

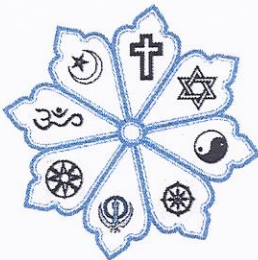
Please Join Us In Worship and Thanksgiving
**5th Annual Interfaith
Thanksgiving Day Service**



**Thursday, November 26, 2009
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Calvary Presbyterian Church
2515 Fillmore Street (at Jackson St.)
San Francisco**

(Parking lot on Jackson St. one-half block east of Fillmore)



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Prelude "Dawn Hymn" Alan Hovhaness

Alan Hovhaness
Charles Worth, organ

Buddhist Ceremonial In Kin Bell Rev. Jordan Thorn,
Head of Practice, San Francisco Zen Center

Muslim Call to Prayer Imam Khaled Hamoui
Islamic Society of San Francisco

***Hymn 559** "We Gather Together"

Prayer Rev. David Brown,
Interim Associate Pastor for Discipleship
Calvary Presbyterian Church

Welcome on Behalf of the Host Congregation
Rev. David Brown,
Calvary Presbyterian Church

Welcome on behalf of the San Francisco Interfaith Council
Executive Vice Chair Rita R. Semel &
Executive Director Michael G. Pappas, M.Div

Reading of Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation
Youth of Calvary Presbyterian Church

By the President of the United States of America
3 October 1863

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful years 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 can not 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 theater of military conflict, while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the field of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has 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 theretofore. Population has steadily increased notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp,

the siege, and the battlefield, 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 one 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, tranquility, and union.

In testimony wherof I have herunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

[Signed] A. Lincoln

***Hymn 564** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Reading

Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSV)

Bishop Peter Lee,
Interim Dean Grace Cathedral

‘Therefore 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.

Psalm. 92 by Ami Aloni

Cantor Roslyn Barak,
Congregation Emanu-El
American Conference of Cantors

Anthem

“The Prayer of St. Francis” John Rutter (1980)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred,
let me bring love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is
doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; and all for Thy
mercy’s sake. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to
understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we

receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi
Calvary Presbyterian Church Choir

A Thanksgiving Reflection

Rev. David Brown,
Calvary Presbyterian Church

Offering "We Thank Thee! (Cantata 29)" JS Bach
(1685-1750)

We thank Thee, O God; we worship Thee and proclaim Thy
mighty wonders.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for the Needs of the World

Attributed: Blue, the Fluteman
Native American Flute

Jordan Thorn Head of Practice,
San Francisco Zen Center

Sisters and Brothers, gathered in this house of God, let us on this day of thanksgiving offer to God our prayers of gratitude, and ask for what we need. 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. Together let us pray:

All: Fill us with your Spirit, O God

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Let us give thanks for our daily food and drink, for the blessings of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side: For minds to think, hearts to love and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play. Together let us pray:

All: Fill us with your Spirit, O God

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Let us pray 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: Together let us pray:

All: Fill us with your Spirit, O God

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Let us pray for the leaders of our nation and of every nation of the world, and all who are involved in making military decisions. We pray for peace and avoidance of bloodshed. We pray for men and women of the armed forces of this nation, and innocent

civilians across the world who are in harms way. May the Spirit of God's wisdom, Sophia, lead us to know the fullness of her true and lasting peace. Together let us pray:

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Head of Practice,
San Francisco Zen Center

Let us pray in thanksgiving to God 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 God alone. Together let us pray:

All: Fill us with your Spirit, O God

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Let us lift up those across our nation and world who are victims of violence, oppression, racism and poverty. On this day set aside for giving thanks, let us commit ourselves to a culture of true human dignity, non violence, respect , justice and peace. Together let us pray.

All: Fill us with your Spirit, O God

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Head of Practice,
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Let us pray for the faith communities gathered here that we may truly be a united voice of love and compassion asking all to join us in caring for the most vulnerable in our land. We pray for one another and for ourselves. May we lead with courage and good moral judgment so as to heal our broken world. Together let us pray:

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With these and all the prayers that we bring forward this day, and those that rest in our hearts let us say the prayer attributed to the patron our city, San Francisco:

not desperate. The difficulties were many, but not invincible. For though there were many of them likely, yet they were not certain. It might be sundry of the things feared might never befall; others by provident care and the use of good means might in a great measure be prevented; and all of them, through the help of God, by fortitude and patience, might either be borne or overcome. True it was that such attempts were not to be made and undertaken without good ground and reason, not rashly or lightly as many have done for curiosity or hope of gain, etc. But their condition was not ordinary, their ends were good and honourable, their calling lawful and urgent; and therefore they might expect the blessing of God in their proceeding. Yea, though they should lose their lives in this action, yet might they have comfort in the same and their endeavours would be honourable.

William Bradford
Second Governor of Plymouth Plantation

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