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CALL TO WORSHIP

BORCHU ET ADONAI HAMVORACH

Praise the Lord, to whom our praise is due,

BORUCH ADONAI HAMVORACH L'OLAM VAED

Praised be the Lord, to whom our praise is due, now and forever.

HYMN

HI-NEI MA-TOV U-MA NA-IM

SHE-VET A CHIM GAM YA-CHAD

Behold how good it is for people to dwell together in unity!

UNISON PRAYER "PSALM 130"

Out of the depths I cry to thee, O Lord!

Lord, hear my voice!

Let thy ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee,

that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

SPECIAL MUSIC

READING: "A Selection from Night by Elie Wiesel."

Elie Wiesel, a survivor of the Holocaust, has written and lectured extensively of his experiences in the concentration camps. Night provides us with some of his most meaningful reflection on a time in history when there seemed to be no meaning anywhere.

MEMORIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MARTYRS

O Eternal, in whom there is no forgetfulness, in whose keeping are the souls of the living and the dead, we are aware at this moment of our spiritual indebtedness not only to those of our kin whose lives enriched ours and to those whom we knew and in whose physical presence we once took delight, but also to the great souls of saints and heroes who have made the world better for having lived in it. Yea, even of the anonymous dead, whose names we no longer remember, but who have helped to build up the spiritual tradition by which we live, we must make mention, in grateful acknowledgment of what we owe them.

And especially must we bring to mind those holy martyrs who testified to man's triumph over death by giving up life itself for the cause of Thy Kingdom and for the love of Thy people. Not in despair of life and weariness with the world did they court death; they died for love of Thee, assured that whatever of their life was worth preserving Thou wouldst not suffer to perish. O may we never forget the sacrifices they made in our behalf and their example of unswerving loyalty to Thy service.

Compassionate God, who dwellest on high, grant assured repose under Thy protecting wings, in the company of the holy and pure souls that shine with heavenly radiance, to the souls of all who sacrificed their lives for the sanctification of Thy name. Mayest Thou O Merciful One, shelter them forever under Thy wings, and may their souls be bound up in the bond of life, and may their bodies rest undisturbed in the grave. Amen.

LITANY: A LITANY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, WE GATHER HERE AS YOUR CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY TO AFFIRM OUR LOVE FOR YOU AND FOR EACH OTHER.

LEADER: Lord God of Abraham and Sarah, call us to move into a fuller relationship with our neighbors and with you.

PEOPLE: SHOW US HOW TO BE FAITHFUL, AND OBEDIENT TO YOUR WILL.

Leader: God of Moses and Aaron and Miriam, lead us, your people, on our journey to full freedom.

PEOPLE: KEEP US AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE WITH US, BY NIGHT AND BY DAY.

Leader: O God of the judges, of Deborah and Gideon, judge us and call us back when we wander from your way.

PEOPLE: GIVE US OF YOUR STRENGTH, THAT WE MAY STAND FIRM AGAINST OPPRESSION AND EVIL.

Leader: God of the prophets, of Isaiah and Jeremiah and Amos, speak your word to us, that we may hear your message for this day.

PEOPLE: KEEP US EVER READY TO SPEAK THE TRUTH, TO CALL FOR JUSTICE, AND TO SERVE YOU.

Leader: We pray to you, God of Judas Maccabeus and of Judith, and of all brave souls who dare, in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: MAKE US BRAVE, AND ABLE TO STRENGTHEN OTHERS IN FAITHFULNESS TO YOU.

Leader: Hear our prayers, God of John in the wilderness, calling the way - and of Jesus, and of Mary and Martha.

PEOPLE: MAY WE COME TO KNOW YOU IN OUR HEARTS, AND THEREBY DRAW CLOSER TO YOU AND TO EACH OTHER.

Leader: O God of Paul and Priscilla and Aquila, put your love into our hearts, that we may grow in your image.

PEOPLE: GIVE US FAITH AND HOPE AND LOVE, A GIFT FROM YOU TO SHARE WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ALL YOUR CHILDREN.

Leader: God of Albert Sweitzer, and Anne Frank and Martin Buber, give us insight and willingness to learn.

PEOPLE: MAY WE NEVER FORGET THE SACREDNESS OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE.

Leader: God of Martin Luther, and Sister Kenny, of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pope John, and Martin Luther King, give us vision, that we may seek the truth and dare to dream in your name.

PEOPLE: EXPAND OUR LIMITED VIEW AND LIFT US TO NEW LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING.

ALL: FOR WE ARE YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH. JEW, PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, WE WORSHIP YOU, O GREAT GOD, FOR WE ARE ALL YOUR CHILDREN. AMEN.

HYMN: "ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL"

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure. Amen.

READING: "SURVIVAL: TWO MEN, ONE CHILD, AND LOVE"

-transcribed from a tape recording of a spoken comment by Dr. Matthew E. S. Spetter, leader, Riverdale-Yonkers Ethical Culture Society, as he was being interviewed by Studs Terkel of radio station WFMT.

READING: I CORINTHIANS 13, From Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecy, it will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

"The peace of God be with you."

PRAYER:

Lord our God, we come to you this day in humility and gratitude as your people in this place. We are humbled by your caring providence and grateful for your unceasing faithfulness. We come to you, O God, as a diverse people in culture, race, traditions, congregations, place and perspective. We acknowledge these your creative gifts to us. We yearn for a more enriching wholeness through our diversity and shared gifts. We seek a fuller manifestation of One Lord. May you guide and enliven us to heal our brokenness, and bridge our divisions so that through witness in faith and unity as the people of God, the world might know of your love.

We also live in a world of brokenness in the human family. Make us sensitive to the pain and injustice in our place and the whole inhabited earth. Forgive us for neglect and inaction when you have called us to love one another and to bear one another's burdens. Free us from racism, sexism, parochialism, selfishness, pride and faithlessness that create barriers between people and nations, cultures and races, male and female. Help us to be a caring people of God toward the unity of all people, acknowledging you as Creator and Lord.

We pray for the churches and congregations in all their traditions and places. Help us to be faithful witnesses in proclaiming your love. Free us from structural captivities and limited visions that debilitate, divide and blur the clear message of One Lord.

We pray for the whole people of God in the whole earth. In whatever place of responsibility and station of life, give them and us the vision of your kingdom. We struggle to give account of the hope of faith that is in us. We rejoice in the confidence of your purpose of love for all people. Help our unbelief. Help us to expect the unexpected. Help us to transcend our doubt. Energize us for the tasks you have given us and teach us what you want us to be and do as your people. Help us to experience and know how good it is when all people dwell together in unity. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: "PSALM 118"

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
LET ISRAEL SAY, "HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever!"

LET THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD SAY, "HIS STEADFAST LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

THE LORD ANSWERED ME AND SET ME FREE.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.

WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME?

The Lord is on my side to help me;

I SHALL LOOK IN TRIUMPH ON THOSE WHO HATE ME.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION.

Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

THE RIGHT HAND OF THE LORD IS EXALTED, THE RIGHT
HAND OF THE LORD DOES VALIANTLY!"

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

THE LORD HAS CHASTENED ME SORELY, BUT HE HAS NOT
GIVEN ME OVER TO DEATH.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

THAT I MAY ENTER THROUGH THEM AND GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I THANK THEE THAT THOU HAST ANSWERED ME AND HAST
BECOME MY SALVATION.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING; IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES.

This is the day which the Lord has made;

LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee;

THOU ART MY GOD, I WILL EXTOL THEE.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!

HYMN: "GOD THE OMNIPOTENT"

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Thunder Thy clarion, the lightning Thy sword;
Show forth Thy pity on high where Thou Reignest:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
Thy way all-holy, and slighted Thy word;
Let not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All-righteous One! man hath defied Thee;
Yet to eternity standeth Thy word;
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside Thee:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All-provident! earth by Thy chastening,
Yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;
Through the thick darkness Thy Kingdom is hastening:
Thou wilt give peace in Thy time, O Lord.

So shall Thy people, with thankful devotion,
Praise Him who saved them from peril and sword,
Singing in chorus from ocean to ocean
Peace to the nations, and praise to the Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

YEVO-RE-CHA-CHA ADO-NAI V'YISHME-RE-CHA

May the Lord bless you and keep you

YA-ER A-DO-NAI PA-NAV E-LE-CHA VI-CHU-NE-KA

May the Lord let His countenance shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

YI-SA ADO-NAI PA-NAV-E LE-CHA V'-YA-SEM L'CHA SHA-LOM

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A-MEN.

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