

TROOP 23 Scouts Own Service

Call to Worship (All)

Come let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands. Let us serve the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing.

--*Psalm 100*

Invocations (Chaplain's Aid)

May the time be not too distant, O LORD, when all your children will understand that they are brothers and sisters, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship, 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*

Michael Row the Boat Ashore (all rise and sing)

Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia.
Jordan's River is chilly and cold, Alleluia,
Kills the body but not the soul, Alleluia.
Jordan's River is deep and wide, Alleluia,
Meet my mother on the other side, Alleluia.
Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, Alleluia,
Blow the trumpet loud and long, Alleluia.
Brother, lend a helping hand, Alleluia.
Michael's boat's a gospel boat, Alleluia,
Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia,

A Scouter's Thanksgiving Prayer (Chaplain's Aid)

With reverence in our hearts,
We, Your many children of many beliefs,
United in common purpose,
Gather to offer this our humble prayer, In Thanksgiving:
As Scouters we are thankful for:
The many gifts and talents given to our fellow Scouters, and to ourselves;
The freedom we have to join together and as a team accomplish more than any of us could alone;
The opportunity to be of service to young people, parents, other Scouters and our community;
Our joy at seeing so many young people become excited as they grow and are able to meet challenges;
Being reminded by their ceremonies and legends
that he who serves his fellows, is of his fellows greatest;
And most importantly we are thankful for the gift of knowing that our prayers are heard.
We each in our own way take this moment to silently add our own thanksgivings . . . (pause)
With thanks in our hearts we offer our prayers and ask that You, the Great Scoutmaster of All Scouts, be with each of us until we meet again.
AMEN

The Scout Beatitudes (all recite)

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.

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

Blessed are the Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion...for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth...for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

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

Blessed are the Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved...for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

BENEDICTION (Chaplain's Aide)

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And give you peace.