



**Interfaith Center
at the Presidio**

**Blessing of the Fleet
Interfaith Center at the Presidio
October 13, 2019**

Organ Prelude – Mr. Garrett Collins

Welcome – Rev. Gerald Caprio, Executive Director, Interfaith Center at the Presidio and Michael G. Pappas, M.Div., Executive Director, San Francisco Interfaith Council

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Invocation - LT Aaron Walling, USS SOMMERSET Command Chaplain – Church of Christ

First Reflection - CAPT John Swanson, USCG PACAREA Chaplain – Lutheran

Second Reflection – Father Patrick Dorsey, S.J, University of San Francisco – Roman Catholic

“Eternal Father Strong to Save”

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!

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky.
Be with them always in the air,
In darkening storms or sunlight fair;
Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air!

Eternal Father, grant, we pray,
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be thou the shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps.

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Third Reflection – Mrs. Rita Semel – Congregation Emanu-El - Jewish

Fourth Reflection - LTJG Andrea Gilkey, USS SOMMERSET – Seventh-day Adventist

Benediction - CHAP Simote Finau, HMAS BRISBANE – Uniting Church in Australia

“God of Our Fathers Whose Almighty Hand”

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.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Organ Postlude – Mr. Garrett Collins

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