

Congregation Emanu-El  
of the City of New York



Thanksgiving Day Service

אָדוֹן עוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר מְלַךְ, בְּטָרִם כָּל יְצִיר נִבְרָא.  
לַעֲת נַעֲשֶׂה בְּחֶפְצוֹ כָּל, אַזֵּי מְלַךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא.

A-don o-lam a-sheer ma-lach, B'te-rem kol y'-tsir niv-ra.  
L'eit na-a-sa v'-chef-tzo-kol, A-zai me-lech sh'mo nik-ra.

וְאַחֲרֵי כָּכֵלּוֹת הַכֹּל, לְבַדּוֹ יְמַלּוּךְ נוֹרָא.

וְהוּא הָיָה, וְהוּא הוֹה, וְהוּא יְהִיָּה, בְּתַפְאָרָה.

V'-a-cha-rei kich-lot ha-kol, L'va-do yim-loch no-ra.  
V'hu ha-ya, v'hu ho-veh, V'hu yi-h'yeh, b'-tif-a-rah.

וְהוּא אֶחָד וְאֵין שֵׁנִי, לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ לְהַחֲבִירָה.  
בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית בְּלִי תַכְלִית, וְלוֹ הַעֲזֵ וְהַמְשָׁרָה.

V'-hu e-chad v'ain shei-ni, L'-ham-shil lo l'-hach-bi-ra.  
B'-li rei-sheet b'-li tach-lit, V'-lo ha-oz v'-ha-mis-rah.

וְהוּא אֵלִי וְחִי גְאֻלִּי, וְצוּר חֲבְלֵי בְּעֵת צָרָה.

וְהוּא נָסִי וּמָנוֹס לִי, מְנַת כּוֹסֵי בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָא.

V'-hu ei-li v'-chai go-a-li, V'tzur chev-li b'-eit tza-rah.  
V'-hu ni-si u-ma-nos li, M'-nat ko-si b'-yom ek-ra.

בְּיָדוֹ אֶפְקִיד רוּחִי, בְּעֵת אִישׁוֹן וְאַעֲרָה.

וְעַם רוּחִי גְנוּפְתֵי, יֵי לִי וְלֹא אִירָא.

B'-ya-do af-kid ru-chi, B'eit i-shan v'-a-i-rah.  
V'-im ru-chi g'-vi-ya-ti, A-do-nai li v'-lo i-ra.

O Heavenly Father, conscious of the numberless blessings which Thou hast showered upon us, we have gathered in Thy Holy House on this Thanksgiving Day. We assemble here, even as other Americans of all faiths are met together in their Sanctuaries, to offer unto Thee the tributes of our grateful hearts. We thank Thee for our beloved country America. We pray that it may always support the right of everyone to worship Thee as Father and to live with their neighbors whoever they may be, as kindred spirits. Make us worthy of this land built by courageous men and women whose confidence was ever in Thee. May we in our generation plant and build as they did, steadfast in our faith in its high purpose and clinging ever trustingly to Thee.

As we think of all Thy goodness to us, we ask that Thou mayest dispose our hearts to remember the needs of those less favored. Thou art ever mindful of us; may we also be mindful of the cries and sufferings of the sick, the poor, the friendless, and all those who are without hope. When we gather in our homes to celebrate this festival with hearts overjoyed with mutual love and gratitude, may we be enriched by the knowledge that we have shared Thy gifts with those who are in need. May Thy love, O God, unite us in sympathy and love to all others that we may share with them Thy blessings.

הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב וּמַה נְעִים שְׁבֵת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד.

Hi-nei mah tov u-mah na-im she-vet a-chim gam ya-chad.  
O how good and how sweet it is for brothers and sisters to sit together.

RESPONSIVE READING

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee doth all flesh come.

*All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing praises unto Thee.*

Thou turnest a wilderness into a pool of water.

*And a dry land into springs of water.*

And there Thou makest the hungry to dwell.

*And they establish a city of habitation;*

And sow fields and plant vineyards, which yield abundant fruits;

*Thou blessest them also, so that they are multiplied greatly.*

Praised be the Lord; day by day He beareth our burden; He is our salvation.

*Yea, the Lord will give that which is good; and our land shall yield her produce.*

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness,

*The earth hath yielded her increase.*

The meadows are clothed with flocks;

*The valleys also are covered with corn.*

Let the peoples give thanks unto Thee, O God;

*O let the nations be glad and sing for joy.*

(Please rise)

BAR'CHU

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ.

Bar-chu et A-do-nai ha-m'-vo-rach.

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch A-do-nai ha-m'-vo-rach l'-o-lam va-ed.

*Praise God, to whom our praise is due.*

*Praised be God, to whom our praise is due, now and forever.*

(Please be seated)

RABBI

Merciful God and Father: We come before Thee with thoughts of Thanksgiving in our hearts and hymns of praise on our lips. We know that though the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, yet Thou dost dwell in the hearts and souls of humanity. Thou art the rock of our life and the shield of our salvation. We thank Thee for the manifold blessings which Thou bestowest upon us, for the love which fills our homes, for the joy and laughter of our children, for the untiring dedication of parents and for all the joys which fellowship and friendship bring us. We thank thee for the loyalty and devotion of friends whose faith calls for the best within us; for all good influences which sustain us in trial, strengthen our wills, broaden our vision, deepen our understanding and make us mindful of our obligations to others. We pray that peace and prosperity may abide in our homes and in the homes of all humanity.

Fervently we invoke Thy benediction for this our country. Enlighten and sustain with thy power those whom the people have set in authority: the President, his counselors and advisers, the judges, law-givers and executives and all those who are entrusted with our safety and with the guardianship of our rights and liberties. May peace and goodwill obtain amongst all the citizens of our land; may religion spread its blessings among us and exalt our nation in righteousness. We pray, O God, for the welfare of our country and for all other countries. May they never forget that nations are but people, that righteousness exalteth a nation, and that sin is a reproach to any people. May racial hatreds, national animosities, and class distinctions no longer divide people from one another, and may the time not be distant when a united humanity will proclaim: "Have we not all one Father; hath not one God created us all?"

RABBI AND CONGREGATION

At this hour of Thanksgiving, O Lord, we praise Thee for the blessings of family life which have been ours during the past year. As we acknowledge our debt for the material gifts which come to us from Thee, so we thank Thee for the family ties which enrich our lives, for the dedication of parents to their children, for the love of children for their parents, for the warmth and love which permeate family life.

We pray, O Heavenly Father, that Thou wilt ever turn the hearts of the parents to the children and the hearts of the children to the parents, strengthening the bonds of devotion in the home and making it a sanctuary worthy of Thy presence.

My Thy presence dwell within our homes; may peace and happiness abide in them and love unite all who live and trust in Thee.

(Please rise)

SH'MA

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד.

Sh'ma Yis-ra-eil: Adonai E-lo-hei-nu, Adonai e-chad.  
*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Bar-uch sheim k'vod mal-chu-to l'olam va-ed.  
*Praised be His name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.*

(Please be seated)

RABBI AND CONGREGATION

Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart.

Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. Thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates: That ye may remember and do all My commandments and be holy unto your God.

RESPONSIVE READING

For the blessings which You lavish upon us in forest and sea, in mountain and meadow, in rain and sun, we thank You.

*For the blessings You implant within us, joy and peace, meditation and laughter, we are grateful to You.*

For the blessings of friendship and love, of family and community,

*For the blessings we ask of You and those we cannot ask,*

For the blessings You bestow upon us openly and those You give us in secret,

*For all these blessings, O Lord of the Universe, we thank You and are grateful to You.*

For the blessings we recognize, and those we fail to recognize,

*For the blessings of our tradition and our holy days,*

For the blessings of return and forgiveness, of memory, of vision, of hope--

*For all these blessings which surround us on every side, Dear God, hear our thanks and accept our gratitude.*

HYMN

SCRIPTURAL TEXT

## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern impassioned stress,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!

America! America!

God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

## AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.

Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountain side,  
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty  
To Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light  
Protect us by Thy might  
Great God, our King.

(Please Rise)

## ADORATION

Let us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto Him who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world. He is our God; there is none else.

## CANTOR

וְאֶנְחֵנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמְשִׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לְפָנֵי מֶלֶךְ,  
מְלִכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

Va-a-nach-nu kor'eem u-meesh-ta-cha-veem u-mo-deem, leef-nei  
meh-lech, mal-chei ha-m'la-cheem, Ha-ka-dosh Ba-ruch Hu.

*We bow the head in reverence, and worship the King of kings,  
the Holy One, praised be He.*

(Please be seated)

May the time not be distant, O God, when Thy name shall be worshiped in all the earth, when unbelief shall disappear and error be no more. Fervently we pray that the day may come when all shall invoke Thy name, when corruption and evil shall give way to purity and goodness, when superstition shall no longer enslave the mind, nor idolatry blind the eye, when all who dwell on earth shall know that to Thee alone every knee must bend and every tongue give homage. O may all, created in Thine image, recognize that they are brethren, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be forever united before Thee. Then shall Thy kingdom be established on earth and the word of Thine ancient seer be fulfilled: The Lord will reign forever and ever.

CANTOR

בְּיוֹם הַהוּא יְהִי יי אֶחָד וְשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד.

Ba-yom ha-hu yee-h'yeh Adonai eh-chad u-sh'mo eh-chad.  
On that day the Lord shall be One and His name shall be one.

KADDISH

At this time of sacred memory, we recall those who are bound to us by the ties of love and sweet remembrance. The thought of them moves us to gentle impulses and a wider fellowship with sorrow. They whisper to us of a world where years and horizons have no meaning and where the heart's desires come abidingly into their own. Help us to understand, O Lord, that grief and love go hand in hand, that the sorrow of loss is but a token of the love that is stronger than death. Even though we cry in the bereavement of our hearts when our beloved are taken from this earth, may it be as a child cries who knows his father is near and who clings unafraid to a trusted hand. In this spirit, O Thou who art the Master of our destiny, do we commit all that is precious to us into Thy keeping.

(Mourners rise)

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא  
כְּרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן  
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,  
וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

CONGREGATION

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.  
יְתְבָרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא,  
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקַדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ  
הוּא, לְעֵלְמָא מִן-כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא  
וְנַחֲמַתָּא דְּאִמְרוּן בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ  
וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.  
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ  
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Yeet-ga-dal v'yeet-ka-dash sh'mei ra-ba b'al-ma dee-v'ra  
chee-r'u'tei, v'yam-leech mal-chu-tei b'cha-yei-chon u-v'yo-mei-chon  
u-v'cha-yei d'chol beit Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la u-veez'man ka-reev,  
v'eem'ru: A-mein.

Y'hei sh'mei ra-ba m'va-rach l'a-lam u-l'al-mei al-ma-ya.

Yeet-ba-rach v'yeesh-ta-bach, v'yeet-pa-ar v'yeet-ro-mam  
v'yeet-na-sei, v'yeet -ha-dar v'yeet-a-leh v'yeet -ha-lal sh'mei  
d'kud-sha, b'reech hu, l'ei-la meen kol beer-cha-ta v'shee-ra-ta,  
tush-b'cha-ta v'neh-cheh-ma-ta da-a-mee-ran b'al-ma, v'eem'ru:  
A-mein.

Y-hei sh'la-ma ra-ba meen sh'ma-ya v'cha-yeem, a-lei-nu v'al kol  
Yis-ra-eil, v'eem'ru: A-mein.

O-seh sha-lom bee-m'ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu v'al kol  
Yis-ra-eil, v'eem-ru: A-mein.

The departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory. May the beauty of their lives abide among us as a loving benediction.

May the Father of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort all the bereaved among us. Amen.

(Please Rise)

### GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America,  
Land that I love  
Stand beside her,  
And guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains  
To the prairies  
To the oceans  
White with foam

God bless America, my home, sweet home!

### BENEDICTION

