

BARĤU: The call to worship

Reader:

בָּרְכוּ אֱתֵי הַמְּבָרָךְ:

Congregation and Reader:

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבוֹרֵא
חֶשֶׁךְ עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וּבוֹרֵא אֶת־הַכּוֹל:

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Reader: *Barĥu et Adonai ha-m'vorah.*

Congregation and Reader:

Baruĥ Adonai ha-m'vorah l'olam va-ed.

*Baruĥ ata Adonai, Eloheynu meleĥ ha-olam,
Yo-tzeyr or u-vorey ĥo-sheĥ, oseh shalom u-vorey et ha-kol.*

VOICES WHICH ECHO ACROSS TIME

*Having gathered to worship as a congregation,
We blend our voices and join our hearts;*

*We link ourselves to generations of our people,
Through the ages and across many lands.*

*As they prayed the words which we are about to hear and utter,
They bequeathed to us their thoughts, their hopes, their faith.*

*These ancient words, now enshrined in our worship,
Stir our souls anew and invite us again—*

*To add our voices to those which echo across time,
As we have risen to be summoned—and to respond.*

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Reader:

Praise the Lord, Source of all blessing.

Congregation and Reader:

Praised be the Lord, Source of all blessing, forever.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who forms light and creates darkness, who ordains the harmony of all creation.

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MAY OUR LIVES PROCLAIM YOUR GLORY

*O Lord, the heavens proclaim Your glory;
And we, Your creatures on earth,
Behold in wonder Your endless miracles.*

*Help us to recognize Your guiding power
In distant galaxies and in our own souls.*

*Teach us Your Law of righteousness and love
So that Your spirit may govern our lives.*

*Source of peace, bless our worship;
May our meditations find favor in Your sight.*

*May our gratitude for Your wonders
Lead us, in love, to Your service,*

*So that, like the changing seasons, the days, the nights,
Our lives, too, will proclaim Your glory. Amen.*