

Abide, O Spirit of Life

for Andrea Theroux

Bill Huebsch

Tom Kendzia

INTRO (♩ = ca. 84)

D/F# G Dsus4/A D/A A/C# 1-3 4 A

Keyboard

Soprano/ Melody **REFRAIN**

Alto

Let peace fill our hearts, — Let love fill our minds; — Make us

Tenor

D G D/A A/C# A

lov - ing dis - ci - ples — Christ. — May we all be one, —

Bm G Dsus4 A A/C# D G

May we all be yours. A - bide in us, O

F# Bm Bm/A G D/F# D

Spir - it of life! A - bide, Spir - it of life!

to Coda ⊕

A/C# Bm Em Gma7 A D/F# G to Coda ⊕

1-3 Spir - it of life!

to Verses

1-3 D/A A/C# A Dsus4/A D/A A to Verses

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VERSES

1. We stand firm, here _____ be - fore you _____ With our

2. We _____ ask you to guide _____ our ac - tions _____ And to

3. May we walk to get _____ er in jus - tice; _____ Teach us

D/F# G D/F# A/C# Bm Bm/A

1. weak - ness and long - ing for you. _____ We are

2. show us the path _____ we should walk. _____ We de -

3. wis - dom, u - nite _____ all our hearts. _____ May your

G D/F# D Asus4 A D/F#

1. bound to love one an - oth - er. _____ A -

2. sire to know what will please _____ you. _____ A -

3. grace be here _____ w to guid us. _____ A -

G D/A F# Bm Bm/D

1-3. bide, O Spir - it of life! _____ Spir - it of life! _____

Em Gmaj7 A D/A A/C#

1-3. _____ S A Let

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⊕ CODA

Sing 4 times

Spir - it of life! _____ A - bide in us, _____ O

D/A A/C# A D/F# G

Play 4 times

1-3 Final Fine

Spir - it of life! _____

D/A A/C# 1-3 Final A D Fine

Composer Notes

The text for “Abide, O Spirit of Life” is adapted by the catechist and author Bill Huebsch from a prayer attributed to St. Isidore of Seville. According to Huebsch, the prayer was used for church councils in Seville (7th century), and before each session of Vatican I (1869–70) and each meeting of Vatican II.

Presented here in a setting designed for confirmation, the arrangement includes band, sax, and vocal improvisation, all of which make this contemporary setting of a 1,400-year-old prayer come very much alive today—for youth and for the young of heart! As with all of the music found in the collection *Essentials for Your Life*, simpler resources can work as well.

The dotted rhythm is the key to keeping the song together and fresh. [This is really a rock song in the style of Tom Petty!] Use it as a song for dismissal at a youth mass or any situation needing an upbeat “song of the Spirit” for the assembly and a band.

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F# Bm Bm/A G D/F# D A/C# Bm

we all be yours. Abide in us, O Spir - it of life!

Em Gmaj7 A D/F# G to Coda ⊕

A - bide, O Spir - it of life!

1-3 D/A A/C# D/F# G Dsus4/A D/A A to Verses

Spir - it of life!

VERSE 1

D/F# G D/F# D A/C# Bm Bm/A

1. We stand firm, here be - fore you With our

G D/F# D A D/F# G D/A

1. weak - ness and long - ing for you. We are bound to

F#/A# Bm D Er Gmaj7 A D/F# G

1. love one an - oth - er. A - bide, O Spir - it of life!

D/A A/C# D G D/A A D.S.

1. Spir - it of life! Let

VERSE 2

D/F# G D/F# D A/C# Bm

2. We ask you to guide all our ac - tions

Bm/A G D/F# D Asus4

2. And to show the path we should walk.

A D/F# G D/F# F#/A# Bm Bm/D

2. We de - sire to know what will please you. A -

Em Gmaj7 A D/F# D/A A/C#

2. bide, O Spir - it of Spir - it of life!

D G D/A A D.S.

2. Let

VERSE 3

D/F# G D D A/C# Bm Bm/A

3. May we walk to - geth - er in jus - tice; Teach us

G D/F# D Asus4 A D/F#

3. wis - dom, u - nite our hearts. May your

G D/A Bm Bm/D Em Gmaj7

3. grace be here now gr - ace us. A - bide, O

A D/F# D/A A/C#

3. Spir - it of life! Spir - it of life!

D G D/A A D.S. al fine

Let

⊕ CODA

D/A A/C# A D/F# G
Play 4 times

Spir - it of life! ___ A - bide in us, ___ O

D/A A/C# 1-3 A Final A/C# A D Fine

Spir - it of life! ___ A -

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Assembly Edition

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Refrain

Let peace fill our hearts, Let love fill our minds; Make us
 lov-ing dis-ci - ples of Christ May we all be one,
 May we all be yours. Abide in us, O Spir-it
 of life! A - bide, O Spir-it of life!

1-3 Spir-it of life! 3 to Verses Final
 Sing 4 times (Fine)
 A - bide in Spir-it of life!

Verse 1

1. We stand firm, here be-fore you With our
 1. weak-ness and long - ing for you. We are bound to
 1. love one an - oth - er. A - bide, O Spir-it of life!
 3 to Refrain
 1. Spir-it of life!

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ABIDE, O SPIRIT OF LIFE (Continued)

Verse 2

2. We ask you to guide all our ac - tions And to
2. show us the path we should walk We de - sire to
2. know what will please you. A - bide, O Spir - it of life!
2. Spir - it of life!

3 to Refrain

Verse 3

3. May we walk geth er in jus - tice; Teach us
3. wis - dom, u - nite May your grace be here
3. now to guide A - bide, O Spir - it of life!
3. Spir - it of life!

3 to Refrain

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