

Thanksgiving Service

23 November 2006

Prelude

Toccata, by Richter

Welcome

Reverend John Cowie

Hymn

"We gather together"

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father Thomas Murray

Psalm 148

Rabbi Dr Tzvi Marx

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful

Song

The Lord's Prayer
Christa Oudshoorn-Hobo (soprano)

Thanksgiving

Imam Hashim Jansen

Consul General of the United States of America

Marjorie Ames

Hymn

"Come ye thankful people come"

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Poem *“Thanksgiving Observance”*
Girl Scouts

New Testament Reading *Philippians 4:4-9*
Rebecca Fry (President, American Women’s Club)

Music *Chorale Prelude, by J.S. Bach*

Reflection Rev Howie Adan

Offering *Dem Milners Trehren*
Antje Lohse, (mezzo), arrangement by Allan Segall (piano)
(the money raised will be used to support the Amsterdam foodbank)

Hymn *“Now thank we all our God”*

1. Now thank we all our God,
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices,—
 Who, from our mothers’ arms,
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
 And keep us in his grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.
3. All Praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
 The one, eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore. Amen

Blessing Reverend John Cowie

Postlude *Toccata in F, by Buxtehude*

Participants

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