Opening Scriptures


Reflection - Violence, Death, Humans, and God

Hymn - My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Text: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)
Time: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Reflection - The History of Veterans Day

Hymn - O God, the strength of those who war (ST. ANNE)

O God, the strength of those who war
The hope of those who wait,
Be with our sons gone forth to fight,
And those who keep the gate.

Give to our hosts in battle’s hour
Firm hearts and courage high,
Thy comfort give to those who fall,
Thy peace to those who die.

Breathe on our land the spirit calm
Which faith in right bestows,
And in the hours of dark suspense
A faith which stronger grows.

In Thee alone we place our hope,
Thou Keeper of the just,
And Thou, through fight and fire and fears
Wilt justify our trust.

Thy ways are wonderful, O God,
Who makest wars to cease:
O let this be the final war
That ushers in Thy peace.

Prayer Litany for Fallen Veterans

Leader: “Lord, in your mercy”  People: “Hear our prayer”
Hymn - It Is Well With My Soul

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when
2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let
3 My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—my
4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the

sorrows like sea-billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my help in sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall resound and the Lord

me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." less estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

well with my soul; with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873, P.D.
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Reflection - The Psalms

Psalm 2 – “Why This Dark Conspiracy” - The anxiety and spiritual conflict of approaching war

Solo: Verses 1-4

Congregation: Refrain (below)

Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, have mercy! Foolishly they ridicule
Alleluia! His the honor, his the worth,
Alleluia! Now his kingship fully won,
Alleluia! Princes, peoples, heed this call:

God’s most wise and righteous rule, Lord have mercy!
His the nations of the earth! Alleluia!
God affirms him as the Son, Alleluia!
Honour Christ as Lord of all. Alleluia!

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Psalm 13 - “How Long, O Lord” - The turmoil in the midst of war

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Psalm 77 – “I Refused to Be Comforted Easily” - The aftermath of war

1 In complete desperation and in utter frustration, I called out and God listened to me. 
2 With my eyes shut in fright and with no hope in sight, I was much too distracted to speak: 
3 Will God always reject me? Will he never respect me? Has God’s love for me failed utterly? 
4 Then, at last, I remembered all the wonders you, Lord, had begun.

Both by day and by night, with hands raised and fists I imagined times past which I knew couldn’t 
Has his grace been forgotten, has he grudged me comfort? And I saw how misfortune had distracted at-

tight, I expressed and repeated my plea. 
last and my heart, will, and body grew weak. 
passion, does his right hand not strengthen or free? 
tension from your faithfulness in all you’ve done.
Refrain

Fm7       Bb7       Ebmaj7   Abmaj7

1-3 I re-fused to be com-fort-ed eas-ily
4 Now I'm sure that your way is a ho-ly way,

Fm         G7         Cm

and the tears of dis-tress made me blind:
for its pro-gress and path I can see;

Fm7       Bb7       Eb7      Abmaj7

I turned faint when my thoughts went too deep for me
and I know that your faith-ful-ness in the past

Fm         Gm7       Cm

and I groaned when I called God to mind.
will be real and be pre-sent for me.

Solo - I Choose Love by Mark Miller

Scripture - Galatians 5:13-25

Hymn - My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)

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Hymn - Kwake Yesu

Stanzas
1 There's no other place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

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When my days on this earth are done, and I

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Reflection - A New Heaven, A New Earth

Hymn - I Saw a River Flowing
1. I saw a river flowing bright as crystal in the sun. Through the center of the city, its living waters run. And beside that rushing river, trees abound with leaves of green that bring healing to the nations as God’s holy face is seen. B♭ F/A Fm/A♭ C/G F B♭ C(no3)

2. I saw a river flowing gleaming like the sun on snow through the center of the city; the waters seem to glow. For upon that rushing river shines a never-fading light that brings healing to the nations, and a world with no more night. F G6/4 Am fADD9 GADD9

3. I saw a river flowing where the peace of God is known: in the center of the city, the Lamb is on the throne. And alongside that rushing river, ev’ry culture, class, and race, joins the nations, born of justice, love, and grace. C/E F G G(no3)
Hymn - O Day of Peace

1. O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
we shall be like beasts and cattle calmly graze;
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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