

Puritans Past & Present

Call to worship

Disposed at every suitable opportunity to acknowledge publicly our infinite obligations to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for rescuing our Country, I cannot fail at this time to ascribe all the honor of our successes to the same glorious Being. Washington

Hymn 349

Introduction to theme

Prayers of Confession [dark print said together here and below] Washington

Let us pray: **that we may unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions ...**

We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has even grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! Lincoln

Lord have mercy

Words of Assurance

‘And I do also recommend that with these acts of humiliation, penitence, and prayer fervent thanksgiving to the Author of All Good be united for the countless favors which He is still continuing to the people of the United States, **and which render their condition as a nation eminently happy when compared with the lot of others.**’ John Adams

Readings from the Western Scriptures: *Leviticus 27.30-34; Philippians 2.1-11; Sura 31.16-19*

It is impossible to conceive, on grounds of human reason, to what purpose a divine economy, relative to the coming of Christ, should have confined the knowledge of the true god to the Jews, and have left the rest of mankind without god in the world. Jefferson

Responsive Reading: 471

Moment Musicale

Address

Credo: Hear O Israel: **The Lord our God, the Lord is one, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself.**’ *Deut. 6.5; Lev. 19.18; Mark 12.29 & Lincoln’s hoped-for Creed.* I swear by the declining day that we are deep in loss **except for those who believe, do good deeds, urge one another to the truth, and urge one another to steadfastness.** *Sura 103*

Discussion; Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession: ----- *I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.*

Jefferson

Fondly do we hope – fervently do we pray – that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away ...

Lincoln

From Micah to James religion has been defined as service to one’s fellow men rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, or wisdom and righteousness.

Teddy Roosevelt

We, as Americans, do not choose to deny our responsibility ...Nor do we intend to abandon our determination that, within the lives of our children and our children's children, there will not be a third world war. We seek peace - enduring peace. FDR’s last public words 1945 - for the observance of Jefferson Day

Notices, Offering,

Hymn 16

Blessing: May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since delivered the Hebrews from their Egyptian oppressors and planted them in a promised land still continue to water us with the dews of heaven and may all inhabitants participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose God is Jehovah. Washington

Dismissal: Without the assistance of that Divine Being I cannot succeed. **With that assistance I cannot fail.** Trusting in Him, who remains with you and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me. **Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.** Lincoln

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