V-E DAY May 8, 1945 Public and Drumhead Service

Edmonton, Alberta



Honorary Patron
Lieut.-Governor J. A. Bowen

Presiding, His Worship, the Mayor of Edmonton

Massed Choir under the direction of Vernon Barford

Military bands marshalled by Lieut.-Col. W. Hale, Area Commandant

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

"O Canada"

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

REV. ELGIN TURNBULL, Chairman Edmonton Presbytery, United Church of of Canada.

Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

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.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Philippians, Chapter 4, Verses 4 to 8.
REV. J. MacBeath Miller, President
Edmonton Ministerial Association.

Psalm 46 (in unison)

CHAPLAIN U.S. ARMY

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea:

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHAPLAIN, CANADIAN ARMY

Almighty and everlasting God who makest wars to cease unto the ends of the earth, we praise and magnify Thy great mercy, which has brought us to this hour.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, who art King over all, and who in the multitude of Thy mercies has brought us to this day. We thank Thee for all Thy goodness and loving kindness. For the gracious Providence that guided and sustained us in the dark days of the War, and for the defence Thou didst raise up for us in our necessity; we give Thee thanks and praise. For the grace that upheld us through the years of peril and sorrow, and for the deliverance Thou didst vouchsafe to us; we bless and praise Thy Holy Name. We cried unto Thee in trouble, and Thou didst hear us; we put our trust in Thee, and were not confounded. Grant, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, that we, being mindful of Thy great goodness, may yield ourselves in new obedience to Thy holywill, and live as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth and is worshipped and glorified with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God for evermore. Amen.

Prayer of Remembrance

CHAPLAIN R.C.A.F.

"O Almight God, loving Protector of the sorrowing and afflicted deign to hear this day our earnest prayer on behalf of those upon whom the cross of sorrow and separation has been placed.

In Thy great mercy, bless and strengthen, we beseech Thee, fathers and mothers and all members of families who have willingly given back to Thee a loved one in the cause of liberty and justice in the world which Thou has created. May their sacrifice be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, and bring them the heavenly rewards promised to Thy good and faithful servants. Amen.

"O God, Who art ever inclined to pity and spare, have mercy on the souls of Thy sons of the armed forces and forgive them all their sins, so that after their departure from this life, they may enter life eternal.

"O God, the bestower of pardon and lover of man's salvation, we beseech Thy Clemency, through the intercession of all Thy Saints that Thy sons in the armed forces who have passed out of this world, may together enjoy everlasting happiness. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual life shine upon them. May the divine assistance remain ever with us and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

Last Post

Silence of Remembrance (one minute)

Reveille

Prayer of Dedication

REV. DANIEL YOUNG, Minister, First Baptist Church.

O Lord God, who hast delivered Thy people from great peril, and by Thy might hast overthrown the powers of evil, we thank Thee for the strength Thou has granted for the toil, and struggle, and sacrifice of these years. We lift our hearts in praise to Thee for this day of victory, and for all the hope it brings of a new and better world.

Continue to prosper us in those tasks yet unfinished. Make us alert, and eager, and

resolute in our dealing with the unconquered forces of evil. Save us from any spirit of neglect, or sloth, or indifference. Prepare us for the hardships, and cruelties, and sufferings in those theatres of war where our men are still engaged in bitter fighting. Make this moment one of dedication to further strenuous efforts, and costly undertakings along the road to final victory and peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure,
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Amen.

Address

Honorable Ernest C. Manning, Premier of Alberta.

Hallelujah Chorus

Massed choirs

Benediction

RIGHT REV. W. F. BARFOOT, Bishop of Edmonton

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

God Save the King

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

The people will remain standing until the Armed Services and Military have passed the saluting base where the salute will be taken by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.