

Memorial Day,



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SPECIAL UNION SERVICE OF PRAYER
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MAY 30, 1898, MONDAY, 11 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE.

Andante from Pastoral Sonata, BEETHOVEN.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ;
Praise Him, all creatures here below ;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host :
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

INVOCATION.

REV. WILLIAM M. BAUM, D.D.,

PASTOR ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Let us come before the Lord with thanksgivings, let us enter into His presence with praises. Great is the Lord and greatly to be feared, to be had in reverence by all them that are about Him. Draw nigh unto us, Almighty God. Grant a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Fill all our hearts and minds as the light of day fills the air about us. Fill all this place and all places with thy presence. Lord God, our Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. Holy Spirit of the Father and of the Son, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

duty is; and when it is thrust upon us in the order of His providence, which will unfold within the next few months the way in which the nation ought to go, God grant us grace to follow that path, and also to go down the ages with a record behind us in regard to this war and its consequences which our great-grandchildren may read without a blush, and blessing God that America, His care from the beginning to now, has been His care in the year of grace in which we live.

PRAYER.

REV. DAVID STEELE, D.D.,

PASTOR FOURTH REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Everlasting and ever-living God, we thank thee that in thy kind providence we are permitted to come before thee at this hour, and to bear upon our spirits the condition and interests of our beloved country. We thank thee for this Memorial Day that has been observed in the past, and we thank thee that thou hast brought us to see it once more, so that as we assemble in thy house of prayer at this moment it is our privilege to look up to thee for those supplies of grace that thou hast promised to bestow. We thank thee, O God, for all the deliverances that thou hast wrought in the past for our beloved country; and now in the day of war, and when our fleets are upon the ocean, and when our armies are gathering by land, we pray that thou wilt canopy those fleets and those armies with thy love and with thy power. Our prayer is that thou wilt give in thine own time victory to the armies of this nation, as they have gone forth to do battle on behalf of humanity, of civilization, of justice, of freedom, and of right; and we pray, Lord, that as thou hast watched over this country in the days that are gone by, and as thou hast brought it safely through troubles and trials in the past, that thou wilt give to it all that is needed now in the hour of danger and of expectation. We ask, Almighty God, that thou wilt be gracious

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to the President of this nation. Pour out thy spirit abundantly upon him and upon his advisers. Grant that as they are at the helm of the affairs of this nation they may guide well and wisely the ship of state, so that in due time victory shall perch upon the arms of our beloved republic, and the enemy shall be turned backward and overthrown. O God, we bless thee that thou hast been with thy people in all the ages that are past. Thou hast been the hearer of prayer in all the centuries that have gone by, and we pray that thou wilt hear our united prayers to-day, as we come before thee and supplicate thee on behalf of truth, of justice, and of right. We ask, O God, that thou wilt be gracious to all those who are in the House of Representatives and in the Senate of the United States, so that they may be enabled to discharge their duties faithfully and honorably as the representatives of the millions of the land. And, O God, we pray that thou wilt pour out thy spirit abundantly upon the church of Jesus Christ throughout this land, upon individuals and families and communities, so that they may wrestle with God in prayer and refuse to let the God of Israel and of Bethel go until He bless them and bless the nation. Our Father, we would lift up our hearts with our hands and bless thee at the remembrance of thy goodness. We thank thee for thine exceeding great and precious promises, and we would plead them before thee in faith to-day, and we would at the same time humble ourselves in view of our sins and our transgressions in the past. Almighty God, we pray that thou wilt abase us in thy presence. Show us our unworthiness as individuals and as a nation; and, O Lord, we pray that if thou art in any measure chastening us by this war that thou wilt chasten us in measure, and grant that the day may speedily come when wars shall cease to the ends of the earth. We ask, Lord, that thou wilt be with those beloved young men and others who have gone out at the call of their country. Be with them in the camp. Be with them on the decks of their vessels. Lord, be with their friends also who have been called upon to part with them, some of whom may not be permitted to return again. We plead, Lord, that thou wilt be with them all in

the day of battle and in the day of peril and danger, and grant that if it be thy blessed will the victory may be bloodless, and that these our sons and fathers and husbands may be permitted to return to us again and live with us in the enjoyment of the liberties which thou hast given to us. We ask, Lord, that thou wilt pour out thy spirit abundantly and graciously upon all thy servants who are here to-day to address us in the name of the Lord and to bear us before thee at the throne of thy heavenly grace. Let thy rich benediction rest upon the pastor of this congregation and upon all who are associated with him in truth, and upon all members of this church, and upon all who are now in thy presence gathered from different churches in this great city. Great God, our eyes are lifted up to thee at this hour, and we pray that thou wilt be merciful to us as individuals, as families, as congregations and as churches, and grant that soon again peace may come to our beloved land and war pass away, and that triumph and victory to the arms of these United States may be granted everywhere. We thank thee, Almighty God, for the sympathy of the great nation beyond the sea, and we pray that the day may come when these two great nations, lifted up in civilization above the other nations of the earth, shall be bound in still closer relations to one another; and when the eyes of the world are upon this nation, and the eyes of the nations are upon this great republic, and the eyes of the eternal God are upon this land and upon us all, Lord, we pray that every one may be enabled to act his part aright, to live and act and work so that God may be glorified, and that there may to Father, Son and Holy Ghost be brought home a revenue of glory. God of our fathers, we thank thee for a united people. We would commend the whole country and all who are in authority to thy protecting, helpful and loving care, praying that thou wilt bless the land and bless the government. Bless those who are at the head of affairs; and at last when the storm shall have passed by and the war shall have gone into the past, may we all through the riches of grace in Christ Jesus be brought home to glory, to eternal life, and be permitted to sit down in the general assem-

bly and church of the first-born in heaven, and to join in the everlasting song of praise, and be forever with the Lord. We ask all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

HYMN.

O Lord of hosts, Almighty King,
Behold the sacrifice we bring:
To every arm Thy strength impart;
Thy Spirit shed through every heart.

Be Thou a pillared flame to show
The midnight snare, the silent foe;
And when the battle thunders loud,
Still guide us in its moving cloud.

God of all nations, Sovereign Lord,
In Thy dread Name we draw the sword,
We lift the starry flag on high
That fills with light our stormy sky.

From treason's rent, from murder's stain,
Guard Thou its folds till peace shall reign,
Till fort and field, till shore and sea,
Join our loud anthem,—Praise to Thee. Amen.

ADDRESS.

REV. KERR B. TUPPER, D.D., LL.D.,

PASTOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Recognizing that we are gathered this morning, not so much to talk with one another as to offer our petitions to God, who is the Lord of hosts and the Almighty King, as we have just sung, the God of our fathers, and the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is our inspiration and hope and stay and prop in this time of suspense, I desire to present and emphasize a single thought; and yet that a most fundamental and important thought, namely, our duty to be patriotic Chris-