Shabbat Tzedek Morning Service

This Martin Luther King Junior weekend, we celebrate Shabbat Tzedek – 50 years in pursuit of justice with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. The Religious Action Center was born out of the Civil Rights Movement and has since played a leading role in nearly every major social justice campaign.

In an inspiring speech addressing the Union for Reform Judaism’s 47th Biennial banquet in November 1963, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. highlighted the involvement of Jews in the Civil Rights Movement and charged us with challenges that we face in our pursuit of social justice, which still holds true today, stating:

“Human progress comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the insurgent and primitive forces of social stagnation and irrational emotionalism. We must help time and we must realize that the time is always right to do right.”

For the past 50 years, the Religious Action Center has embraced this principle: that the time to act is now – that each of us must play an active role in tikkun olam – repairing the world – as part of our daily lives. Today, on this Shabbat Tzedek, let us celebrate the work of the Religious Action Center, the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and let us pray together and gain inspiration for our personal and collective pursuit of justice.

Mah Tovu

Mah tovu ohalecha Yaakov, mishk’notecha Yisrael! מאה-טובו-אוהלך-יוסף, משכןך-ישראל.

Vaani, b’rov chasd’cha avo veitecha, eshtachaveh el heichal kodsh’cha b’yiratecha. וַאֲנִי בְּרֹב חָסְדַּךְ אָבוֹ וְיִתְכָּה, אֶשְׁתַּחַבְּהָ אֶל הֵיכָל קֹדֶשׁ-ךָ בְּיִירָטָךְ.
Adonai, ahavti m’on beitecha, um’kom mishkan k’vodecha.
Vaani eshtachaveh v’echraah, ev’cha lifnei Adonai osi.

Vaani t’filati l’cha, Adonai, eit ratzon.
Elohim, b’rov chasdecha, aneini be-emet yishecha.

How fair are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel! (Num. 24:5)
I, through Your abundant love, enter Yourhouse; I bow down in awe at Your holy temple. (Ps.5:8)
Adonai, I love Your temple abode, the dwelling-place of Your glory. (Ps. 26:8)
I will humbly bow down low before Adonai, my Maker. (based on psalm 96)
As for me, may my prayer come to You, Adonai, at a favorable time. O God, in Your abundant faithfulness, answer me with Your sure deliverance. (Ps.69:14)

They came first for the Communists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Communist.
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew.
Then they came for me… and by that time no one was left to speak up. – Pastor Martin Niemoller

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Like the prophets, we never forget that God is concerned about the everyday and that the blights of society take precedence over the mysteries of heaven. A Reform synagogue that does not alleviate the anguish of the suffering is a contradiction in terms. – Rabbi Eric Yoffie, URJ President

For Torah

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu
Iaasok b’divrei Torah.

Eilu d’varim she-ein lahem shiur v’eilu hein:
Kibud av va’eim, ug’milut chasadim
v’hashkamat beit hamidrash shacharit v’arvit.
v’hachnasat orchim, uvikur cholim,
v’hachnasat kalah, ul’vayat hameite,
v’iyun t’filah, vahavaat shalom bein adam lachaveiro.
V’talmud Torah k’neged kulan.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, Who hallows us with Mitzvot,
and commands us to engage in Torah study.
In the Jewish tradition, the separation between prayer and action is slight. We’re mindful of the admonition in Isaiah where God says, “I don’t want your fast and your sacrifice. I want you to deal your bread to the hungry, tear apart the chains of the oppressed.” And Leviticus 19 tells us that to be holy in the way God is holy means to set aside a corner of our fields for the poor and homeless, to pay the laborer a timely and fair wage, and to remove stumbling blocks. These are religious activities just as much as prayer is. They are all woven together.

After participating in the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of this century’s great religious figures and a close colleague of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, said, “It felt like my feet were praying.” Prayer is not just the communication we have with God; it is also the work we do to make God’s values real to the world. I think God listens to both kinds of prayer with equal joy. – Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

~~ Please rise ~~

**Sh’ma and its Blessings**

**Bar’chu – Call to Worship**

Bar’chu et Adonai ham’vorach!  
Baruch Adonai ham’vorach l’olam va-ed!

Praised Adonai, to whom praise is due forever!  
Praised be Adonai, to whom praise is due, now and forever!

**Yotzer Or – Creation**

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, yotzeir or uvorei choschech, oseh shalom uvorei et hakol. Hamei-ir laaretz v’ladarim aleha b’rachamim, uv’tuvo m’chadeish b’chol yom tamid maaseih v’reishit. Mah rabu maasecha, Adonai, kulam b’chochmah asita, mal’ah haaretz kinyanecha.

Titbarach, Adonai Eloheinu, al shevach maaseih yadecha, v’al m’oreim or she’asita y’faarucha. Selah.  
Baruch atah, Adonai, yotzeir ham’orot.

Praised are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of light and darkness, who makes peace and fashions all things. In mercy, You illumine the world and those who live upon it. In Your goodness You daily renew creation. How numerous are Your works, Adonai! In wisdom, You formed them all, filling the earth with Your hands, and for the lights You created, may they glorify You. Shine a new light upon Zion, that we all may swiftly merit its radiance. Praised are You, Adonai, Creator of all heavenly lights.
This is the generation and those who seek its welfare (Psalm 24:6). Rabbi Y’hudah Hanasi and the Sages differed about this matter. According to one opinion, the character of a generation is determined by its leader. According to the other opinion, the character of its leader is determined by the generation. – Babylonian Talmud Arakhin 17a.

Ahavat Rabbah – Revelation

Ahavah rabah ahavtanu, Adonai Eloheinu, chemlah g’dolah viterah chamalta aleinu.
Avinu malkeinu, ba’avur avoteinu v’imoteinu shebatchu v’cha, vat’lamdeim chukei chayim,
ken t’choneinu ut’lamdeinu.
Avinu, ha’av harachaman. Ham’racheim, racheim aleinu v’tein b’lbeinu l’havin ul’haskil, lishmo-a,
ilmod ul’lameid, lishmor v’laasot ul’kayeim et kol divrei talmud Toratecha, b’ahavah.

V’ha-eir eineinu b’Toratecha, v’dabeik libeinu b’mitzvotcha, v’yacheid l’vaveinu l’ahavah ul’yirah et sh’mecha, v’lo-neivosh l’olam va-ed,
Ki v’sheim kodsh’cha hagadol v’hanora batachnu, nagilah v’nism’chah bishuatecha.
Ki El po-eil y’shuot atah, uvanu vacharta v’keiravtanu l’shimcha hagadol selah be-emet,
l’hadot l’cha ul’yachedcha b’ahavah.
Baruch atah, Adonai,
habocheir b’amo Yisrael b’ahavah.

How deeply You have loved us Adonai, our God, gracing us with surpassing compassion.
O Merciful one, have mercy on us by making us able to understand and discern, to heed, learn, and teach, and lovingly to observe, perform, and fulfill all that is in Your Torah.

Enlighten our eyes with your Torah, focus our minds on Your mitzvot, unite our hearts in love and reverence for Your Name. Then we will never feel shame, never deserve rebuke, and never stumble.

Having trusted in Your great and awesome holiness, we shall celebrate Your salvation with joy.

Gather us in peace from the four corners of the earth and lead us upright to our land. For You, O God, work wonders. You choose us. Truly, You drew us near to Your Great Name, that we might acknowledge You, declaring You One in love. Praised be You, Adonai, who chooses Your people Israel in love.
Sh'ma

Sh’may Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad.
Baruch shem k’vod malchuto l’olam va-ed.

Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One! (Deuteronomy 6:4)
Blessed is God’s glorious majesty forever and ever!

~~ All are seated ~~

V’ahavta et Adonai Elohecha,
b’chol l’vavcha uv’chol naf’sh’cha uv’chol m’odecha.
V’hayu had’varim ha-eileh
asher anochi m’tzav’cha hayom al l’vavecha.
V’shinantam l’vanecha v’dibarta bam
b’shiv’tcha b’veitecha uv’lecht’cha vaderech
uv’shochb’cha uv’kumecha.
Uk’shartam l’ot al yadecha
v’hayu l’totafot bein einecha.
Uch’tavtam al m’zuzot beitecha uvish’arecha.
L’maan tizk’ru vaasitem et kol mitzvotai
Vih’yitem k’doshim l’Eloheichem. Ani Adonai Eloheichem asher hotzeiti et’chem mi-eretz Mitzrayim
lih’yot lachem l’Elohim ani Adonai Eloheichem.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.
Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children.
Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.
Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead;
inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
Thus you shall remember to observe all My commandments and to be holy to your God.
I am Adonai, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am Adonai your God.
(Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Numbers 15:40-41).
True, we are often too weak to stop injustices; but the least we can do is protest against them. True, we are too poor to eliminate hunger; but in feeding one child, we protest against hunger. True, we are too timid and powerless to take on all the guards of all the political prisons in the world; but in offering our solidarity to one prisoner, we denounce all the tormentors. True, we are powerless against death; but as long as we help one man, one woman, one child live one hour longer in safety and dignity, we affirm a human’s right to live. – Elie Wiesel, Sages and Dreamers

Mi Chamocha – Redemption

Mi chamocha ba-e'ilim, Adonai! Mi kamocha, nedar bakodesh, nora t’hilot, oseih fele!

Malchut’cha ra-u vanecha, bokei-a yam lifnei Moshe (u Miryam);
Zeh Eli, anu v’amru:
Adonai yimloch l’olam va’ed!

V’ne-’emar: ki fadah Adonai et Yaakov, ug’alo miyad chazak mimenu. Baruch atah, Adonai, gaal Yisrael.

Who is like You, O God, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11)

Your children witnessed Your sovereignty, the sea splitting before Moses and Miryam. “This is our God!” They cried. “Adonai will reign forever and ever!” (Exodus 15:2,18)

Thus it is said, “Adonai redeemed Jacob, from a hand stronger than his own.” (Jeremiah 31:10). Praised are You, Adonai, for redeeming Yisrael.

The first conference on religion and race took place in Egypt. The main participants were Pharaoh and Moses. Moses said, “Thus saith the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go.’” And Pharaoh answered, “Who is the Lord that I should heed his word? I will not let them go.”

The outcome of that summit meeting has not come to an end. Pharaoh is not ready to capitulate. The Exodus began, but it is far from being complete. – Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

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Wherever we live, it is probably Egypt. There is, there really is, a better place, a promised land. And there is, there really is, a promised time. And there is no way to get from here to there. From now to then, except by joining together and marching – and sometimes stumbling – through the wilderness, watching this time not for signs and wonders, but for an opportunity to act. – Adapted from Michael Walzer, Exodus Revolution
Amidah
Adonai, s’fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t’hilatecha.

Adonai, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. –Psalm 51:17

Avot v’Imahot
Melech ozeir umosiah umagen.
Baruch atah, Adonai, magein Avraham v’ezrat Sarah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, God of our fathers and mothers:
God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob;
God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel and God of Leah.
the great, mighty and awesome God, transcendent God,
who bestows loving kindness, creates everything out of love,
remembers the love of our fathers and mothers,
and brings redemption to their children’s children
for the sake of the Divine Name. Sovereign, Deliverer, Helper and Shield,
Blessed are You, Adonai, Sarah’s Helper, Abraham’s Shield.

G’vurot
Atah gibor l’olam Adonai, m’chayei hakol atah,
rv l’hoshia. M’chalkeil chayim b’chesed,
m’chayei hakol b’rachamim rabim,
someich nofim, v’rofei cholim, umatir asurim,
um’kayeim emunato lisheinei afar.
Mi chamocha baal g’vurot, umi domeh lach,
melech meimit um’chayeh umatzmich y’shuah?
V’ne-eman atah l’hachayot hakol.
Baruch atah, Adonai, m’chayei hakol.

אָדֹנָי, שִׁפְתָּי תִּפְתָּח, וְפִי יַגֵּיד תִּהלַּתְךָ:

אַדֹנָי, הַפּוֹחֵט לְרֹאשֵׁךָ, וּפִי זְיוֹגֵד תִּהלְּתָךְ:

ברוך ה’ אלהינו, יהוה אלהי אבותינו, אהב אלוהינו, יהוה אברם, יהוה יצחק, יהוה יעקב. יהוה ירבעא, יהוה ריבעא, יהוה רחל, יהוה לאה. ה’ הגדול, הגיבור השם העליון גומלי חסדים תם, ו’)конеих חָוֵל ויאמר חסדים אבותי ו’בניהם תמך שמו אביהם:

מלך מעשיך משגיא עפוא:

ברוך אתה נבון, כי, מהא יפרע ועיינת שרה:

ברוך אתה, נבון, כי, מהא יפרע ועיינת שרה:
You are forever mighty, O God; You give life to all. You sustain life through love, giving life to all through great compassion, supporting the fallen, healing the sick, freeing the captive, keeping faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, Source of mighty acts? Who resembles You, a Sovereign who takes and gives life, causing deliverance to spring up and faithfully giving life to all? Blessed are You, Adonai, Who gives life to all.

K’dushah

N’kadeish et shimcha baolam k’sheim shemakdishim oto bish’mei marom kakatuv al yad n’vi-echa v’kara zeh el zeh v’amah:

Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh Adonai tz’vaot, m’lo chol haaretz k’vodo.

Adir adirenu, Adonai Adoneinu, mah adir shimcha b’chol haaretz.

Baruch k’vod Adonai mimkomo.

Echad hu Eloheinu, hu Avinu, hu Malkeinu, Hu moshi-einu, v’hu yashmi-einu b’rachamav l’einei kol chai Ani Adonai Eloheichem.

Yimloch Adonai l’olam, Elohayich Tziyon l’ dor vador hal’luyah.

L’ dor vador nagid godlecha ul’neitzach n’tzachim k’dushat-cha nakdish, v’shivchacha Eloheinu, mipinu lo yamush l’olam va-ed

Baruch Atah, Adonai, Ha-El hakadosh.

Let us sanctify Your Name on earth, as it is sanctified in the heavens above. As it is written by Your prophet: Holy, holy, holy is Adonai Tz’ vaot! God’s presence fills the whole earth. Source of our strength, Sovereign One, how majestic is Your presence in all the earth! Blessed is the presence of God, shining forth from where God dwells. God alone is our God and our Creator, our Ruler and our Helper; and in mercy, God is revealed in the sight of all the living: I am Adonai your God! Adonai shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, from generation to generation, Hallelujah!
We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end war:
for we know that You have made the world in a way
so that all of us must find our own path to peace,
Within ourselves and with our neighbors.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;
for You have already given us the resources
with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out our prejudice;
for You have already given us eyes
with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair;
for you have already given us the power
to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease;
for You have already given us great minds
with which to search our cures and healing, if we could only use them constructively.

Therefore, we pray to You instead, O God,
for strength, determination, and courage,
to do instead of just pray, to become instead of merely to wish.

Praised are You, O God, You bless our people Israel, and all peoples with peace. – Adapted from Jack Riener

Sim Shalom

Sim shalom tovah uv’racha, chein vachesed
v’rachamim, aleinu v’al kol Yisrael amecha.

Bar’cheinu, avinu, kulanu k’echad b’or panecha,
ki v’or panecha natata lanu, Adonai Eloheinu, Torat chayim v’ahavat chesed, u’tzdakah uv’rachah
v’rachamim v’chayim v’shalom. V’tov b’einecha
l’vareich et amcha Yis’rael b’chol eit uv’chol shaah
bish’lomecha. Baruch atah, Adonai, ham’vareich et
amo Yisrael bashalom.

Grant peace, goodness and blessing, grace, kindness and mercy, to us and to all Your people Israel.
Bless us, our Creator, all of us together, through the light of Your Presence.
Truly through the light of Your Presence, Adonai our God, You gave us a Torah of life – the love of kindness,
justice and blessing, mercy, life, and peace. May You see fit to bless Your people Israel at all times,
at every hour, with Your peace.
~ Please pray silently ~
A Talmudic sage once taught, “If a man prays only according to the precise text of the prayer book and adds nothing from his own heart, his prayer is not complete.”

Pray as if everything depended on God;
act as if everything depended on you.
Who rise from prayer better persons,
their prayer is answered.

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Don’t merely expect to find or to believe that life is worthwhile; make it worthwhile. Don’t merely see life whole; make it whole. Not knowing which should come first, to improve one’s self or to improve the world, we end up doing neither. Actually, the only way to improve the world is by improving one’s self, and the only way to improve one’s self is by improving the world. -Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan

Elohai N’tzor

Elohai n’tzor l’shoni meira, us’fatai midabeir mimma,
V’limkal’lai nafshi tidom,
v’nafshi ke’afar lakol tih’yeh.
P’tach libi b’Toratecha, uv’mitzvoteka tirdof nafshi,
V’chol hachoshvim alai raah,
m’heirah hafeir atzatam
v’kalkeil machashvatam. Aseih l’maan sh’mecha,
asei l’maan y’minecha, aseih l’maan k’dushatecha,
aseih l’maan Toratecha.
L’maan yeichaltzun y’didecha,
hoshia y’minchva vaaneini.

My God, guard my speech from evil and my lips from deception. Before those who slander me, I will hold my tongue; I will practice humility. Open my heart to Your Torah, that I may pursue Your mitzvot. As for all who think evil of me, cancel their designs and frustrate their schemes. Act for Your own sake, for the sake of Your Power, for the sake of Your Holiness, for the sake of Your Torah; so that Your loved ones may be rescued, save with Your power. And answer me.
(based on B’rachot 18a by Mar ben Rabina)

Yih’yu L’ratzon

Y’hiyu l’ratzon imrei fi v’hegyon libi l’faneca,
Adonai tzuri v’go-ali.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You, Adonai, my Rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:15).
Oseh Shalom

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu yaaseh shalom
aleinu v’al kol Yisrael v’imru: Amen.

May the One who makes peace in the high heavens make peace for us, for all Israel,
And all who inhabit the earth. Amen.

The stories in the Torah tell not only of what happened long ago but also of what happens in each
generation. The stories happen over and over again in the life of each person. The Garden of Eden is our
world, and we are Adam and Eve. When God says, ‘take care of the garden and protect it,’ God says to us,
‘take care of your world and protect it.’

When you see something that is broken, fix it. When you find something that is lost, return it. When you see
something that needs to be done, do it. In that way, you will take care of your world and repair creation. If all
the people were to do so, our world would truly be a Garden of Eden, the way God meant it to be. –
Lawrence Kushner

Torah Service

Ki mitziyon teitzei Torah ud’var Adonai miY’rushalayim
Baruch shenatan Torah l’amo Yisrael bik’dushato.

L’cha Adonai, hag’dulah v’hag’vurah v’hatiferet
v’haneitzach v’ahod, ki chol bashamayim uvaaretz.
L’cha Adonai hamamlachah v’hamitnasei l’choch I’rash.

Al sh’loshah d’varim haolam omeid:
Al HaTorah, v’al haavadah, v’al g’milut chasidim.

For from out of Zion will come the Torah, and the word of Adonai from Jerusalem.
Blessed is God who in holiness gave the Torah to the people Israel.

Yours, Adonai, is the greatness, might, splendor, triumph, and majesty – yes, all that is in heaven and on earth.
To You, Adonai, belong sovereignty and preeminence above all.

The world is sustained by three things: Torah, worship and loving deeds.
Before the Reading of Torah

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach.
Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l’olam va-ed.
Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher
b'achar banu mikol haamim v'natan lanu et Torato.
Baruch atah, Adonai, noten haTorah.

Bless Adonai who is blessed. Blessed is Adonai who is blessed now and forever.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has chosen us from among the peoples, and given us the Torah. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

After the Reading of Torah

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher
natan lanuTorat emet, v’chayei olam nata
b’toteinu. Baruch atah, Adonai, notein haTorah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given us a Torah of truth, implanted within us eternal life. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

As the Torah Reading is completed

V’zot haTorah asher sam Mosheh lifnei b’nei Yisrael,
al pi Adonai b’yad Moshe.

Etz chayim hi lamachazikim bah, v’tom’cheha m’ushar. D’racheha dar’chei no’am
v’chol n’tivoteha shalom. Hashiveinu Adonai
eilecha, v’nashuvah. Chadeish yameinu k’kedem.

This is the Torah which Moses placed before the people of Israel, God’s word through the hands of Moses.
It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it, and all of its supporters are happy.
Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace.
Help us to return to You, Adonai; then truly shall we return. Renew our days as in the past.
Mi Shebeirach – For Healing

Words by Debbie Friedman

Mi shebeirach avoteinu M'kor hab’rachah
l'imoteinu.

May the source of strength
who blessed the ones before us,
help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,
and let us say, Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu M'kor hab’rachah
laavoteinu.

Bless those in need of healing with r’fuah sh’leimah,
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
and let us say, Amen.

A young soldier sought out the base chaplain, but the soldier was Catholic and the chaplain was Jewish. The soldier, somewhat anxious and apprehensive, said, “Father (it happens), I appreciate your coming to see me but I want you to understand that I’m a Catholic. I hope you won’t try to change my religion.” With a gentle smile, the rabbi replied, “My son, I don’t want to change your religion. I want your religion to change you.”

When we stand for Aleinu, we must remember that religious living is not about asking God for what we want but about listening for what God wants from us. To hear God’s voice amid the clamor of everyday life, a voice guiding us to the holiness that is in life – this is our challenge. And this is where we take our stand.

~ Please rise ~

Aleinu

Aleinu l’shabei-ach laadon hakol, lateit g’dulah
l’yotzeir b’reishit, shelo asanu k’goyei haaratzot, v’lo
samanu k’mishp’chot haadahmah. Shelo sam
chelkeinu kahem, v’goraleinu k’chol hamonam.
Vaanachnu kor’im umishtachavim umodim lifnei
Melech mal’chei hamlachim, HaKadosh Baruch Hu.

Shehu noteh shamayim v’yoseid aretz,
umoshav y’karo bashamayim mimaal,
ush’chinat uzo b’govhei m’romim.
Hu Eloheinu ein od, emet
Malkeinu efes zulato. Kakatuv b’Torato, V’yadata

עלינו לשבה לאורבו כלו. להתגרלה לישראל
בראשית. שלא וכננו קניונים הקרקע. לא
שכנו בשלושה קומות קמה. שלא שנהגו
ױאָגנואָן שיקנואן קליותרואן יאָדוּן לאָה
מלוכ לאָכה טאהר אין. מי 의견ו הארבודי
ויוסף קאנון במשמואן ו imu: קאָה אָלדני
אָהרוון איין צוּד: אָהרן
טאמו אָפּו וטלת. כָּפּוּוּ בּותּוּרֵיה וּירַת.
hayom v’hasheivota el l’vavecha, ki Adonai hu HaElohim bashamayim mimaal v’al haaretz mitachat, ein od.


Let us now praise the Sovereign of the universe, and proclaim the greatness of the Creator who has set us apart from the other families of the earth, giving us a destiny unique among the nations. We bend the need and bow, acknowledging the supreme Sovereign, the Holy One of Blessing. For you spread out the heavens and established the earth; Your majestic abode is in the heavens above and Your mighty Presence is in the loftiest heights. You are our God and there is none else. In truth You are our Sovereign without compare, as is written in your Torah: Know then this day and take it to heart that Adonai is surely God in the heavens above and on the earth below. There is none else. Thus it has been said: Adonai will be Sovereign of all the earth.

On that day Adonai will become One and God’s Name will be One (Zechariah 14:9).

Emperor Hadrian saw an old man cutting down shrubs in order to plant saplings. He said to him, “Old man! What is your age?” He answered, “One hundred.” “You are 100 years old and you stand here cutting down trees in order to plant saplings? Do you think you will eat their fruits?” He replied, “If I am worthy, I shall eat. If not, just as my parents toiled for me, so shall I toil for my children.” – Kohelet Rabbah

It is not your duty to complete the work. Neither are you free to desist from it. – Pirkei Avot 2:16.

Mourner’s Kaddish

We recall the loved ones whom death has recently taken from us...
We remember those whose names were mentioned,
and all those for whom there is no one left to say Kaddish.
Loving God, we praise Your name:

Yitgal v’yitkash sh’mei raba.
B’alma di v’ra chirutei, v’yamlich malchutei b’chayeichon uv’yomeichon uv’chaye i d’chol beit yisrael, baagalah uviz’man kariv, V’im’ru: Amen.

Y’hei sh’mei raba m’varach l’amal u’lalmei almaya.

Yitbarach v’yishtabach v’yitpaar v’yitromam v’yitnasei v’yit’hadar v’yitaleh v’yit’halal sh’meih d’Kud’sha, B’rich Hu, l’eilla min kol birchata
v’shirata tushb’chata v’nechemata daamiran b’alma. V’imru: Amen.
Y’hei sh’lama raba min sh’maya v’chayim aleinu v’al kol Yisrael v’imru: Amen.


Exhausted and hallowed be God’s great name in the world which God created, according to plan.
May God’s majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel—speedily, imminently, to which we say Amen. Blessed be God’s great name to all eternity.
Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthy words and songs of blessing, praise and comfort. To which we say Amen.
May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say Amen.
May the one who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel. To which we say Amen.

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved. Amen.

~ All are seated ~

Concluding Readings & Songs

Disturb us, Adonai, ruffle us from our complacency; make us dissatisfied. Dissatisfied with the peace of ignorance, the quietude which arises from a shunning of the horror, the defeat, the bitterness and the poverty, physically and spiritual, of humans.

Shock us, Adonai, deny to us the false Shabbat which gives us the delusions of satisfaction amid a world of war and hatred;

Wake us, O God, and shake us from the sweet and sad poignancies rendered by half forgotten melodies and rubric prayers of yesteryears;

Make us know that the border of the sanctuary is not a border of living and the walls of Your temples are not shelters From the winds of truth, justice and reality.

Disturb us, O God, and vex us; Let not Your Shabbat be a day of torpor and slumber; Let it be a time to be stirred and spurred to action.
Hineih Mah Tov
Hineih mah tov u’mah na-im shevet achim gam yachad.

How good and how pleasant it is that brothers/sisters dwell together.

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L’Taken (The Na Na Song)
Words by R. Klotz, Music: Dan Nichols

Na na na na na na...

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech haolam
Shenatan lanu hizdamnut l’takein et ha’olam.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe,
for giving us the opportunity to mend the world.