

## May 27, 2021 Daily Church Email

Barbara Lundblad wrote in her May 1, 2005 sermon, "I will not leave you orphaned" ...

In the last scene of the musical Camelot, King Arthur spins out a song filled with memories of what had been the most idyllic place on earth. Alone on stage, the broken, forgiving king begs us to remember:

*Ask ev'ry person if they've heard the story,  
And tell it strong and clear if they have not,  
That once there was a fleeting wisp of glory  
Called Camelot.*

*Don't let it be forgot that once there was a spot  
For one brief, shining moment  
That was known as Camelot.*

Keep the story going, begs King Arthur. Pass it on to your children and your children's children; and in the very remembering, you will keep the dream alive. In the midst of the despair around you, recall this time, this special place. And, perhaps -- who knows -- perhaps this one brief, shining moment will come again. ...

Rosemary Radford Ruether is a church historian. She says there are two things the church must do. One is to pass on the tradition from one generation to another. We might say this is like King Arthur's song: "Ask ev'ry person if they've heard the story, and tell it loud and clear if they have not." Tell the story of Jesus to your children and your children's children. But that's not all, says Ruether. There is a second thing the church must do. Be open to the winds of the Spirit by which the tradition comes alive in each generation. That is different than Camelot, deeper than memory.

Have a blessed day in Christ,  
Pastor Julie

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