



Central
Reform
Temple

a progressive
Jewish
congregation
in Boston

*Hymns and
Liturgical Songs
for Worship*

Music for the service

1. *Aleinu* – Adoration (Isaacson)

Let us adore the ever-living God.

We render praise unto

You who spread out the heavens

and established the earth,

Your glory is revealed in the heavens above,

and Your greatness is manifest throughout the world.

You are our God. There is none else.

Vah-ah-nach-nu ko-r'eem

u-mish-tah-chah-veem u-mo-deem,

lif-nay meh-lech mal-chay ham-lah-cheem

hah-kah-dosh bah-ruch hu.

2. All the World

All the world shall come together

And praise God's glorious name.

And with peace and love triumphant,

The nations shall acclaim.

And all the people shall go seeking,

Their unity now restored.

And the ends of earth shall worship

Giving thanks for friendship evermore.

When we see this new dominion,

The hills will shout with song.

And humanity exultant

Will in harmony be strong.

And joined in many congregations,

Calling God by many names,

Will create a world of justice

And our common destiny proclaim.

3. **Barchu** (Sulzer)

Bar-chu et Adonai hah-m'vo-rach.

Bah-ruch Adonai hah-m'vo-rach l'o-lam vah-ed.

4. **Bayom Hahu – On That Day** (Traditional)

Bah-yom hah-hu, bah-yom hha-hu,

Y'hi-yeh Adonai eh-chad.

U-sh'mo, u-sh'mo, u-sh'mo eh-chad.

And on that day, and on that day,

our God will make us one.

And the world, and the world, shall all be one.

5. **Candle Blessing** (Binder)

Baruch atah Adonai Elohaynu melech hah-olam,

asher kidshanu b'mitzvo-tav,

vitzi-vanu- l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

6. **Come, O Sabbath Day**

Come O Sabbath day and bring peace and healing on your wing.

And to ev'ry weary one

Let God's word of blessing come:

You shall rest, you shall rest.

Welcome Sabbath, Let depart ev'ry care of troubled heart.

Now the daily task is done,

Let God's word of comfort come:

You shall rest, you shall rest.

Wipe from ev'ry cheek the tear, Banish care and silence, fear.

All things working for the best,

Teach us the divine behest:

You shall rest, you shall rest.

7. *Eli, Eli – O God, My God*

Eh-lee, Eh-lee sh'lo y'gah'mayr l'olam.

Hah-chol v'hah-yam reesh-ruch shel hah-mah-yeem

B'rak hah-shah-mah-yeem t'fee-lat hah-ah-dam.

Hah-chol v'hah-yam reesh-ruch shel hah-mah-yeem

B'rak hah-shah-mah-yeem t'fee-lat hah-ah-dam.

O God, my God, I pray that these things never end:

The sand and the sea; the rush of the waters;

The crash of the heavens; the prayer of our hearts.

The sand and the sea; the rush of the waters;

The crash of the heavens; the prayer of our hearts.

8. *Eliyahu Ha-Navi – Elijah the Prophet*

Eh-lee-yah-hu hah-nah-vee

Eh-lee-yah-hu hah-tish-bee

Eh-lee-yah-hu, Eh-lee-yah-hu

Eh-lee-yah-hu hah-gee-lah-dee.

Bim-hay-rah b'yah-may-nu

Yah-vo ay-lay-nu,

Im mah-shee-ach ben David

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Come O messenger of God

O Elijah, seer of old.

Come Elijah, longed for herald,

Give to us your word of hope.

In our time, we humbly pray,

Speed the coming of that day.

In the world shall justice reign,

Peace and love at last proclaimed.

9. Etz Chayim – It Is a Tree of Life

*Etz Chah-yeem hee, I'mah-chah-zee-kim-bah,
V'to meh-cheh-hah may-u-shar.
D'rah-cheh-hah, dar-chay no-am,
V'chol neh-teh-vo-teh-hah, shah-lom.*

*Hah-shee-vay-nu Adonai.
Ay-leh-chah, v'nah-shu-vah.
Chah-daysh, chah-daysh yah-may-nu,
Chah-daysh yah-may-nu k'keh-dem.*

It is a Tree of Life, to those who hold it fast,
And as we embrace it, joy fills our hearts.
Its paths are ways of hope. Its teachings all endure.
And all its words will lead us, to justice and peace.

Turn us back to You, Eternal God.
Call us back and we shall all return. Renew,
renew our hope and spirits.
Fill us with our people's faith, as long ago.

10. Hamotzi – Blessing Over the Challah

Hah-mo-tzee leh-chem min hah-a-retz;

We give thanks to God for bread.
Our voices rise in song together as our joyful prayer is said:

*Bah-ruch ah-tah Adonai, Eh-lo-hay-nu meh-lech hah-o-lam,
hah-mo-tzee leh-chem min hah-ah-retz. Amen.*

11. Hava Nashira – Come Let Us Praise God

Hah-vah-nah-shee-rah. Sheer hah-leh-lu-yah. (2 x)

Come let us praise God. Sing Hallelujah.

12. *Hinei Ma Tov* – Song of Welcome (Psalm 133)

Hee-nay mah tov u-mah nah-eem sheh-vet ah-cheem gam yah-chad.

How good it is and how lovely for people to be together. Living and working in friendship, building a world of peace.

13. *Kiddush* – Blessing Over the Wine

*Bah-ruch ah-tah Adonai,
Eh-lo-hay-nu meh-lech hah-o-lam,
bo-ray p'ree hah-gah-fen.*

Blessed are You, O God, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

14. *L'Cha Dodi* – How Good It Is to Thank Our God

L'chah do-dee lik-rat kah-lah, p'nay Shabbat n'kab lah (2X)

How good it is to thank our God,
To praise Your name O God most high;
To tell Your kindness through the day,
Your faithfulness when night draws nigh.

Throughout the years we'll seek our God,
And find in our search the meaning of life.
With love and hope we'll heal this world,
For justice and peace, we'll always strive.

15. *L'chi Lach* – The Call to Abraham and Sarah (Friedman)

L'chee-lach, seek a land that I will show you.

Lech l'chah, seek a place you do not know.

L'chee-lach, on your journey I will bless you.

And you shall be a blessing (3x), *l'chee lach*.

L'chee lach, know that I will never leave you.

Lech l'chah, wherever you may go.

L'chee lach, go with trust along your journey.

And you shall be a blessing (3x), *l'chee lach*.

16. Let There Be Peace

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, family are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

17. *Mah Tov* – O How Good

Mah to-vu, mah to-vu.

O-hah-leh-chah Yah-ah-kov

Mish-ke-no te-cha Yis-ra-el.

O how good; O how good.

O how good are your tents O Jacob,

Your holy dwellings, Israel.

18. May the Words (Meditation)

(Portnoy)

*Yih'yu l'rah-tzon im-ray fee,
v'heg-yon lee-bee l'fah-neh-chah
Adonai, tzu-ree v'go-ah-lee.*

O may the words of my mouth,
the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable before You.
O God, my rock, and my redeemer.

19. *Mi chamocah*-Who is Like You?

*Mee chah-mo-chah bah-ay-leem Adonai?
Mee kah-mo-chah neh-dar bah-ko-desh,
no-rah t'hee-lot, o-say feh-leh?*

Mal-chu-teh-chah, rah-u vah-neh-chah –
Our people standing, before the parted sea,
in grateful song, declared Your might.

Adonai yim-loch, Adonai yim-loch,
Our God shall reign, forevermore.

20. *Mi Shebeyrach* – Prayer for Healing (Friedman)

Mee sh'bay-rach ah-vo-tay-nu

M'kor hah-b'rah-chah l'i-mo-tay-nu.

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*

Mee sh'bay-rach i-mo-tay-nu

M'kor hah-b'rah-chah l'ah-vo-tay-nu.

Bless those in need of healing with *r'fu-ah sh'lay-mah*,
the renewal of body,
the renewal of spirit,
and let us say: *Amen*

21. *Oseh Shalom* – Blessing of Peace (Klepper)

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav

Hu yah-ah-seh sha-lom ah-lay-nu

V'al kol Yis-ra-el, V'im-ru, v'im-ru Ah-mayn.

May God, the Source of all peace, bless us with the holy gift of peace:
Us and all the world. Let us say: *Amen, Amen.*

22. *Shabbat HaMalkah* – The Sun on the Treetops

The Sun on the treetops no longer is seen.
Come gather to welcome the Sabbath, our Queen.
Behold her descending, the holy, the blessed,
And with her the angels of peace and of rest.

Draw near, draw near, and here abide.
Draw near, draw near, O Sabbath Bride.
Peace also to you, you angels of peace.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

23. Shalom Rav – Grant Peace Among Us (Finkelstein)

Shalom rav al Yis-rah-el am-chah tah-seem l'o-lam;

Grant peace among us, Your people forever,

For You are God who makes peace.

Kee ah-tah hu meh-lech ah-don l'chol hah-shalom. (repeat)

Shalom rav al Yis-rah-el am-chah tah-seem l'o-lam;

Grant peace among us, Your people forever,

for You are God who makes peace.

24. Shalom Aleichem –The Song of Welcome to the Sabbath

Shalom Aleichem, mah-lah-chay hah-shah-rayt,

mah-lah-chay El-yon.

Mee-meh-lech, mah-lah-chay, ham-lah-cheem,

hah-kah-dosh bah-ruch-hu.

Peace be upon you, messengers of hope and peace,

Messengers of the Lord, the highest.

God is our ruler, higher than all earthly power.

The Holy One is God.

Come dwell among us, guardians of life and joy,

Grant to us the blessing of the Highest.

Enter our hearts and let us know your gift of love,

And leave us with the hope of peace.

25. *Shehecheyanu* – Blessing of Thanksgiving

*Bah-ruch ah-tah Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu
meh-lech hah-olam
Sh’heh-cheh-yah-nu v’kee-yeh-mah-nu
v’hi-gee-yah-nu laz-man hah-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Creator of the Universe,
For giving us life, for sustaining us,
and bringing us together on this joyous occasion. *Amen.*

26. *Shema* (Traditional)

*Shema Yisrael Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu Adonai eh-chad.
Bah-ruch shem k’vod mal-chu-to l’o-lam vah-ed.*

27. *Shiru Ladonai* – Sing Unto God

*Shee-ru lah-do-nai, kol hah-ah-retz.
Shee-ru lah-do-nai, sheer chah-dash.*

Sing unto God, all the Earth, a new song,
I will sing unto God a new song.
Sing unto God, and we’ll all sing along,
All the Earth, a new song unto God.

*Shee-ru lah-do-nai, kol hah-ah-retz.
Shee-ru lah-do-nai, sheer chah-dash.*

28. V'ahavtah – And You Shall Love (Contzius)

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your might.

And these words which I command you on this day
shall be upon your heart, shall be upon your heart.
And you shall teach them diligently unto your children,
and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house,
when you walk by the way, and when you lie down,
and when you rise up, and when you rise up.
And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand,
and they shall be a symbol before your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house, and
upon your gates, and upon your gates, that you may
remember, and do all my commandments and be holy unto
your God.

29. V'Shamru – You Shall Keep the Sabbath (Lewandowsky)

*V'-shah-m'ru v'nay Yis-rah-el et hah-Shab-bat, et hah-Shab-bat,
Lah-ah-sot et hah-Shab-bat, l'do-ro-tam, l'do-ro-tam b'rit o-lam.*

The Sabbath shall be kept in every age, in every place, in every heart.
This day of peace is given as a gift; a holy sign between our God and us.

30. Yigdal – Hymn of Praise

Yig-dal Eh-lo-heem chai. We praise God's holy name;
Who was and is and is to be, fore'er the same.
The one Eternal God, before our world appears,
The spirit that gives life to all throughout the years.

Without a form are You, or can we comprehend
the measure of Your love for us without an end.
For You are God of all; creation speaks Your praise.
You live within the human heart in endless ways.

You speak within our hearts, if only we would hear.
You help us seek a path of life and conquer fear.
The choice to seek the truth You offer us this day.
We join together as we walk along Your way.

31. Yis'm'chu – They Will Be Happy

Yism'chu v'mal'chut'chah
shom'ray, shom'ray, shom'ray Shabbat
V'kor-ay oneg Shabbat. (2x)

Am m'kad'shay, m'kad'shay sh'ivii Shabbat
Ku-lam yisb'u v'yeh-tan-gu mi-tu veh-chah Shabbat.

With joy and love and praises to our God,
Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate Shabbat,
And share the joy of Shabbat. (2x)



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