



A Service of Thanksgiving Honoring Veterans

November 14, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Hymn 719 – America the Beautiful

Welcome

Prayer for Veterans and for Heroic Service

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 the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 839)

Speakers –

Jen Kinsella, wife of Tim Kinsella former Captain (Capt.), US Navy
Gloria Nettles, NAS Pensacola Ombudsman

Litany for Veterans and Prayer for the Nation

For all who have served in the armed forces to ensure our freedom,

We thank you, O Lord.

For the families who provided continuous support for their soldiers,

We thank you, O Lord.

For the wounds suffered at the hands of war and for loneliness after.

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the sacrifices made and for courage in the face of fear.

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the difficult decisions made and the losses suffered.

Have mercy, O Lord.

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.

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

Forgive us.

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.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we ourselves have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

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.

Renew us.

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. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 823)

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.* (BCP 822)

Hymn 579 – Almighty Father, Strong to Save