



# Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday, November 26, 2020

## Prelude

- Come, Come, Ye Saints . . . . . Grant Johanssen; arr. Alexander Schreiner
- Prelude on “Oseh Shalom” . . . . . Robert Stern
- Ya Hamalallah . . . . . Yusuf Khill
- Thanksgiving . . . . . Richard Purvis

## Introit :: “Let All Things Now Living” . . . . . Welsh melody; arr. Katherine K. Davis

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our creator triumphantly raise;  
 who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
 God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
 till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.  
 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills  
 and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
 We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
 till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

## Welcome

## Land Acknowledgement

## Greetings from Interfaith Partners

*LaSalle Street Church, Chicago Sinai Congregation, Muslim Community Center,  
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Niagara Foundation, Holy Name Cathedral*

## Call to Worship . . . . . Psalm 95:1–2

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!  
 Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Hymn . . . . . “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power has made God’s gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade God’s watchful eye ne’er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God’s might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother’s tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, forgive us. There are so many times when we have missed the mark,  
when we have failed to share your love and serve your world. We have failed to  
love our neighbors as ourselves, and instead we have focused on our own needs  
and desires. We have failed to truly know our neighbors and to understand the  
suffering and injustice that they have experienced. We have failed to understand  
their joys and to learn from their wisdom. We have allowed fatigue and fear to keep  
us silent when our voices were needed to make a difference in our city, our nation,  
our families, and our relationships. Forgive us, God. Redeem us and heal us.  
Strengthen our hearts and our resolve to follow you more faithfully. Fill our minds  
with remembrance of your greatness and our hearts with thanksgiving. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

I give you thanks, O Eternal One, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

א לְיוֹד אֱלֹהִים אֲזַמְרֵךְ : בְּכָל-לִבִּי נָגַד אֱלֹהִים אֲזַמְרֵךְ :

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your  
steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and  
your word above everything.

ב אֲשַׁתְּחֹוּהוּ אֶל-הַיְכָל קִדְשֶׁךָ וְאוֹדֶה אֶת-שִׁמְךָ  
עַל-חַסְדְּךָ וְעַל-אַמְתְּךָ כִּי-הִגְדַּלְתָּ עַל-כָּל-שִׁמְךָ אֲמַרְתְּךָ :

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

ג בְּיוֹם קִרְאתִי וַתַּעֲנֵנִי תִרְהַבְנִי בְנִפְשֵׁי עוֹ :

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O God,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

ד יוֹדוּךָ הַהֵנָּה כָּל-מַלְכֵי-אֶרֶץ כִּי שָׁמְעוּ אֲמַרֵי-פִיךָ :

They shall sing of the ways of the Eternal One, for great is the glory of God.

ה וַיִּשְׁירוּ בְּדַרְכֵי הַהֵנָּה כִּי גָדוֹל כְּבוֹד הַהֵנָּה :

For though the Eternal One is high, God regards the lowly;  
but the haughty God perceives from far away.

ו כִּי-רַם הַהֵנָּה וְשָׁפַל יִרְאֶה וְגִבָּה מִמָּרְחָק יִידַע :

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath  
of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

ז אִם-אֵלֶיךָ אֶבְקֶרֶב צָרָה תַּחֲיֵנִי  
עַל אֵף אִבִּי תִשְׁלַח יְדֶךָ וְתוֹשִׁיעֵנִי מִיַּנְדָּךְ :

You, O Eternal One will fulfill your purpose for me; your steadfast love,  
God, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

ח הַהֵנָּה יִגְמַר בְּעַדִּי הַהֵנָּה חַסְדְּךָ לְעוֹלָם מִעַשֵׂי  
יְדֶיךָ אֶל-תִּרְוָף

Anthem :: “Hinay Ma Tov” . . . . . Robert S. Pollack  
*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

Recitation from the Qur’an . . . . . *Students from the Muslim Community Center*  
Surah Hujarath 49:10–13 (Arabic and English)

Reading from the New Testament . . . . . *Rev. Randall K. Blakey*  
2 Corinthians 9:6–12 (Common English Bible)

Sermon . . . . . *Rev. Nanette Sawyer*

Solo :: “Ey Keremler Kani” . . . . . Alwarli Muhammet Lütfi Efendi

Thanksgiving Poetry . . . . . *Muhammed Aslan*  
“Thank You Allah” by Maher Zain

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
    and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
    and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Offering

Offertory Solo :: “Simple Gifts” . . . . . Shaker melody; arr. Aaron Copland  
*’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free, ’tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, ’twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed; to turn,  
turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come round right.*

Hymn ..... “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: *Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude ♯ Now Thank We All Our God ..... Max Reger

## Worship Leaders

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The Reverend Nanette Sawyer, *Associate Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church*

## The Music Today

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Carol Carpenter, Daniel Henry, Carla Janzen, Cole Seaton, *Members of the Morning Choir*

Carol Carpenter and Bekir Salim, *Soloists*

John W. W. Sherer, *Organist and Director of Music, Fourth Presbyterian Church*

David Jonies, *Organist and Director of Music, Holy Name Cathedral*

## Interfaith Representatives

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Muhammed Aslan, *Staff Chaplain, University of Chicago Hospital*

The Very Reverend Greg Sakowicz, *Rector, Holy Name Cathedral*

Reverend Randall K. Blakey, *Executive Pastor, LaSalle Street Church*

Rabbi Todd Zinn, *Chicago Sinai Congregation*

Dilnaz Waraich, *Interfaith and Outreach Committee Co-Chair, Muslim Community Center*

Morgan Dubiel, *President, Wilmette Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*  
*Students at the Academy of the Muslim Community Center*

Ferhat Kazkondu, *Director, Community Engagement and Outreach, Niagara Foundation*

Bekir Salim, *Musician, Niagara Foundation*

## Worship Notes

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OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING will be given to the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD), which acts as the hub for a network of more than 700 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other programs in the Chicago region. These are programs in which many of our communities are actively involved, including the Meals Ministry and Chicago Lights Social Service Center programs here at Fourth Church. To participate in caring for our neighbors who are hungry, you can make your offering online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) or via Venmo, noting “Food Depository” in the comments section.

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