

Our Story Faith Study

Session 5: Unexpected, Untrue and Ever-changing Stories

Additional Resource

Illumination from *The Saint John's Bible: Fulfillment of Creation*

Romans 8

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Options for Viewing:

- See the illumination in the “additional resources” on the Our Story webpage: www.incarnationmn.org/our-story/.
- Watch a visual meditation of the illumination on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyMbS9VfY3s&t=5s>. **Note:** this video is much longer than the video in session 4. It includes instructions on the practice of Visio Divina. You may want to show a portion or have people watch it ahead of time.
- View the illumination in *The Saint John's Bible, Heritage Edition*, in the Incarnation Chapel.

With one or two other people (or individually), reflect on the illumination of the Fulfillment of Creation.

- Recall or re-read the scripture text from Romans 8 (below).
- Take a moment to reflect silently on the illumination.
- What from the illumination speaks to you today? What do you notice?
- Together, share what you are seeing and thinking about the Bible text and the illumination.
- What do you see here that makes you curious? What brings you to wonder?
- What would you have titled an illumination for this text? What might you include in your artwork?
- What do you think about the title, *Fulfillment of Creation*? What is in the text that brings about this title?
- How do the images of stars and the cosmos relate to God being with us always?
- The panels at the bottom are a cameo-appearance from the Creation illumination for Genesis 1. How do you think the story of creation is connected to the story of your relationship with God?

Romans 8:35, 38-39 (NRSV)

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?... I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.