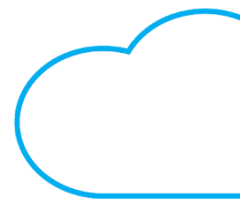




AT HOME

with Cathedral for Kids!



Remembering on Memorial Day + Ascension Fun!

May 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

For most of my life, the biggest significance of Memorial Day was the beginning of summer. Of course, I knew it was also serious, but as a kid, the thrill of approaching vacation eclipsed the solemnity of the day.

This all changed for me as a young adult. My grandfather had invited me to join him at a Memorial Day event held at a small military cemetery on the outskirts of my hometown. At the time, he was in his 80's, and he had only recently started to share stories with us and others about his service in the US Navy at the peak of fighting in the Pacific during World War II. At this small ceremony, I watched my grandfather speak alongside other veterans. When they finished, a color guard played *Taps* while volunteers moved among the graves, leaving flowers and flags on each resting place.

As I watched the volunteers work, I was reminded that remembrance is holy work. For the first time, I saw my grandfather reflected in the rows of crosses stretching out before us. I realized the weight he carried, knowing that he had survived when many of his fellow sailors had not. And I understood that some time in the not too distant future, he too would join the ranks of those faithful service members we honor on Memorial Day. It was a forceful lesson that this was not a celebration of armed conflict, but rather a reminder that each and every person interred there had managed to act with integrity under horrific and brutal circumstances. *In*



many ways, the best way we could honor them is to remember in words and actions that these individuals had risked and even given their lives so that others could live.

This weekend, as we get ready to enjoy the sunshine and a brief respite from being indoors, I hope that you will find a way to honor all our service members. We have a short service on Monday at 8:45 AM (use this [link](#)), but even if you decide to sleep in, I hope you will share stories with your kids, remembering both our loved ones and countless others who have given their lives for another's sake. In our tradition, we know the value of this gift, for as Jesus says, "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

CATHEDRAL FOR KIDS LIVE ON ZOOM

We are back with our LIVE Cathedral for Kids service this Sunday, May 24th at 10:15 AM. You can access this service on Zoom by using this [link](#) (password: 222277). This week's gospel reading is [John 17:1-11](#), where Jesus speaks to our one-ness with God through Christ.

As usual, we will be doing a live love feast during this service, which is simply a fellowship meal similar to the meals Jesus shared with his disciples. For the love feast, you will need the following items:

- A story rug (can be anything...be creative)
- A small snack
- A drink for each member of your family
- A candle (placed a safe distance from your feast!)

We'll be sharing gratitudes on our story rug as well as the snack, reminding us of the holy fellowship we share with God and each other. And if you miss our live service, definitely use our Cathedral for Kids video, which can be found anytime [here](#).

FAITH AT HOME ALL WEEK LONG

The Ascension of Jesus is one of the stranger stories in Scripture, and it generates a lot of questions, especially for kids! It is totally fair to wonder if Jesus goes up, does that mean God lives up in the clouds too? And how exactly are we one with God and Christ and the Holy Spirit? If your kids wonder aloud about these things, check out this quick [article](#) about ways to understand the Ascension through the eyes of a child. It's a neat little resource with ideas, links, and explanations that can help you field some questions and perhaps get a few of yours answered in the process.

As always, we're here for you, and keep doing hard things--
Blessings,

Mother Morgan

