

Calls to Worship

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

"He is reverent toward God.
He is faithful in his religious duties.
He respects the beliefs of others."
Official Boy Scout Handbook, 1989 edition

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

Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the
heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley,
and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention
of God hath been made and His praise glorified.
from the Baha'i Writings

O Great Spirit! Watch over us as we begin this day. Protect us as we
live in you care. Give us bounty and hold us from harm. We are your
children and wish only to please you. We hold our Mother Earth close to
our hearts and wish her goodness. We thank You for your love.
American Indian

Invocations

May the time be not too distant, O God, 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 forever and ever."
From the Jewish Service of the Heart

Lord, stay with us as we come together;
let all the earth keep silence in your presence.

Dear Lord, bless all those everywhere who contribute to shape the
hearts, minds, and bodies of young people. Let us remember what they
have taught and apply it daily.

When facing deceit and dishonesty, let us be Trustworthy. If we see
hypocrisy and faithlessness, let us be Loyal. Where disregard of others
and mere materialism prevail, let us be Helpful. In an atmosphere of ill
manner, let us be Courteous. Where some measure manliness in brutality
and crudeness, let us be Kind. Though lawbreaking and rule-scoffing are
common, let us be Obedient. While others grumble and grouch, let us be
Cheerful. In an environment blighted by waste and extravagance, let us
be Thrifty. When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave.
As we see filth and pollution everywhere, let us be Clean. While
witnessing impiety and irreligion, let us remember to be Reverent.

In short, in a world that has for generation after generation lamented
the lack of good examples, let us, as Scouts, stand out, grow up, and be
real adults. --Amen

•God Bless America •America •My Country, Tis of Thee

Responsive Reading:

A Scout should begin reading one or Litany of the responsorial readings followed in kind by the congregation.

Suggestions:

•*The Scout Law •*Psalm 23 •*Psalm 100

Song or Hymn

Sing a "Moderate" Song or Hymn

Suggestions:

•* How Great Thou Art •Johnny Appleseed •Praise to the Lord, The Almighty •For the Beauty of the Earth. •Church in the Wildwood

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song or Hymn

A silent or "soft" song here

Suggestions:

•Kum Ba Yah •Day Is Done

Benediction or Scoutmaster's Minute

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

Amen.

Dismissal

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Scoutmastership Fundamentals Outdoor Training

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is in his holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before him.

OPENING HYMN: GOD BLESS AMERICA (PLEASE STAND)

God bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains,

To the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home!
God bless America,
My home sweet home!

INVOCATION:

CAMPER'S PRAYER (BE SEATED)

God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong;
Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong.
God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure;
God of every lake and stream, flow through my life & make it clean;
Let me do nothing base or mean.
God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure;
God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain;
Pure and strong let me remain.
God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart thy love;
God of the darkness and day, through shadows or light, be my stay.
Guide thou my way.
God of the radiant sun, light thou my life;
God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh start.
God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear & strife.
God of the gay, free birds, sing in my heart.
God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to me;
Help me to see the world as thou would have it be;
God of the lovely rose, make me lovely, too;
God of the morning dew, each day my faith renew.
God of all growing things, keep me growing, too.
--- George Earle Owen

HYMN:

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD (PLEASE STAND)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings,
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hands the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 8 (BE SEATED)

In unison:

O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all of the earth!

Leader:

Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength.
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Response:

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;
What is man, that thou are mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Leader:

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
And crownest him with glory and honor.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands.
Thou hast put all things under his feet.

Response:

All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beast of the field;
The fowl of the air and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas,
Oh Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth.

SILENT MEDITATION:

HYMN:

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (PLEASE STAND)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth ,over and around us lies,
Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon & stars of light,
Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

MESSAGE:

"WE LEARNED IT ALL IN KINDERGARTEN" (BE SEATED)

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, I
learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate
school mountain, but there in the sandbox. These are the things I
learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some, and draw and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap in the afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up, and nobody really knows why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you ever learned, the biggest word of all:

LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living. Think of what a better life it would be if we all had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations always to put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

*** Robert Fulgham

OFFERING:

World Brotherhood Of Scouting

BENEDICTION: OLD IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

DISMISSAL

NON-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

Worship Service For Worship In The Outdoors

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100: 1 - 3

``Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture."

OPENING HYMN

`Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning,
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the word.
Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass,
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.

RESPONSIVE READING:

``Canticle of the Sun"

All:

O most high, almighty, good Lord God,
to you belongs praise, glory, honor and all blessing.

Leader:

Praised be my Lord God with all his creatures,
and especially, our brother, the sun,
who brings us the day and who brings us the night;
fair is he, and shines with a very great splendor;
O Lord, he signifies You to us.

Response:

Praise be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars,
which He has set clear and lovely in the heaven.

Leader:

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind,
and for the air and clouds, calms, and all weather
by which you uphold life in all creatures.

Response:

Praised be my Lord for our sister, water,
who is very serviceable to us, and humble and precious...
and very clean.

Leader:

Praised be my Lord for our brother, fire,
through whom you give us light in the darkness;
he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Response:

Praised be my Lord for our mother, the earth,
which sustains us and keeps us, and brings forth
grass and diverse fruits and flowers of many colors.

All:

Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks to Him
and serve Him with great humility.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER

God, sometimes I hold something small in my hand... a piece of moss or a
budding twig,
and - peering closely at this tiny world - I feel a sudden wonder.

Help me to remember that you made these worlds, and countless others,
and...in remembering...come closer to you.

O God, we thank Thee today for the world in which you have placed us;
for the universe whose vastness is revealed in the blue depths of the
sky;
whose immensities are lit by shining stars beyond the strength of mind
to follow.

We thank you for the beauty of our earth, for the sweetness of the
flowers,
the solemnity of the stars, the sound of streams and swelling seas,
for stretching lands and mighty mountains which rest and satisfy the
soul,
the purity of dawn which calls us to holy dedication,
and the peace of the evening which speaks of everlasting rest.

Above all, we thank you for the dignity you have bestowed upon every
human being
as the crown of your Creation.

Give us the grace to let the light of your glory shine through us,
in our action, words and thoughts.

Amen.

OFFERING:

For the World Friendship Fund

CLOSING HYMN:

"This is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. The birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare the Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world. He shines in all that's fair;
In the trusting grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

BENEDICTION

(sung to the tune: Edelweiss)

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;
Grant us peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

DISMISSAL

(Excerpted from Cub Trainers' Wood Badge NE-CS-12, 8/20 - 8/26, 1983)

INTERFAITH SERVICE

INVOCATION

Be merciful to me, O God, Be merciful, for I have taken refuge in You.
In the shadow of Your wings, will I take refuge until this time of
trouble has gone by.
I will call upon the most high God, The God who maintains my cause.
He will send from heaven and save me;
He will confound those who trample upon me;
God will send forth His love and his faithfulness. Amen.

HYMN

Oh beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties,
Above the fruited plain.

(Chorus)

America, America. God shed His Grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

Oh beautiful for patriot dream,
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears.

(Repeat Chorus)

MEDITATION

Sanctify our campsite with your presence and joy.
By the spirit of affection and service unite our Scouting families,
that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world.

RESPONSIVE READING

(Psalm 46)

(L) God is our refuge and strength,
(P) A very present help in trouble.

(L) Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
(P) And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea.

(L) Though it's waters rage and foam,
(P) The Lord of hosts is with us.

(L) The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

HYMN

Kum Ba Yah my Lord, Kum Ba Yah
Kum Ba Yah my Lord, Kum Ba Yah
Kum Ba Yah my Lord, Kum Ba Yah
Oh, Lord Kum Ba Yah

Someone's crying Lord, Kum Ba Yah
...

Someone's singing Lord, Kum Ba Yah
...

Someone's praying Lord, Kum Ba Yah
...

SERMON

OFFERING

For World Friendship Fund

HYMN

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
River Jordan is deep and wide, Hallelujah

River Jordan is deep and wide, Hallelujah

River Jordan is chilly and cold, Hallelujah

Chills the body but not the soul, Hallelujah

SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

CLOSING PRAYER

Great Spirit Prayer

Oh Great Spirit whose voice in the wind I hear,
And whose breath gives life to all in the world,
Hear me.

Before you I come, one of your many children.

Small and weak am I,

Your strength and wisdom I need.

Make me walk in beauty.

Make my heart respect all You have made.

My ears to hear Your voice.

Make me wise that I may know all You have taught my people,

The lessons You have hidden in every rock.

I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother.

Make me able to fight my greatest enemy, myself.

Make me ready to stand before You with clean and straight eyes.

When life fades, as the fading sunset,

may our spirits stand before You without shame.

DISMISSAL

RESPONSIVE READINGS

I. THE SCOUT OATH

Leader: Our honor is a quality we possess because of our dignity as human beings and children of God. Our 'best' means to give all we have. It means to keep striving to do what we know is right, and in the Oath it means we will try to be good Scouts by fulfilling our Scout duties as expressed in the Scout Law.

People: ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST

Leader: Our duty to God and country means chiefly two things: obedience and loyalty. The duties we owe to God, to our country, to our parents, to one another, and to ourselves come from some command of God. The Scout Law sums up all the qualities a Scout should have and without which he cannot be a good Scout.

People: TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW.

Leader: Our Lord told us that love of neighbor was like the first law of love of God. The first children of God were known by the love they had for one another. Real human charity or love prompts us to want to help others at all times. Our Scout training will give us skills and knowledge that will put us in a better position to do this.

People: TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES

Leader: Scouting offers us many opportunities to grow physically. To be alert and ready requires us to give special care to those gifts of soul - intellect and will - that make us unto God. 'Morally straight' means we must try to know what is right and true, and to love what is good and choose it.

People: TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.

II. THE SCOUT LAW 1

Leader: A true and worthy person recognizes his obligations and does them without being watched or compelled.

People: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.

Leader: We owe much to many - to home, school, community, nation, and to God.

People: A SCOUT IS LOYAL.

Leader: The good Samaritan showed the spirit of doing a Good Turn.

People: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

Leader: Courtesy is the mark of all faiths. It is shown in thoughtful acts and kindly respect for everyone.

People: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.

Leader: Kindliness is the way people show respect for others.

People: A SCOUT IS KIND.

Leader: 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 responsibilities willingly.

People: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.

Leader: Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, our day is gloomy. If we are happy, our day is always happier.

People: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.

Leader: The world offers many gifts. a wise person uses them with care.

People: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.

Leader: To each of us comes danger, difficult tasks, and temptations. In choice of courage or cowardice, may we be brave.

People: A SCOUT IS BRAVE.

Leader: Cleanliness is next to Godliness. To have a clean body, a clean mind, and a clean record is a rewarding achievement.

People: A SCOUT IS CLEAN.

Leader: Character is determined by the things we worship. If we respect ourselves and our brothers and sisters, and see them as gifts of the goodness of God, we live on a high plane.

People: A SCOUT IS REVERENT.

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 to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and so live after thy will.

III. THE SCOUT LAW 2

Leader: "The person who is dishonest shall not live in My house; the person who is untruthful shall not stand before My eyes." Psalms 101:7
People: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY

Leader: "Do not beg me to leave you or to return from following after you, for where you go I will go; and where you stay, I will stay." Ruth 1:16
People: A SCOUT IS LOYAL

Leader: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Lev. 19:18
People: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

Leader: "Can two walk together unless they agree?" Amos 3:3
People: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY

Leader: "Honor you Father and your Mother." Exodus 20:12
People: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS

Leader: "With hold not good from the person to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it." Prov. 3:27
People: A SCOUT IS KIND

Leader: "Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge." Prov. 3:12
People: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT

Leader: "A glad heart is good medicine." Prov. 17:22
People: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL

Leader: "Precious treasure remains in a wise person's dwelling, but a foolish person uses it up." Prov. 21:20
People: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

Leader: "Be strong and of good courage." I Chron. 28:20
People: A SCOUT IS BRAVE

Leader: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? the person who has clean hands and a pure heart." Psalms 24:3-4
People: A SCOUT IS CLEAN

Leader: "It has been told to you what is good, and what the Lord requires of you; Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8
People: A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Responsive Reading for Camp

Leader: Lord, we know that this world we live in doesn't belong to us:
it is Your creation.

All: But sometimes we don't take care of it as well as we should.

Leader: We forget that animals and plants are living things that belong here too

All: And they also have a right to some space on this planet.

Leader: Help us to be wise in the use of our resources

All: by planting trees for those we cut down; by putting on a sweater instead of turning up the heat; by shutting off lights in empty rooms; by recycling instead of throwing away; by walking carefully through the woods to disturb as little as possible.

Leader: Help us, Lord, to respect nature and her needs, and to remember that what we take from nature was placed there by Your hand.

(from Anne Barbour, Essex, Ont.)

Our Spiritual Compass

For Scouts on a hike or canoe trip, a compass is an important tool. Because it gives you a stable reference point (magnetic north), you can set a course and follow it. As long as your compass is accurate and you don't damage it, it will serve you faithfully. If you trust it.

Our faith or spirituality is something like that. We have a point of reference that does not change, God. And we have a compass, so to speak, in our relationship with God. It's something we have learned and continue to learn about, just as we learn to use a compass properly.

We use our spirituality and faith to get us through this grand journey we call life. If we are prepared to trust the things we have learned about God and creative living, our spirituality can guide us through the joys and temptations of life. We can use it to show us what service we may give and what potential dangers to stay away from. We can use it to guide us in our friendships, in our work, in what we say to people and about people, and in how we treat our natural world.

(Scouter Rob Brown, N. Saskatchewan Region)

The Devil's Sale

There is a story that the devil once announced he was going out of business and offered to sell his tools to anyone who would pay the price. On the night of the sale, the tools were all attractively displayed. They were a nasty looking lot-malice, hatred, envy, jealousy, deceit-each marked with a price tag. A little off from the rest lay a harmless looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn, and priced higher than any of the others.

"What is it?" someone asked the devil.

"That's discouragement," he replied.

"Why is it priced so high?" the prospective customer asked.

"Because," said the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a person with it when I could never get near him with any of the others. Once inside, I can use the person in whatever way it suits me best. That's why it is so worn, you see. I use it with nearly everybody, because few people yet know that it belongs to me."

It is probably not necessary to add that the devil's price for this tool was so high that there were no bidders. And he is still using it.

(told by Colin McKay in Scouting (U.K.) magazine)

THE SCOUT BEATITUDES

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.

Proverbs 3:13 - 26

Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gets understanding,
For the gain from it is better than gain from silver,
And its profit is better than gold.

She is more precious than jewels,
And nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honor.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
Those who hold her fast are called happy.

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding he established the heavens;
By His knowledge the deeps broke forth,
And the clouds drop down the dew.

My son, keep sound wisdom and discretion;
Let them not escape from your sight,
And they will be life for your soul
And adornment for your neck.

Then you will surely walk on your way securely
And your foot will not stumble.
If you sit down, you will not be afraid;
When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Do not be afraid of sudden panic, or of the ruin
of the wicked, when it comes;
For the Lord will be your confidence and
will keep your foot from being caught.

When night ends...

"How can we determine the hour of dawn - when the night ends and the day begins?" the rabbi asked of his students.

"When, from a distance, you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep?" one of his students suggested.

"No" the rabbi answered.

"Is it when you can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine?" another student asked.

"No" he replied.

"Please tell us the answer, then" said the students.

"It is when you can look into the face of a human being and have enough light to recognize in him your brother," the wise teacher replied.

"Until then, it is night, and the darkness is still with us."

The Traveller and the Tracker...

Once a Traveller and a Tracker set out to explore the world together. As they wound their way through the wilderness, the Traveller was amazed at the Tracker's habit of pausing several times a day to pray.

"Why do you pray to something intangible?" the Traveller asked. "How do you know there is a God?"

Now the Tracker was very skilled in noticing things and, through the years, had gained much insight reading the smallest signs. And he

answered the Traveller this way:

"I know there is a God when I see the leaves turning yellow. I know there is a God when a trout jumps at a fly, and when grass waves in the dry wind. I know there is a God when clouds shade my head and the stars wink at night."

"So you see," said the Tracker, "I know there is a God, for I can see his footprints throughout the Universe."

It's All Yours

Fall, the Hunting Moon of our predecessors. Leaves changing and last year's pine needles falling.... Nature's carpet springing up after each step, leaving no track. Shafts of sunlight striking through beech and birch, spruce and maple.

Smell it! Open your arms, throw out your chests. Drink it in. Help yourself; it's all yours. Did you ever smell anything so wonderful as the fragrance of the pines?

Open your eyes! See the sun on the river. See the eddies past the beaver dam. See that partridge dart off through the trees...

Open your hearts. God is here.

(from an outdoor investiture, published in the May 1949 Scout Leader.)