

# CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bob)

A scout is Reverent.

This morning we would like to explore the use of an Interfaith Worship service. This will be both instructional and also our time for reflection and worship. An interfaith worship service begins with a Call to Worship. An example could be a Psalm.

Come let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands. Let us serve the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing.

## INVOCATION

(Staff 2)

An invocation follows the Call to Worship. This could be a Hymn or a prayer, asking that God receive our efforts.

May the time be not too distant, O LORD, when all your children will understand that they are brothers and sisters, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be forever united before you. Then shall your kingdom be established on earth, and the word of your prophet shall be fulfilled: "The Lord will reign for ever and ever." Amen

## Hymn

(Staff 3)

The intent of an Interfaith Service, or also called a Scouts Own Service, is to involve the youth. A hymn could be appropriate at this time, especially if you have a scout with musical ability.

This would be followed by an inspirational message. This could come in the form of a responsive reading, involving all those present.

# RESPONSIVE READING

## (Staff 4) The Scout Law

**“The person who is dishonest shall not live in My house; the person who is untruthful shall not stand before My eyes.”**

### **All: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY**

**And Ruth said: “Do not beg me to leave you or to return from following after you, for where you go I will go; and where you stay, I will stay.”**

### **All: A SCOUT IS LOYAL**

**“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

### **All: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL**

**“Can two walk together unless they agree?”**

### **All: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY**

**“Honor your Father and your Mother.”**

### **All: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS**

**“Withhold not good from the person to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it”**

### **All: A SCOUT IS KIND**

**“Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.”**

### **All: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT**

**“A glad heart is good medicine.”**

## **All: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL**

**“Precious treasure remains in a wise person’s dwelling, but a foolish person uses it up.”**

## **All: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY**

**“Be strong and of good courage.”**

## **All: A SCOUT IS BRAVE**

**“Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? ‘Me person who has clean hands and a pure heart.**

**Psalms 24:3-4**

## **All: A SCOUT IS CLEAN**

**“It has been told to you what is good, and what the Lord requires of you; Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”**

## **All: A SCOUT IS REVERENT**

# **PRAYER**

**(Staff 5)**

**A prayer can follow the reading. Scouts must understand that prayer is a conversation with God. Because scouts and scouters can represent a wide variety of religious traditions, youth should avoid the use of liturgies or rituals.**

**Let us pray. May we all remain fast and firm in faith, that the glory of glories may rest upon us. Thou art Gracious, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Amen.**

# MESSAGE

(Bob)

If appropriate for the audience, the service can include, for want of a better word, a Sermon.

For our purpose this morning, I want us to consider what Robert Baden-Powell thought about our Duty to God.

“No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have a religion.... Religion seems a very simple thing: First: Love and serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbour.” (Scouting for Boys)

The first Boy Scouts of America Handbook for Boys, published in August 1911, declares that “... no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God.” (Page 215)

Scouting does not seek to impose its beliefs on others who do not share them. Virtually every religion is represented in Scouting and the BSA does not define or interpret God. That is the role of the Scout’s family and religious advisors.

Every religion has its version of the Golden Rule – do unto others as you would have them do unto you. You meet your duty to God by helping others.

## CLOSING

(Staff 6)

As part of the closing of the service, an offering can be collected for the World Friendship Fund, which provides funds for needy scouts all over the world. Following the offerings, there can be a brief benediction.

May we all remain fast and firm in faith, that the glory of glories may rest upon us. Thou art Gracious, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the Compassionate.