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ORGAN PRELUDE

*HYMN  A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

*INVOCATION

Blessed be thou, O Lord God of our fathers, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord,
is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for
all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and
thou art exalted as head above all ... in thine hand is power and might: and in
thine hand it is ... to give strength unto all. Amen.

*AN OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

(To be repeated responsively, led by Chaplain Kolb)

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: O God, make clean our hearts.
And renew a right spirit within us.

For the lives in every land that have been preserved for thy service.
We thank thee, O God.

For the faithfulness and heroism of all who have laid down their lives;
We thank thee, O God.

For the willingness of those who, maimed in the heat of warfare, still seek to
give themselves for the building of thy kingdom on earth;
We thank thee, O God.

For the persistent courage and resourcefulness of thousands, in both civil and
military life, unknown to us, but known to thee;
We thank thee, O God.

For the integrity of leaders of thought and action who acknowledge the sacred
trust reposed in them;
We thank thee, O God.
For the countless acts of service performed by men, women and children, who without thought of fame or reward have helped their fellowmen;

We thank thee, O God.

For the lands and homes to which peace has come;

We thank thee, O God.

For the preservation of many monuments of the noble past;

We thank thee, O God.

For new visions caught, and old hopes revived;

We thank thee, O God.

For the unaltering witness of thy Church in many places in every land;

We thank thee, O God.

For good things given us which are yet unseen by us;

We thank thee, O God.

*FOR THE DEPARTED

The Chaplain

O God, who holdest all souls in life; Receive our humble and hearty thanks for all thy servants who have laid down their lives in the cause of liberty, especially those whom we now name in our hearts. Blessed be thy glorious Name for that thou dost bestow upon them the light of thy presence, where, in the fellowship of all faithful people, they may win with thee the eternal victory. Amen.

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*HYMN God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

*AN ACT OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Before Almighty God we declare
That as we have striven in war, so shall we strive even more mightily in peace:
To bring a sense of dignity and worth to every member of the human race.
To treat with reverence, as a trust, all things of earth and sky and sea.
To put away all hatred, bearing one another’s burdens.
To offer in thy service the skills and products of hand and brain in industry, and art, and education.
To assume our full share of responsibility in the family of nations.
To be born anew, in the spirit, that a new world may come to pass in which every nation and people may have equal opportunity.

Wherefore let us say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
*FOR A BETTER WORLD  
The Chaplain

O God, whose purposes are from everlasting and whose kingdom is unshakeable; Help us to know that the end of battle in one part of the world is the beginning there of a new opportunity, and that part of the energies once consecrated to the waging of war must now be offered in the struggle for an enduring peace. Grant us such courage that our efforts may never falter, either in lands where people have laid down their arms or in those far off places where the struggle still goes on; such good will that every barrier to brotherhood and equality may be beaten down; such wisdom that every problem may be solved; such faith that however long and hard the way may be, we may yet persevere to the end, in the knowledge that thy sovereign will reigneth as revealed in the redeeming power of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*FOR VICTORY  
Almighty God, uphold us, we pray thee, in our struggle to maintain liberty and righteousness throughout the world. Let our victory be thine own victory. Arouse our people to generous and courageous sacrifice in the cause of truth and justice; and wherever we shall be engaged in trial of arms, grant that we shall be on thy side and the means of establishing thy kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN  
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?

O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust!"  
And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

*BENEDICTION  
The Chaplain

Go forth into the world to make peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Strengthen the faint-hearted, befriend the lonely, welcome the stranger, do good unto all men. Serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of God Almighty be amongst you and remain with you forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

* All standing.