

Night of the Cross Liturgy and Midweek Havdalla Service

ABRIDGED FOR SMALLER GROUPS OR FAMILIES

(This service may be used for three or less individuals on Wednesday evening after sundown. If a family has more than three people but the children are too young to actively participate, this liturgy may be used.)

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(At least four long white tapers are lighted; incense is offered on the north side of the altar by Levite)

Celebrant or Kahein:

(Sh'ma – may be recited in other language)

Sh'ma Yisrael, Mar-Yah Alah`on, Mar-Yah` Ekhad. B'shem kavod malkhuto l'olam va'ed. Vtir'kham yat Mar-Yah` Alah`oakh, bekhoh libakh uve'khal naf'shakh, uvekhal nikh'sakh. Vi'yeh`on pit'gama'ya ha'al'yein, d'ana mefa'akid lokh yoma dein-al libakh. Uta'ta'nei'non livnakh, uta'mal'eil beh`on, bmitvakh b'vei'takh uvi'me'h`o'khakh be'orakha, uv'mish'k'vakh uv'mikia'makh. Ve'tik'ternun l'at, al yadakh; vih`on li'tefilin, bein ein'akh. Ve'tikh'tuv'nun al m'zuzin v'tikbe'nun b'sipei beitakh, uve'ta'rekh.

(Lord's Prayer, recited by celebrant or Levite – may be recited in other language)

Abwuna d'bashmaya nitkadish shmakha. Tete malkutakha. Nih`we tzevyanakha aikana d'bashmaya af b'ara. Hav lana lakhma d'sunqanan yaomana washboq lanu khaubain. Aikana daf khanan shvaqin l'khaiyabain. Wela takhlan l'nisyona. Ela fatzin min bisha.

(All recite and make the Sign of the Cross in the following manner:)

Forehead: "May I have the mind of Mshikha"

Mouth: "May I speak pure words of Torah"

Heart: "and may my heart be sealed"

Right Shoulder: "in the Blood of the Lamb"

Left Shoulder: "Amen".

Celebrant:

From the first to the last generations, Your Word is good, full of truth and trustworthiness - the Torah that will never be abrogated, of which our Teacher Yeshua the Messiah spoke, "Do not think that I came to dismiss the Torah or the Prophets. I have not come to dismiss, but to carry out." And again He said, "Anyone who dismisses even one of these small commandments, and thus teach the sons of men to do so, will be called little in the Kingdom of Heaven; but those who do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Celebrant or Levite:

Truly You are Mar-Yah our God, and the God of our fathers, our King, the King of our fathers, our Redeemer, Yeshua, the Redeemer of our fathers, our Stronghold, the Stronghold of our salvation, our Deliverer and Rescuer. You are our God, You alone.

Celebrant:

Those who observe Shabbat and call it a delight shall rejoice in Your kingship; the nation which hallows the Seventh Day - all shall be satisfied and be delighted with Your goodness. You made the Seventh Day holy and we call it a remembrance of the work of Creation.

All: Amen.

(Celebrant takes covered Crucifix from wall and places it on the right side of the altar still covered)

Celebrant or Kahein (Holding Torah or Chumash):

Vayehi bin'so'ah ha'aron va'yomer Moshe: Kuma Mar-Yah veyafu'tzu oi'vekha, v'ya'nusu m'sa'nekha mipa'nekha. Ki mi'tziyon tetze Torah, u'd'var Mar-Yah m'Yerushalayim. Barukh she-natan Torah l'amo Yisrael bi'kedu'shato.

(English: When the Ark set out, Moshe would say: Arise, O Mar-Yah, and Your adversaries will be scattered, and Your enemies will flee before You. For from Zion shall for forth Torah, and the Word of mar-Yah from Jerusalem. Blessed is He who in His holiness gave Torah to His people Israel.)

(Torah is placed on left of Altar)

Celebrant or Kahein:

(Sh'ma is recited again – may be recited in other language)

Sh'ma Yisrael, Mar-Yah Alah`on, Mar-Yah` eh`ad. B'shem kawod malh`uto l'walam wa'ed. Uwatir'kham yat Mar-Yah` Ala'h`o'akh, bekhoh libakh uwe'khal naf'shakh, uwekhal nikh'sakh. Uwi'yeh`on pit'gama'ya ha'al'yein, d'ana mefa'akid lokh yoma dein-al libakh. Uta'ta'nei'non livnakh, uta'mal'eil beh`on, bmitwakh b'wei'takh uwi'me'h`o'khakh be'orakha, uwa'mish'k'uwakh uwa'mikia'makh. Uwe'tik'ternwun l'at, al yadakh; uwih`won li'tefilin, bein ein'akh. Uwe'tikh'tuwa'nun al m'zuzin w'tikbe'nun b'sipei beitakh, uwe'ta'rekh.

Celebrant:

(Celebrant holds up Chalice with the right hand and says:)

I raise the Cup of Deliverance and call on the Name of Mar-Yah. Blessed are You Mar-Yah our God, who brings forth the fruit of the vine.

All: Amen.

(Cup is passed throughout congregation for consumption)

(Celebrant places chalice on altar, covering it and says:)

(Celebrant lights three wick candle - if available - or a single wick; folding fingers over thumbs and raising hands before the light of the fire, says:)

Blessed are You, Mar-Yah our God, King of the universe, who creates the light of the fire.

(Celebrant picks up Crucifix and uncovers it, holding it up while participant or celebrant says the following)

Other participant (i.e., layperson) or celebrant:

Blessed are You, Mar-Yah our God, King of the universe, who makes a distinction between sacred and profane, between light and darkness, between Israel and the nations, between the Seventh Day and the six work days.

Celebrant:

Blessed are You, Mar-Yah our God, who makes a distinction between sacred and profane.

All: Amen.

(The cloth can be cut into pieces and distributed among the congregation or saved for later use, storing it away. The Crucifix is placed back on the wall and the candles extinguished).

This concludes the service and the High Sabbath has ended.