

Memorial Day,



May 30, 1898.

SPECIAL UNION SERVICE OF PRAYER
FOR OUR COUNTRY; OUR RULERS, AND FOR
OUR ARMY AND NAVY.

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MAY 30, 1898, MONDAY, 11 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE.

Andante from Pastoral Sonata, BEETHOVEN.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ;
Praise Him, all creatures here below ;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host :
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

INVOCATION.

REV. WILLIAM M. BAUM, D.D.,

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Let us come before the Lord with thanksgivings, let us enter into His presence with praises. Great is the Lord and greatly to be feared, to be had in reverence by all them that are about Him. Draw nigh unto us, Almighty God. Grant a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Fill all our hearts and minds as the light of day fills the air about us. Fill all this place and all places with thy presence. Lord God, our Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. Holy Spirit of the Father and of the Son, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER.

REV. J. ADDISON HENRY, D.D.,

PASTOR PRINCETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

O God, we have entered into thy courts with thanksgiving, and we humbly beseech thee that thou wilt now dismiss us with thy richest blessing. We have spoken, we have prayed, we have given. Regard our efforts, O God, and bestow thy benedictions now upon us as we are about to separate. We would remember upon this Memorial Day those for whom it was appointed, those who appointed it, the veterans of our army, the army of the Union. They are with us still, many of them. We see them on our streets, we meet them in our homes, they are in our churches. They have done the work of the nation, and done it faithfully. They contended for that which was right and just and true, and now, God of mercy and of grace, bless them in their old age. May the country never forget them; and we beseech thee that the people may always remember them, and may do what they can to make their lives joyful and pleasant even down to the very close. Bless them in their homes. Remember them, we beseech thee, in their social relations; and, God of mercy, may they all at last be with that blessed number who shall have come out of great tribulation, and shall have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. We are here to pray for our nation to-day. We are engaged in war. We are clear that the cause is a righteous one, or we would not have come here to-day unitedly thus to pray. We are here therefore to pray for victory. We beseech thee that thou wilt give us a victory, a speedy victory, a glorious victory, and then give to us lasting peace. We humbly beseech thee, O God, that thou wilt be with the young men and with those who are older, who are contending for that which is right and just and true at this present time. Bless the young men in the navy and in the army, and all those who are their leaders, the generals and colonels and captains, every one who is an officer in the army, and every private. May their lives and

health be precious in thy sight. Guard them, O God, and defend them, and then send them to their homes honored and rejoicing, and may we honor them and feel that they have done our work nobly and truly. But, O God, we would not forget those who are named as our enemies. Have mercy, O God, upon the Spaniards. Grant that thy richest blessings may rest upon that country, Spain. May it be enlightened, may it be opened for divine truth and for evangelical religion; and we pray, O God, that out of confusion and out of disasters there may come joy and light and glory to that great country, and then may we go hand in hand to do the work of God in the days and generations which are to come. O God, bless thy church, and as we are here together from the different branches of the church, smile upon us, and may it be to us a token for good. May we feel that thus we are bound more closely together, and that we have the evidence of true Christian union, and may we feel that it is for us to pray that that may be increased, even though uniformity should never be seen by us. O God, the eyes of the city, the eyes of the nation, the eyes of the world, are upon us. We know not but that the eye of the universe may be upon us, unseen intelligences may witness us. Wherefore, seeing that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, may we lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and may we run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hear our prayer, as we offer it to thee in the language of our blessed Saviour, Our Father which art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.