



Blessing of the Fleet Interfaith Service
Presidio Chapel
130 Fisher Loop, San Francisco
Sunday, October 9, 2022
9:00 am



Prelude

Aaron Kurz

Welcome

Father Gerald P. Caprio, Executive Director, Interfaith Center at the Presidio
Michael G. Pappas, M.Div., Executive Director, San Francisco Interfaith Council

Presentation of the Colors & Pledge of Allegiance

Girl Scouts of Northern California, Troop 31223, Troop 61497 and Troop 62593

Invocation

Captain Cynthia L.G. Kane, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, Force Chaplain,
Commander Navy Region Southwest

Meditation by Buddhist Representative and Ringing of the In Kin Bell

Rev. Elaine Donlin, Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Reflection

Col. (Retired) Deborah Dacumos, SF Veterans Affairs Commission/SFIC Board Member

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” – James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson

Sung by Noah Griffin, Founder/Artistic Director, Cole Porter Society

Lift every voice and sing,
'til earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of Liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers died?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.
Out from the gloomy past,
'til now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way.

Thou who has by Thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray,
lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God,
true to our native land.

Reflection

Hala Hijazi, SF Human Rights Commissioner/SFIC Board Member/Muslim Representative

Reflection

Captain Derek Kantar, State Air Guard, Director of Operations, 195th Spt Grp, Beale AFB

“Eternal Father Strong to Save” – William Whiting

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Eternal God of many names
Throughout the world your love's proclaimed
By Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jew,

By all who'd have us seek Your truth;
O hear our prayers and intercede
Regardless of our faith or creed

O God, You make the sun and sea,
We dedicate these ships to Thee.
In faith we send them on their way;
In faith to Thee we humbly pray:
O hear from Heaven our Sailor's cry
And watch and guard her from on high!

Reflection

Colonel D. Peter Gleichenhaus, U.S. Army (Retired), Board of the Jewish Community Relations Council

Catholic Reflection and Communal Recitation of the Prayer of St. Francis

Captain Daniel L. Mode, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, Chaplain of the United States Coast Guard

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I 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.

Retirement of the Colors

Girl Scouts of Northern California, Troop 31223, Troop 61497 and Troop 62593

Blessing of the Fleet

Father Gerald P. Caprio, Executive Director, Interfaith Center at the Presidio

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” – Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator,
family all are we.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live
each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me

Taps

Corporal Ryan Worthington, United States Marine Corps
Musician First Class Bryan Parmann, United States Navy

Postlude

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Attendees are invited to gather on the steps of the Chapel for a group photograph after the service.