FOUR FREEDOMS CEREMONY

Equipment needed: Flag, five candles and a large flashlight

Arrangement: Four Girl Scouts hold the flag at each corner at an elevated position, and a candle in one hand. The narrator stands behind the flag with only her head and shoulders visible. She very solemnly lights each candle and returns to her position and reads...

“What you see here represents the past, the present, and the future. The Stripes of Old Glory stand for the original thirteen colonies. The Stars represent the present states. The Girl Scouts represent the women of tomorrow. The light and warmth of the four candles remind us of the great Four Freedoms: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear. Eliminate any one of these freedoms and our world would become darker and colder.”

At this point, the narrator repeats each freedom and as she does, one girl extinguishes a candle.

“Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear.”

While the room is in darkness, the two girls at the top of the flag raise it higher and the two at the bottom let go and salute the flag (hand over heart). A spotlight is shone on the flag.

“In this world of potential cold and darkness, ruled by a few, stands the United States of America. Here, the Four Freedoms do exist and are an example of warmth and light for all. Let us all stand and sing “God Bless America.”

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God Bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her,
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God Bless America, my home sweet home,
God Bless America, my home sweet home.