



CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Creed

According to Tirechán's 7th Century life of Patrick, Eithne and her sister Fildelm, daughters of King Laoghaire of Connacht, are said to have met Patrick and his followers at the Holy Well of Ogalla (Óig Eala), near Tulsk, County Roscommon. The women did not know who they were and what religion they espoused and asked the following questions:

Who is God
and where is God?
Of whom is God
and where is God's house?
Has your God sons and daughters,
gold and silver?
Is God alive forever?

Is God in heaven
or on earth?
In the sea,
in the rivers,
in the mountains,
in the valleys?

Speak to us about God.
Give us some idea of God.
How may God be seen?
How may He be loved?
How may He be found?
Is God found in Youth or Old Age?

St. Patrick's Response is known as St. Patrick's Creed.

Our God – God of all people,
God of heaven and earth,
of the sea and of the rivers,
God of the sun and the moon and of all the stars,
God of the high mountains
and of the deep valleys.
God is above heaven and in heaven and under heaven.

God has as His dwelling place
Heaven and earth
and the sea and all that are in them.
God's life is in all things.
God inspires all things.
God governs all things.
God supports all things.
God kindles the light of the sun.
God creates the light of the moon and stars.
He makes wells in the arid earth
and rocky islands in the sea.

God has a Son who is coeternal with him
and of like nature.
The Son is not younger than the Father
nor the Father than the Son
and the Holy Spirit breathes in Them.
Not separate are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.