

# THANKSGIVING DAY

23 NOVEMBER 2006 • 10.00 AM

## *An interfaith Service of Thanksgiving*

*Welcome to Grace Cathedral, a house of prayer for all people. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Please silence all audible phones and pagers.*

INTROIT: PSALM 43

*Please stand as the procession enters*

The Grace Cathedral  
Choir of Men and Boys

chant: George M. Garrett

HYMN 433

Kremser

We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing  
We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,  
he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.  
the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:  
sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

INVOCATION AND WELCOME

*Please sit.*

The Very Rev. Alan Jones  
Dean, Grace Cathedral

GREETINGS

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan  
Congregation Emanu-El

The Reverend Gregory L. Stewart  
First Unitarian Church

HODU L'ADONAI; LET US GIVE THANKS

by Israel Alter

Cantor Roslyn Barak  
Congregation Emanu-El

*Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; whose mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."  
Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."  
Let those who fear the Lord now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."*

—Psalm 118:1-4

PRAYER

*Please stand.*

The Rev. Michael Pappas  
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION  
by President Abraham Lincoln

*Please sit.*

Kathleen Kelley  
San Francisco Bahá'í Center,

Souleiman Ghali  
San Francisco Islamic Society

HYMN 719

*Sung by all, standing.*

Materna

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 heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!

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

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

MATTHEW 6: 25-33

*Please sit.*

The Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown  
Third Baptist Church San Francisco

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

*Please stand.*

The Rev. Charles R. Gagan, S.J.  
St. Ignatius Church

Let us give thanks to God for all those gifts so freely bestowed  
upon us.

For the splendor of the whole creation and for the beauty of  
this world; for the wonder of life and for the mystery of love:

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, for the blessings of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side: **We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play: **We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity; for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice; and for all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of God: **We thank you, Lord.**

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts; for leading us to accomplishments which both satisfy and delight us; and also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone: **We thank you, Lord.**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. In your many names we pray

All: **Amen**

A GRATEFUL HEART  
by Mary Plumstead

*Please sit. An offering will be received  
for the Interfaith Council Shelter Program.*

The Grace Cathedral  
Choir of Men and Boys

*Thou that hast given so much to me  
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.  
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,  
As if thy blessing had spare days:  
But such a heart, whose pulse may be thy praise.  
Thou that hast given so much to me  
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.*

—George Herbert

PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

*Please stand.*

The Rev. John Oda  
Pine United Methodist Church

HYMN TO A NEW AGE  
by Lee Hoiby

*Please sit.*

The Grace Cathedral  
Choir of Men and Boys

*Through the long night we have come. The sun is bright, the victory done. We will unite. We will be one. A new light has begun. Smile, heaven, on our loving land, shine blessings on our fairest land. Enrich our time to come with growing love, with joy abundant and long, prosperous days. God's loving kingdom come to us. The face of freedom is revealed in sunlight. Now sing in praise of life; with poems praise, with voices praise, with drums, with trumpets praise. God's loving Kingdom come to us, the gift of life and the gift of freedom. Now shall peace reign, truth be revealed, and all wounds be healed. So was it ever meant to be, resplendent hope of humankind to follow the dove, the way of peace, the way of love. So shall it be, so shall it ever be.*

FINAL BLESSING

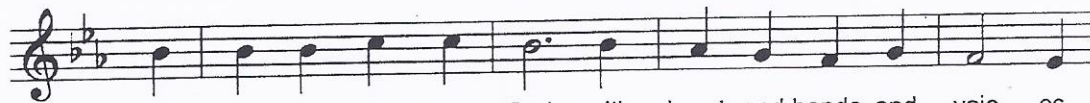
The Rev. Charles R. Kullmann, C.S.P.  
Old Saint Mary's Cathedral



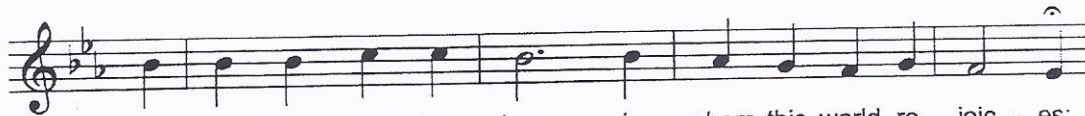
HYMN 397

Sung by all, standing.

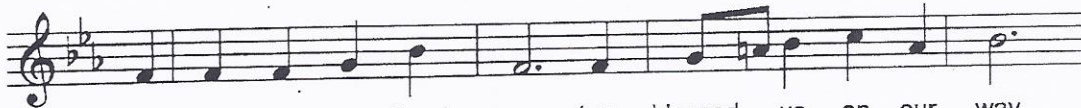
Nun danket alle Gott



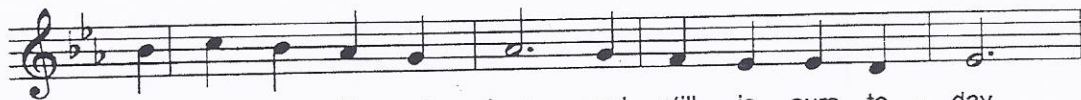
1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!



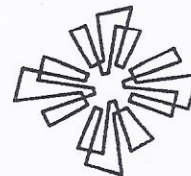
who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;



who from our mo - thers' arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.



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## PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S "THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION"

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe had enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

President Abraham Lincoln, 3 October 1863

MATTHEW 6: 25-33

[Jesus said,]

“**T**herefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”