

**An Interfaith Service**

# **The Evening of World AIDS Day**

**November 30, 2011**

**7:00 pm**



**Sponsored by**  
**The San Francisco Interfaith Council**  
**The Interfaith Center at the Presidio**  
**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

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**1111 O'Farrell St.**  
**San Francisco, CA 94109**

**Welcome.** This service has three major parts: a Remembrance of the Past, a Centering in Stillness, and a focus on the Present Time of HIV/AIDS and the opportunities for faith communities to advocate, respond and serve. During the service we move through the symbolism of darkness into light.

**Pre-Service Gathering Music: Vivek Anand**

*Please use this time to enter into the music and respect others who have gathered together. Please turn off all electronic devices.*

## **Remembrance of the Past**

Welcome: Rev. Elizabeth Ekdale  
Michael Pappas  
Rev. Susan Strouse

Call to Prayer: Ameena Jandali

The Mourning: Judith Lavender Dancer

An Act of Remembrance: Rev. Maggi Henderson

Leader: Let us remember how the community came together during the AIDS epidemic. With gratitude we lift up the community-based and faith-based organizations which responded. Let us remember the work of medical and mental health personnel, researchers, hospitals, institutions and others who worked to provide needed services, develop understandings of the virus and the opportunistic infections, develop medications and treatments, and collaborate in establishing systems of care. Let us remember partners, friends, family members, and members of the community who gave care, time, resources and compassion as volunteers to those who were suffering and often stigmatized and isolated.

But first, let us remember the individuals who struggled and lived with HIV/AIDS and who have died. Please use this time to mention the names silently or out loud.

***Time to remember the names.***

The Kadish: Rabbi Allen Bennett

## Centering in Stillness

Call to Silence: Rev. Jisan Tova Green  
Rev. David Zimmerman

Music Transition: Vivek Anand

## Present Time of HIV/AIDS

Witness One: Felix Lee  
Response: Rev. Perry Lang

Witness Two: Stephen Matchett  
Response: Thomas Robert Simpson

Witness Three: Karen Ande  
Response: Rev. Megan Rohrer

Blessing: Rev. Mark E. Stanger

Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Hymn 841



## Thank You

- Music: Vivek Anand, Hindustani Classical and Sufi Singer
- Welcome: Rev. Elizabeth Ekdale, Lead Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Michael Pappas, Executive Director, San Francisco Interfaith Council  
Rev. Susan Strouse, Interim Executive Director, Interfaith Center at the Presidio
- The Mourning: Choreographed and danced by Judith Lavender Dancer  
Sound Design: Sam Genovese, dedicated to Jack Pantaleo, founder of the AIDS Interfaith Alliance of Northern California
- Leader of the Act of Remembrance:  
Rev. Maggi Henderson, Pastor, Old First Presbyterian Church
- The Kadish: Rabbi Alan Bennett, Temple Israel, Alameda  
Centering in Stillness
- Call to Silence: Rev. Jisan Tova Green, Rev. David Zimmerman, Zen Center of San Francisco  
Present Time of HIV/AIDS
- Witness One: Felix Lee, Larkin Street Youth Services  
Response: Rev. Perry Lang, Executive Director, BCA/Rafiki Wellness
- Witness Two: Stephen Matchett, San Francisco Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)  
Response: Thomas Robert Simpson, Afro Solo Theatre Company.
- Witness Three: Karen Ande, Photographer, Author, Advocate  
Response: Rev. Megan Rohrer, The Welcome Ministry
- Blessing: The Rev. Canon Mark E. Stanger, Canon Presenter, Grace Cathedral
- Organist: Dr. Timothy Zerlang, Director of Music, St. Mark's Lutheran Church



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## Call to Prayer

In the name of God, the Compassionate and Merciful.

Praise be to God, Lord of all the worlds.

The Compassionate, the Merciful. Master of the Day of Judgement.

You alone do we worship, and You alone do we ask for help.

Guide us on the straight path, the path of those who have received  
your grace;

not the path of those who have brought down wrath, nor of those  
who wander astray.

Amen.

"O Lord and Sustainer of humankind, remove this pain and cure it.  
You are the only One who cures. There is no cure but Yours. Grant  
such (complete) cure that no illness remains."

## The Kadish

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name  
in the world which God created, according to plan.  
May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime  
and the life of all Israel -- speedily, imminently, to which we say  
Amen.

Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorifies, adored, and  
lauded  
be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and  
songs of blessing, praise, and comfort. To which we say Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all  
Israel. To which we say Amen.

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and  
to all Israel. To which we say Amen.