

Scout Vespers
Tune - Tannenbaum

Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfires fade 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.

BENEDICTION :

**Dear God, thank you for bringing us together as a family in Scouting.
Give us the strength to endure, the wisdom to enjoy each moment,
and the courage to push ourselves further than we ever have before.
Bless each of the Boys and Leaders as we continue our journey
through Scouting. Amen.**

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Interfaith Worship Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your glory.

OPENING SONG

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties,
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream,
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8 (New Jerusalem Bible)

Yahweh our Lord,
how majestic is your name throughout the world!
Whoever keeps singing of your majesty higher than the heavens,
even through the mouths of children, or of babes in arms,
you make him a fortress, firm against your foes,

All/ **GIVE US CLEAN HANDS, CLEAN WORDS, AND CLEAN THOUGHTS,
O GOD. TEACH US TO WORK HARD AND PLAY FAIRLY. FORGIVE
US WHEN WE ARE UNKIND, AND HELP US FORGIVE THOSE WHO
ARE UNKIND TO US. KEEP US READY TO HELP OTHERS. SEND US
TO DO A GOOD TURN EACH DAY AND SO LIVE AFTER YOUR WILL.
AMEN.**

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY :

Leader : Let us pray together.

**Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask Your blessing upon our country, on the
leaders of our nation, and on all who exercise rightful authority in our community.**

**Unite the inhabitants of our country, whatever their origin, creed, into a bond of
true friendship, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard our ideals and
institutions of freedom.**

**May this land under Your Providence be an instrument for peace throughout the
world. AMEN**

S/ **A SCOUT IS KIND**

L/ Life is filled with things that we must do whether we like them or not. One of the marks of growing up is our readiness to accept responsibility willingly.

S/ **A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT**

L/ Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, or days are gloomy. If we are happy, the days are always happier.

S/ **A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL**

L/ The world offers many gifts. A wise man uses them with care.

S/ **A SCOUT IS THRIFTY**

L/ To each of us comes danger, difficult tasks, and temptations. In choices of courage or cowardice, we would be brave.

S/ **A SCOUT IS BRAVE**

L/ Cleanliness is next to godliness. To have a clean body, a clean mind and a clean record is a rewarding achievement.

S/ **A SCOUT IS CLEAN**

L/ Character is determined by the things we worship. If we respect ourselves and our fellow men and see them as gifts of the goodness of God, we live on a high plain.

S/ **A SCOUT IS REVERENT.**

L/ Let us pray together;

to subdue the enemy and the rebel.

**I look up at your heavens, shaped by your fingers,
at the moon and the stars you set firm –
what are human beings that you spare a thought for them,
or the child of Adam that you care for him?**

**Yet you have made him little less than a god,
you have crowned him with glory and beauty,
made him lord of the works of your hands,
put all things under his feet,
sheep and cattle, all of them,
and even the wild beasts,
birds in the sky, fish in the sea,
when he makes his way across the ocean.**

Yahweh our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the world!

RESPONSIVE READING

"On My Honor" by Dr. Carroll Osburn, 1997

Leader: ON MY HONOR

Scouts: Almighty God, keep us always mindful that our honor is a possession to be cherished as dearly as life itself. Endow us with firmness of purpose and uncommon integrity that will enable us to fulfill those responsibilities with which we are charged. Make us ever conscious of the trust others have placed in us as Scouts.

Leader: TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD

Scouts : Creator of the universe, how often we forget the true source of life's joys and pleasures. How often, too, have we failed to remember the origin of the inward strength, which has enabled us to be aware of Your continual presence in our

daily lives. Help us to understand the more meaningful rewards of service in Your name.

Leader: **AND MY COUNTRY**

Scouts : We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the privilege of living in a country such as the United States of America. Keep foremost in our minds that the freedoms, which we enjoy, were bought through the unselfish sacrifices of those who have gone before B8. As the strength of a country is in her people, let us never avoid our responsibility to maintain this nation as a beacon of hope and freedom to all mankind.

Leader: **AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW**

Scouts : Heavenly Father, accept the heartfelt thank of us Scouts and Scouters for such men of vision and leadership as Robert Baden-Powell and William Boyce. Keep always before us the ideals, which they set forth, and grant us, the courage to live by them when others may not. Allow us never to forget that our actions may be the examples others choose to follow.

Leader : **TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES**

Scouts : Grant us forgiveness, Patient Lord, when we place the insignificant wants in our lives above the necessities in others' lives. Teach us to recognize and understand the problems facing others and prepare us for each day's task of helping others.

Leader: **TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT**

Scouts : God of our ancestors, let us never forget that our bodies and minds are but temporary gifts from Thee. Help us to preserve, strengthen, and use them for the betterment of our world. May our thoughts and actions be directed toward more meaningful service in Your name. Amen.

MEDITATION AND SHARING

Take a few moments now for personal silent reflection about how God works in creation and in your personal life.

A Scout Litany :

L/ A true and worthy person recognizes his obligations and does them without being watched or compelled

S/ **A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY**

L/ We owe much to many; to home, to school, community, nation and to God

S/ **A SCOUT IS LOYAL**

L/ A good Samaritan showed the spirit of doing a "good turn".

S/ **A SCOUT IS HELPFUL**

L/ A real friend is one who remains loyal in victory and in defeat.

S/ **A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY**

L/ Courtesy is the mark of a Godly Gentleman. It is shown in thoughtful acts and kindly respect for everyone.

S/ **A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.**

L/ Kindness is the way people show respect for others.