

Joshua Garry Statement of Faith

I believe in the Christian triune God

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Ουε Ηαηη

The one whom Jesus called Abba
Who is power
Who stood in the midst of chaos
And created light
Who stood in the midst of the void
And created substance
The being that is all and the all that was before us

I believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God, ό λόγος

The one who was born of the Virgin Mary
Who is Truth
Who is the Word that first echoed within all things
Sound beyond sound
Who yet was crucified, died, and was buried
Rose and overcame the darkness again
The one who taught us to pray

I believe in the Holy Ghost, הרוח

The one who is wind, spirit, breath
Who is Love
Who is that which moved across the face of the deep
And gave life to all things
Who is the breath of Adam, Eve, and the wisdom of Sophia
Seed of all sown
The Mother of all that was, is, and shall be

I believe that by virtue of our creation

We serve a God who is beyond our constructs and contexts,
The layers of our own reality,
Which we contribute,
Are a dimness when we place them before God

That the Apostle Paul was correct in his assertion
That Christ is the new covenant,
A dismantling of the categorical – we are one

Furthermore, that we have a duty as Christians, and our duty is bound by Christ
That our allegiance is to the triune God
And not to civic or secular institutions

I believe this is transcendent in Matthew
That we are to go and make disciples of all nations;
This is power, truth, and love
For all

I believe that our ethic is one that is relative to God
That all people are born equal in dignity and human rights

I believe that Holy Scripture is not confined to space and time
That this is the living pulse within the Sermon on the Mount:
“The meek shall inherit the earth”
For they already have
Adam, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Cowered before God and Power

And yet time and again

Were shown mercy, blessings, and inherited the earth.

I believe that I am called to be a witness
To live in authentic life
To be a means through which the Spirit works
To love kindness, do justice, and walk humbly with the trinity

I believe in the one, true, universal Kirk
That is bound together by call
That recognizes the blessing of difference
That seeks to lengthen tables instead of fences

And finally,

I believe in the wisdom that is East of Eden

It seems to me
That if you or I
Are caught between two courses
Of thought
Or action

We should remember our dying
And try so to live
That our death
May bring no pleasure
Upon the world