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The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's command

Darwall's 148th; arr. Suzanne Magassy (1940-2008)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nimrod from Enigma Variations, Op. 36

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Finlandia, Op. 26

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Set me as a seal

William Walton (1902-1983)

Set me as a seal upon thine heart as a seal upon thine arm, for love is strong as death; many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

(From the Song of Solomon)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION • 366, st. 1-4

Holy God, we praise thy Name

Sung by all.

Grosser Gott

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.**

VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION

October 8, 1954

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States of America

WHEREAS it has long been our custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS in the intervening years the United States has been involved in two other great military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this Nation; and

WHEREAS the Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an act approved May 13, 1938, that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday and should be known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an act approved June 1, 1954, changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day:

On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by all.

Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - lous fight,
o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

The officiant offers the prayer, and the people respond, Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-10

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not tumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 20:1-7

chant: Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



The choir sings the psalm.

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
Send you help from his holy place
and strengthen you out of Zion;
Remember all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
Grant you your heart's desire
and prosper all your plans.
We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God;
may the Lord grant all your requests.
Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

All repeat the antiphon.

I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago. He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked. He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding; he led me off my way and tore me to pieces; he has made me desolate; he bent his bow and set me as a mark for his arrow. He shot into my vitals the arrows of his quiver; I have become the laughingstock of all my people, the object of their taunt-songs all day long. He has filled me with bitterness, he has sated me with wormwood. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the Lord." The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN • 564

He who would valiant be

Sung by all.

St. Dunstan's

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

Rear Admiral Margaret G. Kibben (ret.)

ANTHEM

Beati quorum via

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Sung in Latin. Blessed are those whose path is upright; who walk in the law of the Lord.

(Psalm 119:1)

The people stand as able.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Officiant 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.**

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

People **Forgive us.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.

THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Abide with me

William Henry Monk (1823-1889); arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide; when other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me. I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me. O thou who changest not, abide with me. In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

(Henry Lyte, 1793-1847)

PRAYERS AND HYMNS FOR THE ARMED SERVICES

The members, veterans, and families of each branch stand as able for their hymn and are then seated.

For the Army

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord of Hosts, Al - might - y King, be - hold the sac - ri - fice we bring:
to ev - ery arm thy strength im - part; thy Spi - rit shed through ev - ery heart.

For the Navy

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; Vouchsafe to take into thy almighty and most gracious protection our country's Navy, and all who serve therein. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that they may be a safeguard unto the United States of America, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve thee our God, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the rest - less wave,
who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.

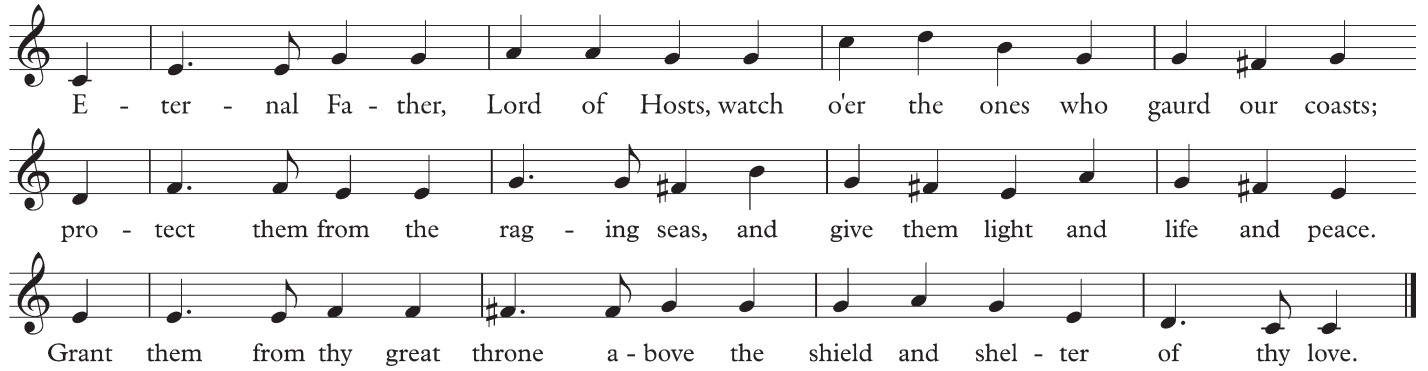
The Marine's Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of thy presence and obedient to thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose in deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt; steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer. **Amen.**

E - ter - nal Fa - ther, grant, we pray, to all Ma - rines, both night and day,
the cou - rage, hon - or, strength, and skill their land to serve, thy law ful - fill;
be thou the shield for - ev - er - more from ev - ery per - il to the Corps.

The Coast Guard Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, whose hand stills the tumult of the deep, we offer our prayers for those who serve in our Coast Guard. We are mindful of their traditions of selfless service to the seafarers who make their ways to appointed ports. Employ their devotions of good ends as they track the weather and search for the seas for those in extremity of storm, shipwreck, or battle. Make their soundings and markings sure that safe passages may be found by those who go down to the sea in ships. Encourage them, O Lord, as they stand guard over our coasts and the bulwarks of our freedoms. Graciously deliver them from threatening calamities in all their perilous voyages. Bless the keepers of the lights and be thou their close friend in lonely watches. Keep the beacons of honor and duty burning that they may reach the home port with duty well performed, in service to thee and our land. **Amen.**



E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Lord of Hosts, watch o'er the ones who gaurd our coasts;
pro - tect them from the rag - ing seas, and give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from thy great throne a - bove the shield and shel - ter of thy love.

Air Force Prayer

O Lord of hosts; you stretch out the heavens like a curtain: Watch over and protect, we pray, the aviators of the United States Air Force as they fly on their appointed missions and all on the ground who make their flights safe and possible. Give them courage as they face the foe, and skill to bring their aircraft back safely. Endow all who make aviation possible with skill and careful attention to their role in the larger community of the Air Force. Sustain Air Force families with your everlasting arms. May your strong arm strengthen them, your right hand hold them up, and your wisdom guide them home, that they may return to the earth and their homeland with a grateful sense of your mercy; and all through the goodness of our Lord Jesus. **Amen.**



Lord, guard and guide all those who fly through the great spa - ces of the sky;
be with them as they take to air, in dark-'ning storms or sun - shine fair.

The people stand as able.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN

Silence.

The bourdon bell sounds.

Officiant Everliving God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples, and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

A LITANY FOR ALL VETERANS

Leader For all who have served in the armed forces to ensure our freedom,
People **We honor you.**

Leader For the families who kept the home fires burning and provided continuous support for their soldiers,
People **We thank you.**

Leader For the wounds you have suffered at the hands of war
People **For the times of loneliness you have felt on the battlefields of life**

Leader For the sacrifices you have made
People **For the times you were not thanked**

Leader For the times you chose courage in the face of fear
People **For the times you were not shown compassion**

Leader For the difficult decisions you had to make
People **For the losses you have suffered**

Leader We thank you now
People **We honor you now**

All **YOUR SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN!**

PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Officiant 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. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS

All 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. Amen.

HYMN

America the beautiful

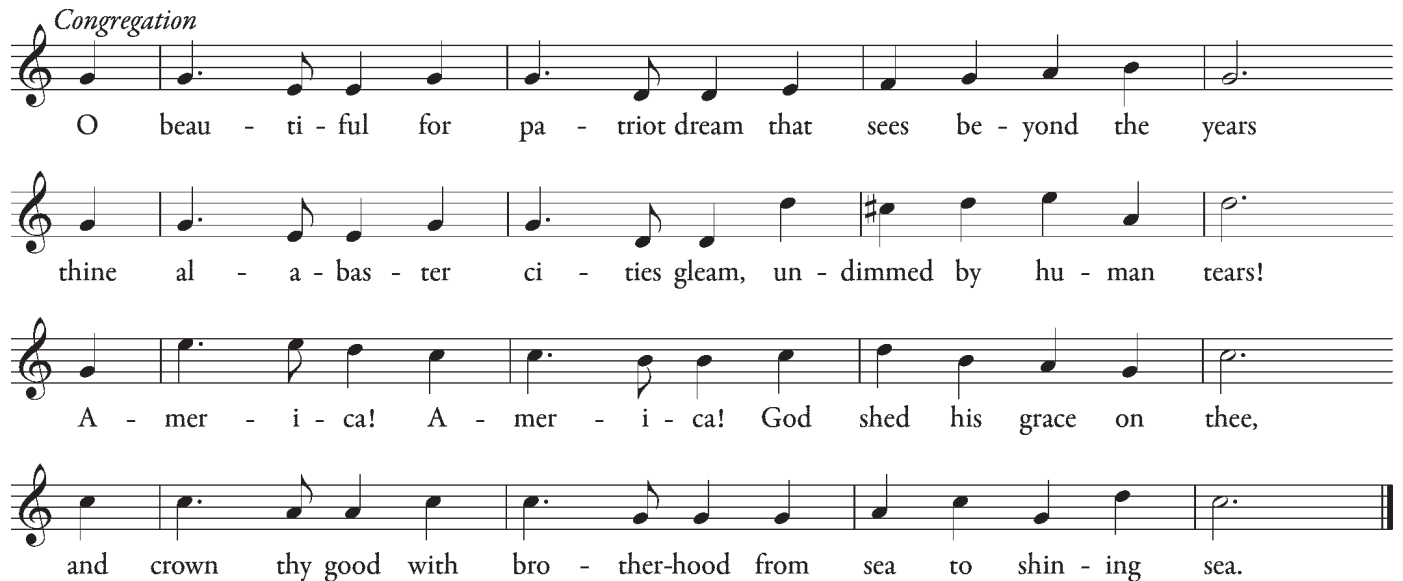
Materna; arr. Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

The choir sings the first two stanzas and all sing the last one.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Congregation



O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with bro - ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

THE BLESSING

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Spitfire Prelude

W. Walton

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