



# Veterans Day Ecumenical Service

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# 2023 VETERANS DAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

## Introduction & Prayer

*Bishop Trevor Alexander, U.S. Army, Retired*

## Posting of the Colors

*Army ROTC Cadets*

*Adam Eimer, Dian Li, Javier Velez-Carmona,*

*Paul Noriega, Esmeralda Hernandez*

## "The Star-Spangled Banner"

*Valerie Ramos, Assistant Registrar - Graduation*

## Welcome

*UIW President, Thomas M. Evans, PhD*

## History of Veterans Day

*Gabriel Perez, Assistant Director of Human Resources*

## Wreath Laying

*Army ROTC Cadets*

*Brianna Sanders, Adam Eimer*

## Responsive Prayer

*Chaplain (Captain) Anthony Moya, U.S. Army*

## Reading from Mass

*Camille Piper, Graduate Assistant*

## Hymn - "Partners in the Mission"

*Lena Gokleman & Carmen Aguilera*

## Act of Remembrance

*Bishop Trevor Alexander, U.S. Army, Retired*

## Flag Folding Ceremony

*Dr. Alan Jones, U.S. Army, Retired*

*Army ROTC Cadets Dian Li, Paul Noriega, Javier Velez-Carmona*

*UIW Percussionist*

## Recognition of Service Members

*Bishop Trevor Alexander, U.S. Army, Retired*

## Student Veteran Reflection

*Jessica "Jay" Andrade, Texas Army National Guard*

## Litany from "The Book of Worship for US Forces"

*Chaplain (Captain) Asnage Castelly*

## Benediction

*Coach John Newman, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired*

## Retire the colors

*Army ROTC*

## America the Beautiful

*Lena Gokleman & Carmen Aguilera*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

*led by Chaplain (Captain) Anthony Moya, U.S. Army*

**Leader :** We remember today, O God, all those who have served under the colors of their countries.

**People:** We commend them to you for their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.

**Leader:** Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love and protection.

**People:** Give comfort and encouragement to their families.

**Leader:** We pray for the day when there will be peace on earth and the kingdoms of this world will have become the kingdom of our Christ.

**People:** Hasten that day, O God, and help us to live in that hope. Imbue us with your spirit of love and forgiveness, in order that we may understand the nature of Christ's kingdom.

**Leader:** Hear our prayers for our enemies in the world, that they may be converted to PEACE for the nations and join us in creating a better world community.

**People:** Let your holy will prevail among all people, and your name be exalted forever.

**All:** Amen.

## READING FROM TODAY'S MASS

*led by Camille Piper*

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

**A reading from Luke 16: 9-15**

"... No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money..."

## "PARTNERS IN THE MISSION"

*Lena Gokleman, Piano  
Carmen Aguilera, Cantor*



1. In the lives of all who suf - fer, In the fear and in the  
2. We are part - ners in the work of Bring - ing faith and hope to  
3. While on earth this is our call - ing; Learn to bear the beams of



1. pain, God is there when in our tri - als Christ is  
2. birth; Seek - ing whole - ness for the bro - ken, We, the  
3. love. We are sent to live for oth - ers, Sent on



1. cru - ci - fied a - gain. May we rec - og - nize our Sav - ior  
2. hands of Christ on earth. Like the saints who came be - fore us,  
3. mis - sion from a - bove; Though we trem - ble at love's bur - den,



1. In the stran - ger on the road; May we bend to bind the  
2. Let our deeds and wit - ness be Liv - ing prom - ise of the  
3. It is eas - y, it is light; As we seek e - ter - nal



1. wound - ed, Help the bur - dened bear the load. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. King - dom, And a sign of u - ni - ty. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. splen - dor, May our souls with love burn bright. \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Fisher Hesed  
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# ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*led by Bishop Trevor Alexander*



We keep in our hearts Cadet Banales and those near and dear to us who have died by lighting a candle.

## The Acclamation

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise forever! For the darkness of this age is passing away and we ask that Christ; the bright and morning star, bring to his saints the light of life.

We pray for our nation that all will find peace. We pray for the family of Cadet Banales that they might find peace. Help us to become ONE as you and the Father are One! We ask you, Lord, to comfort the families and friends of those that have been deeply affected by war and unrest in our nation and those around the world. Help us to be agents for peace and hope. Replace our fears with faith and our sorrows with trust.

By lighting this candle, you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you, where with your saints you live and reign one in the perfect union of love now and forever.

Amen.

# FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

*led by Dr. Alan Jones*

*Cadet Dian Li, Cadet Paul Noriega, Cadet Javier Velez-Carmona  
UIW Percussionist*



## RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEMBERS

*led by Bishop Trevor Alexander*

All U.S. and Foreign Services will be recognized.

## STUDENT VETERAN REFLECTION

*given by Jessica "Jay" Andrade, TX Army National Guard Veteran*



Jessica is a 7th generation Texan born and raised in San Antonio and is a descendant of Juan Vargas. She went to Jefferson, O'Connor, and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 2012. Jessica enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard at 17 and left home for training after graduation. From 2014-2018, she provided logistics support to ODA's in 19th Special Forces Group and traveled to the Philippines, South Korea, Japan, and Thailand to support Joint Combined Exercise Trainings and deployments.

Jessica graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University San Antonio achieving a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Management in 2022. This is Jessica's first year at the University of Incarnate Word. She is enrolled in the School of Professional Studies to pursue a Master of Science in Data Analytics while working full-time as a Process Analyst for the Veterans Health Administration. She is also the Treasurer for the Student Veterans of America UIW Chapter.

## LITANY

*led by Chaplain (Captain) Asnage Castelly*

**A Litany Adopted from “The Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974), no. 625”**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country’s story:

**People:** We give you thanks, O God.

**Leader:** For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**People:** We give you thanks, O God.

**Leader:** For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world’s common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**People:** We give you thanks, O God.

**Leader:** For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**People:** We give you thanks, O God.

**Leader:** O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who are serving and those who have served. Look upon their service with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

## BENEDICTION

*Coach John Newman*

Lord, by Your touch, by which we feel Your GRACE,  
We take Your GRACE to our communities.

Lord, as we trust that You already provide all we need,  
We share our FAITH in our communities.

Lord, inspired by Your promises to us,  
We share Your HOPE in our communities.

Lord, by Your LOVE we are healed,  
We take Your LOVE to our communities.

Lord, by Your Spirit of PEACE we are reconciled to one another.  
We go in PEACE to be Your healing presence in our communities.

Amen.

## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

*Lena Gokleman, Piano*

*Carmen Aguilera, Cantor*

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

America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!

America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

# STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

The mission of the Student Veterans of America is to expedite, facilitate, and reinforce the successful transition for U.S. military veterans and their families to university life while fostering a lasting bond of friendship with veterans of allied armed forces and mentoring the next generation of military and civilian leadership.



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Text 838255

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- ◇ STMU & UIW Army ROTC
- ◇ Student Veterans of America, UIW Chapter
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