AN INTERFAITH UNITY CELEBRATION FOR

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023 AT 9:30 AM

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1430 J STREET, SACRAMENTO
PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

“ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH!”

LED BY CANTOR MARK KANE AND ORGANIST RYAN ENRIGHT

“All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev’ry voice in earth and sky:
    Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
    Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear:
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong; drive far the shadows, join the throng:
    Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

READING OF INTERFAITH STATEMENT
AND WELCOME ON BEHALF OF INTERFAITH LEADERS

MICHAEL G. PAPPAS, M.DIV., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO INTERFAITH COUNCIL

“This is an interfaith community. Whatever our individual belief, it can be freely expressed here with no apologies. If we are invited to offer a prayer in this setting, it should be offered according to the tradition with which we identify. If we are invited to speak on a subject from the perspective of our tradition, we are free to do so without fear of offending those who come from another tradition. We come together as people of faith to learn from each other that we might better understand the multiplicity of faith traditions in our city and in our world.”
WELCOME ON BEHALF OF
ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE RT. REV. MEGAN TRAQUAIR, BISHOP
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

READING OF RECOGNITION STATEMENT
THAT WE GATHER ON INDIGENOUS LANDS
THE VERY REV. RIK RASMUSSEN, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GREATER SACRAMENTO
AND DEAN OF CAPITOL DEANERY

“We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Wilton, Rancheria who are the original inhabitants of Sacramento. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Wilton, Rancheria have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As Guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Wilton, Rancheria community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.”

INDIGENOUS BLESSING
LEAD: CHAIRMAN JESUS TARANGO, WILTON RANCHERIA
JOINED BY:
CHAIRMAN MARK MACARRO, PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS
CHAIRWOMAN LYNN VALBUENA, SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

INVOCATION
REV. ELLA LUNA-GARZA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MERCED

RINGING OF BUDDHIST CEREMONIAL IN KIN BELL
CHAPLAIN SUSAN FARRAR
LION’S ROAR DHARMA CENTER, SACRAMENTO
VALLEY STREAMS ZEN SANGHA, SACRAMENTO
"HINEI MAH TOV" (WORDS FROM PSALM 133)
(HOW VERY GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS FOR SISTERS AND BROTHERS TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY)
CANTOR JULIE STEINBERG
CONGREGATION B’NAI ISRAEL, SACRAMENTO

Hinei mah tov umah naim
Shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei mah tov umah naim
Shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei mah tov umah naim
Shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei mah tov shevet achim gam yachad
Hinei mah tov shevet achim gam yachad

How very good and pleasant it is for
Sisters and brothers to dwell together in unity

JEWISH BLESSING
RABBI SARI R. LAUFER
STEPHEN WISE TEMPLE, LOS ANGELES

READING FROM THE QURAN AND MUSLIM PRAYER FOR UNITY
HALA K. HIJAZI
SAN FRANCISCO MUSLIM LEADER
SF MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTER

HINDU - “SANATAN DHARMA MANGALKAMNA”
PRATIBHA SHALINI
GREATER SACRAMENTO HINDU LEADER

SERMON
REV. DR. JACQUELINE A. THOMPSON
SENIOR PASTOR
ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, OAKLAND
RECITATION OF “THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS”
FATHER PAUL J. FITZGERALD, S.J., PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow 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;
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.

COMMUNAL INTERFAITH BLESSING FOR THE GOVERNOR
REV. DR. AMOS C. BROWN, PASTOR
THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO
PRESIDENT, SF CHAPTER NAACP

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”
LED BY CANTOR MARK KANE AND ORGANIST RYAN ENRIGHT

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow

With God our Creator
We are family
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

BENEDICTION
THE VERY REV. RIK RASMUSSEN, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GREATER SACRAMENTO
AND DEAN OF CAPITOL DEANERY
RECESSIONAL – “GOD BLESS AMERICA”
LED BY CANTOR MARK KANE AND ORGANIST RYAN ENRIGHT

“God bless America, Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her Thru 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.”
SPECIAL THANKS

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