

MEMORIAL SERVICE

October 1st 2001



**The NSW Rural Fire Service
joined by
The Ambulance Service of NSW
State Emergency Service
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association
Honours those men, women and children who lost their lives
or were injured as a result of the terrorist attack on the
United States of America on the 11th of September 2001.**

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Order of Service

Music for Reflection

CD Christian Choir

Hillsong Church singers and band

Entry of Official Guests and Clergy

Please stand as the Official Guests and Clergy enter, and remain standing.

Welcome and Introduction

We come together today to affirm our conviction that God cares for us, whatever our ethnic, religious or political background may be.

We gather to honour those men, women and children who lost their lives or were injured as a result of the terrorist attack on the United States of America on the 11th of September 2001.

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We welcome today the special guests who have joined with us as we, share in remembering, share in saying thankyou and share in singing hymns and prayers together.

1. Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC Governor of New South Wales
2. US Consul General Eileen Malloy
3. The Honourable. Bob Debus MP
Attorney General
Minister for The Environment
Minister for Emergency Services
Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts
4. Commissioner Phil Koperberg AM, AFSM, BEM
5. Chief Executive Officer Ambulance Service NSW Greg Rochford

6. Commissioner Ian Mac Dougall AC AFSM NSW Fire Brigades
7. President NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Mr Ray Gill
8. Director Emergency Services Richard Lyons
9. Division Controller Sydney Western Division State Emergency Services Mr Peter Cinque
10. Secretary of The Salvation Army Programmes Colonel Christine MacMillan
11. Assistant Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM
12. Senior Chaplain NSW Fire Brigade Captain Bob Garven AM
13. Volunteer Fire Fighter Deputy Captain Liz Johnston
14. Senior Chaplain NSW RFS Captain Ron Anderson AFSM
15. Senior Family Support Chaplain NSW RFS Captain Carol Anderson
16. Senior Staff or our respective emergency services, volunteers and their families – ladies & gentlemen

The Bible tells us that God is " the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles."

The Bible's words are our hope: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea"

I commence this service today with those words from Psalms 46 verse 1.

“God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble”

The Chaplain invites everyone to exchange the Greeting of Peace in which we are invited to greet two strangers with a handshake and the greeting...

“My name is ; Peace be with you!”

Procession of the Flag Party

Notes: *The flag party to consist of 3 flag bearers in line. They will march down the centre aisle and on reaching the front the 3 flag bearers will stand firm for the singing of the Anthems.*

National Anthems

of the United States of America

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, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through 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?

of Australia

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!

Presentation of the Flags

Notes: *Flags are marched one at a time onto platform and presented to the 3 chaplains once all flags are on the platform.*

**1. Australian Flag – Capt Ron Anderson, 2. American Flag – Capt Bob Garven,
3. State Flag – Capt Carol Anderson**

On receiving the flags the chaplains will turn and Set the Flags in the stand at the rear of the platform. The flag party retire to the side entrance

Solemn Greeting

Captain Ron Anderson AFSM
Senior Chaplain NSW Rural Fire Service

No matter how hard we try, words simply cannot express the horror, the shock, and the revulsion we all feel over what took place on Tuesday morning September 11 That day will go down in our history as a day to remember.

What an example New York and Washington have been to the world these past few weeks! None of us will ever forget the pictures of our courageous firefighters and police, many of whom have lost friends and colleagues.

Quoting Dr Billy Graham “A tragedy like this could have torn our country apart, but instead it has united us and we’ve become a family. So for those perpetrators who took this on to tear the us apart, it has worked the other way. It’s backlashed, it’s backfired. We are more united than ever before.” End Quote

Today we say to those who masterminded this cruel plot, and to those who carried it out, that the spirit of the world will not be defeated by their twisted and diabolical schemes.

Some day those responsible will be brought to justice, as President Bush and the US Congress have so forcefully stated.

But today, we especially come together in this service to confess our need of God. We have always needed God from the very beginning, but today we need Him especially. We're facing a new kind of enemy. We're involved in a new kind of warfare, and we need the help of the Spirit of God.

Note: Would you please turn to the 1st Hymn... Amazing Grace on your order of service and following the introduction to verse 1 please join with the Hillsong singers and sing the 6 verses

Hymn

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

John Newton (v.5 John Reese)

Note I would like to introduce **Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC Governor of New South Wales** and ask that she come to the Lectern to address us.

Address **Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC
Governor of New South Wales**

Thankyou your Excellency

Reading Isaiah 40: verses 25- 31 “Depending on God”
US Consul General Eileen Malloy

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?”
Says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

This is the word of the Lord!

Note New York City Fire Department Chaplain Mychal (Father Mike) Judge was a dependable contact who’s words of wisdom supported and uplifted Senior chaplains at the world level. Father Mike had kneeled to give last rites to a firefighter when a rain of Debris showered down killing him.

Firefighters took his body to the St Francis of Assisi Church where the Franciscan Priest lived in the friary.

Let us today reflect on the acts of bravery of all who were there that day as we listen to a Musical Arrangement of the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi. The third verse is the refrain between each of the verses.

Reflection

Make me a channel of thy Peace

Musical Arrangement of the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

1. Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness – only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to live.

Address US Consul General Eileen Malloy

Prayer

For the victims

For the bereaved

For emergency workers

Let us pray for the United States, for our country and the world, and those in need at this time of disaster and mourning.

Silence

Leader. Almighty and compassionate God, our eyes could hardly watch, nor our ears hear, nor our minds conceive nor hearts believe the unfolding of the tragic events of September 11. Never have we seen such horrific terror and slaughter of the innocent. Never have we experienced our continent, our airports, our commerce, our communications and governments in such a quick and total state of lock down, alert and defence. We are attacked and besieged. Fear and mourning have gripped our souls. Tears and anger flow with abandon. Life and liberty have been severely challenged. O God, in such a moment of shock, we hardly know what to pray. And yet we know, in you alone will we find hope, comfort and strength.

C. Great God of steadfast love, have mercy and heal us.

L. For the untold thousands of injured and bereaved,

C. Great God of steadfast love, have mercy and heal us.

L. For those who do not know the fate of their loved ones,

C. Great God of steadfast love, have mercy and heal us.

L. Be among us in our fears and our tears.

Give comfort and support to our hearts and our souls.

C. Great God of steadfast love, have mercy and heal us.

L. Refresh and strengthen those who aid and those who lead, even as we give thanks for so many acts of generosity, kindness and heroism.

C. Great God of steadfast love, have mercy and heal us.

L. God of love, God of truth, God of life, God of hope, you know our needs are great at this time. You know them better than we can even state them now. In your mercy, hear our prayer. In your wisdom, grant us those things that will lead us forward to wholeness, love and peace again. In your grace, bless us in this time with your holy and life-giving presence. For blessed are you, O God, and blessed is all that you do.

C. Amen

Reading **Revelation 21: Verses 3-7**
Assistant Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM

And I heard a loud voice, from the throne saying, “ Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who is seated on the throne said, “ I am making everything new!” Then he said, ” Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the alpha and the omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Vocal Solo **What Can I Do**
Leanne Anderson

Note *I would now invite the Honourable Bob Debus MP, To bring his address to those gathered here today.*

Address The Honourable Bob Debus MP

Thankyou Minister Debus

Hymn

1. The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for His own name's sake
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet I will fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou has furnished
In presence of my foes:
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Note *I now ask Commissioner Phil Koperberg, NSW Rural Fire Service
To please come to the lectern and deliver his address to us.*

Address Commissioner Phil Koperberg AM, AFSM, BEM
NSW Rural Fire Service

Thankyou Commissioner

Reading John 14, verses 1-6 "When we can't understand"
Volunteer Firefighter Deputy Captain Liz Johnston

" Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. " Thomas said to him, "Lord we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, " I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Prayer **Let us pray for the Governments and Leaders**
Captain Bob Garven AM Senior Chaplain
New South Wales Fire Brigades

"God of all the ages, in your sight nations rise and fall, and pass through times of peril. Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save. May leaders be led by your wisdom; may they search your will and see it clearly. If we have turned from your way, reverse our ways and help us to repent. Give us your light, your truth, and let them guide us;

We pray for the Governments and Leaders of your world
direct and prosper all its work to the advancement of your glory,
and the safety and welfare of our lands; so that peace and happiness,
truth and justice, may be established among us; through Jesus Christ
who is Lord of this world, and our Saviour.

Amen.

Note *I invite Commissioner Koperberg to return to the lectern and read The scriptures relating to the Chaplains Message Today,*

Reading Psalm 27, verses 1-14 "Confidence in God"
Commissioner Phil Koperberg AM, AFSM, BEM

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear, though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Though my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Saviour. Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Vocal Solo **People Need The Lord**
Leanne Anderson

Message **"How we must respond"**
Captain Ron Anderson AFSM

Chaplains Address "How we must respond"

Captain Ron Anderson AFSM

Michael Elliot, writing for *Times*, was not exaggerating when he wrote, "For Americans, September 11, 2001, will go down in history as a day the world changed. We have been shaken to the core."

Our world changed that Tuesday morning. In many ways, things will never be the same. The tragedy that has befallen is something that many people believed could never happen. And yet it did.

I hope that one good that comes out of this disaster is that the nations of the world unite together to bring an end to terrorism. We have come to accept the idea that Foreign Terrorist Organizations are an inescapable reality, but perhaps we will find a way to end the threat of terrorism for all people around the world.

The terrorists showed us a lot about the nature of evil, but the reactions of ordinary people to it demonstrated a good bit of Kingdom behaviour. There has been a lot of it. People walking to escape the destruction were met with small acts of kindness from complete strangers.

The news networks told us of... The proprietor of a Chinese delicatessen was out front handing out bottles of water. A hardware store owner gave out dust masks. With no subways or buses or taxis running in the area, some drivers gave rides to frantic pedestrians. Many people waited patiently in lines to give blood and others volunteered to help in other services to the injured. Rescue workers risked their own lives - and many lost them - to help others. And there were many more good deeds.

During the first couple of days after the attack, most news networks reported the story under a banner that said, "Attack on America" or "America Under Attack." Thursday morning, however, I noticed that Fox News had updated their banner to "America Unites" and another network had updated their banner to "America Responds."

This is a good distinction to make. The question for now is not "How could this happen?", but instead, "How should we respond?" In the years to come we can discuss the "hows and whys", but today the most important question we must answer is "How do we respond?"

For the last week I have been praying about today's message and studying scripture to see what God would say to us about how we should respond to this crisis. It probably won't surprise you that I found the answer in the book of Psalms.

In Psalm 27, David speaks words that are so appropriate for our situation today...

(v. 1) The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

(v. 2) When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

(v. 3) Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

Then, in verse five...

(v. 5) For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling...

David knew what it was like to face an enemy; he knew what it was like to be "besieged." And yet, he didn't give up. The words of this Psalm teach us how we can respond in the face of this crisis. Three words define our response. First of all...

1. We must respond with COURAGE.

This is not the time to give in to fear. As nations we don't need to cower at the hands of our enemies, and—most certainly—as Christians we don't need to be paralysed by fear. Now is the time to take courage. King David said...

(v. 3) Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear.

How could he say that? Because he also knew...

(v. 1)...the Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Though our lives have changed because of this tragedy, we cannot succumb to fear. More than ever we need to be people of courage, whose confidence and hope is in God.

We have already seen that this is how many have responded. Before the debris from the World Trade Centre had finished falling to the ground, bold and courageous people were entering the disaster scene to save whomever they could. Police officers, fire fighters, construction workers, and medical personnel and countless others risked their lives in order to save lives. They were not paralysed by fear; they were empowered by courage.

We who are thousands of miles away from the scenes of these attacks must show similar courage. How? By staying the course. By continuing to move forward with our lives.

The fearful response would be to build a wall around ourselves—to stop investing, to stop working, to stop building, to stop dreaming, to stop trying, to stop hoping. The fearful response would be to put your life on hold until the enemy goes away. That must not be how we respond. We must respond with courage. We must continue to face life with boldness, with faith, and with hope.

A question that has gone through my mind repeatedly since the day of the attack is "Did the Terrorists not understand that this is exactly how Americans would respond?" They are a courageous people—and for a very good reason: In spite of all that some say is wrong with America, they are still "one nation under God, INDIVISIBLE."

This is a time for courage. We can be people of courage for one reason: our confidence is in God, and in him alone. David said...

(v. 5) For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling.

The cynic might say, "He certainly didn't keep safe those who were in the world trade centre." Keep in mind, though, there is more to life than this life; there is more to security than economic or military stability. All of those in the World Trade Centre who reached out to him are now more secure than any of us will ever be in this life. They are safely in his presence. Their pain, their tears, and their fears are gone forever, and throughout eternity they will know only unending joy. They are, truly, "hidden in the shelter of his tabernacle."

How should America respond? How should Christians respond? We should respond with courage. Also...

2. And we must respond with FAITHFULNESS.

The temptation is to respond to hate with hate. The answer is not to start terrorizing anyone who speaks with an accent. We must not lash out at innocent people because of what happened. That is not how Jesus would respond, and it cannot be how we respond, either.

Some people ask, "What about retaliation? Should we try to get revenge?" Revenge is not the point. Eliminating the threat to the security of the free world is the point. Our nation's leaders must do whatever it takes to make life safe for us and for the rest of the world.

This is why we must not only be faithful to love; we must be faithful to pray. We need to pray for our nation's leaders more than ever before as they decide how to respond. Ideally, the best solution is to eliminate the threat of terrorism in a way that doesn't incur additional loss of innocent lives. You and I both know this will not be easy. Therefore, we need to remain in prayer for our leaders.

Remember: You and I are not responsible for retaliation. We do not need to wage our own private wars of hate against anyone who may be connected nationally or ethnically to those who may be responsible for the attack. David said...

[\(v. 11\) Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.](#)

David understood that during a time like this our paths need to remain straight; we need to remain faithful in our walk.

We must respond with courage, we must respond with faithfulness, and...

3. We must respond with PATIENCE.

It is quite normal that Americans and the rest of the world want answers and we want them now. We want justice, and we want it now. We want revenge and we want it now!

On the day following the terrorist's act I saw a photo through the news networks of a restaurant in Manhattan that had been closed due to the bombing. A hand made sign was posted on the door that said, "President Bush, Declare War on Afghanistan Tonight!"

The next few weeks, perhaps even the next few months will be a time of waiting for us. It will take a long time to assess all the damage that has been done, and it may take even longer for this pestilence to be eliminated.

But we can be sure of this: It will happen. We're not waiting for a president to act. We're not waiting for the United Nations to act. We're waiting for God to act. Listen to these words from the book of Isaiah...

...he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. (Isaiah 42:4)

God's stated goal for the Messiah is that he will bring about justice throughout the world, and will eliminate all suffering. That's not the world we live in today, but it's the world we will live in someday. Though pain and suffering and death and evil are part of our present reality, eventually those threats will lose the battle. They will be eliminated once and for all. Till then, we must wait on God and put our hope in him. David said...

(v. 14) Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

It won't be long before the shock wears off, reality sets in, and we grow weary of the inconveniences this attack has caused. For example, security concerns will cause air travel to be even more tedious than it was before. For a while the economy might be slower than it was before. These are minor inconveniences compared to the devastation we've already experienced, but if we're not careful, we might allow ourselves to become disgruntled.

Let's not do that.

Let's be patient during this time of crisis.

We need to be willing to wait.

We need to be patient with our leaders, because resolving this crisis may take longer than we want it to.

We need to be patient with God, because he is in control, and this world moves according to his timetable.

And we need to be patient with one another.

We are fellow citizens and fellow believers, and we are in this together.

Right before David said, "Wait for the Lord" he said...

(v. 13) I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

CONCLUSION

Courage. Faithfulness. Patience.

This is to be our response.

Courage, because our confidence is in God.

Faithfulness, because our calling is to be like him.

Patience, because he is in control and he is just.

And Jesus said...

"Surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28:20)

He is with you now, even in the midst of your sorrows, your doubts, your fears, your anger, your uncertainty. You don't have to face this alone. You can lean on Christ. And we can lean on each other. Let this be our response: Let's draw closer to one another, and closer to Christ as we unite together in courage and faithfulness...as we patiently put our trust in God.

Where was God this week? Hear me now. God was not in the cockpit of those four planes. I'll tell where God has been. He has been in the firefighters's turnout gear. Behind police badges. Holding a scalpel and a syringe. He is near the heart of all who in the face of this tragedy love their neighbour

And as mortals it is only natural for us to ask questions.

What should we do? We should mourn, yes, but we should also rebuild and we should start as soon as we honour in death those who have fallen.

Who is to blame? The world has done nothing wrong to warrant such atrocities. This is the work of evil men.

Where is God? He is here. He will never forsake us.

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Courage, because our confidence is in God.
Faithfulness, because our calling is to be like him.
Patience, because he is in control and he is just.

Amen

Reflection CD "God and God Alone"

Note During This reflection tributes will be laid.

Laying of Tributes

Note I invite Her Excellency to now lay the first floral tribute

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, Governor of NSW

US Consul General, Eileen Malloy

**The Honourable Bob Debus MP, Attorney-General and
Minister for Emergency Services**

**Commissioner Phil Koperberg AM, AFSM, BEM.
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One Minute Silence

Video Set to Music HERO

Prayer

Captain Bob Garven AM
Senior Chaplain New South Wales Fire Brigades

God, you have given us the task of helping those in trouble and danger, of saving life and property, help us to do our job well and do it with pride and pleasure.

Sometimes we risk our lives Lord. When we think of the dangers, and when we remember those who gave their lives in facing them help us to remember what Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"

We thank you for the mateship we enjoy, and for our loved ones who support us through it all.

Lord Jesus, you alone are the Saviour of the World.

Help strengthen and protect us from danger as we seek to serve you, one another and the community that we may be ready to risk all to save others.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who gave His own life
That we might live forever with you.

Amen.

Hymn

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2. In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy,
let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on

3. He is coming like the glory
of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty,
he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool,
and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe

Prayer

Loving God, we come to you at this time when our hearts are troubled, for you are our refuge and strength.

We come from a world of differing experience to enter into prayerful conversation with you remembering your invitation to us, to share with you our every thought.

We pray that you will speak the word of comfort for we are troubled at this time. Surround us with your unfailing love, and may your peace be ours.

Grant us courage and strength to face the days ahead, and in moments of Anger, Loneliness and Despair may we and those of the world community be aware of your supporting care.
Amen.

Blessing

God, may the beauty of your world, and the loving wisdom of your words fill our hearts and light our ways, today and everyday. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust Him.

Presentation of RFS Service Flag to US Consul General Eileen Malloy

Return of the Flags

Epilogue Hillsong Church Singers and Instrumental Group

Official Party Depart

You may wish to lay tributes as a token of love and sympathy as you leave.