The Nicene Creed

is a foundational statement of faith used by many churches throughout history and adopted as Te Raranga's uniting position on doctrine.
First formulated at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, we celebrated together as churches in Ōtautahi in 2025, incorporating a video of the creed spoken in different languages of our Church.
Various denominations use slightly different versions, and this particular version used by Te Raranga may not accurately represent every church, but neither is the version used fundamental to what we believe.

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made;

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man;

For our sake also he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried;
on the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father;
with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified;
he has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.
We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the age to come. Amen