

15 Rosh Hashanah MORNING
Shema and its blessings

LISTENING

קְרִיאַת שְׁמַע וּבְרָכוֹתֶיהָ
k'riat shma uvir'choteiha
The Shma and Its Blessings

ALL sing: Niggun

COMMENTS:

God is in the faith by which we overcome the fear of loneliness, of helplessness, of failure and of death.

God is in the hope which, like a shaft of light, cleaves the dark abysses of sin, of suffering, and of despair.

God is in the love which creates, protects, forgives.

It is God's spirit that broods upon the chaos we have wrought, disturbing its static wrongs, and stirring into life the formless beginnings of the new and better world.

--MMK

We must mean what we say when we pray.

--MMK

As we bless life, so we feel blessed.

--ET

ALL: Awakened here,
Now listen.

Listen to the sound of freedom --
at the sea,
at the mountain.
Listen to the fullness of blessing
that turns a moment into an event.
The lyric intensity that honors,
glorifies,
sanctifies.

Hearts filled with love --
love for God,
love for Torah,
love for people,
Now listen.

GAbE, ET

בָּרְכוּ

Barchu
Bless

[CALL TO WORSHIP]

ALL sing: As we bless the source of life, so we are blessed [repeat]
And the blessing gives us strength,
And makes our vision clear,
And the blessing gives us peace,
And the courage to dare,
As we bless the source of life, so we are blessed.

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