

SERVICE OF DEDICATION
TO THE
PEOPLE OF IOWA

THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY 2011, 7:00 PM
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT AMBROSE
DES MOINES

Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Ambrose and to tonight's interfaith prayer service. At the initiative of Governor-elect Branstad, this service has been designed with the hope that people of many religious faiths will feel welcome and free to pray in company with one another. Governor-elect Branstad and Lieutenant Governor-elect Reynolds will dedicate themselves to public service of the people of Iowa according to their own faith traditions. You are invited to participate in the prayers, responses, hymns, and prayerful silence as fully as you are comfortable.

Prelude Music

Westminster Chimes
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
Beth Ann Edwards, director

The Governor-elect, Lieutenant Governor-elect, and members of their families are seated during the latter portion of the handbell prelude. The congregation may remain seated.

“Exultate” Josh Bauder
“Fantasy on Kingsfold” H. Dean Wagner
“Forest Green” arr. Lloyd Larson
“Meditation on Beautiful Savior” arr. Cathy Moglebust

“I Thank You God” by Gwyneth Walker

Members of the Drake Choir
Philip King, piano
Dr. Aimee Beckmann- Collier, conductor

*I thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and the blue true dream of sky;
and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes,
I thank You God for most this amazing day.*

*I who have died am alive again today.
and this is the sun's birthday;
this is the birthday of life and love and wings:
and of the gay great happening illimitably earth.*

*how should any human being doubt You?
how should tasting touching any human merely being doubt You?
how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any human merely being doubt You,
doubt unimaginable You?
lifted from the no of all nothing, doubt You?*

*Now the ears of my ears awake.
Now the eyes of my eyes are opened.
I thank You God for most this amazing day.*

—poetry by e.e. cummings

Entrance Procession

The people stand.

“Te Deum”
Marc-Antione Charpentier (1643-1704)

Welcome

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates
Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

Prayer from Jewish Traditions

Prayer and Scripture

Cantor Linda Shivers, Tifereth Israel Synagogue

The people are seated.

Shehecheyanu

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu v'keemanu v'heegeeyanu lazman hazeh.
Boundless are you, Eternal One our God, Source of all life, who has kept us alive, sustained us and allowed us to reach this occasion.

Isaiah 58:6-11

proclaimed in Hebrew and in English

ישעיהו

Isaiah Chapter 58: 6-11 (NRSV)

ו הלווא זה, צום אבקרהו--פתח חרצבות קשע, התר אגדות מוטה; ושלח רצוצים חפשים, וכל-מוטה תנתקו.

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

ז הלווא פר'ס לרעב לחמך, ונעניים מרודים תביא בית: פי-תראה ערם וכסיתו, ומבשרך ל'א תתעלם.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

ח אז יקוע פשח אורך, ונארכתך מהרה תצמח; והלך לפניך צדקך, כבוד יהנה יאסףך.

ט אז תקרא ויהנה יענה, תשוע וי'אמר הנני: אם-תסיר מתוכך מוטה, שלח אצבע ונדבר-אנו.

י ותפק לרעב נפשך, ונפש בענה תשוביע; וזרח ב'שך אורך, ונאפלתך כציהרים.

יא ונתך יהנה, תמיד, והשוביע בצחצחות נפשך, ועצמ'תיך יחליז; והיית, כגן רנה, וקמוצא מים, אשר ל'א-יכזבו מימיו.

A Prayer for Our Country

Our God and God o our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer on behalf of our state of Iowa and its government. Pour out Your blessings upon this land, upon its leader, its judges, officers, and officials, who are devoted in good faith to the needs of the public. Instruct them with the laws of Your Torah and help them understand Your rules of justice, so that peace and security, happiness and freedom, will never depart from our state. We pray, Adonai, God whose spirit is in all creatures, awaken that spirit within all the inhabitants of our land. Uproot from their hearts hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant among those of different nationalities and faiths who dwell in our nation, love and companionship, peace and friendship. May it therefore be Your will that our land be a blessing to all who dwell on earth and cause them to dwell in friendship and freedom. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they lean war any more"; "For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest, shall know Me: And let us say: Amen.

Prayer in Common

Musical Selection

“The Promise of Living”, by Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Members of the Drake Choir

Lois Harms and Philip King, piano

Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier, conductor

*The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving
Is born of our loving our friends and our labor.
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing
Is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.*

*The promise of living, the promise of growing
Is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.*

*For many a year we've known these fields
And known all the work that makes them yield,
Are you ready to lend a hand?
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.
By working together we'll bring in the harvest, the blessings of harvest.*

*We plant each row with seeds of grain,
And Providence sends us the sun and the rain,
By lending a hand,
By lending an arm
Bring out, bring out from the farm,
Bring out the blessings of harvest.*

*Give thanks there was sunshine,
give thanks there was rain,
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain,
O let us be joyful,
O let us be grateful to the Lord for His blessing.*

*The promise of ending in right understanding
Is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.
The promise of living, the promise of growing,
The promise of ending is labor and sharing and loving.*

–text by Horace Everett

Congregational Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

The people stand.



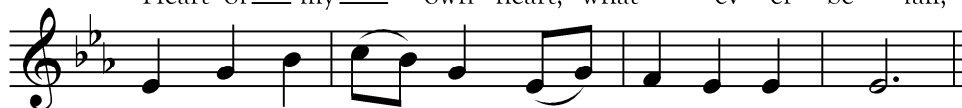
Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
May I reach heav - en's joys, O hea - ven's Sun!



Thou my best thought both by day or by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
Still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Prayer

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates
Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
whose goodness fills our hearts with joy.
Blessed are you,
who have brought us together this day
to work in harmony and peace.
Strengthen us with your grace and wisdom
for you are God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The people are seated.

Prayer from Christian Traditions

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

Proclaimed by Bishop Michael Burk
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
Southeastern Iowa Synod

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.
“Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
He said to him,
“What is written in the law? What do you read there?”
He answered,
“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.”
And he said to him,
“You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”
But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus,
“And who is my neighbor?”
Jesus replied,
“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,
and fell into the hands of robbers,
who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
Now by chance a priest was going down that road;
and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him,
passed by on the other side.
But a Samaritan while travelling came near him;
and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.
He went to him and bandaged his wounds,
having poured oil and wine on them.
Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
The next day he took out two denarii,
gave them to the innkeeper, and said,
‘Take care of him; and when I come back,
I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

Which of these three, do you think,
was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”
He said,
“The one who showed him mercy.”
Jesus said to him,
“Go and do likewise.”

Hymn

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Lord, make us ser - vants of Your peace:
 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
 May we not look for love's re - turn,
 Where there is hate, may we sow love;
 Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
 But seek to love un - self - ish - ly,
 Where there is hurt, may we for - give;
 Where all is night, may we sow light;
 For in our giv - ing we re - ceive,
 Where there is strife, may we make one.
 Where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 And in for - giv - ing are for - given.

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Dedication to Public Service

Governor-elect Terry Branstad

Fr. Steven Brodersen
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Boone

Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Reynolds

Pastor Chuck DeVos
LifePoint Assembly of God, Osceola

Prayer for the People of Iowa

The people stand.

Fr. Rofael Hanna

St. Mary and St. George Coptic Orthodox Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa
St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church, Urbandale Iowa

Our Heavenly Father, we thank you tonight for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us as individuals and as a nation, for we are called by your name. We pray tonight that you would bless our newly elected leaders, fill them with your wisdom and guidance, and that you would bless the people of this great state of Iowa which we call home. Lord grant us your peace and your prosperity. Lord, make your face to shine upon Iowa and be gracious to Iowa.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Bishop Steven Ullestad

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northeastern Iowa Synod

Holy God, You create us in Your image. Thank you for Your love. You claim us as Your own. Thank you for Your grace. You call us to serve You by serving one another, the least among us and all of creation. Thank you for the joy that comes with Your call. Bless Your children, Governor-elect Branstad, Lieutenant Governor-Elect Reynolds, and all who support them in the administration of government. You have called them through the election of Your people to be Your servants. Bless them with gifts of humility and faith, compassion and wisdom, leadership and service, courage and strength. Bless them with the vision to always see Your face in the faces of the poor, the oppressed and those in need.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Cantor Linda Shivers

Tifereth Israel Synagogue
Des Moines

Pour Your spirit upon the judges of all lands; guide them that they may discern justly. O may You alone rule over us in steadfast love and compassion. Blessed are You, Adonai, who love righteousness and justice.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates

Bishop of Des Moines
Roman Catholic

May the Senators, members of the House of Representatives and all those whom we entrust to make our laws be filled with the courage and foresight to provide for the needs of our people, to care for our natural resources, and to care for life at all stages.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble

The United Methodist Church
Resident Bishop, Iowa Area

May the members of the Armed Services, those who work to end strife on streets of violence and fields of war, and all who serve in harm's way know the calm of your abiding presence and be guided in the way of your peace.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Rev. Dr. Rich Pleva

United Church of Christ
Iowa Conference Minister

Gracious God, we are mindful of your care for "the least of these" – those who live at the margins of society. We pray for health care providers and those who serve in other institutions organized for charitable and benevolent purposes. Give grace to nurses, technicians, physicians, administrators – to social workers and community activists – to organizers and those who staff food pantries and provide housing – to job coaches and those who provide legal and financial assistance – to all who serve humankind in charitable organizations. Give them caring hearts and courage to advocate for those with whom they work. Give open ears, eyes, hearts and minds to our governmental officials so that their work will be seen – not for their own benefit, but for the welfare of those with whom they work. This we pray in hope, confidence and humility.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Fr. Basil Hickman

Greek Orthodox Church of St. George
Des Moines

For refugees and immigrants, that God will grant them peace and stability in their lives, and in the lives of their families - along with abundant hope and joy. That He will guide us in our efforts to welcome them, and that He will be with us as we journey through this life together toward that most beautiful and blessed of abodes – His Heavenly Kingdom which has no end.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Rev. Chuck DeVos

Pastor, LifePoint Assembly of God
Osceola

May the Governor-elect, the Lieutenant Governor-elect, the mayors of cities, and all in administrative authority who are empowered by our sacred trust lead the people of Iowa to care for the hungry, the homeless, the sick and the poor, and seek creative ideas to provide avenues of opportunity for the betterment of these residents of this great state.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

The Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice

Executive Director,
Des Moines Area Religious Council

May the Governor-elect, the Lieutenant-Governor elect, and all the people of Iowa embrace a deeper understanding of each other's beliefs, identities, and values, and may all faith traditions work together to serve the common good.

Keep the people of Iowa under your care.
And guide us in your way of justice and truth.

Concluding Prayer

Pastor Mike Housholder
Lutheran Church of Hope
West Des Moines

*Gracious Lord God,
please fill this cathedral,
and all who have gathered here this evening,
with the light of your love.
Warm our hearts with a spirit of joy and thanks to you
for the opportunity to live together in this beautiful land.
On the eve of their inauguration, we humbly pray for your light to shine brightly upon
Governor-elect Branstad and Lieutenant Governor-elect Reynolds.
Bless them abundantly. Keep them safe. Surround them with your wisdom,
and fill them with your Spirit,
that they may serve the people of Iowa faithfully and bring glory to you:
the One who is, was, and always will be, forever and ever.*

All: Amen.

Blessing

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates
Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

All: Amen.

Governor-elect Terry Branstad,
Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Reynolds,
their families, the 2011 Inaugural Committee,
and the participating religious leaders and organizations
thank you for attending tonight's prayer service.

You are cordially invited to a reception
across the street at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Des
Moines Pastoral Center. Please enter through the main doors
on Grand Avenue.

O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,

For pur-ple mountain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with bro-ther-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

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Recessional

“Festa”, by Arnold Sherman

Postlude Music

“Rondo Passacaglia”, by Cynthia Dobrinski

Members of the Drake Choir

Soprano

Sheila Brassel - Wheaton, IL
Stephanie Gibb-Clark - Rock Island, IL
Madeline Judge - Clive, IA
Elizabeth Moldovan - Sac City, IA
Danika Portz - Remsen, IA
Gabrielle Sarcone - West Des Moines, IA

Alto

Caroline Byrd - Johnston, IA
Mary Craven - West Des Moines, IA
Sophie Kopf - Des Moines, IA
Mary Jane Morgan - Lexington, NE
Elizabeth Pilkington - Granger, IA
Anne Rueve - West Des Moines, IA
Lindsey Schaefer - Clive, IA

Tenor

Ryan Bower - Johnston, IA
Gabriel Early - Harlan, IA
Jonathan Edgeton - Fairfield, IA
Jess Hoffert - Winona, MN
Kenton Jordan - West Des Moines, IA
James Smith - Des Moines, IA
Joshua Strief - Sac City, IA

Bass

Nathan Bleadorn - Waverly, IA
Stephen Brandt - Cedar Rapids, IA
Ryan Brodersen - Winterset, IA
Patrick Carroll - Harlan, IA
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Andrew Herman - Waukegan, IL
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