Thanksgiving Day

Interfaith Service

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St. Ignatius Church
650 Parker Ave, San Francisco, CA 94118
Participants in Today’s Service of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Charles Gagan, S.J.
The Rev. Gregory Stewart
Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Pruzan
Cantor Roslyn Barak
Iman Soulemein Ghali
The Very Rev. Alan Jones
Blue, The Fluteman
The Rev. Maggie Henderson
The Rev. Charles Gibbs
Michael Pappas
The Rev. James DeLange
Rita Semel
The Rev. Donal Godfrey, S.J.

Youth Readers

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Jennifer Ashworth
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Jonathan Dimmock, organist and director
Don Crean, Liturgist
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An Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

Welcome to St. Ignatius Church. We ask that you please silence all audible phones and pagers.

ORGAN PRELUDE
by Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637 - 1707)

Ich dank dir, lieber Herr
("I thank you, loving God")

* please stand and join us in singing:

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining;
We all do exalt thee, thou leader triumphant;

he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
or denting, maintaining his kingdom divine;
and pray that thou still our defender will be;

the wicked opposing now cease from distressing;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:

sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!
WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

* please be seated

MODIM ANACHNU LACH
by Meir Finkelstein
(b. 1951)

We acknowledge with thanks that You are Adonai,
our God and the God of our ancestors, forever. You are the Rock of our lives,
and the Shield of our salvation in every generation. Let us thank You and praise You —
for our lives which are in Your hand, for our souls which are in Your care,
for Your miracles that we experience every day
and for Your wondrous deeds and favors at every time of day: evening, morning, and noon.
O Good One, whose mercies never end, O Compassionate One
whose kindness never fails, we forever put our hope in You.
For all these things, O Sovereign, let Your Name be forever praised and blessed.

A READING FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE

MUSICAL MEDITATION
by Jonathan Dimmock (b. 1957)

Thou that hast giv'n to 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 giv'n so much to me
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION
by President Abraham Lincoln

* please stand and join in singing the hymn on the next page:
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pa-sioned stress
O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years

For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
A thor-ough-fire for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A mer-i-cal! A mer-i-cal! God shed his grace on thee,
A mer-i-cal! A mer-i-cal! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,
A mer-i-cal! A mer-i-cal! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
Can firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law.
And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

* please be seated

A READING FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE

A THANKSGIVING REFLECTION

CHORAL MOTET
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

from Motet 1: Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied

“Alles, was Odem hat, lobe den Herrn, Halleluja.”
“All that hath breath, praise the Lord. Alleluia.”

The Very Rev. Alan Jones
Grace Cathedral

The Rev. Charles Gagan, S.J.

The St. Ignatius Singers
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

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.

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.

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.

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 the men and women of the armed forces of this nation, and innocent civilian across the world who are in harm’s 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:

All: Fill us with your Spirit O God.

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

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
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:

**All:** *Fill us with your Spirit O God*

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

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is injury, your pardon, letting that we are pardoned.

Lord, And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
light, And where there’s sadness ever cease.

2. Joy. 3. O Master, grant that I may never seek much to be consoled as to console,

So To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
* please be seated

THE INSTALLATION OF MICHAEL PAPPAS, M.DIV.,
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO INTERFAITH COUNCIL.

The Rev. James DeLange, Chair
Rita Semel, Executive Vice-Chair

* please stand

FINAL BLESSING AND SIGN OF PEACE

The Rev. Donal Godfrey, S.J.
University of San Francisco

FINAL HYMN

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us!

Who wondrous things has done,
In whom this world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;

Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,

With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

Organ Postlude
by Sigfried Karg-Elert
(1877 - 1933)

Nun danket alle Gott
("Now thank we all our God")