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Honoring Veterans



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WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



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CARILLON PRELUDE

God of our fathers
My Shepherd will provide my need
Prelude on Nettleton
Legend from Suite for carillon
A tribute to Copland
O beautiful for spacious skies

National Hymn; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

Resignation; arr. Edward M. Nassor

Jim Dalton (b. 1957)

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

John Courter (1941-2010)

Materna; arr. Edward Lee Cobb (b. 1963)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E major Elegy Rhapsody in C-sharp minor, Op. 17 no. 3 Vincent Lubeck (1654-1740) George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987) Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

WORDS OF WELCOME

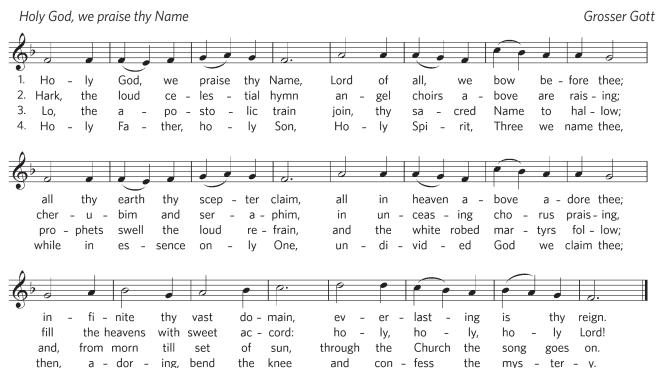
INTROIT

Set me as a seal René Clausen (b. 1953)

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. (Song of Solomon 8:6, 7)

The people stand.

OPENING HYMN



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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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

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? (Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843)

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

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

The people are seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 27:9b-12, 14-16, 21-25, 35-36, 38-44

Paul advised them, saying, "Sirs, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. Since the harbor was not suitable for spending the win-

ter, the majority was in favor of putting to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, where they could spend the winter. It was a harbor of Crete, facing southwest and northwest.

But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. Since the ship was caught and could not be turned head-on into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control.

Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we will have to run aground on some island."

After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves.

After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea. In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

PSALM 20:1-7 Chant: Douglas Major (b. 1953)

The choir introduces the antiphon and all repeat.



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.

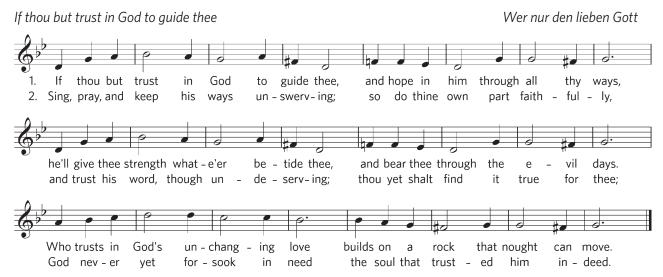
THE SECOND READING Luke 21:9-15, 19

Jesus said, "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The people stand.

HYMN



The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

HOMILY The Honorable John H. Dalton

ANTHEM

There is a balm in Gilead

Arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." (*Traditional Spiritual*)

The people stand.

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

LEADER PEOPLE	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. 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.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ALL

And I saw a new heaven

Amen.

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared, as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:1-4)

The people stand.

PRAYERS AND HYMNS FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES

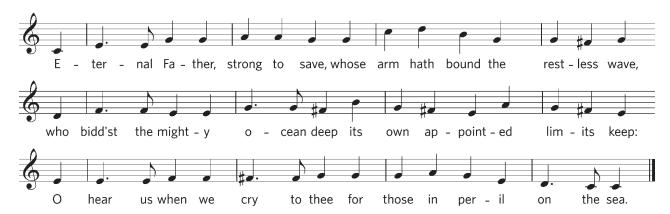
Prayer for the Army

Following the prayer, the people respond, **Amen**, and then join in singing:



Prayer for the Navy

Following the prayer, the people respond, **Amen**, and then join in singing:



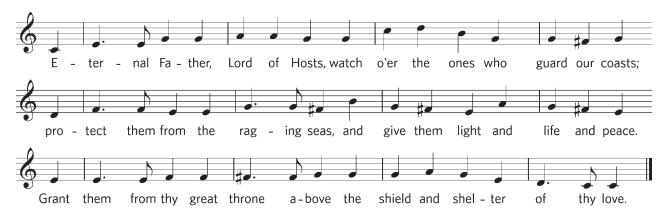
Prayer for the Marine Corps

Following the prayer, the people respond, **Amen**, and then join in singing:



Prayer for the Coast Guard

Following the prayer, the people respond, **Amen**, and then join in singing:



Prayer for the Air Force

Following the prayer, the people respond, **Amen**, and then join in singing:



THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN

The Bourdon Bell tolls 21 times, signifying the highest form of military salute in thanksgiving for the lives of America's veterans. A wreath at the altar in War Memorial Chapel commemorates our fallen.

LITANY FOR VETERANS

OFFICIANT For all who have served in the Armed Forces to ensure our freedom,

PEOPLE We honor you.

OFFICIANT For the families who kept the home fires burning and provided continuous support

for their soldiers,

PEOPLE We thank you.

OFFICIANT 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

OFFICIANT For the sacrifices you have made

For the times you were not thanked

OFFICIANT For the times you chose courage in the face of fear For the times you were not shown compassion

OFFICIANT For the difficult decisions you had to make

PEOPLE For the losses you have suffered

OFFICIANT We thank you now PEOPLE We honor you now

ALL Your sacrifice will not be forgotten!

PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG NATIONS

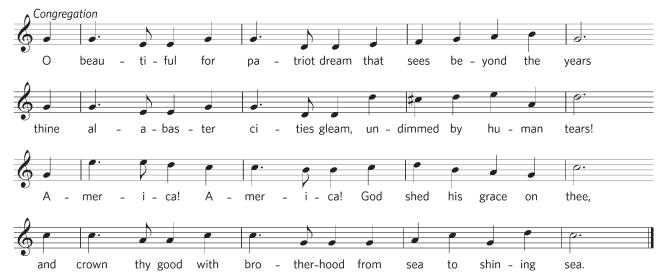
Almighty God our heavenly Father,
guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth,
and establish among them that peace
which is the fruit of righteousness,
that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

America the Beautiful

Materna; arr. Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

Choir sings stanzas 1 and 2; the people join singing on stanza 3:



THE BLESSING

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

VETERANS AND MILITARY MINISTRIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are grateful to the following individuals who have agreed to serve as members of the Cathedral's newly formed Veterans and Military Ministries Advisory Council.

The council, chaired by The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr., is charged with guiding and supporting the Cathedral as we expand our ministries to veterans and the military community:

The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr., former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and former Secretary of the Army, Chair Mr. Robert Coutts, Cathedral Chapter

The Honorable John Dalton, former Secretary of the Navy and Honorary Canon, Washington National Cathedral

The Reverend Canon Stuart Kenworthy, retired Vicar of Washington National Cathedral

Director Ely Ross, Director, Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs

Ms. Kathy Roth-Douquet, CEO, Blue Star Families

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Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen, Founder, Give an Hour

Chaplain Major Chris Wallace, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Pentagon

The Right Reverend Carl Walter Wright, Bishop for Armed Services & Federal Ministries

THE BOURDON BELL

The Kibbey Carillon, whose bells were cast in England and shipped to the Cathedral in the spring of 1963, contains the Bourdon bell, which at twelve tons is the largest bell in the Cathedral's central tower and is traditionally tolled for funeral services.

FLOWER GIFTS Flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. The High Altar: in memory of Anne Boyd Hamilton; altar at the Crossing: in memory of Bruce Bryan, former head usher, 1966-1978; altar in St. Mary's Chapel: to the glory of God and in memory of the Roberts sisters, Doris, Helen, Edith, and Ruth Roberts Mushinsky; altar in Holy Spirit Chapel: in memory of Katherine P. Howard; altar in Children's Chapel: in honor of Betty Laycock Clegg; altar in War Memorial Chapel: in memory of Master Sergeant Arthur Reid Howard, USMC (Ret.); altar in Bethlehem Chapel: in loving memory of Helen Mark Hermann.

Those wishing to make flower gifts for Christmas are invited to submit their gifts to the altar guild before December 1.

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