

How to use this creed

- This creed is designed for a congregation to say out loud together.
- This document includes a chord chart so that musicians can play along with the video. When the creed comes to an end you can go directly into the chorus of one of the following three songs:
 - Shout to the Lord (Darlene Zschech)
 - Made to Worship (Chris Tomlin)
 - Agnus Dei (Hallelujah)
- You'll see in this Word document that the second page is printed three times – one with each of these songs following. Of course, you could go in to any other song you wanted that was at the same tempo and in the key of Ab.
- On the chord chart below you'll see one line which is shaded in yellow. This is the line where the music suddenly goes still for four bars (the part in the video that says 'We believe our world is broken'). If your musicians are playing along with the video they may want to also cut back at this point.
- Generally I get musicians to build up in the last third of the creed so that they can then launch into the song that follows. The video fades at the end so that the data projectionist has time to put up the words of the next song.

Modern Creed vsn 4.0 (Created for NZ Baptist Assembly November 2008 by Steve Worsley)

Intro: Ab Absus Ab Absus

We believe that before anything else came to be
There was community
Father, Son and Spirit

Ab _ Cm/G _ Fm7 _ Db Eb

God wanted to build that community
So He created humankind
And set them at the heart of an idyllic creation

Ab _ Cm/G _ Fm7 _ Db Eb

Human selfishness led to the breakdown of community
The expulsion from Eden
And the brokenness in Creation

Db _ Eb _ Db _ Eb _

God acted to restore us
By forging a new community
Through Abraham
Through whom His light of truth would shine to all nations

Ab _ Db _ Bbm _ Eb _

God warned His chosen people
To remain true to their calling
But ultimately they failed

Ab _ Db _ Bbm _ Eb _

God wanted community with us so much
That He sent His only Son
To live a perfect life
And take the punishment for our wrongs in His death

Ab _ Db _ Ab _ Db _

And to start a new redemptive community: the Church

God sent the Spirit
To indwell, to empower
And to guide the members of this new community

Ab _ Db _ Ab _ Db _

We believe our world is broken
That real 'community' has been lost

Ab _ Cm/G _ Fm7 _ Db Eb

We believe we must be agents of inclusion
Breaking down society's barriers of age, gender,
Status, wealth and race
That grace might extend to the ends of the earth

Ab _ Cm/G _ Fm7 _ Db Eb

We believe we are called to a higher level
Of forgiveness, care, commitment, unity,
Transparency, accountability and generosity

Db _ Eb _ Db _ Eb _

We believe we should contribute
To the good of our church community
With words that build not destroy
By treating those less fortunate as equals

Ab _ Db _ Bbm _ Eb _

We believe newcomers should see signs of grace
And redemption in our community

Ab _ Db _ Bbm _ Eb _

We believe God has a plan for his community
That His Son will return
His Kingdom shall grow
And His church shall not be overcome

Bbm _ Ab/C _ Db _ Eb _

We believe in the eternal community that is heaven
Where people of all nations shall gather
Where there will be no more crying or pain
Where the truth shall finally be seen and known

Bbm _ Ab/C _ Db _ Eb _

Where the Father, Son and Spirit
The original community
Will be worshipped
Throughout eternity!

Bbm _ Ab/C _ Db _ Eb _

Eb _ Eb _

Ab Eb/Ab Ab
Ho - ly, ho - ly

Db/Ab Ab Fm Eb
Are you Lord God Almigh - ty

Bbm Ab/C Db Bb Ab/C Db
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Db Eb Ab Eb/Ab Ab
You are ho - ly, ho - ly

Db/Ab Ab Fm Eb
Are you Lord God Almigh - ty

Bbm Ab/C Db Bb Ab/C Db
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Db Eb Ab
A - men

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Eb _ Eb _

Ab Fm Db Ebsus Eb
Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing

Ab Fm Db Ebsus Eb
Power and majesty praise to the King

Fm Db
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

Eb Fm Eb/G
At the sound of Your name

Ab Fm Db Ebsus Eb
I'll sing for joy at the work of Your hands

Ab Fm Db Ebsus Eb
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand

Fm Db Eb Ab
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

Eb Ab

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Eb _ Eb _

Ab
You and I were made to worship

Db
You and I are called to love

Bbm Eb
You and I are forgiven and free

Ab
When you and I embrace surrender

Db
When you and I choose to believe

Bbm Eb
You and I will see

Ab Db Ab
What we were meant to be