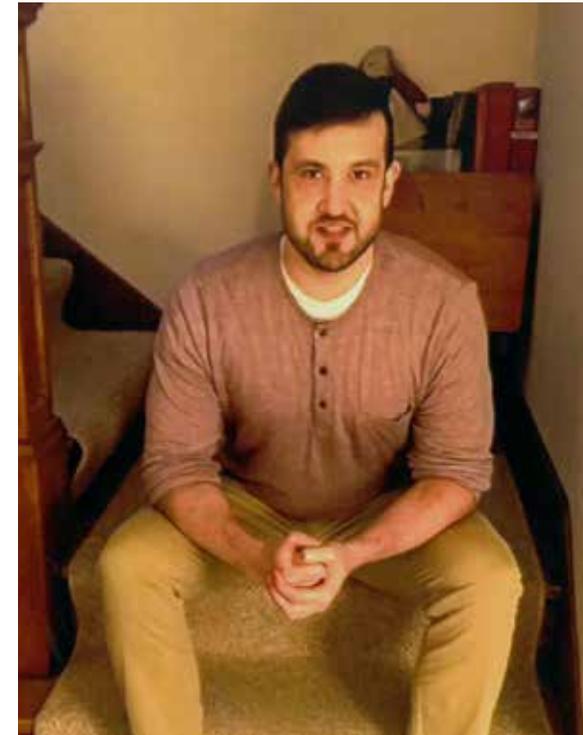


*I am the black cloud in the night of grief who  
Gladdened the day of festival.  
I am the amazing Earth who  
out of the fire of love  
Filled with air the brain of the sky.*

— Jalal al-Din Rumi

## In Memoriam



Adam Aslani

February 19, 1986 – October 15, 2022

*Hearken to this reed forlorn  
Breathing, ever since was torn  
From its rushy bed, a strain  
of impassioned love and pain.*

— Jalal al-Din Rumi

Memorial Service for Adam Aslani  
Sunday, October 30, 2022 • 2:00 p.m.  
*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Ruth Palmer, piano

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Karen Gustafson

CHALICE LIGHTING

\*OPENING HYMN

(123) *Spirit of Life*

READING

“On the Death of the Beloved”  
By John O’Donohue

Sharon Lee Sheridan  
Music by Kevin Sheridan

INTERLUDE

*This Is My Song*  
Sibelius

EULOGY

Anna Aslani

INTERLUDE

*Both Sides Now*  
Joni Mitchell

REMEMBRANCES

Helen Knox  
Jean Seabury  
Nancy Phelps  
Margie O’Neill  
Others who wish to speak

COLLAGE OF VOICES

INTERLUDE

*Where the Light Gets In*  
Leonard Cohen

RESPONSIVE READING

“We Remember Him”  
Roland B. Gittelsohn (adapted)

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember him.

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of the winter, we remember him.*

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember him.

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember him.*

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember him.

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember him.*

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember him.

*When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember him.*

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember him.

*So long as we live, he too shall live, for he is now a part of us, as we remember him.*

SILENCE

CHARGE TO THE COMMUNITY

\*CLOSING HYMN

(131) *Love Will Guide Us*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Spring*  
Vivaldi

*Please join the family for a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Beloved son and brother Adam Aslani, 36, passed from this world on October 15, 2022, after losing his battle with mental illness. He was a true friend and confidant and will be dearly missed.

Adam came into the world in the midst of an ice storm on the 19th of February 1986 in Worcester, Massachusetts. He showed passion for sports and exercise from an early age playing baseball, soccer, basketball, and golf recreationally, and continuing with golf and basketball until his graduation from Como Park Senior High School in 2004. He was known for his love of street art, eclectic music, cycling, yoga, and snowboarding and was beloved by his classmates for his sense of humor. After graduation he attended the University of Minnesota Duluth, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and Saint Paul College.

His illness limited his ability to maintain connections with his many good friends and prevented him from his dream of aiding others in their journey towards physical and mental wellbeing.

He is predeceased by grandparents Aliyeh and Ali Aslani of Mashhad, Iran, and Marie and John Fish of Rowley, Massachusetts. He is deeply mourned by parents Janet and Mehr Aslani of Saint Paul, and siblings Anna Aslani of San Diego, and Jonathan Aslani of Saint Paul, and the laughter, sensitivity, and compassion he brought to them will never be forgotten. He will also be missed by his uncle Reza Aslani, his Rajablou cousins, and his many Fish family aunts, uncles, and cousins in New England, Ohio, and California.

His family extends their gratitude to the many dedicated doctors, nurses, and social workers who worked with him over the years.

Memorials preferred to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota, [namimn.org](http://namimn.org).