirit sustains us and elucidates our faithful understandings of the true written word as we steep and mold our lives according to the Scriptures. God is one, united and eternal with the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Holy Trinity. In love, God assures humanity of divine justice and mercy and gave Jesus his only Son, for all believers to inherit eternal life. Surrounded by the gospel and with my whole life as an artist, academic, and athlete, I faithfully respond to Jesus' good news.

Though fallen and full of sin I yearn for God's forgiveness to righteously guide my faithful journey. As I am always in the presence of God and I work to benefit God's great kingdom. With all my strengths, including attentive listening, thoughtful action, and respect for creation, I worship the Lord. With all my sins including stubbornness, self-reliance, and deceit, I fall short of righteousness, and humbly ask forgiveness. In spite of my sins, God anoints my best efforts to benefit the kingdom. The peace of Jesus Christ which surpasses all understanding delivers my spirit from restlessness as I live in his service.

God created the complete natural order to worship and sing with resounding voices declaring "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty." God calls the church to manifest reconciliation as the community gathers to worship. As the faithful disperse the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to transparently represent Christ through daily action into the world. With Christ as the head, and sustained by the Holy Spirit, the universal church, founded on the written scriptures, empowers discipleship, advances teaching, enables the sacraments, manifests spiritual reconciliation and social justice. The legacy of the apostles and the heritage of the great cloud of witnesses benefit me on this faith journey within the community of the church. God has claimed me through baptism and nourishes me with the Lord's Supper. The sacraments seal the Word which proclaims that Christ forgives sins and offers eternal life for all. With apocalyptic affirmation that God stands in control of the cosmos, Christ will return with final judgment and ultimate reign.

From the Garden, through the Wilderness, to the Promised Land, and beyond Calvary, the gospel shouts from the mountaintops God's unquenchable determination to heal and restore all that is broken with humanity and all of creation. Once I was blind, but now I see.