

# The 45th Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service

including prayers for Erev Shabbat/  
Friday Evening

*A Special Service held  
in the wake of storms and struggles*



The Hebrew Congregation of Saint Thomas  
The Saint Thomas Reformed Church  
The Salvation Army, St. Thomas Corp

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# We Give Thanks for all God's Blessings

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Welcome to the annual Thanksgiving Service, at which the members of the Hebrew Congregation of Saint Thomas and Saint Thomas Reformed Church join in worship. We welcome to this tradition, now, the St. Thomas Corps of the Salvation Army as well.

We are grateful for this chance to connect on a personal, and human level. We try, as best we can, to put aside the technology which aids us but to which we so often feel bound. Please turn off your cell phones at this time, or at least "set them on stun." Please also note that we want to come together to dwell in the moment, not to step outside of it. Please refrain from taking photographs during the service.

We come together in spirit and song, repeating now words  
written by the Psalmists so many centuries ago:

*"Hinei Mah Tov U'mah Na'im Shevet Achim Gam Yachad.*

How good and how pleasant it is... when, brothers and sisters,  
we sit...we dwell, we come together in peace."



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# Introductions and Greetings

## A Celebration of Unity:

### We Gather Together

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a guitar accompaniment line with chords. The chords are indicated above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: C, Dm7, G, C. Lyrics: 1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing, 2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you 3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant,

**System 2:** Chords: G, C, D, G, Am, D7, G. Lyrics: to turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own; or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life. de - fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be.

**System 3:** Chords: G7, C, Dm7, G7. Lyrics: the pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us. Yes, yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry. May your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

**System 4:** Chords: F, G, C, Dm7, G7, C. Lyrics: O God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known. Our God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife. Your name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

# Reflections On the Storms of This Season

(Passing Through and Still Struggling with Irma and Maria)

We come together this year  
survivors of the storms perhaps,  
but scared and scarred and changed forever  
from the people we once were.

**And yet we approach this time of gratitude  
with awe and appreciation.  
We give thanks for what we have seen.**

We have seen strangers opening hearts and homes,  
A community coming together,  
Acts of kindness and support  
Those with almost nothing left  
Freely giving half of what they have to others in need.

**We give thanks for generosity of spirit.  
And we give thanks for what we have done.**

In the midst of frustration and anxiety,  
We have seen heroes walk among us:  
those who have rushed to help,  
stood in heat and sun giving comfort and hope.  
In the face of need has also come mission and purpose,  
focus and dedication.

**We give thanks for human compassion.  
Let not one tear of fear or sadness fall  
Before we ourselves reach out  
To dry it from the face of someone suffering.**

And we give thanks for vision and perspective,  
Reminders all around us of what is lasting and what is not,  
what is important and what is not.  
We come to know the difference  
between what we want, and what we need.

**We lift up our eyes towards the mountains.  
What is the source of our help?  
Our help comes from the Eternal,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

For centuries these words from the book of Psalms  
have served as a source of comfort:

*Esa Aynai El HeHarim,  
me'ayin yavo Ezri.*

We are, we hope,  
on a road to recovery  
More rapidly traversed with every new day.  
Soon we will be back to a time  
Of pursuing our dreams  
As well as taking care of basic needs.

**Let us always remember something of this time,  
Who we are, and how we changed.  
What we learned, and what we taught.**

I lift up my eyes towards the mountains.  
What do we see, and what do we learn?



# Liturgy for Erev Shabbat/Friday Night

## Kindling the Lights of Shabbat

### *Light These Lights Oh Hear My Prayer*

Music & Text: Debbie Friedman, based upon womens' t'chinos

With Passion ♩ = 100

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 100. It consists of a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The guitar part includes chord diagrams for various chords such as D, G(add9)/D, F#m, Em7, A, G, F#7, Bm, G, D, A(sus4), A, D, Fine, 1. G(add9)/D, 2. B D, D/F#, G, A7, D, D/C#, Bm, E7, A(sus4), A7, D, D/F#, G, A7, D, G, A7, D, G(add9)/D, and D.S. al Fine.

Oh hear my prayer I sing to You. Be gra - cious  
*Vacet first time*  
 Oh hear my prayer  
 to the ones I love and bless them with good - ness and  
 mer - cy and peace. Oh hear my prayer to You. Oh  
 1. G(add9)/D  
 2. B D D/F# G A7 D D/C#  
 — Let us light these lights and see the way to You, and  
 Bm E7 A(sus4) A7 D D/F# G  
 let us say: A - men. Let us light these lights and  
 A7 D G A7 D G(add9)/D D.S. al Fine  
 see the way to You, and let us say: A - men. Oh

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# הדלקת הנרות

## Lighting the Shabbat Candles



We begin our service by kindling light. You are blessed, God of-all and of-us, Eternal Spirit of the Universe, who has charged us with responsibilities, commanding us to ignite a light, to shine with love in our lives.

The candles are lit and the blessing is sung.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת

*Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech haOlam  
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu  
l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.*

*May these candles remind us that we must help and not hurt,  
cause joy and not sorrow, create and not destroy,  
and help all to be free.*

*We praise God for the gift of life and this happy time:*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה  
*Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech HaOlam  
Shehechyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

**May these Sabbath candles cast their light into a world filled with Darkness:  
fear and loneliness, ignorance and hatred, hunger, homelessness and violence.  
May these lights remind us of our abundant blessings for which we give thanks.  
May they move us to share in our blessings, that none may be deprived.**

# L'cha Dodi – Come My Beloved

We Welcome the Sacred and Intimate  
Presence of the Divine

## Argentinian L'cha Dodi

Arranged by Stephen Lawrence

La la la la la f-chah do - di la la la la la lik-rat ka - lah

9 la la la la la p'-nei Sha-bat p' - nei Sha - bat r' - ka b' - lah

18 Sha - mor v - za - chor b' - di - bur e - chad  
Li - krat Sha - bat f - chu v'neil - cha  
Hi - to - r' - ri Hi - to - r' - ri  
Bo - i v - sha lom a - te - set ba' - lah

26 hish - mi - a nu el ha - m' - yu - chad  
Ki hi m' - kor ha - b' - ra - chah  
ki va o - reich ku - mi o - ri  
gam b' - sim - chah uv' - tzo - ho - lah

35 A - do - mai e - chad u - sh' - mo e - chad  
Mei - rosh mi - ke - dem m' - su - chah  
U - ri u - ri shir - da - bei - ri  
Toch e - mu - nei am s' - gu - lah

43 f - shem uf - tif - e set v' - lir - hi - lah Lah lah lah  
Sof ma - a - seh b' - ma - cha - sha - va f - chi - lah Lah lah lah  
K' - vod A - do - mai a - la - yich ni - glah  
Bo - i cha - lah bo - i - cha - lah Lah lah lah



## **A Celebration of Creation**

From Psalm 92:

*“Mizmor Shir L’Yom HaShabbat; A song for the Sabbath day”*

A celebration of creation:

*“Ma Gad’lu ma’asecha Yah, me’od am’ku machshevotcha....*

How great, how wondrous is Your work, O God!

How deep, how profound Your design...”

# Call to Worship

Please rise.

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵךְ.  
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Barekhu et Adonai ham'vo-rakh.

*Barukh Adonai ham-vo-rakh l'olam va'ed.*

Praise Adonai to whom our praise is due!

*Praise Adonai to whom our praise is due, now and forever!*



We praise You, Ever-Present God, who crafts order out of chaos. You wove us as part of a wondrous universe, made us a thread in the web of the world. You fill our sight with suns and stars; through dark clouds and clear skies, wind and water alike we behold the beauty and the power of all You have made.

**And You share with us a measure of Your spirit, which dwells within as an inner light. The flame within is a reflection of Your Eternal presence; it is a mirror to the galaxies and nebulae, the dust from which we came and which even now links us in a cosmic chain with all of time, worlds beyond our own. May the turn of the day and the promise of new dawn guide and guard for us that sense of awe and appreciation, for the vastness of creation, for the renewal and connection we experience every day.**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמְעַרֵיב עַרְבִים.

**Baruch Atta Adonai, ha-ma-ariv 'aravim.**

**Blessed are You, Eternal One, for the cycles of creation,  
giving us day by day new ways to praise You,  
another chance to choose our sacred work in the world.**

## ETERNAL LOVE

We give thanks for the priests and prophets, the psalmists and sages of every nation, who take Your teachings and help make them part of our lives as we strive to make this world a better place. We sense Your love on different journeys, through different faiths and traditions, and in ways which change over time as we grow and come to know You anew.

**And yet some things stay true through all of time: that love of You leads us to love each other, that a sense of God means we must act in ways as godly as we can, that as You give to us, so must we give to and support and be there for one another.**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵי עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל  
**Baruch Atta Adonai, oheiv amo Yisrael.**



**Praised are You, Eternal, for Your love of Israel and all peoples.**

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יי אֶחָד.  
בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלַכְוֹתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Shema Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai Ehad!  
Barukh Shem k'vod Malkhuto l'olam va'ed!

*Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!  
Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever!*

**Please be seated.**

# Sh'ma/V'ahavta 190C

Music: Debbie Friedman  
Text: Deut. 6:4-9; Numbers 15:37-41

Gently (♩ = 74)

**A** capo 3:\* A C C#m Em F#m Am

Sh' - ma \_\_\_\_\_ Yis - ra - eil: \_\_\_\_\_ A - do - nai \_\_\_\_\_

G Bb Esus(Bm) E Gsus(Dm) G

— El - lo - hei - nu, \_\_\_\_\_ A - do - nai, \_\_\_\_\_ A - do - nai E -

A C C#m Em

chad! \_\_\_\_\_ Ba - ruch \_\_\_\_\_ sheim k' - vod, \_\_\_\_\_ sheim k' -

F#m Am G Bb Esus(Bm) Gsus(Dm)

vod \_\_\_\_\_ mal - chu - to \_\_\_\_\_ l' - o - lam, \_\_\_\_\_

E G A C Em(7) Gm(7) A C

— l' - o - lam va - ed. \_\_\_\_\_

Em7 Gm7 **B** A C

**Please be seated.**

1. And thou shalt love A - do - nai thy  
(2.) teach them dil - i -  
(3.) bind them for a

Em(7) Gm(7)

God with all thy heart, \_\_\_\_\_ with all thy  
gent - ly un - to thy chil - dren \_\_\_\_\_ and thou shall  
sign up - on thy hand \_\_\_\_\_ and they shall

\*Indicated in Chordster as capo 2 (Key of B)

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A C Em<sup>(7)</sup>  
Gm<sup>(7)</sup>

soul of them and with all of thy might.  
speak of them when thou sit-test in thy house.  
be for front-lets be-tween thine eyes.

D F E  
G

— And all these words which I command you on this  
— when thou walk-est by the way \*\*\*and when thou  
— And thou shalt write them on the door-posts of thy

Bm Dm C#m  
Em

day shall be in thy heart,  
ris-est up and when thou li-est down,  
house and up-on thy gates,

G Bb E<sup>(7)</sup>sus  
G<sup>(7)</sup>sus 1., 2. E<sup>(7)</sup>  
G<sup>(7)</sup>

— shall be in thy heart. 2. And thou shalt  
— and when thou li-est down. 3. And thou shalt  
— and up-on thy gates.

3. E<sup>(7)</sup> G<sup>(7)</sup> End A C Em<sup>(7)</sup>  
Gm<sup>(7)</sup>

— That ye may re-mem-ber and do all of My com-mand-ments

D F E  
G D F

— and be ho-ly un-to your God,

E G D F Bm(D) Dm(E) rit. E G F# A

— un-to your God, un-to your God.

\*\*\* This line often sung: "... liest down and when thou risest up, and when thou risest up."

Hebrew and translation of Sh'ma on page 305



Standing on the parted shores of history  
we still believe what we were taught  
before ever we stood at Sinai's foot:

**That wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt,  
that there is a better place, a promised land;  
that the winding way to that promise passes  
through the wilderness  
that there is no way to get from here to there  
except by joining hands,  
marching together.**

# Mi Chamochah 192D

Music: Debbie Friedman  
Text: Exodus 15:11, 18

Lively (♩ = 136)

capo 2: A Am Bm C D D E Am Bm C D E F#

Ya la la la la — la la la la la, ya la la la ya la la la la,

Am Bm C D D E Am Bm F G A Em F#m

ya la la la la la la la la, ya la la la ya la la la

Am Bm *Fine* B Am Bm C D E Am Bm

la. ————— Mi cha - mo - chah ba - ei - lim A - do - nai?

C D D E F# Am Bm C D E Am Bm

Mi ka - mo - chah ne - dar ba - ko - desh, no - ra t' - hi - lot, o - seh fe - le,

F G A Em F#m Am Bm

no - ra t' - hi - lot, o - seh fe - le?

C F G A C D (Am Bm)

*Evening:* Ma - l' - chu - t' - cha — ra - u — va - ne - cha — bo -  
*\*Morning:* Shi - rah cha - da - shah — shib - chu — g' - u - lim — l' - shim -

D(m) E(m) E F# F G A

kei - a yam lif - nei Mo - sheh. "Zeh Ei - li!" a - nu —  
cha al s'fat ha - yam. Ya - chad ku - lam ho -

\*Not part of original lyrics but popularly added

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C D (Am) D(m) E F#  
 v' - am - ru, "Zeh Ei - li!" a - nu v' - am - ru.  
 du v' - him - li - chu v' - am - ru.

D Am C D Am C D E Am Bm C D E F#  
 "A - do - nai yim - loch l' - o - lam va - ed!",

Am C D Am F G Em Am  
 Bm D E Bm G A F#m Bm  
 "A - do - nai yim - loch l' - o - lam va - ed!"

E Am C D Am C  
 Bm D E Bm D  
 Mi cha - mo - chah ba - ei - lim A - do - nai? Mi ka - mo - chah

D E F# Am C D E Am  
 Bm Bm  
 ne - dar ba - ko - desh, no - ra t' - hi - lot, o - seh fe - le,

F G Em Am  
 G A F#m Bm  
 no - ra t' - hi - lot, o - seh fe - le?

D.C. al Fine

מי־כמוכה בָּאֵלִים, יְיָ מִי כְמוֹכָה, נֶאֱדָר בְּקִדְשׁוֹ. Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are  
 נִרְאָה תְהִלָּתוֹ, עֲשֵׂה פִלְאֵי. worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome  
 in splendor, doing wonders?

מִלְכוּתְךָ רָאוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, בּוֹקֵעַ יָם לִפְנֵי מִשְׁחָה; In our escape from the sea, Your children saw You display  
 "זֶה אֱלֹהֵינוּ" עָנּוּ וְאָמְרוּ: Your power. "This is my God!" they cried.

שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה שָׁבַחוּ גְאוּלִים לְשִׁמְךָ עַל־שִׁפְתֵי. We, the redeemed, sang a new song to Your name. At the  
 הַיָּם; יָחַד כָּלֵם הוֹדוּ וְהִמְלִיכוּ וְאָמְרוּ: Your sovereign power: "The Eternal shall reign for ever and  
 "יְיָ מֶלֶךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!" ever!"

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, גֹאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל. Blessed are You, Eternal God, Redeemer of Israel.



## ***Hashkiveinu;*** Finding Shelter and Peace

*"Hashkiveini Adonai Eloheinu L'shalom..."*

The traditional words recited at this point in the service are a prayer and a plea, for shelter and peace.

"Cause us, Adonai our God, to lie down in peace, and to rise up to life renewed. Shield and shelter us beneath the wings of Your presence. Spread over us the shelter of Your peace."

**We give thanks for shelter, protection, and rest.**

This year these words take on an added urgency. We need not only peace in the world, but, at times, peace from the world. And we need, so many of us, shelter from the storm, and a secure place, not only in spirit, but in body as well.

**This night we remember, the trials and challenges of the past few months.**

We turn to you, to each other. But each of us has a story to share. Instead of speaking, out loud, to the whole group, one at a time, we ask you to find someone you are sitting with. Take a moment, and tell your tale, or share what is on your mind and in your heart. What has been your experience, these past few months? What are you thankful for? What is your source... of comfort and hope, safety and security? Where is your place of shelter and rest? We take a few moments, to speak with each other.

## תפילה

Create a pure heart within me;  
let my soul wake up in Your light.  
Open me to Your presence;  
flood me with Your holy spirit.  
Then I will stand and sing out  
the power of Your forgiveness.  
I will teach Your love to the lonely;  
the lost will find their way home.  
Adonai, open up my lips  
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

O God, it is not easy to pray.  
And yet I pray that these few moments  
Will somehow bring me closer to You.

### Please Rise

אֲדֹנָי, שִׁפְתֵי תִפְתָּח, וּפִי יִגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ  
*Adonai, Sifatei Tiftach, u'fi Yagid t'hilatecha*

Eternal God, open up my lips, that my mouth may declare Your glory.

### Avot v'Emahot

#### Our Patriarchs and Matriarchs

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ.  
אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב,  
אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה וְאֱלֹהֵי רַחֵל,  
הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן,  
גּוֹמֵל חַסְדִּים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל,  
וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאִמּוֹת,  
וּמְבִיא גְאֻלָּה לְבָנָי בְּנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׂמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה:  
מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן:  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם וְעִזְרַת שָׂרָה

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu veilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu  
Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak, Veilohei Ya'akov,  
Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivkah, Elohei Leah, Veilohei Racheil,  
Ha'eil hagadol hagibor v'hanora, Eil Elyon  
Gomeil chasadim tovim, v'konei hakol,  
V'zocheir chasdei avot v'imahot,  
U'meivi g'ulah livnai v'neihem, l'ma'an shmo b'ahavah.  
Melech ozeir u'moshia u'magein:  
Barukh ata Adonai, Magein Avraham v'Ezrat Sarah

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, God of our fathers and mothers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob. God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel and God of Leah, the great, mighty and awesome God, transcendent God who bestows loving kindness, creates everything out of love, remembers the love of our fathers and mothers, and brings redemption to their children's children for the sake of the Divine Name. O Sovereign, Deliverer, Helper and Shield. Blessed are You, Adonai, Abraham's Shield, Helper of Sarah.

### **Gevurot**

#### **God's Power**

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי,  
מְחִיָּה הַכֹּל אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ:  
מְשִׁיב הַרְוּחַ וּמוֹרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם.  
מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מְחִיָּה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים,  
סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,  
וּמְקַיֵּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עֶפֶר,  
מִי כְמוֹךָ בַּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת וּמִי דוֹמֵה לָךְ,  
מֶלֶךְ מֵמִית וּמְחִיָּה וּמַצְמִיחַ יְשׁוּעָה:  
וְנֹאמָן אַתָּה לְהַחְיֹת הַכֹּל.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְחִיָּה הַכֹּל.

Atta Gibor l'olam Adonai

M'cheyei hakol ata rav l'hoshiya:

Morid haTal/ Mashiv haruach, u'morid hagashem

M'chalkeil chayim b'chesed, m'chayei hakol b'rachamim rabim

Someich noflim v'rofei cholim, u'matir asurim,

u'm'kayeim emunato lisheinei afar.

Mi khamokha ba'al g'vurot, u'mi domeh lach,  
melech meimit u'm'chayei u'matzmiach y'shuah.

V'ne'eman ata l'hachayot hakol.

Barukh ata Adonai, M'chayei hakol.

You are forever Mighty, Adonai; You give life to all.

You cause the wind to shift and rain to fall.

You sustain the living through love, giving life to all through great compassion,  
supporting the falling, healing the sick, freeing the captive,  
keeping faith with those who sleep in the dust.

Who is like You, Source of mighty acts?

Who resembles You, a Sovereign who takes and gives life,  
causing deliverance to spring up and faithfully giving life to all.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives life to all.

## ***K'dushah***

Sanctification

אַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קָדוֹשׁ,  
וְקָדוֹשִׁים בְּכָל יוֹם יְהִלְלוּךָ סֵלָה.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ

Atta kadosh v'shim'cha kadosh  
u'k'doshim b'chol yom y'hal'lucha selah.  
Baruch atta Adonai, haEil HaKadosh.

You are holy, Your name is holy,  
and those who are holy praise Your name every day.  
Blessed are You, Adonai, the holy God.

## **Intermediate Prayers:**

### Litany of Praise and Thanksgiving:

For the days since we last met and shared our common bond of humanity,

*We thank you, God.*

For the heavens which declare your glory, and for the earth which shows your handiwork,

*We thank you, God.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

*We thank you, God.*

For the concern of those who call us to be good stewards of the earth,

*We thank you, God.*

For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve,

*We thank you, God.*

For the brave and courageous, and all valiant seekers of truth, liberty and justice,

*We thank you, God.*

For this evening and your spirit which binds us together in a moment of worship,

*We thank you, God.*

For your blessing, which lifts us from brokenness to wholeness, from despair to hope, from darkness to light, and from fear to trust,

*We thank you, God. Amen and Amen.*

# Let There Be Peace on Earth

A prayer for Peace

Psalm 34:15 states "Seek peace and pursue it." The rabbis observe, we must "seek" peace in our own place, and "pursue it" in every other place.

Let us join together as one community, seeking peace within ourselves, and pursuing it in this community and in the world.

Please take a moment for silent prayer

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## Let There Be Peace on Earth

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. \*With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we." The chords for each system are: System 1: C, Am, Dm7, G7, C, F, C, Dm, G7; System 2: C, B7, Em, B7, G, G7; System 3: Am, Em, C7, F, G7, C.

Am7 D7 G Am7 D7 G7

Let us walk with each oth-er in per-fect har-mo-ny.

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C Dm G7

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo-ment now.

C B7 Em B7 G

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol-emn vow:

C C+ F D7 D°7

to take each mo-ment and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

C E7 F C F G7 C

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

# Mishebeirach:

## Prayer for Those In Need of Healing

### Mi Shebeirach

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Music: Debbie Friedman

Text: Debbie Friedman & Drorah Setel, based on Liturgy

Slowly, with expression (♩ = 60)

capo 2: V1 G A Em F#m Bm<sup>(7)</sup> C#m<sup>(7)</sup> C D E G A Em F#m

Mi she - bei - rach a - vo - tei - nu, m' - kor hab' - ra - chah l' -

Bm<sup>(7)</sup> C#m<sup>(7)</sup> C D E Em F#m Bm<sup>(7)</sup> C#m<sup>(7)</sup> C D E G A

i - mo - tei - nu. May the source of strength who blessed the ones be - fore us

Am Bm Bm C#m Am Bm Em(Bm) F#m(C#m) Am D E (D<sup>7</sup>) (E<sup>7</sup>)

help us find the cour - age to make our lives a bless - ing, and let us say: A

G A V2 G A Em F#m Bm<sup>(7)</sup> C#m<sup>(7)</sup> C D E G A Em F#m

men. Mi she - bei - rach i - mo - tei - nu, m' - kor hab' - ra - chah -

Bm<sup>(7)</sup> C#m<sup>(7)</sup> C D E Em F#m Bm<sup>(7)</sup> C#m<sup>(7)</sup> C D G A

la'a - vo - tei - nu. Bless those in need of heal - ing with r' - fu - ah sh' - lei - mah, the re -

Am<sup>(7)</sup> Bm<sup>(7)</sup> Bm C#m Am<sup>(7)</sup> Bm<sup>(7)</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>(Bm) F#m<sup>7</sup>(C#m) Am<sup>(7)</sup> Bm<sup>(7)</sup> D E (D<sup>7</sup>) (E<sup>7</sup>) G A

new - al of bod - y, the re - new - al of spi - rit, and let us say: A men.

מי שברך אבותינו  
מקור הברכה לאבותינו

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## Scriptural Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

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*This is the line of Isaac son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac. Isaac was 40 years old when he took as his wife Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac pleaded with the Eternal on behalf of his wife, for she was childless, and the Eternal acceded to his entreaty, so his wife Rebekah became pregnant.*

*The children pressed against each other inside her. She thought: "If this is so, why do I exist?" So she went to inquire of the Eternal.*

*The Eternal One said to her:*

*Two peoples are in your belly;  
Two nations shall branch off from each other  
[as they emerge] from your womb.  
One people shall prevail over the other;  
the elder shall serve the younger.*

*When the time came for her to give birth, lo—she had twins in her belly! The first came out reddish all over, as though covered with a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau; his brother, following, came out holding Esau's heel, so they named him Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when they were born. When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the outdoors; but Jacob was a homespun man, keeping to the tents. Isaac favored Esau, because he [Esau] put game in his mouth, but Rebekah favored Jacob.*

*[One day,] when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the [hunting] field. He was famished, and he said to Jacob, "I'm famished; let me gulp down some of that red stuff!" (That is why he was named Edom.) Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright here and now." And Esau said, "Here I am going to die; what good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Confirm it to me by oath here and now." So he swore it to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Jacob then gave Esau bread and lentil stew. He ate, drank, got up and left. Thus did Esau disdain his birthright.*

**Sermon:** *God's Own Choosing*

**Pastor Jeffrey Neevel**

**Anthem:** *Total Praise*

**Sharing:** *An Offering to Come*

*What Can We Do? How Can We Help*



## A Prayer of Thanks

We are each responsible for keeping America on course.

“Are we there yet?” the children ask.

We know the answer.

We pursue justice.

But we still have a way to go.

We celebrate freedom.

But endlessly debate what it means to be free.

Our table is brimming.

But not everyone receives a fair portion.

We are the stewards of America,

Her ideals and institutions, her cities and natural beauty.

We are entrusted to understand America’s past and guide her future.

To create an ever more just America that is secure and free,

Abundant and caring for all her inhabitants.

We are thankful for the freedom to worship.

We are thankful for the freedom to speak our minds.

We are thankful for the freedom

To change our minds.

We are thankful for the freedom

To chart our lives.

We are thankful for the freedom

To work for a better world.

We are thankful for the freedom

To celebrate this day.

In America, each of us is entitled to a place at the table.

# 717 Let All Things Now Living

*Descant*

2. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ O

*Unison*

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stay - ed us, by guid - ing us on to the  
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

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 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

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THANKSGIVING

claim God di - vine. Re - jice, re-

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -  
claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night: till  
joic - ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah, to

shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished, as  
all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

## **A Memory of Those Who Were: Mourner's Kaddish**

There are stars  
whose radiance is visible on this earth  
though they have long been extinct.

There are people  
whose light and whose warmth continue to shine  
though they are no longer among us.

These lights which shine in the dark of the night --  
they light the way for humankind.

Hanna Senesh

When I die  
Give what's left of me away  
To children  
And old men  
That wait to die.  
And if you need to cry,  
Cry for your brother,  
Walking the street beside you.  
And when you need me  
Put your arms around anyone  
And give to them  
What you need  
To give to me.

I want to leave you something,  
Something better  
Than words  
Or sounds.

Look for me  
In the people I've known  
Or loved.  
And if you cannot give me away,  
At least let me live on in your eyes  
And not in your mind.

You can love me most  
By letting hands touch hands,  
By letting bodies touch bodies,  
And by letting go  
Of children  
That need to be free.

Love doesn't die.  
People do.  
So when all that's left of me  
Is love  
Give me away.

Merritt Malloy

## Mourner's Kaddish

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.  
בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ  
בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִי וּלְעָלְמֵי עֲלַמְיָא.  
יְתְבָרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא  
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא,  
לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא  
תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא, דְאִמְרוּן בְּעֻלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמִיּוֹ, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם  
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba.  
B'alma di-vara chirutei v'yamlich malchutei  
B'chayeichon u'v'yomeichon u'v'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael,  
Ba'a'galah u'vizman kariv. V'imru: Amen.  
Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.  
Yitbarach, viyishtabach, v'yit'pa'ar, v'yitromam v'yit'nasei,  
V'yit'hadar, v'yit'aleh,, v'yit'halal, sh'mei d'kud'sha, B'rikh Hu.  
L'eilah min kol birchata v'shirata,  
Tush'bechata, v'nechemata, da'amiran b'alma. V'imru: Amen.  
Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya, v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: Amen.  
Oseh Shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom  
Aleinu v'al kol Yisrael. V'im'ru: Amen

Let the glory of God be extolled, let God's great name be hallowed, in the world whose creation God willed. May God's rule soon prevail, in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all Israel, and let us say Amen.

Let God's great name be blessed forever and ever.

Let the name of the Blessed Holy One be glorified, exalted and honored, though God is above all the praises, songs and adorations that we can utter, and let us say Amen.

For us and all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say Amen.  
May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens let peace descend upon us, on all Israel, and all the world, and let us say Amen.

## Closing Blessing

May God bless you and safeguard you,  
may God shine in you and through you  
may God turn the Divine gaze upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

### **Lyrics by Sam Glaser:**

May God watch over your soul  
May God guide every step along your way  
May you hold deep in your heart  
The love that God's giving you everyday

May the light of heaven above  
Reflect in your eyes  
So you see all the wonder in the world

*Y'varechecha Hashem v'yishm'recha  
Ya'eyr Hashem panav eylecha v'chuneka  
Yisa Hashem panav eylecha  
V'yaseym l'cha shalom*

May you live all the days of your life  
Secure in the arms of the One above  
May He look upon you with favor  
Granting you whatever you're dreaming of

May mountains offer a path  
When you stroll along  
Fill the valleys so you can cross with ease

*Y'varechecha Hashem v'yishm'recha  
Ya'eyr Hashem panav eylecha v'chuneka  
Yisa Hashem panav eylecha  
V'yaseym l'cha shalom*

*Shalom, shalom, shalom*

This service came together from many different sources.  
We appreciate this inspiration as well as those  
many people who participated in the  
musical and liturgical presentation of our celebration.





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