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May

The Story Abides

Stories That Matter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

The Spirit abides in us, preserving and weaving our shared story as the body of Christ. Worship this week celebrates testimony, memory, and the ongoing narrative of God's love in our community.

REFERENCES

Ezekiel 34:1-7

Psalms 115:1-11, 18b

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life. We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of all time and space,
you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation
at a time before and beyond all knowing.
Through the Word and the Spirit,
you continue in eternal love for all beings.
Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence,
your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world.
Shape us into the people you have made us to be –
poured out in creative mercy
for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
Creator of all that is,
In you, we live and move and have our being.
You have placed us on earth
and sustained our being through the produce of the land
and the cleanness of the air we breathe.
You have made us for each other,
to tend and care for the weak
and ensure a just sharing of the earth's resources.
But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people
who hoard what the earth provides
and seem loathe to share the fruits of our labours,
who live for today with little thought for tomorrow,
who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us.

Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being.
In your grace, you offer us forgiveness
even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow.
You embrace us in all our sinfulness
And, in doing so, give us the chance to start again
to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus,
who chose the way of the Cross
that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made.
Spirit of God,
open our hearts and minds
that we may grasp your forgiveness,
and forgiven, seek to forgive others
and to live a life of reconciling love
modelled on the example of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we make this prayer. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

Go now to love and serve God in the blessing of the Spirit who journeys with you as we live the unfolding story of God's dream for creation here and now. Amen.

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