



**Central Reform Temple
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Three Festivals Evening Service

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**Evening Service for
the Three Festivals**

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EVENING SERVICE FOR THE THREE FESTIVALS

For All Festivals

It is written: "Three times a year shall you hold a festival before God: the feast of Matzot, in the month of Spring, the time when you came out of Egypt; the feast of first fruits of your labor in the field; and the feast of ingathering the harvest at summer's end." The Festivals are times to celebrate our joys and give thanks for them. We are blessed with food to sustain life, with beauty that delights the eye, with freedom to be ourselves, and with knowledge of the law that forms our moral being.

In all that adds to our sense of blessing, we behold God's love. In the laws of growth, by which seed entrusted to earth ripens into flower and fruit, we see God's will. And the history of our people speaks of God's redemptive will.

Let us give thanks for vineyard and field, and for all who tend them; for nature's unfailing order, which brings ripeness to the earth and joy to the heart; and for the laws of human life which bring happiness to all who follow them.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהָיִינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעַנוּ
לְזִמְן הַיְהוּדָה.

Ba-ruch Atah Adonai, Elo-hay-nu Melech ha-olam,
sh'he-chee-ya-nu v'kee-y'ma-nu v'hee-gee-ya-nu
laz-man ha-zeh.

We give thanks to You, Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day of joy.

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For the First Day of Pesach

Reader

Eternal God of all the generations, we welcome this festival of freedom with joyful hearts, and we come into Your house to seek Your presence. As You redeemed our ancestors from the slavery of Egypt, and led them to the land of their inheritance, so have You been our Redeemer and Protector throughout the centuries. You have watched over us and guided us at all times.

We thank You, God, that our lot has fallen in this blessed land, dedicated to liberty and peace. May we be imbued with a deep sense of our duty as free people. When we gather in our homes with our families and friends, may we ever be mindful of those who still dwell in poverty and deprivation, who still eat the bread of affliction. May the good tidings of redemption soon be heard in every land. May those who hunger for freedom and justice be satisfied, and may all people be blessed with the joys of harmony and peace.

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For the Seventh Day of Pesach

Reader

Eternal God, at the closing of our festival of freedom, we gather once again to thank You for the blessings which this sacred celebration has bestowed upon us, and for the message that it has brought. Delivered by Your hand from the tyrant's might, our people Israel sang a song of praise unto You by the shore of the sea. Many times since that great day have You saved us from the fury of the oppressor and from the floods of destruction. In peril and in need, You have been our Tower of strength.

Congregation

May You continue to protect us and all Your children from danger and oppression. Wherever people groan under the yoke of servitude, hasten to deliver them. Cleanse every heart of hatred and strife, of greed and lust for power, and fill all humanity with good will and love of justice. Speed the Passover of the future, when tyranny and slavery shall cease, when weapons shall be set aside permanently, and freedom and peace shall reign forever. On that day, all people shall come to know that they are brothers and sisters. With gladness and song, they will proclaim You their God and Redeemer. Amen.

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For Shavuot

Reader

Everliving God, You are our unfailing Guide. Your word is the law of our life. On this festival of Shavuot, we commemorate the sacred day when our people Israel entered into the covenant with You. Freed from Pharaoh's bondage, our people journeyed through the wilderness until at last they stood at the foot of Sinai and heard the unforgettable words: "I am the Eternal, your God."

Wherever our people wandered, they carried the memory of Your revelation. Written upon the tablets of their hearts was Your Instruction that they dedicate their lives to You and merit the dignity of sacred service. In Your Name, they strove to break the yoke of the oppressor, and to bring freedom to the captive. They gave their bread to the hungry and shelter to the homeless. They sought an ever deeper knowledge of You and of Your will, that they might open the eyes of the blind and lead all people to the light of Your presence.

Congregation

On this day of our people's dedication, we pray for renewed awareness of Your revelation. When the world is filled with sorrow and confusion and the path is hidden from our sight, help us to see Your eternal purpose. Strengthen our confidence in the triumph of justice among people and nations. Confirm our faith in Your covenant that we may continue to carry Your message of human unity and peace among all people.

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For Sukkot

Creator of the universe, we come before You on this eve of our harvest festival to extol Your greatness and goodness. You are revealed to us in the glorious promise of spring, in the mysterious power of summer's growth, and in the rich fulfillment of autumn's harvest.

In this season of the year, when our ancestors had gathered the fruits of the field, they made a thankful pilgrimage to Your sanctuary to voice their gratitude for Your loving care. To us today, as to our forebears, You are the fountain from which all blessings flow. In all the experiences of life, we recognize that Your guiding hand gives meaning to our labor, and that Your love lifts our lives to nobler efforts.

May the inspiration of this day strengthen our faith in You. Purify our spirits so that, in our daily tasks, we may be more conscious of Your presence. When we plant, and also when we reap, may we turn our thoughts to You and to Your plan for all Your children. Help us to see that no work truly prospers unless it brings blessing to the lives of others. Grant that we may never seek to deprive others of what they have planted, nor derive our happiness from the misfortunes of others. Help us so to live that when we have gathered our final harvest, many shall rise up and call us blessed.

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For Simchat Torah

Reader

Today our spirits are lifted up by our joy in the Torah. Sukkot teaches us that life is fleeting and joy transient; but the Torah is everlasting. It is a tree of life, a well of living waters.

On this day, as we complete and begin again the reading of the Torah, this truth is conveyed to us with special force: the Torah is eternal and inexhaustible, and it gives life to all who cherish it. Truly, then, do we have cause for rejoicing, for we know we have been given a precious gift, which refreshes us with the sense of God's nearness whenever we turn to it with reverence.

Congregation

O God, we find joy when we immerse ourselves in the study of the Torah. We love it for the depth of its humanity, and we revere it for its mysterious power which helps us to find in its pages the impact of Your presence among people. Grant that this sanctuary may always be a place of rejoicing. May our love and reverence for Torah never fade. May our worship and study fill us with fervor and gladness throughout our lives.

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Responsive Reading

Our sages likened the Torah to water, wine, milk and honey. They said: As water gives life to all the world, so the Torah gives life to all the world.

As water revives our lives, so the Torah revives the spirit.

As water cleanses the body, so the Torah cleanses the soul.

As water, gathering drop by drop, becomes a rushing stream, so the Torah, learned little by little, becomes a stream of wisdom.

As water seeks its own level, descending from high places, so does the Torah elude the arrogant and find the modest spirit.

As water helps plants to grow, so the Torah helps us to grow in spirit.

As wine improves with age, so with advancing years does understanding of the Torah deepen.

As wine gladdens the heart, so do the words of Torah gladden our hearts.

As milk and honey are sweet to the taste, so are the words of the Torah sweet to the soul.

It is a tree of life to all who hold it fast, and all who cling to it find happiness. Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace.

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Congregation rises

Reader

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ.

Barechu et Adonai ha-m'vo-rach.

Praise the Eternal God to whom all praise is due!

Congregation

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch Adonai ha-m'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed.

Let us praise the Eternal God to whom all praise is due now and forever.

Reader

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְּרוֹ מֵעָרִיב עָרְבִים, בְּחֻכְמָה פּוֹתֵחַ שַׁעֲרִים, וּבְתַבּוּנָה מְשַׁנֵּה עֵתִים, וּמַחְלִיף אֶת הַיּוֹמִים, וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים, בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרַקִּיעַ פְּרָצוֹנוֹ. בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה, גּוֹלֵל אֹרֶךְ מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁה, וְחֹשֶׁה מִפְּנֵי אֹרֶךְ. וּמַעְבִּיר יוֹם וּיְמִיָּא לַיְלָה, וּמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה, יְיָ עֲבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. אֵל חַי וְקַיִם, תְּמִיד וּמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הַמְּעָרִיב עָרְבִים.

We praise You, O God, Ruler of the world, by whose law the shadows of evening fall and the gates of each new day are opened. In wisdom, You have established the changes of times and seasons and ordered the ways of the stars in their heavenly courses. Creator of heaven and earth, Source of all life, reign over us forever. We praise You, God, for the day and its work and for the night and its rest.

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Congregation

Infinite as is Your power, even so is Your love. You have manifested it through the history of our people Israel. By laws and commandments, by statutes and ordinances, You have led us in the ways of righteousness and brought us to the light of truth. Therefore, at our lying down and our rising up, we will meditate on Your teachings, finding in Your laws true life and length of days. May your love never depart from our hearts. We praise You, God, for You have revealed Your love through Israel.

Congregation

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד.

Shema Yisrael Adonai Elo-hay-nu Adonai Echad.

Hear, O Israel: The Eternal is our God,
The Eternal God is One.

or

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, The Lord is One.

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלֻכּוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch Shem K'vod mal-chu-to l'o-lam va-ed.

Let us praise God who rules in glory forever and ever.

The congregation is seated following the singing of the Shema

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Reader or Congregation

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ, וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ, וּבְכָל-מְאֹדֶךָ. וְהָיָה
הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם, עַל-לִבְבְּךָ. וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבִנְיָה,
וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ, וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ, וּבְקוּמְךָ.
וְקִשְׂרָתָם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ, וְהָיָה לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ, וְכִתְבָתָם עַל
מְזוּזֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ. לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי,
וְהָיִיתֶם קֹדְשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם. אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

V'ah-hav-ta eit Adonai Elo-he-chah b'chol l'va-v'chah u-v'chol naf-sh'chah u-v'chol m'o-de-chah. V'ha-yu ha-d'va-rim ha-ay-leh ah-shayr ano-chi m'tza-v'chah ha-yom al l'vah-ve-chah. V'she-nan-tam l'va-ne-chah, v'dee-bar-tah bam. B'shiv-t'chah b'vay-te-chah, uv'lech-t'chah va-de-rech u-v'shoch-b'chah uv-ku-me-chah. Uk-shar-tam l'ot al ya-de-chah. V'ha-yu l'to-ta-fot bayn ey-ne-chah. Uch-tav-tam al m'zu-zot bay-te-chah u'vish-ah-re-chah. L'ma-an tiz-k'ru va-ah-see-tem et kol mitz-vo-tai, ve-yee-tem k'do-shim lay-lo-hay-chem. Ani Adonai Elo-hei-chem.

Congregation

You shall love the Eternal God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be a symbol before your eyes. You shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates, that you may remember and do all My commandments and be holy unto your God.

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Responsive Reading

The eternal truth is that You alone are God, and there is none else.

Through Your power alone has Israel been redeemed from the hand of oppressors.

Great deeds have You wrought on our behalf and wonders without number.

You have kept us in life. You have not let our footsteps falter.

You have been with us during the long years of oppression. Our faith sustained us even when our people suffered the deepest of anguish.

And now that we live in this land of freedom, may we continue to be faithful to You and Your Torah.

May Your teachings rule the lives of all Your children, and Your truth unite our hearts in friendship.

O God, our refuge and our hope, we glorify Your name now as did our people in ancient days:

Choir or Congregation

מי כְּמוֹכָה בְּאֵלִים יְיָ? מִי כְּמוֹכָה נְאֻדָּר בְּקִדְשׁ?
נוֹרָא תְהִי לִי, עֲשֵׂה פְלֵא?

Me cha-mo-chah bah-ay-leem Adonai? Me ka-mo-chah ne-dar bah-ko-desh. No-rah t'he-lot, o-say feleh?

Who is like You, Eternal One? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, awe-inspiring, working wonders?.

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מְלֻכּוֹתֶיךָ רָאוּ בְּנִיךָ , זֶה אֵלֵי עָנוּ וְאָמְרוּ:

Mal-chut-chah ra-u vah-ne-chah. Zeh ay-lee ah-nu v'am-ru:

Your children acknowledged Your sovereign power and exclaimed:

יְיָ יִמְלֹךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Adonai yim-loch l'o-lam va-ed.

The Eternal God shall reign forever and ever.

Congregation

As You have redeemed Israel and saved us from arms stronger than our own, so may You redeem all who are oppressed and persecuted. We praise You God, Redeemer of Israel.

Reader

Grant that we may lie down in peace and rise up again unto life. Spread over us the shelter of Your peace. Guide us with wise counsel. Be a shield about us, protecting us from hatred and war, from pestilence and sorrow. Curb within us the inclination to do evil, and protect us in the embrace of Your love. Guard our going out and our coming in unto life and peace, from this time forth and forever. We praise You, God, who spreads Your shelter over us and over all those who dwell on earth.

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On Sabbath eve

וְשָׁמְרוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת, לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת לְדוֹרָתָם בְּרִית
עוֹלָם. בֵּינִי וּבֵין בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אוֹת הִיא לְעוֹלָם, כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים עָשָׂה יי
אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ, וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שָׁבַת וַיִּנָּפֵשׁ.

V'sham-ru v'nay Yis-ra-el et ha-Shabbat, la-ah-sot et ha-Shabbat
l'do-ro-tam, b'reet o-lam. Bay-ne u-vayn b'nay Yis-ra-el ot he
l'o-lam. Ke shay-shet ya-meem ah-sah Adonai et ha-sha-ma-yeem
v'et ha-ah-retz, u-va-yom ha-sh'vee-ee sha-vat va-y'na-fash.

The people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout the generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the people of Israel forever.

Reader

And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the appointed seasons of the Eternal God.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ. אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם,
וְאֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, וְכָל דּוֹרוֹתָם. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן,
גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסָדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאֲמָהוֹת. וַיִּמְבִּיא
וְגָאֵלָה לְבָנָי בְּנִיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאֶרֶץ. מְלֶכֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מִגֵּן אַבְרָהָם וְעִזְרַת שָׂרָה.

Ba-ruch Atah Adonai Elo-hay-nu vay-lo-hay avo-tay-nu v'ee-mo-
tay-nu, Elo-hay Av-ra-ham, vay-lo-hay Sa-rah, v'chol do-ro-tam.
Ha-eyl ha-ga-dol ha-gi-bor v'ha-no-rah. Eyl el-yon. Go-mayl
cha-sa-deem to-veem, v'ko-nay ha-kol, v'zo-chayr chas-day ah-vot
v'ee-ma-hot. U-may-vee g'u-lah liv-nay v'nay-hem, l'ma-an sh'mo
b'ah-ha-vah. Me-lech o-zayr u-mo-she-ah u-mah-gayn. Ba-ruch
Atah Adonai, ma-gayn Av-ra-ham, v'ez-rat Sa-rah.

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We praise You, God of our mothers and fathers, God of Abraham and Sarah, and all their generations. You bestow loving kindness upon all Your children. You remember the devotion of those who came before us. In Your love, You bring redemption to their descendants for the sake of Your name. You are our Ruler and Helper, our Savior and Protector. We praise You, Eternal One, Shield of Abraham and Help of Sarah.

Congregation

Eternal is Your power, O God. You are mighty to save. In loving kindness, You sustain the living. In the multitude of Your mercies, You preserve us all. You uphold the falling and heal the sick, free the captives and keep faith with Your children in death as in life. Who is like You, Author of life and death, Source of salvation? We praise You, for You have implanted within us eternal life. You are holy, Your name is holy and Your worshippers proclaim Your holiness. We praise You, Eternal God, the Source of all life.

Reader

We give thanks to You that You have called us from among all people, and have consecrated us to Your service. You have hallowed us through your laws and ethical teachings, that through our people Israel Your great and holy name has become known in all the earth. You have ordained for us feasts of joy, and seasons of gladness, this Festival of:

Pesach, the season of our deliverance from Egypt.
Shavuot, the time of the giving of the Torah.
Sukkot, the season of the harvest.
Simchat Torah, the season of our gladness.

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Bestow upon all who worship here the blessing of Your holy Festivals. May we so celebrate them as to be worthy of Your blessing. We praise You, Eternal God, who sanctifies [the Sabbath and] the Festivals. This day remember us for well-being. Amen. This day bless us with Your nearness. Amen. This day help us to a fuller life. Amen.

Congregation

Our God and God of ages past, sanctify us with Your commandments and let Your Torah be our way of life. [May our rest on this Sabbath day be pleasing in Your sight.] Satisfy us with Your goodness, gladden us with Your salvation, and purify our hearts to serve You in truth. [In Your gracious love, let Your holy Sabbath remain our heritage.] Let us celebrate Your holy festivals with joy and gladness, that all Israel, hallowing Your name, may have cause to rejoice. Let us praise the Eternal God, who hallows [the Sabbath], the House of Israel and the Festivals.

Reader or Choir

רְצֵה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּעַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל וּתְפַלְתֵם בְּאַהֲבָה תִקְבַּל וּתְהִי לְרִצּוֹן
תָּמִיד עֲבוֹדַת יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי שְׂאוֹתְךָ לְבָדָךְ בְּיְרֵאָה
נְעֻבֹד.

R'tzei Adonai Elo-hay-nu b'am-chah Yisrael, u-t'fi-la-tam
b'ah-ha-vah t'ka-bayl. U-t'he l'ra-tson ta-meed avo-dat Yisrael
am-eh-chah. Ba-ruch Atah Adonai, sh'o-t'chah l'va-d'chah b'yee-rah
na-ah-vod.

Look with favor upon us, and may our service be acceptable unto You. We praise You, whom alone we serve in reverence.

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Congregation

We gratefully acknowledge that You are the God of all people, the God of all generations. You are the Rock of our lives, the Power that shields us in every age. We thank You and sing your praises: for our lives, which are in Your hand; for our souls, which are ever in Your keeping; for the signs of Your presence which we encounter every day; and for Your wondrous gifts at all times, morning, noon and night. You are Goodness: Your mercies never end. You are Compassion: Your love will never end. You have always been our hope. For all these things, Sovereign God, let Your name be forever exalted and blessed. Our Redeemer and Helper, let all who live affirm You and praise Your name in truth. Eternal God, whose nature is goodness, we give You our thanks and praise.

Reader

שְׁלוֹם רַב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ תְּשִׁים לְעוֹלָם, כִּי אַתָּה הוּא מְלֶךְ אֲדוֹן
לְכֹל הַשְּׁלוֹם. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרְךָ אֶת עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת כָּל הָעַמִּים
בְּכֹל עֵת וּבְכֹל שָׁעָה בְּשִׁלּוּמֶיךָ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי עֹשֵׂה הַשְּׁלוֹם.

Sha-lom rav al Yis-ra-el am-chah ta-seem l'o-lam. Ke Atah hu
Melech A-don l'chol ha-sha-lom. V'tov b'ay-ne-chah l'va-raych et
am-chah Yis-ra-el, v'et kol ha-ah-meem, b'chol eit u-v'chol sha-ah
bish-lo-me-chah. Ba-ruch Atah Adonai, o-say ha-sha-lom.

O Sovereign God of peace, let Your people know enduring peace, for it is good in Your sight continually to bless us with your peace. We praise the Eternal One, who blesses our people Israel and all people with peace.

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Reader

Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, O Eternal Source of peace, and enable our people Israel to be its messenger unto the people of the earth. Bless our country that it may ever be a stronghold of peace and its advocate in the council of nations. May contentment reign within our borders, health and happiness within our homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and harmony among the inhabitants of all lands. Plant virtue in every soul, and may the love of Your name hallow every home and every heart. We praise You, O God, Giver of peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Choir or Congregation

יְהוָה לְרִצּוֹן אָמַרְי-פִי וְהִגִּיזוֹן לִיבִי לְפָנֶיךָ, יְהוָה, צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי.

Y'he-yu l'ra-tzon im-ray fee v'heg-yon lee-bee l'fa-ne-chah,

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable unto You, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

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Kiddush

On Sabbath Eve

We praise You, God, and thank You for all the blessings of the past week; for life, health and strength; for home, love and friendship; for the discipline of our trials and temptations; for the happiness that has come to us out of our labors. You have commanded us: "Six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath, holy unto You, Eternal God." You have ennobled us by the blessings of work, and in love, You have sanctified us by the blessings of rest.

On Week Days

With song and praise, and with the symbols of our Festival, let us renew the memories of our past. We praise You, Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your laws and ethical teachings. In love, You have given us days of joy and seasons of gladness, this Festival of:

Pesach, the season of our deliverance from Egypt.

Shavuot, the time of the giving of the Torah.

Sukkot, the season of the harvest.

Simchat Torah, the season of our gladness.

You have called us to Your service and have enabled us to share in the blessings of Your holy Festivals. We praise You, Eternal God, who sanctifies Israel and the Festive seasons.

We praise You, Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.

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When the Festival begins on the Sabbath, begin here:

וַיְהִי עֶרֶב וַיְהִי בֹקֶר.
 יוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי. וַיְכַלּוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל צְבָאָם. וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם
 הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה, וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכָּל מְלַאכְתּוֹ
 אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה. וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ, כִּי בּו שְׁבֹת
 מִכָּל מְלַאכְתּוֹ, אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת.

When the Festival begins on a week-day, begin here:

סְבָרִי מְרֻנָּן וּרְבִינָן וּרְבִיבֵי
 בְרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

On the Sabbath, add the words in brackets:

בְרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל עַם וְרוֹמַמְנוּ
 מִכָּל לְשׁוֹן, וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו. וַתִּתֵּן לָנוּ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה [שְׁבֹתוֹת
 לְמִנְחוּחָה ו] מוֹעֲדִים לְשִׂמְחָה, חַגִּים וְזִמְנִים לְשִׂשׁוֹן, אֶת יוֹם [הַשְּׁבֹת
 הַזֶּה וְאֶת יוֹם]

<u>לפסח</u>	<u>לשבועות</u>	<u>לסוכות</u>	<u>לשמחת תורה</u>
חג המצות	חג השבועות	חג הסוכות	שמיני חג
הזה. זמן	הזה. זמן	הזה. זמן	העצרת הזה.
חרותנו	מתן תורתנו	שמחתנו	זמן שמחתנו

בְּאַהֲבָה מְקַרָּא קֹדֶשׁ, זָכָר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם. כִּי בָנוּ בְּחַרְתָּ, וְאוֹתָנוּ
 קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים וְשִׁבֹת וְמוֹעֲדֵי קֹדֶשׁ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרַצוֹן בְּשִׂמְחָה
 וּבְשִׂשׁוֹן הַנְּחִלְתָּנוּ: בְרוּךְ אַתָּה יי מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשְּׁבֹת וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַזְּמִינִים.

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On Sukkot, when the Kiddush is recited in the Sukkah, add these blessings:

בְרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
 לָיֵשֵׁב בְּסֻכָּה.

Ba-ruch Atah Adonai Elo-hay-nu Melech ha-olam, ah-share
 kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu lay-shayv ba-sukkah.

We praise You Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, who has
 sanctified us through Your laws and ethical teachings and ordained
 that we shall dwell in the Sukkah.

For the waving of the lulav:

בְרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל
 נְטִילַת לֻלָב.

Ba-ruch Atah Adonai Elo-hay-nu Melech ha-olam, ah-share
 kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu al n'tee-lat lu-lav.

We praise You Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, who has
 sanctified us through Your laws and ethical teachings and ordained
 for us to wave the lulav.

בְרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁהַחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ
 לְזִמְן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch Atah Adonai Elo-hay-nu Melech ha-olam, sh'he-chee-ya-nu
 v'kee-y'ma-nu v'hee-gee-ah-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

We give thanks to You, Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, for
 giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this
 season.

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Responsive Reading
The Lulav and the Etrog

Earth and sky, rain and sun, flower and fruit speak to us of God's creative power.

Like generations before us, we give thanks for God's goodness to us.

Into our sanctuary, we have brought the symbols of Sukkot:
The lulav, the palm, that resembles the human spine, to remind us that we must stand straight with courage and integrity.

May we aspire to serve God by standing up for justice, truth and peace.

The myrtle, whose leaves are shaped like eyes with which to behold the grandeur and beauty of our world.

May we learn to serve God more fully by looking with kindness and compassion upon every living being.

The willow of the brook, whose leaves are shaped like human lips.

May our lips sing God's praise and bless all the children of the Eternal One.

The etrog, shaped like the human heart: May we remember that love is the doorway through which we may pass from self-centeredness to service, and from isolation to kinship with all the world.

God of all people and of all the world, with palm and myrtle, willow and etrog, with spine and eyes, with lips and heart, we praise You.