

WOMEN'S CREED

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I believe in God who created woman and man in God's own image,
who created the world and gave both sexes the care of the earth

I believe in Jesus, child of God, chosen of God, born of the woman Mary
who listened to women and who stayed in their homes
who discussed the Kingdom with them
who was followed and financed by women disciples

I believe in Jesus who discussed theology with a woman at a well
and first confided in her his messiahship
who motivated her to go and tell her great news to the city

I believe in Jesus who received anointing from a woman in Simon's house
who rebuked the men guests
who scorned her

I believe in Jesus who said this woman will be remembered
for what she did - minister to Jesus

I believe in Jesus who healed a woman on the Sabbath and made her straight
because she was a human being

I believe in Jesus who spoke of God as a woman seeking the lost coin
as a woman who swept seeking the lost

I believe in Jesus who thought of pregnancy and birth with reverence
not as a punishment — but as a wrenching event
a metaphor for transformation
born again anguish-into-joy

I believe in Jesus who spoke of himself as a mother hen
who would gather her chicks under her wing

I believe in Jesus who appeared first to Mary Magdalene
who sent her with the bursting message GO AND TELL

I believe in the wholeness of the Savior in whom there is neither
Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female
for we are all one in salvation

I believe in the Holy Spirit as she moves over the waters
of creation and over the earth

I believe in the Holy Spirit the mothering spirit of God
who like a hen created us and gave us birth
and covers us with her wings.