

LITURGY FOR MORAVIAN ARCHIVES SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2020

Heavenly Father, we are a community who remembers you and your love for us, made manifest in each generation by your works and wonders, by your grace and mercy, by the boldness of your prophets and the humility of your saints. In this Easter season, we remember through the sharing of the stories of the life, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. We celebrate the gift of your great and abiding love for us. **O Father, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we are grateful for the example of our Brothers and Sisters in the faith who have gone before us, of your servants Jan Hus and Nicholas Louis Zinzendorf; of the missionaries and pioneers who proclaimed Your Word to the unchurched and served as living witnesses of the power of lives changed by your Spirit; and of our fathers and mothers in our pews who nurtured in us a love for You. When we raise our own Eben-ezers to their witness, when we share their life stories, help us always be faithful to their love for you. **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on our hearts in this generation; awaken in us the recognition of your action in our lives even as we are doing the everyday tasks of life, our own walks to Emmaus: a drive to work, a dinner with family, a visit with friends, and when comforting the lost and the least in the limited eyes of this world. Strengthen our spiritual senses to hear and proclaim the good news in this and every age. **O Spirit, hear our prayer.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, abide in us and our endeavors to remember and share your witness through our Moravian stories to the world. Bless those who gather and care for those stories of your Love and the actions that love has inspired in us. In this hour we ask a special blessing upon those who create and gather and collect those stories in our congregations; those who administer and guide the work of our Moravian Archives; and all who support our Archives with special gifts of volunteer time, financial support and items of material remembrance. Strengthen and encourage us all in our work in sharing your Good News through our lives of ongoing witness. To you be the all the Glory. **Amen.**