

A Prayer Service
COMMENORATING MEMORIAL DAY
Sunday, May 24, 10:15 am



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.

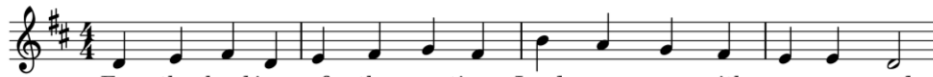
On May 11, 1950, Congress issued a joint resolution requesting that the president proclaim a “Prayer for Peace” on each Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a federal holiday to be held on the last Monday of every May. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember the fallen, and honor all who have served our country, as we unite in prayer for permanent peace in the world.

Welcome

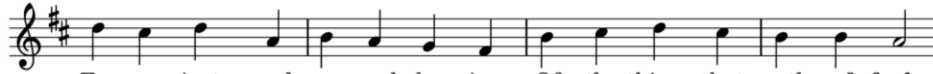
Opening Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

Gather 712, v. 1, 2, 4



1. For the heal-ing of the na-tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord;
2. Lead your peo-ple in - to free-dom, From de - spair your world re - lease
3. All that kills a - bun-dant liv-ing, Let it from the earth be banned:
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ-ten Your great name on hu-man-kind;



For a just and e - qual shar - ing Of the things that earth af - fords.
That, re-deemed from war and ha - tred, All may come and go in peace.
Pride of sta - tus, race, or school-ing, Dog-mas that ob - scure your plan.
For our grow - ing in your like-ness Bring the life of Christ to mind,



To a life of love in ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.
Show us how, through care and good-ness, Fear will die and hope in-crease.
In our com - mon quest for jus - tice May we hal-low life's brief span.
That by our re - sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Gather (3rd ed.) 803

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Tune (ST.THOMAS 8 7 8 7 8 7): John Wade, 1711-1876

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 supplicance 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

Collect for Thanksgiving for Heroic Service

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.
Amen.

First Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

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- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 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.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

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."

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Reflection

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.

Prayer for Armed Forces & Memorial Day

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. **Amen.**

Remembrance of the Fallen

Silence is observed as the 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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Prayers for Peace

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. **Amen.**
(from the Native American tradition)

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 each man shall sit beneath his own vine and fig tree, and none shall make him afraid. **Amen.**
(from the Jewish tradition)

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." **Amen.**
(from the Islamic tradition)

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.**

(from the Christian tradition)

Hymn

O day of peace

Hymnal 597

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the



Interlude



prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)



Final Ending



Lord.

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Peace / Announcements

Closing Prayer

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

Closing Hymn

My country, 'tis of thee

Hymnal 717, v. 1, 2, 4

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895) Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745

Dismissal

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

National Anthem

Adapted from the Washington Cathedral's National Service Commemorating Memorial Day
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For or those in service to our country: Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;

For those seeking ordination: Abigail Livingood and Eric Rucker;

For those who are sick or in need of healing: Norm, Rosemary, Marty, Gordon & Jean, Don, Betty and Troy;

For those celebrating a birthday: Colleen Johnson, Anna Bylund, Neil Guy, Jimmy Hall, Sam Soddors, and Jennifer Stokes;

For those to be married: Claire (Larson) & Robert, Sarah (Larson) & Alex, Jessie & Andrew (Marshall), Dana & Zach (Slocum), and Mollie & Joe (Brennan);

For those celebrating an anniversary: Tamara & Jason Menke, Kathy & Mark Larson, and Jenna & Regan Parker;

For those awaiting the birth of a baby: Sydney & Reece McLaughlin and Krystal & Sean Coffey;

For those to be baptized: Shepherd Pappas, son of Katy & Nik

For our confirmands: Luke, Kennedy, Cameron, Adrienne, Chris, Caroline, Ian, Carter, Alexandra, Ned, Neva, Carter, Audrey, and Chloe;

For our 2nd Offering Partner in May: The Faith & Grace Garden;

AND

For the Episcopal Church in Sudan & South Sudan especially Archbishop Samuel and Bishop Richard and their families.

NEED A MASK?

A group of parishioners would like to offer masks to any of our parishioners who'd like to have one. They would also like to extend invitations to join them in their efforts.

If you are in need of a mask, please contact Amy Rech at ajrech1028@gmail.com.

If you wish to donate materials or money to purchase materials, OR if you would like to join the team in providing masks, please contact the office at office@sttimothyiowa.org.

OFFICE HOURS & ACCESS

Currently, our offices are closed to the public. The office phone is staffed from 9 am to noon, Tuesday through Thursday Messages will be returned as soon as possible.

The Pastoral Care Emergency number remains available for those who need it. Please call 515-225-2020, ext. 400 to access this line.

GIVING

While we are unable to worship together, we can still share the generous spirit that permeates our community. Here are ways you can continue to give:

Online: www.sttimothyiowa.org/giving
2nd Offering Partner & Faith & Grace Garden

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