

# Evening Service

AT THE

## House of Mourning.

IN whatever place I will cause my name to be mentioned I will come to thee and bless thee.

The Lord is nigh to all that call upon Him, that call upon Him in truth.

Offer unto God the sacrifices of righteousness; call upon Him in the day of trouble, and He will deliver thee.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Thus saith the Lord, the High and Holy One: I dwell in the high and holy place, yet with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit; to revive the spirit of the humble and to quicken the heart of the contrite.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing of the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

MINISTER AND CONGREGATION IN RESPONSES:

*Psalm 103.*

BLESS the Lord, O my soul! and all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul! and forget not all His benefits!  
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;  
Who redeemeth thy life from the grave; and crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;  
The Lord is gracious and kind, slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He hath not dealt with us according to our sins, nor requited us according to our iniquities,  
As high as are the heavens above the earth, so great is His mercy to them that fear Him.  
Even as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.  
For He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust.  
As for man, his days are as grass; as the flower of the field, so he flourisheth.  
The wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and its place shall know it no more.  
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children.  
The Lord hath established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom ruleth over all.  
Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye, His ministers, who obey His will!  
Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion! Bless the Lord, O my soul!

## MEDITATION.

UNDER the shadow of a great sorrow we are gathered here, to dwell once again upon the precious life, which has so recently passed away into death.

Not for the dead, nor for the repose of his (*her*) soul, would we pray here. He needs not the intervention of our supplications. His life now ended, his labor, as far as human knowledge can reveal, now closed, is the prayer which he continually uttered, not in words but in actions. In this solemn hour the sacred emphasis of that invocation comes back to us; we feel that our stammered thoughts can not affect his fate, that the departed is well preserved in the keeping of Him who giveth life and taketh it away.

The bitter cup of which we have tasted, many before us have drunk, and many will drink after we, too, shall have passed away. The experience of one is like the experience of all. And for this reason, the woes which burden the heart of one, open the deep sources of sympathy in the hearts of all. Here we feel that we are brothers. To those upon whom the loss has fallen, we bring the fullest measure of our sympathy. We join them in prayer in the hour of their trial; we are with them, united by the holy bond of a memory, dearest to them, but also dear to us.

From the fountain of all life and light and love comes to us strength and consolation. Let us crave the courage to bear! Death claims but the dust. The divine which tenanted for a while the mortal clay abides for ever. Memory brings back

what the grave has taken away. It frees from the limitations of flesh, and makes more real the transfigured presence than ever was the living frame. And many are the virtues which he who has obeyed the summons, has left for us to treasure and to emulate. In this spirit let us lift up our voices in prayer to the God of our fathers. Let us praise His holy name!

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:

CONGREGATION:

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

MINISTER AND CONGREGATION:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְּרוֹ  
מַעְרִיב עַרְבִים. בְּחָכְמָה פּוֹתַח שְׁעָרִים. וּבְתוֹבָנָה מְשַׁנָּה  
עֵתִים וּמַחְלִיף אֶת הַזְּמַנִּים. וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים  
בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרַקִּיעַ כְּרִצּוֹנוֹ. בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה. גּוֹלֵל אוֹר

*Bor'chu es Adónoy hammevóroch.*

Praise ye the Lord, to whom all praise is due!

*Boruch Adónoy hammevóroch Pólom voëd.*

Praised be the Lord, to whom all praise is due!

**PRAISE** be to Thee, our God, Ruler of the universe, by whose word the shades of evening fall, and by whose wisdom the stars shine forth in their heavenly way. At Thy will, O Lord of hosts, daylight passes and night draws near. At Thy command shall darkness yield to light again. Father

מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אֹר. וּמַעֲבִיר יוֹם וּמִבֵּיא לַיְלָה.  
 יְיָ צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. יְיָ חַי וְקַיִם תָּמִיד יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.  
 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הַמַּעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים:

אֲהַבֵּת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ אֲהַבְתָּ. תוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת  
 חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים אוֹתָנוּ לְמִדָּת. עַל כֵּן יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּשִׂבְבֵנו  
 וּבְקוֹמָנוּ נָשִׂיחַ בְּחֻקֶיךָ. וְנִשְׂמַח בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָתֶךָ וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ  
 לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. כִּי הֵם חַיֵּינוּ וְאַרְךְ יָמֵינוּ. וּבָהֶם נִהְיֶה יוֹמָם  
 וְלַיְלָה. וְאֲהַבְתָּךְ אֶל־תָּסִיר מִכֵּינוּ לְעוֹלָמִים. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה  
 יְיָ אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל:

CONGREGATION:

AMEN.

of life, be Thou with us in joy and in sorrow, and amidst all the changes of light and shadow in our earthly course. Praise be to Thee, Eternal, Creator of day and of night.

With everlasting love Thou hast guided Thy people Israel, and hast revealed to us Thy law whose knowledge shall bless all mankind. Therefore will we constantly think upon Thy word and meditate on Thy precepts, for Thy law is the light of our life, and by walking therein have we been preserved to this day. May Thy love, O God of truth, abide with us in the future as it has been with us in the past, that we may continue to proclaim Thy law and the unity of Thy being, before all the nations of the earth. Praise be to Thee, O Eternal, Keeper of Israel.

MINISTER AND CONGREGATION:

שָׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

(בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלַכּוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעַד:)

וְאַהֲבָתָא אֶת יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לֵבְךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשֶׁךָ וּבְכָל  
 מְאֹדֶךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם עֲלֶי-  
 לְבָבְךָ: וְשִׁנְנָתָם לִבְנֵיךָ וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם. בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ  
 וּבְלִבְתְּךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: וְקִשְׁרָתָם לְאוֹת עַל-  
 יָדֶךָ. וְהָיוּ לְטָטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ: וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל־מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ  
 וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

*Sh'mu Yisro'el, Adónoy Elohénu, Adónoy Echod.*

Hear, O Israel, the Eternal is our God, the Eternal  
 is One.

*Boruch Shém k'vód mal'chuso l'ólom vo'ed.*

Praised be His glorious name for ever-more.

Thou shalt love the Eternal, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest. And they shall be as a sign on thy hand, and as a guide before thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house and on thy gates.

DEUTER. VI, 4—9.