

Scout Sunday Observance 2021

Troop 4

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OPENING CEREMONY

Procession with American flag & state flag.

OPENING REMARKS

“On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God.” It is hard to describe duty to God for any one person. This duty is based on a person’s own religious teachings. Duty to God is different for people of different faiths; however, for all people, it means living according to the teachings of their religion.

We invite all Scouts and Scouters to join in prayer. Let us express thanks for the many blessings that God has given to us and ask for the wisdom and skills to carry out and enhance the Scouting program. We hope that this observance will be a positive experience that will help you encourage appropriate religious observances within the world brotherhood of Scouting.

CALL TO WORSHIP

For this time and this place
For your goodness and grace,
For each friend we embrace,
We thank thee, O Lord.

WORSHIP MESSAGE

“In doing your duty to God, always be grateful to Him. And it is a good thing to bless other people. In doing your duty toward man, be helpful and generous, and always be grateful for any kindness done to you and be careful to show that you are grateful. Remember again that a present given to you is not yours until you have thanked the giver for it.

While you are living your life on this Earth, try to do something good which may remain after you. It is something to **BE** good, but it is far better to **DO** good.

First love and serve God; second, love and serve your neighbor.”

~ Lord Robert Baden Powell

INVOCATION

Almighty Creator, thank you for the opportunity to be here in the midst of the beauty and majesty of your creation. Give us the strength to endure the challenges of this day, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push ourselves further than we ever have before. Bless each Scout and each leader as we journey together through the adventure of Scouting. Amen.

READING

The true servants of the gracious God are the following:

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

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

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

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

Those who repent and believe and do good deeds.

~ From the Koran, Al-Furqan, part 19, chapter 25

GROUP PRAYER/EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

(Read together as an entire group)

Bless us, O Great Spirit, as Scouts gathered together in this setting.

Grant that no harm may spoil our brotherhood and sisterhood.

Make us live together in wellness and good fellowship, ever mindful of Your example
and of our Scout Oath and Law.

We thank You for old friends and for new friendships.

We give thanks for the days of our gathering, and we pray that we safely return to our
homes, with thanks for Your beautiful creation and the joy of life.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (In Unison)

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask your blessings for our country – for its government,
for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them
insights from your words, that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and
security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom, may forever abide in our midst

Creator of all flesh bless the inhabitants of our country with your spirit. May people of all races
and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard
the ideals and free institutions which are the pride and glory of our country.

May this land under your providence be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all
people in peace and freedom – helping them to fulfill the vision of your prophet: “Nation shall
not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war anymore.”

And let us say, Amen. (*Siddur Sim Shalom*)

PRAYER/SILENT REFLECTION

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
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 Bratislava (1772-1811)

We need to find God, and He cannot be found in the noise of restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls.

~ Mother Theresa

*~ Please take a moment of silence for personal reflection/prayer
in the manner according to your faith ~*

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them, for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding, for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who have a home where family members live together in love, for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth, for they shall use what they learn to help others.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God, for they will find God early and will walk with God through life.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

ALL: Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts, O God. Teach us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and so to live after Thy will. Amen.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

“The Crayon Box” by Shane DeRolf

While walking into a toy store the day before today
I overheard a crayon box with many things to say.
“I don’t like Red!” said Yellow.
And Green said, “Nor do I.
And no one here likes Orange, but no one knows just why.”
“We are a box of crayons that do not get along,”
Said Blue to all the others, “and something here is wrong.”

Well, I bought that box of crayons and took it home with me
And laid out all the colors so the crayons all could see...
They watched me as I colored with Red and Blue and Green
And Black and White and Orange and every color in between.
They watched as Green became the grass
And Blue became the sky,
The Yellow sun was shining bright
As White clouds drifted by.
Colors changing as they touched
Becoming something new.
They watched me as I colored,
They watched ‘til I was through.

And when I finally finished, I began to walk away,
And as I did, the crayon box had something more to say.
“I do like Red!” said Yellow.
And Green said, “So do I!
And Blue, you were terrific so high up in the sky!”
We are a box of crayons, each one of us unique,
But when we get together, the picture is COMPLETE.

We can learn a lot from crayons; some are new, some lovingly used, some are sharpened, some are broken, some are bright, some have strange names – all different colors, all fitting perfectly together in the same crayon box.

RECITATION OF THE SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

ACT OF FRIENDSHIP/PEACE:

Lord, make me a channel of Your peace.
That where there is hatred, I may bring love.
That where there is wrong, I may bring forgiveness.
That where there is discord, I may bring harmony.
That where there is error, I may bring truth.
That where there is doubt, I may bring faith.
That where there is despair, I may bring hope.
That where there are shadows, I may bring light.
That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted,
to understand rather than to be understood.
To love, than to be loved.
Help us to learn that it is by self-forgetting that we find;
It is by forgiving that we are forgiven;
It is by dying that we awaken to Eternal Life.
Amen.

~ St. Francis

Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them. Those who fear the Lord enjoy stable friendship, for as they are, so will their neighbors be.

~ Ecclesiastes 6:14-17

CLOSING PRAYER:

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.