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## Rosh Hashanah Service

### Yom Teruah (Day of the Sounding of the Shofar)

(The theme for this Holy season, beginning with *Rosh Hashanah* can be summarized as: **Repentance, Renewal, Restoration**, and in the *Brit Chadashah – New Covenant*, we can add: **Regathering and Rejoicing**.)

#### Lighting of the Candles and Initial Blessing

*(Lady of the Household)*

***Baruch atah adonai eloheynu melech ha olam asher kidshanu b'mitz'vo'tov v'tsivanu l'hadleek nayr shel yom tov.***

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has hallowed us by your commandments and has instructed us to kindle the lights for the festival.

***Baruch atah adonai eloheynu melech ha olam she'he'khe'yanu v'kee'yeh'manu v'higee'anu la'zman hazeh.***

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who kept us alive, sustained us, and privileged us to reach this season.

O Lord our God, on this solemn season of New Year we pray to you. Be near to us in our trials, strengthen us when crises surround us.

May the festival lights always remind us of your power to heal and forgive and of your love which is always available to us, even when we don't deserve it. May the light of our faith in you always shine brightly in our hearts, and give us courage equal to whatever circumstances we may face. Bless us in this New Year, and all those we love, with life, and health, and peace. Amen.

*(Prayers from Messianic Services for the Festivals and Holy Days,  
Dr. John Fischer)*

*(Man of the house – In the style of Liturgy of the Hours)*

God, come to my assistance.

**All:** Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

## Examination of Conscience

*(A brief examination of conscience. Then say the Act of Contrition, together.)*

**All:** My God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You above all things with all my soul, with all my heart, and with all my strength. I love You because You are infinitely good and worthy of being loved. And because I love You, I am sorry with all my heart for having offended You. Have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

## Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King

*(Recite together)*

**All:** All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun of golden beams,  
thou silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Leviticus 23: 23-25

**Reader: Antiphon 1:** May his great name be blessed for ever and ever!

And the Lord said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest.

"A memorial proclaimed with a blast of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious work, and you shall present an offering by fire to the Lord."

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**All: Ant. 1:** May his great name be blessed for ever and ever!

### Psalm 122 *(Set up 2 sides to alternate verses)*

**Reader: Antiphon 2:** O Lord, open my lips and my mouth may declare your praise!

I was glad when they said to me,  
Let us go to the house of the Lord.  
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,  
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem!  
May they prosper, those who love you!  
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"

For my brethren and companions' sake,  
I will say "Peace be within you!"  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.

**All:** Glory to the Father ... As it was in the beginning ...

**All: Antiphon 2:** O Lord, open my lips and my mouth may declare your praise!

## From the Synagogue Prayer: Amidah

**Reader: Antiphon 3:** You are holy and your name is holy and holy beings praise you daily

Deserving of praise are you, O Lord our God and God of our fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus, the great, mighty, revered and exalted God who bestows faithful love and is master of all.

Mindful of the patriarchs' love for you, you have in your love brought a redeemer to their children's children for the sake of your name. Remember us unto life, O King who delights in life, and inscribe us in the Book of Life so that we may live worthily for your sake.

You are mighty forever, O Lord; you bring to life the dead; you are powerfully able to save. You sustain the living with faithful love; you bring the dead to life with great mercy; you support all who fall, and heal the sick; you free the enslaved and are faithful to those who sleep in the dust.

Who is like you, Lord of might? Who can be compared to you, O King? You order death and restore life, and make your salvation flourish. Yes, you are faithful to raise the dead.

**All: Antiphon 3:** You are holy and your name is holy and holy beings praise you daily.

## Reading : Deut 6: 4-7 (Shema and Vahavta)

**Reader:** Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## Responsory:

**Reader:** O Lord, we give you thanks for this time of repentance, redemption, and rejoicing.

**All:** O Lord, we give you thanks for this time of repentance, redemption, and rejoicing.

**Reader:** O Lord, you have brought us to the New Year

**All:** And we await your return.

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** O Lord, we give you thanks for this time of repentance, redemption, and rejoicing.

**Reader: Antiphon:** We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

## Gospel Cantic: 1 Thess 4:13-18 *(Recite together)*

**All:** But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, even so, through Yeshua, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**All: Antiphon:** We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet!

## Intercessions

**Leader:** Today we celebrate the Day of the Blowing of the Shofar, the New Year, and the 10 Days of Repentance.

**All:** We stand ready to hear the last Shofar and the return of our Long-Awaited Messiah Yeshua.

**Leader:** O Lord, lead the Jewish people into a time of deep repentance and readiness to receive Yeshua the Messiah.

**All:** We stand ready to hear the last Shofar and the return of our Long-Awaited Messiah Yeshua.

**Leader:** We ask that you renew our faith in You and ask for the gift of faith for Israel and the Nations.

**All:** We stand ready to hear the last Shofar and the return of our Long-Awaited Messiah Yeshua.

**Leader:** O Lord, we ask you to lead *all Israel* and all in your Church to the Truth and lead us out of any error so we can be ready to receive you.

**All:** We stand ready to hear the last Shofar and the return of our Long-Awaited Messiah Yeshua.

**Leader:** We ask for the regathering of your people back to the Land,ss and more importantly to your Church as one People of God, both Jew and Gentile.

**All:** We stand ready to hear the last Shofar and the return of our Long-Awaited Messiah Yeshua.

**Leader:** Let us rejoice in your promises, your Word, and your Church,

**All:** We stand ready to hear the last Shofar and the return of our Long-Awaited Messiah Yeshua.

## Prayer

**Leader:** Bless this year unto us, O Lord our God, and set a blessing on the face of the earth. Provide for us from Your goodness, and bless our year. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who blesses the years.

## Blowing of the Shofar *(if you have one available, otherwise skip)*

*(The one who is blowing the shofar recites this blessing)*

Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to hear the sound of the shofar.

**All:** Amen

Shevarim: 3 shorter blasts

Teruah: 7 staccato blasts

Tekiah: One long drawn-out blast

## Dipping of the Apples/Challah:

**Blessing:** May it be the Lord's will to renew for us a year that will be good and sweet

*.(All: Dip either apple or challah in honey together.)*

## Based upon the Jewish prayer for mourners: Half Kaddish

**Leader:** Let us remember all those loved ones who have passed on, especially this past year, and for all our loved ones who have passed.

Magnified and hallowed be the great name of God throughout the world which he created according to his will. May his kingdom grow during your lifetime, during the lifetime of all the house of Israel and of all people, speedily soon! And let us all say, Amen.

**All:** Blessed, praised and glorified, exalted, extolled and honored, magnified and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be he, whose glory transcends, yes is beyond all blessings and hymns, praises and songs which are uttered in the world; and say, Amen.

## Adon Olam

*(Recited Together)*

**All:** Lord of the world, the King Supreme  
Ere aught was formed, he reigned alone  
When by his will all things were wrought  
Then was his sovereign name made known.

And when this age shall cease to be  
He still shall reign in majesty  
He was, he is and he will be  
All glorious eternally.

Incomparable, the Lord is one  
No other can his nature share  
Without beginning, without end  
Unto him all strength and majesty.

He is my living God who saves  
My rock when grief or sorrows fall  
My banner and my refuge strong  
My cup of life whenever I call.

And in his hand I place my soul  
Asleep, awake, for he is near  
And with my soul and body too  
God is with me, there is no fear.

## Aaronic Benediction

*(Numbers 6. Recite together as we make the Sign of the Cross)*

***Y'varech'kha adonai v'yeeshm'rekha; a'ayr adonai panel  
aylekha veekhoonekha, yeesa' adonai panav aylekha v'yasaym  
l'kha shalom.***

**All:** The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious  
to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you  
peace.

## Blessing over the bread

*(Traditional challah is round for Rosh Hashanah. Distribute after the blessing.)*

**Leader:** *Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheynu Melech HaOlam,  
ha-motzee lekhem meen ha-aretz.*

Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe,  
who brings forth bread from the earth.

## Blessing over wine

**Leader:** *Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheynu Melech HaOlam,  
boray p'ree ha-gahfen.*

Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe,  
who creates the fruit of the vine.

## Blessing for meal

**All:** Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are  
about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our  
Lord.



THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN  
COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF  
HEAVEN WITH POWER AND GREAT  
GLORY . . . WITH A GREAT SOUND  
OF A TRUMPET.

MATTHEW 24:30-31