

SACRED SERVICE

(AVODATH HAKODESH)

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PART I.

Mah Tovv:

How goodly are thy tents, Yaakov, goodly thy dwellings,
Israel.

Through Thy great compassion, O Lord, I come to worship
To praise Thy Name in Thy temple;
I bow in reverence before Thee.

Adonoy, Adonoy, I love the place where thou dwellest and the
house wherein dwelleth Thy glory;

There I bow worshipping Thee, O Lord, my God,
Power Divine, Creator of life and all.

May my prayer, humbly upraised, seem good, Adonoy, in
Thine eyes,

Elohim! I come in meekness.

Answer Thou,

In mercy, grant me, O Lord, Thy salvation.

Borechu:

Sing His praise, sing to the Lord, praise and adore;
Sing praise to the Lord, praise and adore, for evermore.

Shema Yisroel:

O hear, Israel, our God, our creator is One!

O praised be His Name, He Whose Kingdom shall never end.

Veohavto:

And thou shalt love Him, thy Lord God,
With all thy heart, with all thy soul, shalt love Him with all
thy might.

And these words which I command thee . . . these words shall
be on thy heart this day.

And thou shalt teach them thy children, and of them shalt
speak,

When by thy hearth thou sittest, and when thou walkest on
thy way, and when thou liest, and when thou risest up.

Thou shalt bind a sign on thy hand, and as frontlets they shall
be between thine eyes.

On the door-posts of thy house be written; also upon thy
gates.

Mi Chomocho:

Who is like Thee of the mighty, O Lord?

Who is like Thee, O Lord all glorious?

Thy works we proclaim;

Thy marvels praise!

And when Thy children were shown Thy wonders, they cried,
behold this is my God!

And the Lord shall reign for ever and evermore!

Tzur Yisroel (Traditional) :

Rock of Israel, arise to the help of Israel!
Our deliv'rer Adonoy, O bless and praise His Name,
O blessed Israel; O blest be Thou, O Lord, Redeemer of
Israel.
O praise Him and His holy Name. Amen.

PART II.

Sanctified by Thy Name evermore.
On earth as it is sanctified at Thy Throne on high;
And we hallow Thy Name, as the prophets wrote;
Thy Name we glorify, proclaiming:
Kodosh, kodosh, kodosh, Adonoy, tzevoos,
Heaven and the earth are filled with His glory.
O God, ever mighty,
Make us like unto Thee, Lord.
How glorious is Thy Name in all the earth.
We praise Thy Name, Lord, our God, in Thy Dominion
For One is the Lord, our God.
He, our Father; He, our Ruler; He, our Redeemer.
And He shall answer us in His might in the sight of all men.
Shalt reign, Adonoy, evermore!
Zion, Zion, thy God,
From generation to generation, the Lord shall reign.
Thy God shalt reign evermore. Halleluia!

PART III.

O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of
my heart be acceptable before Thee,
Adonoy, my Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Seu Sheorim:

Lift up your heads, O ye portals!
Lift ye everlasting doors!
That the King of glory may enter!
Who is this King of Glory?
Adonoy of Sabaoth, He is the King of Glory!
Selah, Selah, Selah.

Taking the Scroll from the Ark.

Toroh Tzivoh:

The Torah, which God gave thro' Moses, is the law of the
house of Jacob.
O house of Jacob,
Come ye, walk in the light, the light of the Lord.
O hear Israel our God, our Creator, our God is One!
And Thine, Adonoy, is the greatness and all dominion and
Thine the majesty and the glory and the pow'r,
For all things in heaven and on earth are Thine,
Adonoy, and Thine be the Kingdom,
Be Thou, Lord, exalted over all.

PART IV.

Returning the Scroll to the Ark.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord with me;
Let us exalt His Name in one voice.

Hodo al Eretz:

Earth sees His glory, and the heavens;
And He is the strength of all His people;
The glory and praise of all the just, of Israel that came be-
fore Him, before His presence,
Halleluia!

Toras Adonoy:

The Law of the Lord is perfect,
It doth restore the soul;
His precepts are sure and enduring, and teach the simple.
The Laws giv'n by the Lord are just Laws. Rejoicing the
heart.
The Law of the Lord is holy, Enduring for ever.
Behold these precepts the Lord hath shown thee;
Regard them; do not forsake them.

Etz Chayim:

Tree of Life to them that shall receive it, and its preservers
are happy.
For its ways are ways of beauty, and all its paths are paths
of peace.
Sholom.

PART V.

Vaanachnu (Adoration):

We adore Thee and bow the head and humble our hearts be-
fore Thee.
Before the King of Kings.
The Lord God be praised! The Lord God be adored!
Praise the Lord! Praise Him!

Minister:

May the time not be distant, O God, when Thy Name shall be
worshipped in all the earth, when unbelief shall disap-
pear, and error be no more.
May the day come when all men shall invoke Thy Name;
when corruption and evil shall give way to purity and
goodness; when supersition shall no longer enslave the
mind, nor fetishism blind the eye!
O may all men recognize that they are brethren, so that one
in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be forever
united before Thee.

Then shall Thine kingdom be established on earth and the word of Thine ancient seer be fulfilled!

And on that day the Lord shall be One. His Name be One!
And now ere we part, let us call to mind those who have finished their earthly course and have been gathered to the eternal home. Though vanished from bodily sight, they have not ceased to be, and it is well with them; they abide in the shadow of the Most High.

Let those who mourn for them be comforted. Let them submit their aching hearts to God, for He is just and wise and merciful in all His doings, though no man can comprehend His ways.

In the divine order of nature both life and death, joy and sorrow, serve beneficent ends, and in the fulness of time we shall know why we are tried and why our love brings us sorrow as well as happiness. Wait patiently all ye that mourn, and be ye of good courage, for surely your longing souls shall be satisfied.

God of Israel!

Arise to the help of Israel!

Our Redeemer, Adonoy Sabaoth, our God.

Adon Olom:

Eternal God, Who reigned supreme,
While all was yet a formless void;
In sovereign pow'r ordained this world,
And His Name then as King was proclaimed.
And after this, if chaos come, the Lord God will rule alone.
And One He was, and One He is, and One shall be in pow'r
supreme!

For He is One, and One shall be.
To our God none can be compared!
He ne'er began, He ne'er will end;
To Him the might and glory and pow'r.
He is my God, my God, my living God,
My God, my Saviour,
My God, my refuge in my distress.
And He is my sign, and my refuge,
My cup of salvation, whene'er I call.
In His hand my soul shall rest when I sleep and when I wake,
and with my soul, my body,
He is with me, I shall not fear.

BENEDICTION.

Now may the Lord bless you and guard you. Amen.
And shine upon you the light of His countenance and be gracious unto you, and lift up to you His face and give you peace.
Sholom. Amen.

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