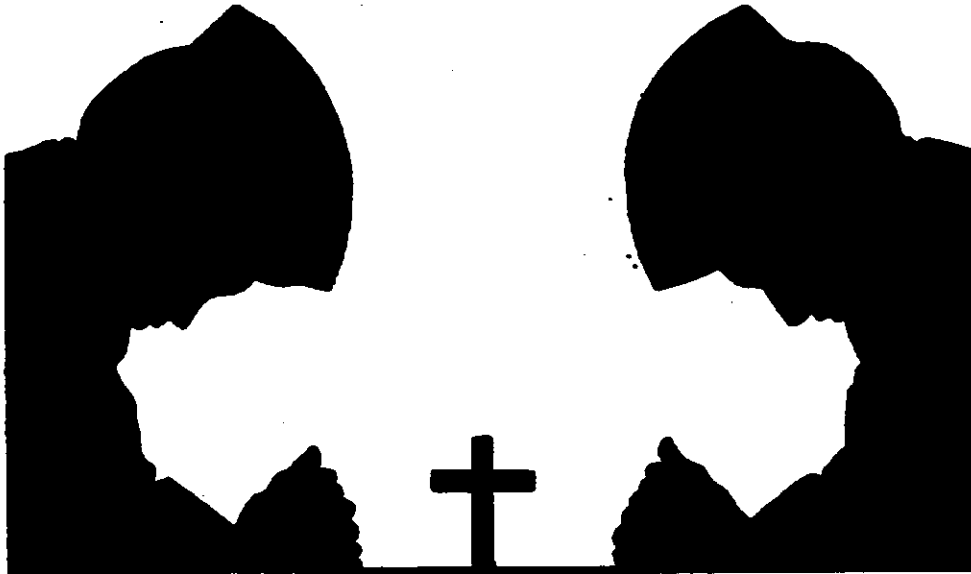




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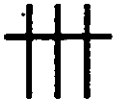
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A Way to Christian Leadership

Catch the Scouting Spirit



Fall 1988

Dear Chaplains,

In our era, there is much talk about "quality time". This term is usually employed by working parents to describe the attempt to make the most of their limited time with their children.

The time spent with Scouts by the Chaplain, ordained or unordained, also should be "quality time". As you, the Chaplain attempt to foster the spirit of reverence, you must capitalize on the opportunities presented.

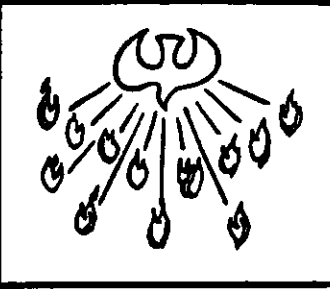
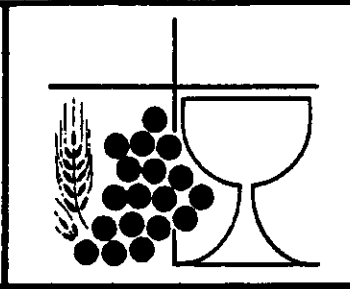
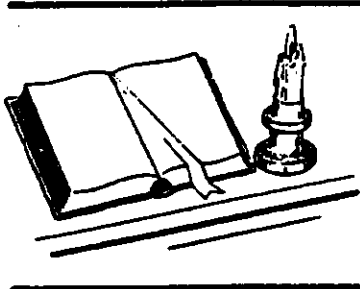
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In Scouting,

Rev. Leo LeBlanc
Chairman of the Chaplain's Committee

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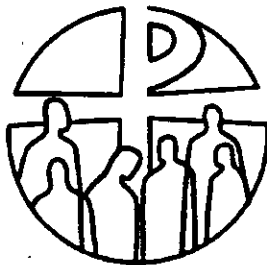
THE ENVIRONMENT FOR WORSHIP

Communal prayer needs strong visual images if it is to accomplish its task of faith-formation. Along with the language of ritual, images belong to worship.

Whenever we gather for prayer, we must be concerned with setting a mood and creating an atmosphere by using signs, symbols, and visuals. This is true whether the service is indoors or out of doors. The most common elements of creation, water, oil, fire, darkness, light, together with the Word of God, can aid and enhance worship, engaging and moving the community to prayer.

Candles, a cross, vesture for the celebrant, an altar covering, the Scout emblem, a book stand, banners, etc. can do much in setting a tone. So too music, be it accompanied or a capella. Booklets, printed programs, and song books also can be useful aids to worship. Above all, involve the participants as much as possible.

Each service will have its own unique character, spirit, and mood. If it is done well, then it cannot fail to touch upon the faith life of all who assemble for prayer.



(Barbara Comer)



MORNING PRAYER SERVICE



MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

THEME: A SCOUT IS LOYAL



CALL TO WORSHIP (LEADER)

Leader: We come together at the beginning of this day to pray for God's guidance and direction for His care and protection.

ALL: A) FOR SUNSHINE AND DAYTIME, WE THANK YOU, GOD OF ALL TIME.

OR:

B) IN SUNSHINE AND DAYTIME LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE, O LORD.

Leader: And the Word became Flesh and came to live among us.
And we saw His glory.

ALL: RESPONSE A OR B.

Leader: And from the glory of the Word of God, the Son of the Father, we have all received.

ALL: RESPONSE A OR B.

Leader: Our God has visited us and has saved us; He gives us the light to guide us in His Way.

ALL: RESPONSE A OR B.

Leader: From the rising of the sun and from this time on, let us thank the Lord, for He is Good.

ALL: RESPONSE A OR B.

Leader: Let us listen to the Word of the Lord.

READING: (BY ONE OF THE SCOUTS/SCOUTERS) MATTHEW 6:24-33

SCOUT/SCOUTER: A reading from the gospel according to Matthew

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ALL: PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

SILENT REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: O Lord, keep us loyal to you today.

ALL: WE WILL SERVE THE LORD, OUR GOD.

Leader: O Lord, keep us loyal to our Scout leaders, to our parents, and to those who are responsible for us.

ALL: WE WILL SERVE THE LORD, OUR GOD.

Leader: O Lord, keep us loyal to our Scout Oath this day.

ALL: WE WILL SERVE THE LORD, OUR GOD.

Leader: O Lord, keep us loyal to the truth, and to the right and the good.

ALL: WE WILL SERVE THE LORD, OUR GOD.

Leader: O Lord, keep us loyal to one another today.

ALL: WE WILL SERVE THE LORD, OUR GOD.

Leader: O Lord, help us to serve you today. May all that we say and do be a sign of our decisions to live for you. Grant that we will end this day knowing that we have been loyal to you. We ask this of you, who live among us forever and ever. AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: (SUNG BY ALL) "DAY BY DAY" (GODSPELL)

(Rev. John Sax)

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

THEME: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY AND COURTEOUS

CALL TO WORSHIP (LEADER)

Leader: We say hello to the morning and to this day. The sun has come, bringing light to this beautiful land and showing the goodness of God's creation which surrounds us. We begin our Morning Service with the singing of "AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL".



ALL SING: Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties
Above the fruited plain,
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown'd thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Leader: God has filled this day and our lives with His love. He has shown us His friendship in giving us His Son and in giving us this world and one another. As we sign ourselves in His Name, let us give glory and praise to our God.

ALL: (WHILE MAKING SIGN OF CROSS)
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER,
AND TO THE SON,
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,
IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE,
WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (LEADER) Let us pray. (PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, you called us your friends and laid down your life for us. Help us to be truly thankful for your friendship; and may we remember that the way to have a friend is to be a friend. During this day, make us more aware of the blessings of our friends, and make us more friendly, thoughtful, and courteous towards one another.

We ask this of you, for you are living among us and are sharing your life with us, forever and ever.

ALL: AMEN.

READING: (BY ONE OF THE SCOUTS/SCOUTERS)

EPHESIANS 4:1 - 6 and 25 - 32

SCOUT/SCOUTERS: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians . . .
This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSE

Leader: How good it is, where brothers and sisters live as one.

ALL: HOW GOOD IT IS, WHERE BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIVE AS ONE.

Leader: A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one, finds a treasure.

ALL: HOW GOOD IT IS, WHERE BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIVE AS ONE.

Leader: A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth.

ALL: HOW GOOD IT IS, WHERE BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIVE AS ONE.

Leader: A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy; a true friend is born for the time of stress.

ALL: HOW GOOD IT IS, WHERE BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIVE AS ONE.

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: As children of God and as brothers and sisters to Jesus, let us now pray as one to the Father, in the words that Jesus has given us.

ALL: OUR FATHER....
AMEN.

DISMISSAL (AN ADULT LEADER)

Let us go about this day's work and play as brothers and sisters and as friends. May we be kind and polite to all, eager to be courteous, and ready to lend a helping hand. Let us go in the spirit of Scouting and in the name of Jesus, our brother and friend. Amen.

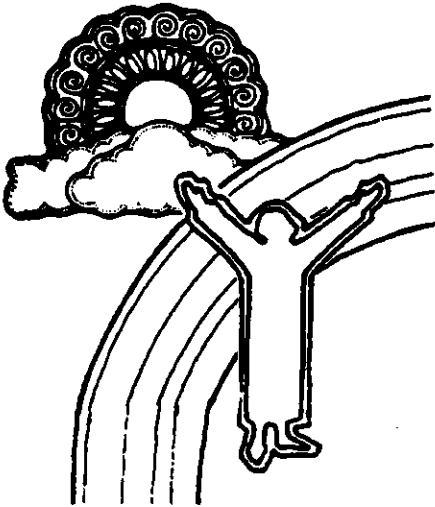
ALL: AMEN.

SUGGESTED CLOSING SONG:

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS
BY Sebastian Temple

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1229 S. Santee St.
Los Angeles, CA 90015 c 1967

(Rev. John Sax)



MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

THEME: A SCOUT IS BRAVE AND CLEAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has turned the night into day.
The Lord has also turned our weakness
into strength. He is the Light of the
World: in Him we find our courage to
face the opportunities of this day; in
Him we have the strength to do what is
right and good. Let us worship the
Lord, for He has given us this day and
the grace to live it with clean hearts
and minds. We sign ourselves:

ALL: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Let us now listen to the Word of the Lord.

READING: (BY ONE OF THE SCOUTS/SCOUTERS) LUKE 9:18-26

SCOUT/SCOUTER: A reading from the gospel according
to Luke.

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This is the gospel of the Lord.

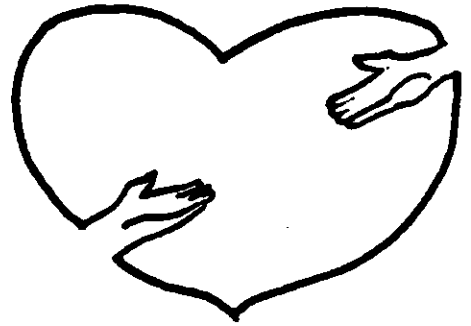
ALL: PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

RESPONSE: (SUNG BY ALL) "I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS"

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

With the cross before me, and the world behind me;
With the cross before me, and the world behind me;
With the cross before me, and the world behind me;
No turning back; no turning back.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: O God, our Father, we come together at the start of this day to pray that you would give us the Spirit of Jesus. Give us His Spirit of courage and strength that we may act as true Scouts today. Knowing that you answer all our needs and help us in all we do, we now offer to you our prayers of petitions.

(AT THIS POINT, SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ARE INVITED TO OFFER ANY PRAYERS OF PETITION, ALL RESPOND:

"HEAR US, O LORD")

e.g. 1) For our land that we may always respect it, care for it, and keep it clean and beautiful;

ALL: HEAR US, O LORD.

e.g. 2) For each one of us, that we may work together, help one another, and play fair this day;

ALL: HEAR US, O LORD.

e.g. 3) For our parents and for all those who support us in Scouting;

ALL: HEAR US, O LORD.

e.g. 4) That we may face each obstacle and difficulty, knowing that the Lord is with us to help us;

ALL: HEAR US, O LORD.

e.g. 5) That we may overcome wrong and evil by choosing the right and the good;

ALL: HEAR US, O LORD.

e.g. 6) That we may not give up when things do not work out as planned;

ALL: HEAR US, O LORD.

e.g. 7) That we may be clean in our thoughts and in our speech;

ALL: HEAR US, O LORD.

CONCLUSION TO PRAYERS: "THE SCOUT OATH"

(SCOUTMASTER/OR OTHER SCOUTER COMES FORWARD TO LEAD SCOUTS IN THE "SCOUT OATH".)

CLOSING SONG: "SCOUTING SPIRIT"

I've got that Scouting Spirit,
Up in my head

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I've got that Scouting Spirit
Deep in my heart

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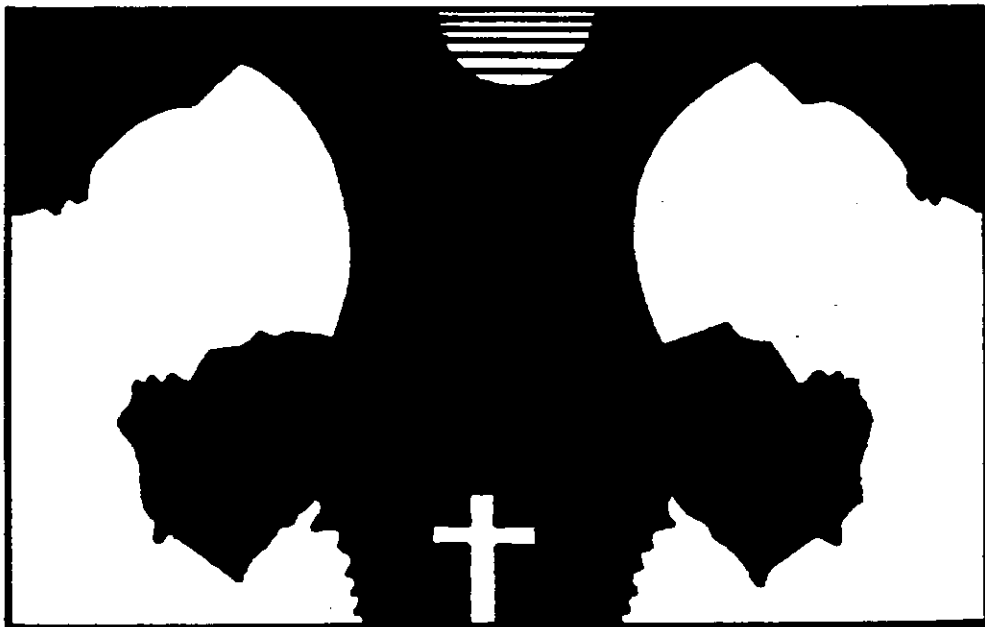
I've got that Scouting Spirit,
Down in my feet

....

I've got that Scouting Spirit,
Up in my head
Deep in my heart
Down in my feet

I've got that Scouting Spirit,
All over me.
All over me to stay.

(Rev. John Sax)



EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE



THEME: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY

CALL TO WORSHIP (LEADER)

We gather this evening to thank God for this day and to ask for his help during the night. As we begin our service, we remember the words of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." Let us sing to Jesus in our opening song: "KUM BA YAH!"

THREE VERSES: SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD, BE WITH US.
SOMEONE'S THANKING, LORD, BE WITH US.
SOMEONE'S ASKING, LORD, BE WITH US.
O LORD, BE WITH US.

LEADER: We now sign ourselves with the cross, the sign of our faith in Jesus.
(ALL MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN SILENCE.)

(TO VARY THIS, SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS CAN BE ASKED TO COME FORWARD TO THE LEADER WHO HOLDS OUT A BOWL OF WATER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO USE AS THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IS MADE.)

OPENING PRAYER (LEADER)

We pause now to think back on all the things that have happened to us this day so that we can grow. You want us to live life to the full; help us not to cheat ourselves or others by taking the easy way out. May we do your will be searching for life's meaning and by working for its highest values. We make this prayer to you in Jesus' name, for he lives among us, forever and ever. AMEN.

READING: (BY ONE OF THE SCOUTS/SCOUTERS) MATTHEW 5:13-16

SCOUT/SCOUTER: A reading from the gospel according to Matthew....
This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE DAY (LEADER)

- 1) Have I let my light shine today by telling the truth to the leaders and to my fellow Scouts? (PAUSE)
- 2) Have I let my light shine today by taking things only after I received permission and by returning things when I was finished using them? (PAUSE)
- 3) Have I been the salt of the earth today by playing honestly and fairly, and by doing my fair share of the work? (PAUSE)
- 4) Have I been the salt of the earth today by doing things I and my whole Troop will be proud of? (PAUSE)

LEADER: Jesus told us that if we do not forgive others, then the Father will not forgive us. Let us now pray that God will forgive our faults as we forgive the faults of one another.

ALL: OUR FATHER...

SIGN OF PEACE (LEADER)

As we end this prayer service and this day, let us show again our support and acceptance of each other. Let us offer each other the Scout handshake.

SCOUTMASTER'S BENEDICTION

(THE SERVICE ENDS WITH THE SCOUTMASTER COMING FORWARD AND DOING THE SCOUTMASTER'S BENEDICTION.)

(Rev. John Sax)

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

THEME: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL



CALL TO WORSHIP (LEADER)

Jesus was a helpful person and did his "Good Turn: to others". He came to serve others, and not to be served by them. He healed the sick; He fed the hungry; He gave comfort to the lonely and those in sorrow; He forgave sinners; and, He raised the dead to life. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: Lord, by your cross and resurrection,

(Leader makes Sign of the Cross)

ALL: LORD, BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION (ALL MAKE SIGN OF THE CROSS)

Leader: You have set us free;

ALL: YOU HAVE SET US FREE;

Leader: You are the Savior of the world.

ALL: YOU ARE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

Leader: Come to us this night, Lord Jesus.

ALL: COME TO US THIS NIGHT, LORD JESUS.

READING: (BY ONE OF THE SCOUTS/SCOUTERS) Luke 10:25-37

SCOUT/SCOUTER: A reading from the gospel according to Luke.

.....

This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

REFLECTION: "STORY OF THE UNKNOWN SCOUT" (BY SCOUTMASTER ... ENDING WITH:

"Have you done your good deed today?

Have you been a Good Samaritan today?"

TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Let us now pray to the Lord Jesus who showed the great love and mercy of the Father. May the Lord show us His love and mercy tonight.

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: Christ, have mercy on us.

ALL: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: May Almighty God, who helps all those in need and lifts the burdens of all who suffer and shows His kindness to all peoples, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, grant us His peace, and lead us to His life everlasting.

ALL: AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: SCOUT VESPERS (Everyone joins hands during singing of the song.)

Softly falls the light of day,

While our campfire fades away.

Silently each Scout should ask

"Have I done my daily task?

Have I kept my honor bright?

Can I guiltless sleep tonight?

Have I done and have I dared

Everything to be prepared?"

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

THE UNKNOWN SCOUT

Years ago in London during a heavy fog, an American businessman by the name of William D. Boyce was looking for a building which he was unable to find. As he stood on a street corner, uncertain which way to go, a boy came up and asked, "May I be of service to you?" The American told him the address he was seeking, and the boy quickly led him to the desired place. Boyce offered the boy a shilling, but to his surprise the young stranger replied, "No sir, I am a Scout, and Scouts do not accept tips for courtesies." The man was so impressed by the boy's kindness that after returning to America he started the movement which led to the organizing of the Boy Scouts of America. The name of the London Scout is unknown, but the result of his good turn will live forever. A boy can never tell what may happen as the result of a single deed of helpfulness.

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(Rev. John Sax)

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE



THEME: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT

CALL TO WORSHIP (LEADER)

Let us listen to the Word of the Lord from the gospel of Luke. "Jesus went down with Mary and Joseph, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. Jesus, for his part, grew steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men." Jesus' obedience was one of the things that helped him to grow in wisdom, age, and grace. As Scouts, we are to be obedient, like Jesus was; and hopefully, we also will grow in wisdom, age, and grace. The cross is a sign of Jesus' total obedience to the Father; let us now sign ourselves with the Cross of Christ.
(ALL MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN SILENCE.)

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us now pray that we can do the will of the Father just as Jesus did.
ALL: OUR FATHER...

READING: (BY ONE OF THE SCOUTS/SCOUTERS) ROMANS 13:1 & 2

SCOUT/SCOUTER: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

....
This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us now confess to God the times we did not listen to our parents, our Scout Leaders, and to those who have authority over us. Let us together recite a Prayer of Contrition.

ALL: I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD, AND TO YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT I HAVE SINNED THROUGH MY OWN FAULT, IN MY THOUGHTS AND IN MY WORDS, IN WHAT I HAVE DONE AND IN WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO. AND I ASK BLESSED MARY, EVER VIRGIN, ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS, AND YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, TO PRAY FOR ME TO THE LORD, OUR GOD.

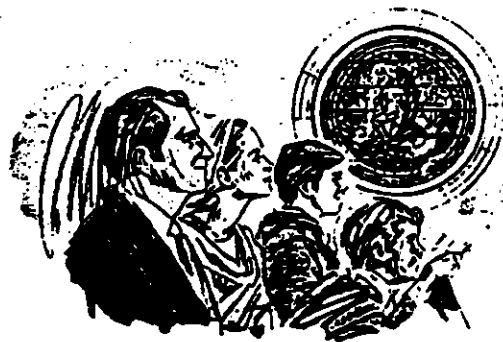
Leader: Almighty God, Our Father, forgive us for the times when we did not follow your will; forgive us for the times when we did not obey the rules of Scouting and of our Troop; and forgive us for the times when we put off what we were supposed to do. Help us to be quick in responding to the call of duty and in answering the need for help. We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: (SUNG BY ALL) "BY THE BLAZING COUNCIL FIRE" or other appropriate song.

(Rev. John Sax)

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE



THEME: A SCOUT IS REVERENT

CALL TO WORSHIP (LEADER)

The Lord is everywhere: we can see Him in the works of nature; we can see Him in one another. But most clearly, we can see our God in Jesus, who is our leader in faith and guide to the Father. Let us now proclaim our faith in God and in the Lord Jesus.

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.

Leader: Let us now sign ourselves with the sign of our faith.

ALL: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (LEADER)

Let us pray...(PAUSE)

O God, Almighty Father, you are our creator and we owe our life to you.
O Jesus, our Lord and Brother, you are our Savior, and we owe our life to you. O Spirit of Life, you fill us with goodness and love, and we owe our life to you. Help us to be more aware of your life in us, and may we find peace and happiness through our faith in you. We make this prayer to you, for you are living, forever and ever.

ALL: AMEN.

READING: (BY ONE OF THE SCOUTS/SCOUTERS)

HEBREWS 11:17 - 31 and 12:1 0 3

Leader: God is always coming into our lives with his love and power, He comes to us through the Scriptures, which is His Word and the message of Jesus. Let us now listen attentively to this evening's reading.

SCOUT/SCOUTER: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

....

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

RESPONSE (SAID BY ALL):

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,
THE FATHER, THE ALMIGHTY,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
OF ALL THAT IS SEEN AND UNSEEN.
WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
THE ONLY SON OF GOD,

ETERNALLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER,
GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT,
TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD,
BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, ONE IN BEING WITH THE FATHER.
THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE,
FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN:
BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
HE WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND BECAME MAN.
FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
HE SUFFERED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED.
ON THE THIRD DAY, HE ROSE AGAIN IN FULFILLMENT OF THE SCRIPTURES:
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD,
AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.
WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE,
WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON.
WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON HE IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED.
HE HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS.
WE BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH
WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
WE LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD,
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER (LEADER)

O God, you have made us your people and have called us to be your own.
May we respond faithfully to your call, as did Jesus and the other holy men
and women who have lived before us. Help us to show our reverence for you by
doing Your will in all things, by living in harmony with your creation, and
by living in unity with other peoples. Guide us with your spirit so that we
can reach the fulfillment of our lives and eternal life with you, who are our
living God, forever and ever.

ALL: AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: "HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS"

He's got the whole world in His hands (four times)

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands (three times)

He's got the whole world in His hands.

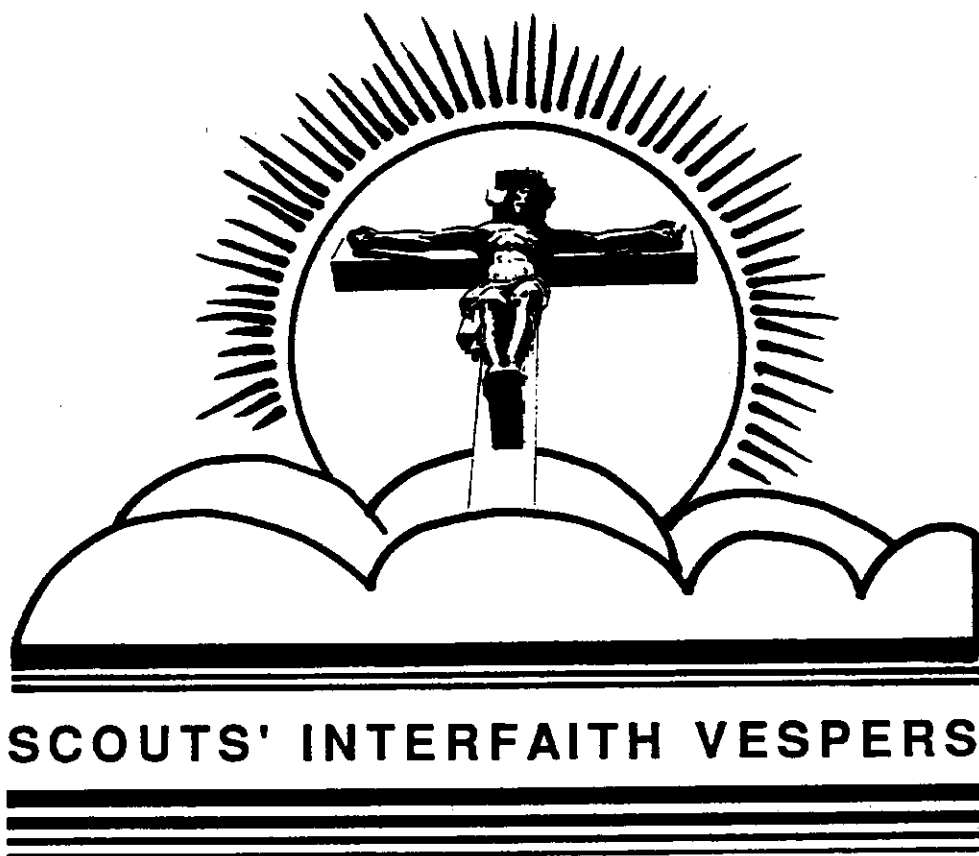
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands (three times)

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands (three times)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

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(Rev. John Sax)



SCOUTS' INTERFAITH VESPERS

OPENING PRAYER: (An Indian Prayer)

O' GREAT SPIRIT, Whose voice I hear in ther winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the world,
Hear me! I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom.

LET ME WALK IN BEAUTY, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.
MAKE MY HANDS respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

MAKE ME WISE so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.
LET ME LEARN the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock
I SEEK STRENGTH, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy—

MAKE ME ALWAYS READY to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.
SO WHEN LIFE FADES, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

FIRST READING:

RESPONSE TO READING: CANTICLE TO ALL CREATION.....

St. Francis

Be praised, my Lord, with all your created things.

Be praised for brother sun, who brings the day and gives us light.

He is fair and radiant with a shining face and he draws his meaning from on high.

Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars. In the heavens you have made them clear and precious and lovely.

Be praised, my Lord, for our brother wind, and for the air and clouds and calm days and every kind of weather by which you give your creatures nourishment.

Be praised, my Lord, for our sister water, which is very helpful and humble, precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for our brother fire, by which you light up the darkness: he is fair and mighty and strong.

Be praised, my Lord for our mother earth, for she sustains and keeps us, and brings forth all kinds of fruits together with the grasses and bright flowers.

Be praised, my Lord, for our sister, bodily death, from which no living man can flee.

Be praised, my Lord, for all creatures. We give thanks.

GOSPEL READING: HOMILY

PRAYER OF PETITIONS: (Response: We thank you Lord)

Lord's Prayer: Greeting of Peace: Final Prayer:

BENEDICTION: Blessing of Aaron

SUGGESTED FINAL HYMN: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Based on Ps. 118

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A WAKE SERVICE

THE CONSOLATION OF GOD
A Christian Wake Service

OPENING HYMN

"On My Honor"

On my honor I'll do my best to do my duty to God
On my honor I'll do my best to serve my country as I
On my honor I'll do my best to do my Good Turn each day
To keep my body strengthened and keep my mind awakened
To follow paths of righteousness.
On my honor I'll do my best.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Lord God,
the days allotted to each of us are in your fatherly care.
Though we are saddened that our _____ was with us for so short a
time, we entrust _____ live, radiant and for ever young, in the
happiness of your kingdom.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

READINGS: (select 1 or 2)

Wisdom 4: 7-15

Psalms 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6.

Matthew 11:25-30

HOMILY

PRAYER OF PETITION

OUR FATHER

Option 1

"SCOUT VESPERS"

Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask:
"Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?"

SCOUT BENEDICTION

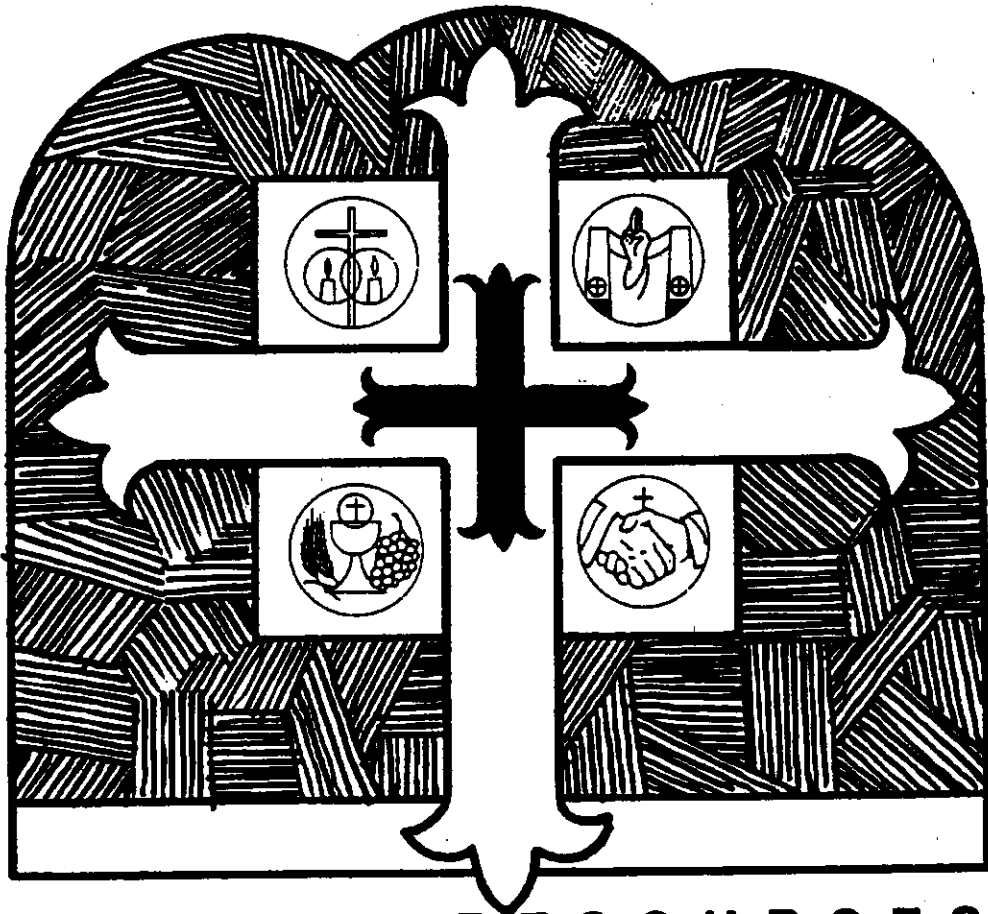
May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again.

Option 2

TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills,
From the sky;
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.
Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky,
Gleaming bright,
From afar, drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

(Rev. Christian Roy)



PRAYER RESOURCES

POSSIBILITIES FOR OPENING PRAYERS

Orations

1. May we uplift our words and hearts to you daily O God and be conscious of your presence in our work and play, we pray to the Lord.
2. May your Cross be a constant reminder to us of your ever loving concern for our welfare. May we reverence it with devotion.
3. O Lord give us strength of mind and body. Help us to do your will in all our endeavors so that we may grow in the Christian Spirit.
4. Let us not forget our brothers and sisters in need, but learn to serve all mankind. May we begin to love others more fully and unselfishly after the example of your Son.
5. Many helps are given us to come closer to you O Lord. May our reception of the sacraments and the hearing of your word inspire us to lead lives of joy.
6. Help us to grow in the knowledge of your Church. For countless centuries you have provided and protected your people. Inspire us to appreciate your presence with us now and forever.
7. Many gifts we receive are the work of human hands. May we learn throughout our life to share and care about others by using our talents well.
8. Lord when everyone does their fair share a community is built. Help us to join each other in doing what is necessary to spread the Good News of Salvation.
9. Lord keep us safe from all danger. Help us to avoid the occasion of sin and remain close to you by good works.
10. The example of your saints gives us courage O Lord. May our own patron saint lead us to greater heights of sanctity.
11. O Lord you guide us with your leaders. Assist them to carry on your work and help us to follow their call to become what we are because of our likeness to you.
12. May each of us take the time Lord to nourish our lives with the teaching and example your Son had provided. Thus may we be Christian witnesses in our world today.

CLOSING PRAYER:

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God forever and ever.

BLESSINGS:

May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again.

BLESSING OF AARON (Numbers 6: 24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and
give you peace!

AMEN

Let us go forth with God's blessing to serve Him in joy and gladness.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. AMEN.



A CATHOLIC COMMUNION SERVICE I (in the absence of an ordained minister)

With the increasing scarcity of clergy, more and more Eucharistic services are being conducted by lay ministers with the delegation of the Bishop or local pastor. The service which a lay minister presides at is a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion. This type of service would be especially applicable to Scout camps and campouts. Care should be exercised, however, to insure that the consecrated bread is treated with reverence. This type of service should be attempted only with the permission of the Scout chaplain. A short catechesis on the reason for such a service might also prove appropos.

Several ministers should be involved:

1. A Leader of Prayer (presider)
2. Readers
3. Leader of Music

The liturgical books (Lectionary and Sacramentary) should be used.

A Suggested Outline of the Service

Entrance Song

Greeting

Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer

First Reading (Old or New Testament)

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading (optional)

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Gospel

Prayer of the Faithful

Collection (if that is the custom)

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Ministering the Sacrament

"This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper".

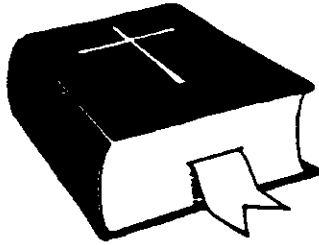
Communion Song

Blessing (The leader and all make the sign of the cross together)

"May Almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Dismissal

Closing Song



A CATHOLIC COMMUNION SERVICE II

1. LITURGY OF THE WORD

LECTOR

- Lector and eucharistic minister place themselves before the assembly.
- Lector goes to lectern, greets the people and proclaims the Readings of the day with time for reflection after each Reading.

2. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LECTOR

3. COMMUNION SERVICE

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

- Ciborium is on altar
- Lord's Prayer (community)
- Sign of Peace
- Distribution of Communion
- Thanksgiving

4. DISMISSAL PRAYER

LECTOR

— "Let us go in peace to serve the Lord."

(Diocese of Manchester)

WEAK HAND - STRONG HAND PRAYER

(by Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI - Oblate Youth Mission Band)

Preparation:

We have two hands: a right and a left. For some of us, our left hand is our strong hand, for others, it is the right. You know which is your strong and your weak hand. Please empty your hands and place them comfortably in front of you for the following prayer:

Instruction:

Briefly clench your weak hand. Slowly let your hand open ...

PRAYER:

Oh God of the Universe, you know us as we are.
We are human beings, gifted with life and freedom by you.
Each of us has limits and weaknesses.
Each carries some pain and disappointment.
These are cause for frustration and humility
and are marked by feelings of sadness and regret.

Instruction:

Now clench your strong hand. Slowly let your hand open ...

PRAYER:

Yet, dear God, you have so blessed us with strengths and abilities
We have talents and skills, resources and treasures to share.
We've been blessed with a vision of faith that can see the death of
reality - with hope that can see beyond horizons - with love
that reaches over and through all barriers.
These strengths bring us a genuine sense of pride
and are marked by feelings of happiness and greatfulness.

Instruction:

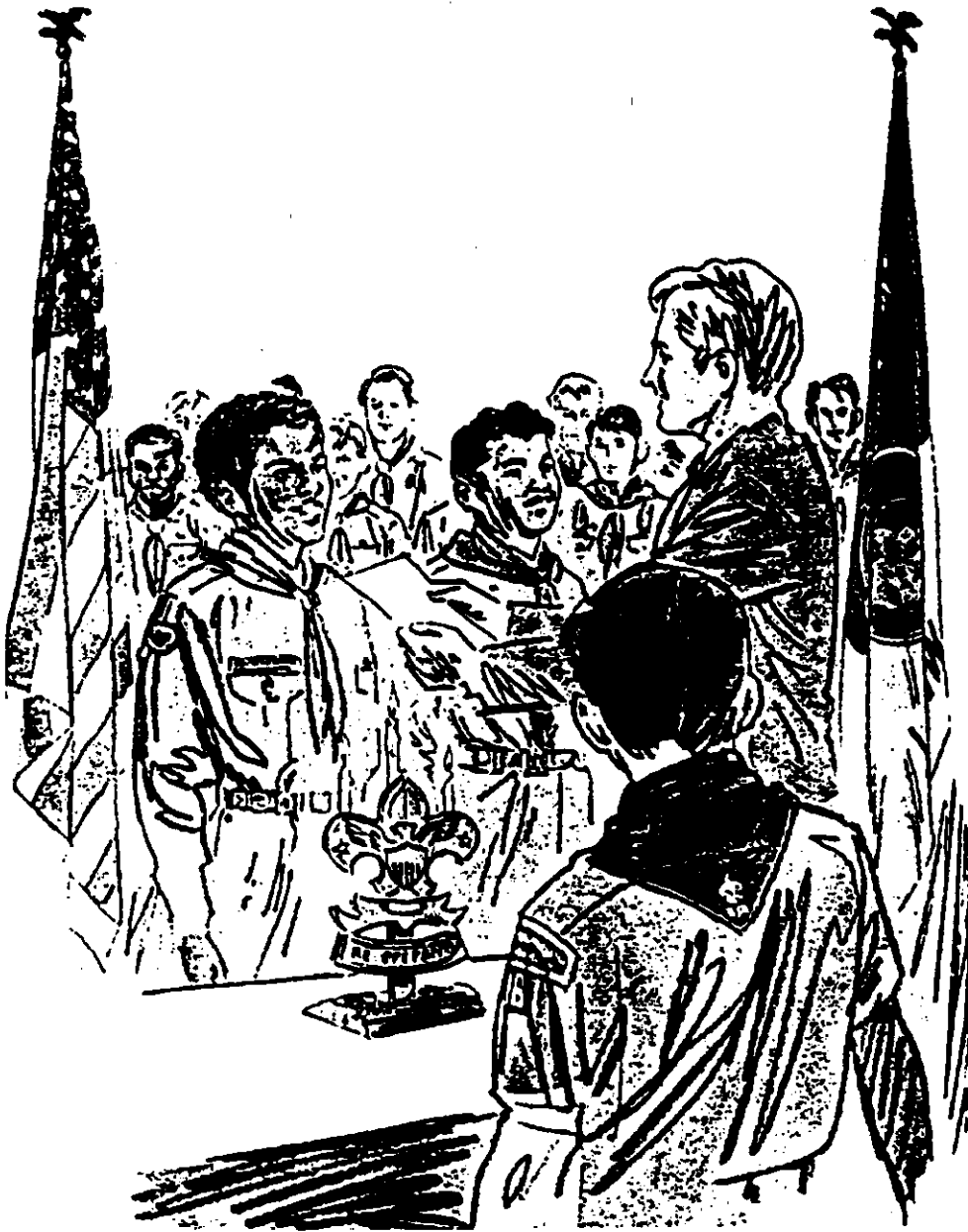
Now join your two hands in any gesture which for you signifies prayer ...

PRAYER:

Lord, loving God, help us bring ourselves together in a recognition of
strengths and an acceptance of weaknesses.
May we find inner peace as we learn to share our gifts and accept the
talents offered us by others.
Show us how to discover deeper relationships in the mutual exchange
of treasures and the common embrace of trials.
Finally, bless us as we are: in our combined lives of sadness and
happiness, regrets and greatfulness ...
You who know and love us, Creator God, Saviour//Friend Jesus,
Strengthening Spirit - living forever and ever.

ALL: AMEN AND ALLELUIA!

Prayer created by Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI for use during events/retreats that stress God's desire to love us human beings into unity. For further information on such events/retreats - especially youth retreats, write: Fr. Ron - 5901 W. Main Street, Belleville, IL 62223 (or phone 618-233-2992)



C E R E M O N I E S

SUGGESTIONS FOR SCOUT SUNDAY LITURGY

Possible ways that Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and leaders can be involved in the liturgy.

ENTRANCE:

1. Greeters at the doors of the Church.
2. Hand out programs and/or missalettes.
3. Process in with American and Scout flags.
4. Carry in the cross and candles.
5. Act as servers.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

1. Do the readings (with proper preparation).
2. Homily could relate the Scriptures of the Day to the Scouting movement.
3. Read the intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful.
4. These or similar intentions could be added:
 - a) For Scouts and Scouters throughout the world, that the Holy Spirit may help them to live up to the ideals of the Scouting Movement, we pray to the Lord.
 - b) That Scouts everywhere may act as brothers and sisters toward one another and may work for peace, we pray to the Lord.
5. After the homily, religious emblems (Ad Altare Dei, Parvuli Dei, Family of God, and I Live My Faith) may be blessed by the priest, and presented to the recipients.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

1. Take up the collection.
2. Presentation of the Gifts. Scouts can bring up the gifts of bread and wine, and possibly one or more symbolic gifts such as a Scout emblem, religious emblems, booklets and logbooks, scrapbooks and handbooks, etc.
3. If adult scouters are Eucharistic ministers, help with communion.
4. Renew Scout Oath or Promises.

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BITS AND PIECES:

- a) If there is no music at the proposed Scout Mass, scout musicians and singers could form a music ministry for that day.
- b) A Scout or leader could give a short witness about what duty to God means to him/her.
- c) Help pick up programs after the service.

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This list is not exhaustive. Your suggestions are welcomed. Always check with the parish priest and liturgy committee before finalizing plans. The prayers and readings of the Sunday are to be used. These suggestions are just that - suggestions.

(Rev. Leo LeBlanc)

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PRESENTATIONS

Many larger dioceses present the emblems in a Cathedral ceremony, either in the context of a liturgy or of a prayer service, as is the case with the Archdioceses of N.Y.C., Chicago and the Dioceses of Rockville Centre, N.Y. and Phoenix, AZ. Some smaller dioceses present them on the parish/city/deanery level.

A POSSIBLE MODEL EMBLEM PRESENTATION AT THE CATHEDRAL OR PARISH CHURCH.

(Preparation: Small table in sanctuary for log books
A candle for each person receiving an award
Seating for parents & those receiving awards
(If ceremony is being held on Scout Sunday,
reserve seating for all scouts who are
participating)

Order of Entrance Procession:

1. Flags
2. 'Awardees' & their Parents
3. (Other participating Scouts)
4. Celebrant & acolytes

Introduction After The Homily:

The Celebrant points out that the teachings of Jesus have to be in our minds and in our hearts, not just in the Gospel, our projects, or our log books.

Blessing of the Medals:

ALMIGHTY FATHER, WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON THESE MEDALS MADE BY HUMAN HANDS. WE SEE THESE MEDALS AS SIGN OF OUR SCOUTS INTEREST IN OUR FAITH. WE SEE THESE MEDALS AS SIGNS OF THEIR GROWTH IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FAITH, AND THEIR PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH. THIS INTEREST, GROWTH, AND PRACTICE IS SHOWN BY THE WORK THEY DID IN ACQUIRING THIS AWARD. WE ASK YOUR CONTINUED STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. + AMEN!

Calling of the Candidates: (Older Scout or Scout Leader)

(Bishop) or (Rev. Father), the following have completed the requirements for the Parvuli Dei/Ad Altare Dei Medal/Pope Pius XII, Light is Life. They have worked diligently and because of their efforts, are a source of pride to our troop/pack/team/post, and our parish (diocese).

(The names are called individually. The person calling the individual scout waits for each scout with his/her parents, to leave the pew, pick up a candle, light the candle from the Easter candle, and face the community gathered before calling the next scout.)

(The Celebrant, after all the scouts have been called, hands a medal to the parents of each scout, one of whom, pins it on the shirt of their son.)

After the Investiture:

Celebrant: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US.
(Applause would be fitting).

YOUNG PEOPLE, NOW THAT YOU HAVE A BETTER GRASP OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH, I ASK YOU TO JOIN WITH ME, AND THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION IN MAKING A PROFESSION OF THAT FAITH.

WE BELIEVE ...

(At the conclusion of the Profession of Faith, the individual candles are extinguished, and those involved return to their places.)

Another possible blessing for Parvuli Dei medals:

"Almighty God, Who has given us the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as an example for all families, bless + these medals bearing an image of the Holy Family of Nazareth, so that those who wear them may be loving and obedient children of their parents and obtain with them your grace in this life and everlasting glory in the life to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

(Chaplains' Committee)

A POSSIBLE PARISH PRESENTATION OF SCOUTING RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

After the Homily (or after Communion) the lector calls up Scout recipients by name. Scouts are accompanied by their parents. They stand in the sanctuary. The priest addresses the congregation in these or similar words. "If we want to be happy, we must come to know, to love, and to serve God and others. Scouts recognize that they have a duty to God for a Scout is reverent. These Scouts have made a serious effort in growing in their knowledge and service of God. In recognition of their efforts, they are being presented with the (Parvuli Dei/Ad Altare Dei) emblem."

Priest blesses emblems.

"Almighty God and Father, look on us in love and mercy as we gather in your name. Bless + these _____ emblems.

Help those who wear them to wear them proudly as a sign of your goodness and of their love and devotion to you. Keep these Scouts always in your care as they continue growing in wisdom, age and grace.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord. AMEN"

Priest then hands medal to parent to pin on their child (or priest himself pins it on). He hands the pocket card or certificate to Scout and congratulates the Scout.

(If there is a mother's miniature pin, the priest adds: "Recognizing the role the parents play in their child's religious formation, we are happy to recognize them with this miniature pin."

Scout pins mother (or father in her absence).

APPLAUSE All return to their places.

(You may also want to consult the Counselor's Guide for AAD and Pius XII No. 3077, and Scout Ceremonies #6542).

AN OPTION FOR A PARVULI DEI PARISH PRESENTATION PRAYER SERVICE

SELECTIONS FOR CUB SCOUT AWARD DAY

1. St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13.
EXCELLENCE OF THE GIFT OF LOVE.
2. St. Matthew.
THE BEATITUDES.
3. Sirach 6: 7-14.
WISE WORDS ON MAKING FRIENDS.
4. Romans 12: 9-21.
WORDS ON FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.
5. PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. (Luke 15: 11-32).

RESPONSES

Hymns: (Suggested)

- A. They will know we are Christians by our love.
- B. America

- (A). O Lord bless + these medals we bless in your name. May those who wear them keep faith with you and live lives of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.
- (B). Enrich the lives of your servants O Lord by the wearing of these medals. May the holy family protect them during their years of growth. We ask all this through the giving of your Spirit to each boy who wears these medals. AMEN.

(Chaplains' Committee)



PRAYER FOR BLESSING A SCOUT RELIGIOUS EMBLEM

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord,

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

PRIEST:

O Lord, our God, you did not despise the youthfulness of your servant, David, but commanded the prophet, Samuel, to anoint him as king over your holy people, Israel.

Through the words of the holy apostle, Paul, you spoke to your servant, the holy Bishop, Timothy, saying, "Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity."

Now send down your blessings upon these, your youthful servants, and grant that they may be worthy leaders in faith, not hesitating on account of their youthfulness, but witnessing to your holy gospel in the whole of their lives.

Bless, also, these medals which they will wear as a sign of their faith and commitment to the proclamation of the gospel and grant that they continue to grow in the divine likeness that they may come to full union with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

ALL: AMEN.

PRIEST: These medals are blessed and sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit through the sprinkling of this holy water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (He sprinkles the medal(s) with holy water).

ALL: AMEN.

(Rev. Nicholas Rachford)

THE EAGLE SCOUT PRAYER I

Almighty God and Father,

We are ever grateful for your goodness to us in all places and circumstances.

We particularly thank you today for your son _____,

We join him, his parents and family and his Scout leaders and friends, as he expresses to you his gratitude for your life and grace which allow any one of us to accomplish all we have successfully achieved.

It is you who inspire us to work for your Kingdom of love and peace.

As _____ has distinguished himself in service to his family, friends, fellow Scouts and community, you are honored and glorified by his work. Bless all those who work for and with this Scout troop.

May _____ and each of us continue to work in your name for the good of all.

May he soar, as on eagles' wings, under your loving protection until that day when we all come at last to possess the crown which you yourself bestow on all your servants: life on high with Jesus your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

AMEN

(Rev. Henry Huot)

THE EAGLE SCOUT PRAYER II

Come to our aid and assistance, O Divine Spirit, Who breathes life and love into everything You have created. With fond memories of his past, and with dreams and hopes for a future hidden from his eyes, our brother _____ stands apart from his friends and his family this day to be recognized and honored for his achievement of the award of Eagle Scout. As a symbol of his lofty accomplishments, Lord, You have given to us the noble eagle with its strength, its prowess, its dignity, and its free, yet reverent spirit. With these qualities, You have endowed our brother _____ and You reward him for his past and present accomplishments. This noble symbol, a gift and a sign of Your creative power, also presents a challenge for our brother. He now faces his future with confidence and strength; may he live up to the ideals he professes and may his achievements be a challenge for us who stand at his side in this, his hour of triumph. Through the many opportune moments of living which yet await our brother: the moments of joy and laughter, the moments of sadness and tears, the times of success and failure, we ask that You will guide him with Your sustaining presence that he may be true and ever faithful to the ideals which are symbolized by the eagle. We pray that as his life unfolds before him and his human adventure continues, he will respond with generosity and joy to all that You call him to experience. When his life reaches its sunset, may he enter that Kingdom which You have made ready for those who love You. We make this prayer in Your blessed Name as the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier of all that exists. AMEN.

(Rev. David Dodson)



INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Inspirational Thought (For use at an award ceremony)

WHAT IS A SCOUT?

He comes in many sizes, hopes and colors.
His first purpose in life seems to be to outgrow his uniform.
His deathless creed is, "Never let the Scoutmaster get away with anything."
He likes dirt, rocks, snakes, sticks, trees, noise, campfires, ghost stories,
men, swimming, hiking, cooking outdoors, camping and more camping.
He doesn't care much for rainy weather, lectures, homework, washing, fires
that won't burn and Girl Scouts.
He's many different things to different people:

To Mother he's a uniform that must be washed and ironed each week, badges to be
sewn on, lunches to be packed, mess kits that need to be scrubbed and a
lump in her throat when he marches by on parade.

To Dad he's a source of pride, a pack of trouble, a constant stream of
information--a chip off the old block.

To the troop committee he's a boy who has trouble with his code, can't seem to
tie a clove hitch, constantly needs transportation, money and time.

To the Scoutmaster, a Scout is a headache and a heartache, a problem and a
prize, a conscience and a stern taskmaster, a bundle of questions always
predictable yet a constant surprise.

To the community, a Scout is an idea, the picture of a youngster helping an old
lady across the street saving lives, helping in emergencies, finding a
lost child, and administering first aid.

He's hope with a hand-carved neckerchief slide.
Joy with a pack on his back.
Determination with a wet match.
Courage with a flashlight.
Our hope for tomorrow, this Scout of today.

Today we honor this young Scout who has progressed well in his training. A
youngster who took the time to say I want to know more about life and God.
Today we pin him with a medal that says "well done"; go on now to greater
knowledge as the mysteries of life unfold before you. Hold on to what is good
and keep a Christian Spirit with you always. We congratulate each of you
sincerely and hope your days in Scouting will be happy days of growth. May
you always be a credit to your Church, your family and your community, and may
those who have helped these young boys receive their reward in admiration and
God's blessing.

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Other Resources

Ad Altare Dei Counselor's Guide #3077

A Scout is Reverent #3075

Chaplain's Aide Guide

Chaplain's Guide for Scout Camps #12038

Holy Communion Outside Mass

National Conference of Catholic Bishops
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

Ritual for Lay Presiders

3225 13th Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4T 1P5

Scout Ceremonies #6542

Tracks: A Young Way to God

Sacred Heart League
Walls, MS. 38686

With Jesus on the Scout Trail

When Scouts Worship

"Worship Resource Manual for Summer Camp Chaplains"

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