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MORNING PRAYER, RECONCILIATION SEASON IV

PRELUDE *Madre De La Tiera* - David Lanz

WELCOME

HYMN Yigdal Elohim Chai (The God of Abraham Praise) NCH 24

Hebrew:

1 Yigdal elohim chai v'yishtabach,
nimtza v'ein eit el m'tziuto
Echad v'ein yachid k'yichudo,
nelam v'gai ein sof l'achduto.

1 The God of Abraham praise,
all praises to God's name,
who was and is and is to be,
fore'er the same!
The one eternal God,
before what now appears;
the First, the Last:
beyond all thought
through timeless years!

2 God's spirit freely flows,
high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet's word;
that word speaks still.
Established is God's law,
and changeless it shall stand
deep written on the human heart,
in every land.

3 God has eternal life
implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be
our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
All praise the living God!
Extol that hallowed name,
who was, and is, and ever shall
be still the same!

4 The God of Sarah praise,
all praises to God's name,
who was and is and is to be,
fore'er the same!
The one eternal God,
before what now appears;
the First, the Last: beyond all thought
through timeless years!

GREETING

Arise Shine for your light is come.

The Glory of God shines around us

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader God is with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Let us pray.

Eternal One of All that is
We call to You from a deep place.
Please hear our prayers.
Bless us and our families
Our friends and our communities.
Bless and heal the unnamed ones in need of Your blessings.
Mend those who are broken in body and in soul.
Uplift them and make them whole.
Eternal One of All that is:
Please heal our fragile Planet.

Bless, heal and watch over all Your children.
Please hear our prayers. **Amen.**

THE SHEMA AND HER BLESSING

Leader: Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheynu Adonai Echad
People: **Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheynu Adonai Echad**

THE READINGS

Genesis 44:33
Genesis 50:15-21

*After the reading the reader says,
Listen for what the Spirit is saying.
The People respond, **Thanks be to God.***

REFLECTION Rabbi Debra Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. God of mercy, God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

We bring our concerns
We bring our thanksgivings

The people may add their concerns and thanksgivings, silently, aloud, or in the chat.

In a world where prejudice and power have joined hands to elevate one people at the expense of another, God of mercy, God of peace

hear our prayer

We PRAY, O God, for our nation and its leadership. We pray for the President, Donald Trump, the Vice President, J.D. Vance, and for leaders of Congress and the Judicate. Grant them wisdom, compassion, and a heart for mercy. God of mercy, God of peace

hear our prayer

In a world where unequal access to health care disproportionately endangers the lives of those who have been marginalized because of race or ethnicity.

God of mercy, God of peace

hear our prayer

GRANT US, the courage to face ideologies and instruments of hatred, division, and violence with courage. May we become abolitionists, disruptors of all that inhibits our ability to live in peace with our neighbors, to love our enemies, and embody your Kingdom here on earth. God of mercy, God of peace

hear our prayer

In a world where people, just because they are different, evoke fear and contempt, God of mercy, God of peace

hear our prayer

We PRAY for victims of famine and war wrought by corporate and political greed. Give us the grace of deep compassion for the suffering, the downtrodden, and oppressed of every people and nation. Show us how to serve. God of mercy, God of peace **hear our prayer**

A period of silence is kept.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died and whose faith is known to you alone. **Into your hands we commend them**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

May what we have prayed for; give us the grace to work for; answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes we ask in Your Name Amen.

Compassionate One in the Heavens Above:

We pray for those who have endured acts of cruelty and violence.

For those who have experienced hatred because they are different.

We pray for those whose intolerance runs deep.

Who cannot see the humanity in the eyes of the Other.

We pray for the courage to speak up against hateful vicious words

We pray for the strength to be an upstander and not a bystander.

We pray for the kindness to open our

Homes and hearts to the immigrant, the refugee.

Source of All Life:

May You guide our steps on the road to righteousness.

May You guide our lips to speak words of compassion

To all humanity.

We place our Faith and Trust in You. **Amen.** -*Rabbi Debra Smith*

THE PEACE

Shalom, the peace of God is always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY *Yisrael Voraita* - Traditional arr. E. Kalendar

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, teach us to be merciful to the stranger for we were all once strangers in this land.

God, grant us the strength and courage to honor the dignity of every human to speak the truth to one another in love and walk humbly with each other and with you.

We ask that we leave this place carrying your gift of peace to all people in this nation and the world. Amen.

HYMN Maoz Tsur Y'shuati (Rock of Ages) NCH 10

Hebrew:

1 Maoz tsur y'shuati l'cha naeh l'shabeiach,
tikon beit t'filati v'sham todah n'zabeiach.
L'eit tachin matbeiach mitzar ham'nabeiach,
az egmor b'shir mizmor chanakat ha miz beiach.

1 Rock of ages, let our song
praise your saving power;
you, amid the raging foe,
were our sheltering tower.
Furious it assailed us,
but your arm availed us,
and your word broke its sword
when our own strength failed us.

2 Children of the Holy God,
whether free or fettered,
wake the echoes of that song
where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering
that the time is nearing
which will see all set free,
tyrants no more fearing.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace, confident in God's reconciling power.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Allein Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ - Zachow*

Rabbi Debra Smith is the founding Rabbi of the Or ha Lev Jewish Renewal Community, a now fully virtual Jewish community. She is on the faculty of the Aleph Rabbinical Seminary, where she teaches Pastoral Counseling and Clergy Ethics. Rabbi Deb has worked extensively in the interfaith community over the past decade or more, and is a former co- chair of the Morris County Chapter of the Sisterhood of Salaam-Shalom. For the past four years, she co- facilitates, along with a Christian colleague, a weekly Jewish Christian study group.

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