

Elizabeth Propst:

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Congregation:

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Elizabeth Propst:

Welcome to Morning Prayers here in the Appleton Chapel. We are excited to have Ben Allen speaking with us this morning, a senior at Harvard College and a veteran of the United States Navy. Welcome, Ben. Please rise, in body or spirit, and join in our responsive psalm, number 51 in your black Appleton Psalter. "Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. According to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offenses."

Congregation:

"Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin."

Elizabeth Propst:

"For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me."

Congregation:

"Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. That thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged."

Elizabeth Propst:

"Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Congregation:

"Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice."

Elizabeth Propst:

"Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds."

Congregation:

"Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Elizabeth Propst:

"Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me."

Congregation:

"O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit."

Choir:

(Singing).

Ben Allen:

Good morning, everyone.

Congregation:

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Ben Allen:

Thank you for joining with us today on this Veterans Day and celebrating a service with us all. On this day, just over a hundred years ago, on the 11th minute of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, multiple countries came together to end the worst and bloodiest war that the world had ever seen. They did that in the hopes that there would be no more wars in the future, that no more men would have to die and lay down their lives in the way that they had seen their brothers and sisters in arms die. Unfortunately, that has not been the case, but I hope that we can come together and that we can say a prayer that, one day, it can happen. If we could take a moment to remember all those who are not here with us today, and to remember that, even though for a lot of men and women, their time in the service might be over, they still deal with the internal demons and post-traumatic stress that they have suffered from their time in service.

Thank you, everyone.

Elizabeth Propst:

Thank you, Ben. Please rise, in body or spirit, for the Lord's Prayer.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 and ever. Amen."

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Please join in our closing hymn, O Lord of Life, Whose Power Sustains, number 88.

Congregation:

(Singing).

Elizabeth Propst:

Christ has no hands in this world but yours, no voice but yours. May our hands and our voices do the work of justice and of love, today and all days. May we give thanks for service. May we be of service ourselves. Amen.

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Congregation:

Amen.