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***Anglican Rite***

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**Veterans Day**
**November 11, 2026**

# Thank you for your service!

***Abraham Lincoln: "Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause."***



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***What is Veterans Day?***

***Veterans Day celebrates and honors all living and past men and women who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces***

***Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 to honor all American veterans. This is a day where we reflect and honor the sacrifices that have been made by the heroic men and women of our Armed Forces. It is a time to honor those who have served our country honorably during war or peacetime.***

***In the United States, there is an official wreath-laying ceremony held at the Tomb of the Unknown Solider every Veterans Day at the Arlington National Cemetery. Parades and other celebrations are also held throughout the country.***

***Why is Veterans Day on November 11?***
***In 1918, on the 11th day of the 11th month, at the 11th hour, an armistice, known as a temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between Germany and the Allied nation during World War 1. The following year this day was commemorated throughout various countries as Armistice Day. In 1938, Armistice Day was declared a federal holiday in the United States.***

# *A Veteran's Prayer*

***Heavenly Father, I ask of thee:***

***Bless our Sailors, Soldiers, Space Force and Marines.***

***Guide them as they're called to arms***

***and please protect them from all harms***

***Give them the strength to persevere***

***all the dangers that they fear.***

***And through their prayers, grant them grace***

***to come back home, alive and safe.***

***For the fallen, they did their best,***

***so welcome them to Eternal Rest.***

***And may the rest of us stand tall,***

***for those whose names are on a Wall***

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# VETERAN'S DAY

*Please Stand*

## Processional Hymn – Battle Hymn of the Republic

**1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;**
**He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;**
**He hath loosed the fateful lightning of this terrible swift sword;**
**His truth is marching on.**

**Refrain:**
**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!**
**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!**
**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!**
**Our God is marching on.**

**2 I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;**
**They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;**
**I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;**
**His day is marching on.**
**[Refrain]**

**4 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,**
**With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;**
**As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,**
**while God is marching on.**
**[Refrain]**

## Opening Prayer  by Stanley A Crews Post 3513

Celebrant: Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Celebrant: Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

Celebrant: We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

## The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**People:  And also, with you.**
Celebrant:  Let us pray.

Celebrant: God, let every veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants. **Amen***.* (*Stanley A Crews Post 3513*)

## First Reading

**(Encouragement for those who served or are currently serving.)**

**Joshua 1:7-9** 7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

**Isaiah 40:28-31** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and no one can fathom his understanding. 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagle; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.
The word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God**.

## Psalm 91 *Please read responsively by half verse.*

Intercessor: Psalm 91 is widely known as the **"Soldier's Psalm"** because military personnel historically carry and recite it for protection and comfort during conflict.

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
**will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**
2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
**my God, in whom I trust."**

3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
**and from the deadly pestilence.**
4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;
**his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**
5 You will not fear the terror of night,
**nor the arrow that flies by day,**
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
**nor the plague that destroys at midday.**
7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
**but it will not come near you.**
8 You will only observe with your eyes
**and see the punishment of the wicked.**

**Intercessor: Other Key Military Psalm Verses**
**Psalm 144:1:** "Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle."
**Psalm 27:3:** "Though an army besieges me, my heart will not fear; though war breaks out against me, even then I will be confident."
**Psalm 56:3:** "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

## Second Reading for Honor and Sacrifice John 15:13 9-13
**(Often used to honor the ultimate sacrifice of service members.)**

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is

this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
The word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God**.

***Please Stand.***

## <u>The Gospel for Comfort and Peace</u> Matthew 11: 25-28

(Frequently shared with veterans processing the heavy burdens of service.)
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant: At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. All things have been committed to me by my Father, no one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me all, you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

***Please be seated.***

## Homily

## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

## A Prayer of Thanks and Blessings

**Intercessor: For Their Courage:** Thank You for the strength of our veterans who stood in hard places to defend our freedom and protect our nation.

**Intercessor: For Healing and Peace:** Lord, we ask You to wrap Your loving arms around veterans who carry physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds from their service. Pour out Your healing balm and grant them a peace that surpasses all understanding.

**Intercessor: For Their Families:** Bless the spouses, children, and loved ones who stood beside them, bore the burden of separation, and continue to support them.

**Intercessor: Our Gratitude:** May we honor our veterans not just with our words, but through our daily actions and our care for them.

In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

## Special Prayer for our Armed Forces

Intercessor: Let us pray for those in the Armed Forces of Our Country.




**All: 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**

**Celebrant:** Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers for our veterans. Strength them in all that they do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**People: Amen.**

***Please kneel.***

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrate: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **People: Amen.**




## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
**People: And with thy spirit.**
***Everyone greets one another in the name of the Lord.***

## The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (*Psalm 96:8*)

***Please stand.***

## The Presentation *(said)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;**
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**People: And also, with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
**People: We lift them up to the Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**People: It is right to give him thanks and Praise**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
***Proper Preface***

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising you, and saying,

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

***Please kneel.***

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said**,** "*Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,**
**have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,**
**have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,**
**grant us thy peace.**

## Prayer of Humble Access

**All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All Christians are welcomed at God's table to receive the real and living presence of Christ in the Holy Communion.***
*Ushers will guide you from your pew.*
**Intinction Only!**

## Communion Hymn 680 1-4, 6 Nathan Drake

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**: This solemn hymn frames God as an unfailing refuge and shelter through changing times.

## Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Closing Prayer *Please kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray!

Celebrant: Almighty God, You know every veteran by name. You know their deeds, their hard work, and their perseverance. You know their needs, both material and spiritual. Please draw each one closer to you and grant them all the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), the peace of Christ to rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15), and 'joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand' forevermore (Psalm 16:11). **People: Amen.**

**Before we recess – Whitney Houston – 719 -O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**: Beloved patriotic song that combine themes of national gratitude.

## The Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
**People: Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## *Please stand.*

## Recessional Hymn – Recessional 608 -Eternal Father, Strong to Save (The Navy Hymn): This mid-1800s classic is a heartfelt prayer for those who stand watch and sail into uncertain seas. It is widely used across all military branches, with custom verses for the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force.

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God**

**I AM A VETERAN**

**By Chaplain (COL) Paul Swerdlow (USA Retired)**

I shivered that cold winter in Valley Forge And rejoiced at the glorious surrender at Yorktown. I wept as the flames engulfed Washington and said "Never again." I wore blue and I bled red. I wore gray and I bled red. The blood I spilled was to reunite a nation of the people, by the people and for the people. I am a veteran.

I was at Little Big Horn and I prayed; I was at Wounded Knee and I prayed. I prayed that one day the old Americans and the new Americans would be one people. I was there to charge up the hill at San Juan; Knowing that my country was emerging beyond its borders. I was prepared to make the world safe for democracy. Young and idealistic, I came to France to turn back the hordes in this war to end all wars. I am a veteran.

It was with disbelief that I became A part of the day that will live in infamy. Once more I said goodbye to those I loved to protect my country. Across the vast desert I met the enemy. I met him on island after island. I kept my promise to return. I met him on the beaches of Normandy' I repelled him from the gates of Bastogne. I freed thousands from the shadow of death. I am a veteran.

A small nation cried out for help and I came because others had been there for nrc. A nation was saved. Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for Your country. Inspired by these words, I responded with courage and bravery ln a war that was hot and a war that was cold. I am a veteran.

From Ground Zero to the Pentagon to the fields of Pennsylvania, I saw the carnage and heard the cries. At that moment, I pledged my life, my property and my sacred honor until there will be peace and freedom on earth for everyone, everywhere. I am a veteran.

**OUR PARISH** 

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***From Quinn: Kids with cancer, we can pray for them to be cured***

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