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The following are key snippets from the Friday prayer sermon on 03 Dhul Hijjah 1441.

Honorable Muslims!

May the blessings and help of Allah and the peacefulness and divine abundance of Friday be upon you!

In this blessed hour, we are witnessing a historic moment. The longing of our nation is coming to an end. Endless thanks and praise be to Allah the Almighty!

Today is the day when the recitations of takbir, tahlil, and salawat echo again under Hagia Sophia's domes, and the adhan rises from its minarets. Today is the day when believers stand for prayer in tears, bow down to ruku in peace, and go down for prostration in gratitude.

Today is the day of honor and humbleness. Endless thanks and praise be to Allah the Almighty who enabled us to have an honorable day like today, to gather in mosques as the most sacred places on earth, and to appear before Himself in this Great Hagia Sophia.

Salat and salam be to Prophet Muhammad SAW who gave the good news about the conquest by saying, "One day Constantinople will be conquered. Great is the commander who will conquer it, and great are his soldiers!"

Salam be to the spiritual architect of Istanbul, who hit the roads to become the one who attains this glad tiding, Abu Ayyub al-Ansari in particular, the Companions of the Prophet, and those who followed their gracious footsteps.

Salam be to that young and determined ruler Fatih Sultan Mehmed, who was attached from heart to the verse "And when you have decided, then

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Day	Date	Islamic	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Sunset	Isha	Fajr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sat	1	11	2:32	5:24	1:11	6:23	8:48	10:02	4:45	7:15	8:51	10:20
Sun	2	12	2:36	5:26	1:11	6:22	8:46	10:00	"	"	8:49	"
Mon	3	13	2:41	5:27	1:11	6:21	8:44	9:59	"	"	8:47	"
Tue	4	14	2:44	5:29	1:11	6:20	8:43	9:58	"	"	8:46	"
Wed	5	15	2:48	5:30	1:11	6:19	8:41	9:57	"	"	8:44	"
Thu	6	16	2:52	5:32	1:11	6:18	8:39	9:55	"	"	8:42	"
Fri	7	17	2:56	5:33	1:11	6:16	8:37	9:54	"	"	8:40	"
Sat	8	18	2:59	5:35	1:11	6:15	8:35	9:52	4:45	7:00	8:38	10:10
Sun	9	19	3:03	5:36	1:11	6:14	8:34	9:52	"	"	8:37	"
Mon	10	20	3:06	5:38	1:10	6:13	8:32	9:50	"	"	8:35	"
Tue	11	21	3:09	5:40	1:10	6:11	8:30	9:49	"	"	8:33	"
Wed	12	22	3:13	5:41	1:10	6:10	8:28	9:47	"	"	8:31	"
Thu	13	23	3:16	5:43	1:10	6:09	8:26	9:46	"	"	8:29	"
Fri	14	24	3:19	5:44	1:10	6:07	8:24	9:44	"	"	8:27	"
Sat	15	25	3:22	5:46	1:10	6:06	8:22	9:43	5:00	6:45	8:25	10:00
Sun	16	26	3:25	5:48	1:09	6:05	8:20	9:41	"	"	8:23	"
Mon	17	27	3:28	5:49	1:09	6:03	8:18	9:40	"	"	8:21	"
Tue	18	28	3:31	5:51	1:09	6:02	8:16	9:38	"	"	8:19	"
Wed	19	29	3:34	5:52	1:09	6:00	8:14	9:37	"	"	8:17	"
Thu	20	30	3:37	5:54	1:08	5:59	8:12	9:35	"	"	8:15	"
Fri	21	1	3:40	5:56	1:08	5:57	8:10	9:34	"	"	8:13	"
Sat	22	2	3:42	5:57	1:08	5:56	8:08	9:32	5:15	6:30	8:11	9:50
Sun	23	3	3:45	5:59	1:08	5:54	8:05	9:30	"	"	8:08	"
Mon	24	4	3:48	6:00	1:07	5:53	8:03	9:29	"	"	8:06	"
Tue	25	5	3:50	6:02	1:07	5:51	8:01	9:27	"	"	8:04	"
Wed	26	6	3:53	6:04	1:07	5:49	7:59	9:26	"	"	8:02	"
Thu	27	7	3:56	6:05	1:07	5:48	7:57	9:24	"	"	8:00	"
Fri	28	8	3:58	6:07	1:06	5:46	7:55	9:23	"	"	7:58	"
Sat	29	9	4:01	6:08	1:06	5:44	7:52	9:20	5:15	6:20	7:55	9:40
Sun	30	10	4:03	6:10	1:06	5:43	7:50	9:19	"	"	7:53	"
Mon	31	11	4:05	6:12	1:05	5:41	7:48	9:17	"	"	7:51	"

DHUHR JAMA`AH 1:30

1ST JUMU`AH 1:25

2ND JUMU`AH 2:20

Due to refraction, wait at least 3 minutes from Sunset time before praying Maghrib.
 Islamic dates are subject to moon-sighting.
 Isha beginning times shown are calculated based on one seventh of night (Sub`ul Layl).

rely upon Allah. Indeed, Allah loves those who rely [upon Him]"; a genius of history, literature, science, and arts; produced the most advanced technology of his era and had the ships move over land; conquered Istanbul with the permission and help of Allah; and then did not allow anybody to cause even the slightest harm to even a piece of pebble in this honorable city.

Salam be to all our brothers and sisters in all corners of the world who have been longing for and celebrating with joy the reopening of Hagia Sophia to worship.

Salam be to our prominent people who have worked their hearts and souls out, from past to present, to ensure that Hagia Sophia meets its adhan, iqamat, wa'z, khutbah, prayers, recitations, scholarly activities, and great congregation having their places in the rows.

Dear Believers!

Hagia Sophia, with its age being over fifteen centuries, is one of the most valuable places of worship, knowledge and wisdom in the history of humankind. This age-old place of worship is a magnificent expression of servitude and submission to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

Sultan Mehmed the Conqueror endowed and entrusted this outstanding place of worship as the apple of his eye to believers on condition that it should remain a mosque until the last day. Any property that is endowed is inviolable in our belief; the charter of the endower is indispensable. Therefore, from that day to the present, Hagia Sophia has been the sanctuary of not only our country but also of Prophet Muhammad's ummah.

Mehmed the Conqueror said to the people who took shelter in Hagia Sophia after the conquest and waited worriedly for what was going to happen to them, "From this moment on, do not be afraid for your freedom and life! The property of no person will be looted, no person will be oppressed, and no person will be punished because of their religion." and acted accordingly. It is for this reason that Hagia Sophia is the symbol of respect to belief and of the morality of coexistence.

Dear Muslims!

The reopening of Hagia Sophia to worship is a requirement of loyalty to its historical accumulation. It is the return of a sacred place, which had embraced believers for five centuries, to its original function.

The reopening of Hagia Sophia to worship is the evidence that the Islamic civilization, the foundation of which is tawhid, the building block of which is knowledge, and the cement of which is virtue, continues to rise in spite of all drawbacks.

The reopening of Hagia Sophia to worship means that all sorrowful masjids, first and foremost the Masjid al-Aqsa, and oppressed believers on earth are able to get lifeline support.

Dear Believers!

Our mosques are the source of our unity, amity, brotherhood, faith and serenity in our civilization. Almighty Allah states regarding those who build and maintain mosques and masjids, "The mosques of Allah are only to be main-



350,000 attended Jumu'ah at Hagia Sophia on 03 Dhul Hijjah 1441

tained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakat and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided."

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

What could be more crestfallen than a mosque, the minarets of which are silent, the minbar of which is deserted, the dome of which is mute, and the garden of which is lonely? There are mosques in various parts of the world today that are attacked, closed by force, and even bombed and destroyed.

Fatih Sultan Mehmed's approach towards Hagia Sophia five centuries ago is an example to the world and call on all humanity to say "Stop!" to anti-Islamist discourses, actions, and any kind of oppression.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

We as believers need to work to ensure that compassion, tolerance, peace, tranquility, and benevolence prevail all around the world. We need to be the hope for salvation of humanity that is in the swirl of great problems. We need to maintain justice in geographies surrounded by oppression, injustice, tears, and despair.

We believe that "all people are either brothers and sisters in religion or equal in creation". The earth is our shared home. All members of this home, regardless of religion, ethnicity, skin color, or country, have the right to live freely and humanely in safety within the framework of universal values and moral principles.

We call on all humanity to uphold justice, peace, compassion, and righteousness. We call to defend universal values and moral principles that protect human dignity and make us the most honorable creature. As a follower of the Final and True religion which declares that the life of each person regardless of gender and age is inviolable, we call on humanity to cooperate and collaborate in protecting the life, religion, reason, property, and generation of all people. This is because today we need more than ever to unite our hearts with our dispositions, our reason with our conscience, humans with humans, and humans with the nature.

May Allah the Almighty bless us with the honor of properly respecting a mosque like the magnificent Hagia Sophia.

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