

24th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

**Honoring the 35th Anniversary
of the Founding of the
San Francisco Interfaith Council**

Program



Tuesday, November 26, 2024

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Hotel Kabuki, San Francisco

Program

Opening Musical Selection: "Morning Has Broken"

(all are invited to join in)

Lyrics by Eleanor Farjeon and Music "Bunessan" (traditional Scottish song)

Led by *Sister Elizabeth Padilla*, Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center

Accompanied by *Ronny Michael Greenberg*, Co-creator – JIVE and
"Taste of Talent" Founder

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-Creation of the new day!

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell, San Francisco Interfaith Council Treasurer
Founder, City Church San Francisco

Reading of Recognition Statement That We Gather on Indigenous Lands

Rev. Vanessa Southern, Past Chair, San Francisco Interfaith Council
Senior Minister, First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

"We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone 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 Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples."

Reading of the SFIC Interfaith Statement

Rev. Marci A. Glass, San Francisco Interfaith Council Board Member
Pastor and Head of Staff, Calvary Presbyterian Church

"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."

Prayer of Thanks for the Meal

The Rev. Daniel J. Buringrud, Lead Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Hala Hijazi, Muslim Leader and
Board Member, Interfaith Center at the Presidio
Rabbi Amanda Russell, Congregation Beth Shalom
Rev. Trent Thornley, Ordained Buddhist Dharma Leader,
San Francisco Interfaith Council Board Member and
Executive Director, San Francisco Night Ministry

~ *Breakfast is served at your table* ~

Introduction of Special Guests

Derick Brown, San Francisco Interfaith Council Board Member
Senior Director, Leo T. McCarthy Center at University of San Francisco

Introduction of Mayor London Breed

Michael G. Pappas, Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council

Remarks

The Honorable London Breed
Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco

Candle Lighting and Prayers for the Nation

Rabbi Ryan Bauer, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Emanu-El
Bishop Jeff R. Johnson, Sierra Pacific Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Omer Onder, Pacifica Institute
Rev. Melissa Opel, Head/Resident Minister, Buddhist Church of San Francisco
The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of California

Musical Selection: "Finlandia"

Lyrics by Lloyd Stone and Music by Jean Sibelius
Performed by *Simon Barrad*, Cantorial Soloist, Congregation Sherith Israel
and *Ronny Michael Greenberg*, "Taste of Talent" Founder
Co-creators – JIVE

(JIVE - Jewish Innovative Voices & Experiences is a music series in the San Francisco Bay Area, dedicated to celebrating Jewish musical traditions through diverse and creative programming).

Remarks

Michael G. Pappas, Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council

Introduction of The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

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Remarks

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker Emerita
U.S. House of Representatives

Musical Selection: "Hallelujah" By Leonard Cohen
Performed by *Simon Barrad*, Cantorial Soloist, Congregation Sherith Israel
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Support for the San Francisco Interfaith Council

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Special Recognition

Father Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.
President, University of San Francisco

"The Prayer of St. Francis"

(read by all)

Led by *Patrick B. Schmalz*
Chief Executive Officer, St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco
Assisted by *Father Paul Zirimenya*, Pastor
St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf at Saint Francis Xavier Church
Neva Justine Turoff and Juan Ramirez, Interpreters

"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."

Closing Reflection

Rev. Staci Current, San Francisco Interfaith Council Board Member
Pastor, Temple United Methodist Church
Rev. Marvin K. White, San Francisco Interfaith Council Board Member
Minister of Celebration, Glide Memorial Church

Closing Musical Selection: "Blessings Upon Blessings"

Sister Elizabeth Padilla and Sister Kyoko Kimura on Harp
Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center

Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown
Pastor of the historic Third Baptist Church and
President of the San Francisco Chapter of the NAACP