

*National Service Commemorating*  
**MEMORIAL DAY**



Sunday, May 28, 2017

11:15 am

**WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**



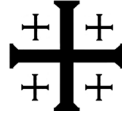
ALTHOUGH THE EXACT ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY ARE DISPUTED, THE FIRST OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY IS THOUGHT TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN APRIL 1865, WHEN A GROUP OF FORMER SLAVES GATHERED AT A CHARLESTON, SC HORSE TRACK TURNED CONFEDERATE PRISON WHERE MORE THAN 250 UNION SOLDIERS HAD DIED. THE BODIES OF SOLDIERS BURIED IN A MASS GRAVE WERE REINTERRED IN INDIVIDUAL GRAVES ON THE SITE. ON MAY 1, 1865, SOME 10,000 BLACK CHARLESTON RESIDENTS, WHITE MISSIONARIES, TEACHERS, SCHOOLCHILDREN AND UNION TROOPS MARCHED AROUND THE PLANTERS’ RACE COURSE, SINGING AND CARRYING ARMFULS OF ROSES.

IN 1868, COMMANDER IN CHIEF JOHN A. LOGAN OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—AN ORGANIZATION OF FORMER SOLDIERS AND SAILORS—ISSUED WHAT WAS CALLED GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 11, DESIGNATING MAY 30 AS A MEMORIAL DAY. HE DECLARED IT TO BE “FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREWING WITH FLOWERS OR OTHERWISE DECORATING THE GRAVES OF COMRADES WHO DIED IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY DURING THE LATE REBELLION, AND WHOSE BODIES NOW LIE IN ALMOST EVERY CITY, VILLAGE, AND HAMLET CHURCHYARD IN THE LAND.” THE FIRST NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL DAY (ORIGINALLY DECORATION DAY) TOOK PLACE MAY 30, 1868, AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. THE NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY STILL TAKES PLACE THERE TODAY, WITH THE PLACING OF A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AND THE DECORATION OF EACH GRAVE WITH A SMALL AMERICAN FLAG.

ON MAY 11, 1950, CONGRESS ISSUED A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE PRESIDENT PROCLAIM A “PRAYER FOR PEACE” ON EACH MEMORIAL DAY. IN 1971, CONGRESS DECLARED MEMORIAL DAY A FEDERAL HOLIDAY TO BE HELD ON THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MAY. ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, WE REMEMBER THE FALLEN, AND HONOR ALL WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY, AS WE UNITE IN PRAYER FOR PERMANENT PEACE IN THE WORLD.

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**CARILLON PRELUDE**

*Crown Him with many crowns  
Eternal Father, strong to save  
O beautiful for spacious skies*

*Diademata*; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)  
*Melita*; arr. Sally Slade Warner (1932-2009)  
*Materna*; arr. Milford Myhre, (b. 1931)

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Toccata and Fugue in F Major, BWV 540  
Grand Choeur Dialogue*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

**INTROIT**

*Listen to the Lambs*

R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

Listen to the lambs! All a-crying!  
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,  
and carry the young lambs in his bosom.

*The people stand.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*O God of every nation*

*Aurelia*

O God of every nation,  
of every, race and land,  
redeem the whole creation  
with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us  
and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us  
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power  
and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower  
destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and nation  
and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation,  
eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor  
that we may find release  
from fear of rattling saber,  
from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter,  
your still small voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter,  
your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision  
of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division  
give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious  
when truth and justice reign  
and Christ shall rule victorious  
o'er all the world's domain.

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

OFFICIANT Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
PEOPLE **let all the peoples praise you.**

OFFICIANT Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
PEOPLE **for you rule the world with justice.**

OFFICIANT With fairness you rule the peoples,  
PEOPLE **and guide all the nations upon earth.**

OFFICIANT Let the people praise you, O God;  
PEOPLE **let all the peoples praise you.**

#### A Memorial Day Proclamation

*Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day*

Since war is the world's most terrible scourge, we should do all in our power to prevent its recurrence.

It was the hope of mankind that with the cessation of hostilities of World War II the way would be open to founding a permanent peace. Instead, that war has left the world in a state of continued unrest. Accordingly, we feel the need of turning in humble supplication to Almighty God for help and guidance.

In recognition of this need, the Congress has fittingly provided, in a joint resolution which I approved on May 11, 1950, that Memorial Day, which has long been set aside for paying tribute to those who lost their lives in war, shall henceforth be dedicated also as a day for Nation-wide prayer for permanent peace. The Congress has also requested that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day in that manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, pursuant to the aforementioned resolution, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, 1950, and each succeeding Memorial Day, as a day of prayer for permanent peace. And I designate the hour beginning at eleven o'clock in the morning of that day, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, as a period in which all our people may unite in prayer, each in accordance with his own religious faith, for divine aid in bringing enduring peace to a troubled world.

HARRY S. TRUMAN,  
President of the United States

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

#### **COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING FOR HEROIC SERVICE**

**OFFICIANT** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE** **And also with you.**

**OFFICIANT** Let us pray.

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share in the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

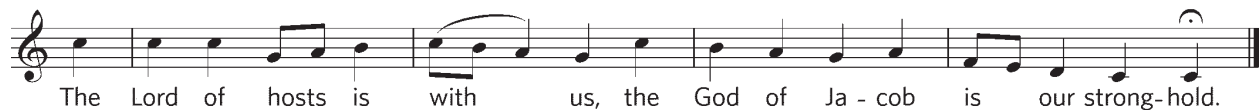
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READINGS

**WISDOM 3:1-5, 9**

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

**PSALM 46**

*The choir introduces the refrain; then all repeat.*



God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the  
depths of the sea;  
Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. **Refrain**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. **Refrain**

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.” **Refrain**

**JOHN 15:9-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

*The people stand.*

**HYMN**

*Precious Lord, take my hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, when my life  
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near, and the day

I am weak, I am worn; \_\_\_\_\_ through the storm, through the night, lead me  
 is al-most gone; \_\_\_\_\_ hear my cry, hear my call, hold my  
 is past and gone; \_\_\_\_\_ at the riv-er I stand, guide my

on to the light, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_  
 hand, lest I fall, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_  
 feet, hold my hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people are seated at the invitation of the bishop.*

**SERMON**

The Right Reverend Carl W. Wright

**ANTHEM**

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sinsick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."

*The people stand.*



**PRAYERS FOR THE NATION**

**LEADER** Almighty God, giver of all good things: we thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

**PEOPLE** **Heal us.**

**LEADER** We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

**PEOPLE** **Forgive us.**

**LEADER** We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

**PEOPLE** **Inspire us.**

**LEADER** We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

**PEOPLE** **Enlighten us.**

**LEADER** We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

**PEOPLE** **Renew us.**

**LEADER** Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*



**OFFERTORY**

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.*

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY**

*O love of God*

*Jerusalem; arr. Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)*

O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal, and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought. O love of God, how deep and great! Far deeper than man's deepest hate; self-fed, self kindled, like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite. O heavenly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill, in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless! O wide embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above, we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow. We read you best in Him who came to bear for us the cross of shame; sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your power to bless and save, even in the darkness of the grave, still more in resurrection light, we read the fullness of your might. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way! Eternal love, in you we rest forever safe, forever blest. We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name; we will extol you every day, and ever more your praise proclaim!

*The people stand.*



**PRAYER FOR ARMED FORCES & MEMORIAL DAY**

**Prayer for the Armed Forces**

**BP. WRIGHT** Let us pray.

Lord God of hosts, whose power and authority is from everlasting to everlasting: keep under your protecting care the armed forces of the United States of America and all who serve therein. Grant that they may be a sure defense and a safeguard for the people of the United States, providing security for all who come and go in peaceful and lawful pursuits. Support them wherever duty takes them, on land or sea or in the air, and grant that they may fulfill their high calling as defenders of justice and freedom. In times of peace, keep them from evil; in times of danger, grant them fortitude; and in times of conflict, give them the gift of your presence. May our men and women in the armed forces stand firm as they guard our goodly heritage, that the gifts of freedom and liberty, justice and peace, may be transmitted from one generation to the next.

**PEOPLE** Amen.

**Remembrance of the Fallen**

*Silence is observed as the Bourdon bell tolls 21 times, the highest military honor to those who died defending our freedom and democracy.*

## Taps

### Prayer for Memorial Day

**OFFICIANT** Let us pray.

O God, we ask your strength, that we might dedicate ourselves to perfecting your kingdom of peace and justice among nations. Let us give thanks for the many blessings of freedom which we possess, purchased at the cost of many lives and sacrifices. Fill us with courage to fulfill our tasks and in no way break faith with the fallen. We commend these fallen to your mercy and ask that you give them eternal rest. This we ask and pray in your name.

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**

**OFFICIANT** O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, draw near to all who mourn the loss of those near and dear to them. In the midst of their deep sorrow grant them the comfort of your presence. Give them faith to feel the calm assurance of your mercy and to know the blessing of your peace that passes all understanding. In your most holy name we pray.

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**



### PRAYERS FOR PEACE

**LEADER** O Great Spirit of our Ancestors, we raise the pipe to you, to your messengers the four winds, and to Mother Earth who provides for your children. Give us the wisdom to teach our children to love, to respect, to be kind to each other so that they may grow with peace in mind. Let us learn to share all the good things that you provide for us on this Earth. *(from the Native American tradition)*

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**

**LEADER** Come, let us go to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High. And we shall beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken. *(from the Jewish tradition)*

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**

**LEADER** Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards

peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is one that hears and knows all things. And the servants of God Most Gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say, "Peace." *(from the Islamic tradition)*

PEOPLE **Amen.**

LEADER Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *(from the Christian tradition)*

PEOPLE **Amen.**

#### HYMN

597 • *O day of peace*

*Jerusalem*

#### CLOSING PRAYER

PEOPLE Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*(Prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226)*

#### BLESSING

*The bishop blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

#### DISMISSAL

OFFICIANT Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

#### HYMN

717 • *My country, 'tis of thee*

*America*

#### POSTLUDE

*Marche Héroïque*

A. Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

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