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PRAYER OF REV. DR. STOCKTON.

O GOD our Father, for the sake of Thy Son our Saviour, inspire us with Thy Spirit, and sanctify us to the right fulfilment of the duties of this occasion.

* We come to dedicate this new historic centre as a National Cemetery. If all departments of the one government which Thou hast ordained over our Union, and of the many governments which Thou has subordinated to our Union, be here represented—if all classes, relations, and interests of our blended brotherhood of people stand severally and thoroughly apparent in Thy presence—we trust that it is because Thou hast called us, that Thy blessing awaits us, and that Thy designs may be embodied in practical results of incalculable and imperishable good.

And, so, with Thy holy Apostle, and with the Church of all lands and ages, we unite in the ascription, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

In emulation of all angels, in fellowship with all-saints, and in sympathy with all sufferers, in remembrance of Thy works, in reverence of Thy ways, and in accordance with Thy word, we laud and magnify Thine infinite perfections, Thy creative glory, Thy redeeming grace, Thy providential goodness, and the progressively rich and fairer developments of Thy supreme, universal and everlasting administration.

In behalf of all humanity, whose ideal is divine, whose first memory is Thine image lost, and whose last hope is Thine image restored, and especially of our own nation, whose history has been so favored, whose position is so peerless, whose mission is so sublime, and whose future is so attractive, we thank Thee for the unspeakable patience of Thy compassion and the exceeding greatness of Thy loving kindness. In contemplation of Eden, Calvary, and

Heaven, of Christ in the Garden, on the Cross, and on the Throne; nay, more, of Christ as coming again in all-subduing power and glory, we gratefully prolong our homage. By this Altar of Sacrifice; on this Field of Deliverance, on this Mount of Salvation, within the fiery and bloody line of these "munitions of rocks," looking back to the dark days of fear and trembling, and to the rapture of relief that came after, we multiply our thanksgivings, and confess our obligations to renew and perfect our personal and social consecration to Thy service and glory.

Oh, had it not been for God! For lo! our enemies, they came unresisted, multitudinous, mighty, flushed with victory, and sure of success. They exulted on our mountains, they revelled in our valleys; they feasted, they rested; they slept, they awaked, they grew stronger, prouder, bolder, every day; they spread abroad, they concentrated here; they looked beyond this horizon to the stores of wealth, to the haunts of pleasure, and to the seats of power in our capitol and chief cities. They prepared to cast a chain of Slavery around the form of Freedom, binding life and death together forever. Their premature triumph was the mockery of God and man. One more victory, and all was theirs! But behind these hills was heard the feebler march of a smaller, but still pursuing host. Onward they hurried, day and night, for God and their country. Foot-sore, wayworn, hungry, thirsty, faint—but not in heart—they came to dare all, to bear all, and to do all that is possible to heroes. And Thou didst sustain them! At first they met the blast on the plain, and bent before it like the trees in a storm. But then, led by Thy hand to these hills, they took their stand upon the rocks and remained as firm and immovable as they. In vain were they assaulted. All art, all violence, all desperation, failed to dislodge them. Baffled, bruised, broken, their enemies recoiled, retired, and disappeared. Glory to God for this rescue! But oh, the slain! In the freshness and fulness of their young and manly life, with such sweet memories of father and mother, brother and sister, wife and children, maiden and friends, they died for us. From the coasts beneath the Eastern star, from the shores of Northern lakes and rivers, from the flowers of western prairies, and from the homes of the Midway and Border, they came here to die for us and for mankind. Alas, how little we can do for them! We come with the humility of prayer, with the pathetic eloquence of venerable wisdom,

HOMAGE-- Music, November 19, 1863

featuring

Gettysburg College *Wind Ensemble*, Lewes Peddell, Conductor

Gettysburg College *Camarata*—Robert Natter, Conductor

1. *Old Hundred* by Martin Luther
 2. *Consecration Chant* by Benjamin French/ Wilson G. Horner
 3. *Dirge* by James G. Percival/Alfred Delaney
- Extra: *The President's Hymn* by William A. Muhlenberg

On November 19, 1863, the consecration of the Soldiers' National Cemetery, in addition to prayers, the oration of Edward Everett, and the speech of Abraham Lincoln, included four musical selections, one of which appears to have been lost irretrievably: *Homage d'un Heros* by Adolph Birgfeld. Here, probably for the first time since 1863, the surviving music program will be performed.

A week after the Gettysburg ceremonies Americans celebrated Thanksgiving, proclaimed for the first time as an official national holiday by Lincoln. The Thanksgiving Proclamation was immediately set to music and sang in homes, churches, army camps, navy ships, and American diplomatic posts around the globe. We add this work as an extra to our *Homage* to Lincoln and Gettysburg.

Band music interrupted and then brought to silence the jostling, chattering crowd. The ceremonies had started. A committee of Governors escorted to the stand the orator of the day, together with the famed Methodist preacher and U.S. Senate Chaplain, Thomas A. Stockton.

He stood up, head bowed, the paper with his prayer in his hands. People's heads were already uncovered. *Oh God, our Father, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour, inspire us with Thy Spirit....*” The sudden silence seemed overpowering. *“Father of Moses, and the God of all comfort....”* The moving invocation lasted perhaps eight minutes. The chaplain recounted the history of the campaign-- the work of God. How proud the victorious enemy came *“to cast the chain of slavery around the form of freedom . . . One more victory and all was theirs.”* The fear so many had back in early July was true: if Gettysburg was lost the war was lost.

But led by God, our heroes, too, came, and triumphed. The many who died *“for us and mankind”* left so many bereaved: *“comfort them.”* *“As the trees are not dead, though their foliage is gone, so our heroes are not dead, though their forms have fallen. . . Liberty, Religion, and God.”*¹ The heavy fog of the morning, that persisted into the time of the procession, broke and the sun began to shine. Those grieving for lost sons, husbands, fathers, sweethearts, friends—those grieving for lost countrymen-- **were** comforted.

A Chicago reporter noted that the old chaplain looked as if, having communed with the Gettysburg dead, he had “just risen from the tomb to invoke the God of nations and liberty.” “Never was a man” so fit for a task. People listened breathlessly. By the end many were crying; Lincoln and Everett both wiped tears from their faces.

¹ *The World*, New York, Nov. 20, 1863.

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