

## DONATION

Charitable giving is a central tenet of many faiths. During the concluding hymn today, members of the staff will be collecting donations for the World Friendship Fund. This fund is operated by the BSA and lets Scouts extend help and support to scouting organizations around the world.

## BENEDICTION

May we all remain fast and firm in faith, that the glory of glories may rest upon us. Thou art Gracious, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

*(From the Bahai faith, Abdul Bahai)*

## HYMN

*(Alternate or as a recessional)*

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!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walked'st on the foaming deep, And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

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.

*(Eternal Father, strong to save --- Navy Hymn)*

## INTERFAITH SCOUT'S OWN SERVICE



*Wood Badge Course NE-I-268*

*Spring 2010, at Camp Norse, Kingston, Ma*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(read rotationally)*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord is God!

It is He that made us, and we are His;  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!  
For the Lord is good;  
His steadfast love endures for ever,  
And His faithfulness to all generations.

*(A Psalm Of Thanksgiving -- from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 100)*

## A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

*(read in rotationally)*

O Great Spirit of the North,  
O Great Spirit of the South,  
O Great Spirit of the East,  
O Great Spirit of the West.  
O Great Spirit, You are one.

You have given us our house,  
Where there is food, Where there is drink, Where there are clothes.

You have given us our house,  
Where there is fellowship, Where there is companionship, Where there is  
friendship.

You have given us our house,  
Where we can grow, Where we can learn, Where we can know You.

O Great Spirit:  
You are One, Our house is One, We are One!

*(A Native American Prayer)*

(continued)

So that my prayer and speech are made whole  
Through the life and the spirit of all growing things,  
Which are made as one by their transcendent source.

*(Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, 1772-1811)*

## HYMN

*(lines with \* are chorus)*

hallelu Yah	הַלְלוּיָהּ
hallelu El b'kodsho	הַלְלוּ-אֱלֹהִים בְּקֹדֶשׁוֹ
halleluhu b'rakia uzo	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּרַקִּיעַ עֲזָו:
halleluhu big'vurato	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּגִבּוֹרֹתָיו
halleluhu k'rov gudlo	הַלְלוּהוּ כְּרֹב גְּדֻלּוֹ:
halleluhu b'teka shofar	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּתַקַּע שׁוֹפָר
halleluhu b'nevel v'chinor	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּנֶבֶל וְכִנּוֹר:
halleluhu b'tof u-machol	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּתוֹף וּמַחֲוֹל
halleluhu b'minim v'ugav	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּמִנִּים וְעוּגָב:
halleluhu b'tzil'tzelei shama	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּצִלְצְלֵי-שָׁמַע
halleluhu b'tzil'tzelei truah	הַלְלוּהוּ בְּצִלְצְלֵי תְרוּעָה:
* kol ha-neshama t'hallel Yah	כָּל הַנְּשָׁמָה תְהַלֵּל יְהוָה
* Hallelujah!	הַלְלוּיָהּ:

*(Psalm 150—JPS Tanakh—Jewish Bible)*

Literal Translation: Hallelujah! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the sky, His stronghold. Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him for His exceeding greatness. Praise Him with blasts of the shofar; praise Him with harp and lyre. Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with lute and pipe. Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with ringing bells. Let all that breathes praise Yah. Hallelujah!

Leader: A Scout is kind.

Congregation: "Withhold not good from the person to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it" (*Proverbs 3:27*)

Leader: A Scout is obedient.

Congregation: "Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge." (*Proverbs 23:12*)

Leader: A Scout is cheerful.

Congregation: "A glad heart is good medicine." (*Proverbs 17:22*)

Leader: A Scout is thrifty.

Congregation: "Precious treasure remains in a wise person's dwelling, but a foolish person uses it up." (*Proverbs 20:12*)

Leader: A Scout is brave.

Congregation: "Be strong and of good courage." (*First Chronicles 28:20*)

Leader: A Scout is clean.

Congregation: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? The person who has clean hands and a pure heart. (Psalms 24:3-4)

Leader: A Scout is reverent.

Congregation: "It has been told to you what is good, and what the Lord requires of you; Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (*Micah 6:8*)

## PRAYER

*(read rotationally)*

Master of the universe, Grant me the ability to be alone;  
May it be my custom to go outdoors each day;  
Among the trees and grass, among all living things.

And there may I be alone, and enter into prayer,  
To talk with the one to whom I belong.  
May I express there everything in my heart,

And may all the foliage of the field (All grasses, trees and plants)  
May they all awake at my coming,  
To send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer.

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## INVOCATION

*(read by service leader)*

May the time be not too distant, Oh Lord, when all Your children will understand that they are brothers and sisters, so that, one in spirit and one in fellows, they may be forever united before You. Then shall Your kingdom be established on earth, and the word of Your prophet shall be fulfilled: "The Lord will reign for ever and ever." Amen

*(From the Jewish Sabbath Service)*

## READING

*(read responsively)*

Leader: The true servants of the Gracious God are the following:

Congregation: Those who walk upon earth with humility and when they are tempted by the evil ones, they respond: Peace;

Leader: Those who pass the hours of the night in prayers and standing before the Lord;

Congregation: Those who pray: Lord turn away from us the punishments of hell, for it is a heavy torment, it is indeed an evil dwelling place;

Leader: Those who are neither extravagant nor stingy in spending, but keep a balance between the two;

Congregation: Those who repent and believe and do good deeds.

*(From the Koran, Al-Furqan, Part 19, Chapter 25)*

## THE SCOUT OATH

*(read responsively)*

Leader: On my honor I will do my best.

Congregation: Our honor is a quality we possess because of our dignity as human beings and children of God. Our 'best' means to give all we have. It means to keep striving to do what we know is right, and in the Oath it means we will try to be good Scouts by fulfilling our Scout duties as expressed in the Scout Law.

Leader: To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law.

Congregation: Our duty to God and country means chiefly two things: obedience and loyalty. The duties we owe to the House of God, to our country, to parents, to one another, and to ourselves come from some command of God. The Scout Law sums up all the qualities a Scout should have and without which he can not be a good Scout.

Leader: To help other people at all times.

Congregation: Our Lord told us that love of our neighbor was like the first law of love of God. The first children of God were known by the love they had for one another. Real human charity or love prompts us to want to help others at all times. Our Scout training will give us skills and knowledge that will put us in a better position to do this.

Leader: To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Congregation: Scouting offers us many opportunities to grow strong physically. To be alert and ready requires us to give special care to those gifts of soul - intellect and will - that make us unto God. 'Morally straight' means we must try to know what is right and true, and to love what is good and choose it.

## SILENT OBSERVANCE

May we observe a moment of silent prayer, each according to their own custom.

## HYMN

Like the woman at the well I was seeking  
For things that could not satisfy;  
And then I heard my Savior speaking:  
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

(chorus) Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more--  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world who are craving  
The pleasures earthly things afford;  
But none can match the wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

(chorus) Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more--  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

So, my brother, if the things this world gave you  
Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you,  
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:

(chorus)

*(Fill my cup Lord -- words and music by Richard Blanshard  
... inspired by New Testament, Gospel of John, Chapter 4)*

## THE SCOUT LAW

*(read responsively)*

Leader: A Scout is trustworthy.

Congregation: "The person who is dishonest shall not live in My house; the person who is untruthful shall not stand before My eyes."  
*(Psalms 101:7)*

Leader: A Scout is loyal.

Congregation: And Ruth said: "Do not beg me to leave you or to return from following after you, for where you go I will go; and where you stay, I will stay." *(Ruth 1:16)*

Leader: A Scout is helpful.

Congregation: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" *(Leviticus 19:18)*

Leader: A Scout is friendly.

Congregation: "Can two walk together unless they agree?" *(Amos 3:3)*

Leader: A Scout is courteous.

Congregation: "Honor your Father and your Mother." *(Exodus 20:12)*