

Morgan's Pentecost Oath

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I have kept the watch through the night.

*I stand at the edge of the day,
where darkness loosens its hold
and what is sworn may yet be spoken.*

*Before the breath that moves unseen,
before the fire that gives voice and resolve,
and before the witness who hears and may not speak,
I set my will and swear.*

*By the blade I bear,
and by the strength that sustains it,
I bind myself to the watch laid upon me—
whether I sought it or not.*

*I will stand for the defenseless:
for women and for children,
for the innocent,
for the forgotten,
and for those whom no one else will guard.*

*I will offer mercy where mercy is asked,
and I will stay my hand against the one who yields,
even when such mercy is turned against me,
and even when the cost is mine alone.*

*I will not abandon my brothers in the watch,
nor betray them in word or deed,
nor place my own safety above their keeping,
so long as I am able to stand beside them.*

*I will speak truth as I am able,
bear witness when others turn away,
and hold fast when honor brings no reward.*

*I take this oath freely,
without promise of victory,
without assurance of justice,
and without claim to rest or release.*

*Let this vow bind me while I live.
Let it shape my hand and my will.
Let me be broken by it before I break it,
and let the fire that hears these words
hold me to them
until the watch is ended.*

— sworn at first light