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SHABBAT CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018 AT 6PM



With Special Guest Speaker
Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett



Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (right) marched arm-in-arm with Dr. King in the 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery Alabama.

Shabbat Shalom

שבת שלום

Welcome to the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas for this special service in honor and memory of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King taught --- and we believe -- that hate will fade and hope will shine as we grow more, and as we know more.

Education is the key to a better tomorrow.

For over 20 years, our historic synagogue has fostered the values of Dr. King's life by supporting model students on our islands, those of our youth who exemplify and carry forward his legacy.



The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were drafted in the conference room of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), under the aegis of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which for decades was located in the RAC building.

Halleli

Words: Psalm 68, Music by Noam Katz

Halleli naf-shi– et Adonai (4x)

Praise God, oh my soul!

Ha-le-lu-ia, ha-le-lu-ia, ha-le-lu-ia, ha-le-li! (4x)

This is the Day

Words: Psalms 133:1, Music by Lisa Levine

This is the day that God has made

Be glad and rejoice in it!

Rejoice, rejoice in it!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia, Hallelu, Halleluia, Amen (2x)

Hinei hinei, mah-tova umah-na-im, She- הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב וּמָה נְעִים שְׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד
vet achim gam yachad.

Welcome

In the storms of our lives and in the wind and water of these past months,
we have known darkness and we have tasted despair.

We remember this night to be bearers of light.

In the face of hate, let us bring love.

In moments of loss, let us bring hope.

We kindle these flames to invite justice into our lives.

We light these lights to invite holiness into our hearts

Light These Lights (Candle Blessing)

Words and Music by Debbie Friedman

We light candles
to usher in most
holidays. It is
traditional to use
two candles on
Shabbat, sym-
bolic of the two
commandments
to *remember*
and to *observe*
Shabbat.

Oh hear our prayer, we sing to You

Be gracious to the ones we love

And bless them with goodness and mercy and peace.

Oh hear our prayer to You.

Let us light these lights and see the way to You

And let us say: Amen.

Let us light these lights and see the way to You

And let us say: Amen.

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק
נר של שבת.

Baruch Ata Adonai,

Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,

Asher kid'shanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu

L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

*Praised be our Eternal God, Ruler of the universe,
who hallows us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the light of Shabbat.*

“Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers with God. Without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the insurgent and primitive forces of irrational emotionalism and social stagnation. We are always challenged to help time and to realize that the time is always right to do right.”

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



L'cha Dodi

Words: Shlomo Alkabetz,

L'cha dodi lik-rat kalah, p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah.

לְכָה דוּדִי לְקִרְאֵת כָּלָה, פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת נִקְבְּלָה.

Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad,

Hish-mianu El ham'yuchad;

Adonai echad, ush'mo echad,

L'sheim ul-tif'eret v'lit'hilah.

שָׁמֹר וְזָכוֹר בְּדִבּוּר אֶחָד, הַשְׁמִיעֵנוּ אֵל הַמְיֻחָד,

יְיָ אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד, לְשֵׁם וּלְתִפְאֶרֶת וּלְתִהְלָה. **לכה**

Lik'rat Shabbat l'chu v'neil'chah,

Ki hi m'kor hab'rachah

Meirosh mikedem n'suchah,

Sof ma'aseh b'machashava t'chila.

לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבָּת לָכוּ וְנִלְכָה, כִּי הִיא מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה,

מֵרֶאשִׁי מִקֶּדֶם נְסוּכָה, סוֹף מַעֲשֵׂה בְּמַחֲשָׁבָה תִּחְלָה. **לכה**

Hitor'ri, hitor'ri,

Ki va oreich! Kumi ori

Uri, uri, shir dabeiri;

K'vod Adonai alayich niglah.

הִתְעוֹרְרִי הִתְעוֹרְרִי, כִּי בָּא אוֹרֶךְ קוּמִי אוֹרִי,

עוֹרִי עוֹרִי שִׁיר דַּבְּרִי, כְּבוֹד יְיָ עָלֶיךָ נִגְלָה. **לכה**

All Rise to Welcome the Sabbath Bride

Boi v'shalom ateret ba'lah;

Gam b'simchah uv'tzoholah

Toch emunei am s'gula

Boi Kala! Boi Kala!

בּוֹאִי בְּשָׁלוֹם עֲטֹרֶת בַּעֲלָהּ, גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצִהְלָהּ,

תּוֹךְ אֲמוּנֵי עַם סִגְלָהּ, בּוֹאִי כָלָה, בּוֹאִי כָלָה. **לכה**

Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat. Keep and Remember: a single command, the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is One, God's name is One, for honor and glory and praise. Come with me to meet Shabbat, forever a fountain of blessing. Still it flows, as from the start: the last of days, for which the first was made. Awake, awake, your light has come! Arise, shine, awake, and sing; the Eternal's glory dawns upon you. Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in gladness, enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith. Enter, O bride!

Sh'ma and its Blessings

Am I Awake / Bar'chu

Music by Noah Aronson

The Bar'chu is the "call to worship" and is formally the first part of the evening service. It requires a *minyan* (ten people), calling everyone together for prayer.

Am I awake, am I prepared?

Are you listening to my prayer?

Can you hear my voice?

Can you understand?

Am I awake, am I prepared? Ya la lai lai lai

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach!

Bar'chu Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va-ed!

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יי הַמְּבָרָךְ.

בְּרוּךְ יי הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Praised be the Eternal One, to whom our praise is due!

Praised be the Eternal One, to whom our praise is due now and forever!

Roll Into Dark

God assigns structure and order to the night. Our fear of darkness is allayed by knowing that God ordains it; night must be as safe as the day. Thus we do not connect darkness to chaos, but rather understand it as part of God's plan.

Roll into dark, Roll into light

Night becomes day, Day turns to night

Borei Yom v'laila Goleil or mip'nei choshech v'choshech mip'nei or

Baruch Atah, Adonai, hama-ariv aravim.

גִּזְלִיל אֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ, וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אֹר.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, הַמַּעֲרִיב עֶרְבִים.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Injustice to any people is a threat to justice to all people—and I cannot stand idly by, even though I live in the United States and even though I happen to be an American Negro, and fail to be concerned about what happens to my brothers and sisters who happen to be Jews in Soviet Russia. For what happens to them, happens to me—and to you; and we *must* be concerned.”

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Sh'ma

Music: Tzika Pik

The premier declaration of faith in Judaism, *Sh'ma* proclaims God's unity and eternity. There is a tradition to cover one's eyes to help concentrate.

Sh'ma Yisrael:
Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai echad.
Baruch sheim k'vod
mal'chuto l'olam va-ed.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.
בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal One is our God, the Eternal One alone (Deuteronomy 6:4).

Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever.

All are seated.

Love Adonai

L. Brewster

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your might, with all your strength (2x)
Love Adonai Your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your might,
And with all your strength.

לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם
אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי,
וְהֵייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם.
אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם,
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם
מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם,
לֵהֱיוֹת לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים,
אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

We declare our loyalty and love for God with this Torah text, a concrete example of God's love for us as mentioned in *Ahavat Olam*. We love God with everything—heart, soul, body, good and bad inclinations, and with more strength than we think we possess. We pray that there not be a moment in our lives that we do not show God this love. We also hearken to our experiences as slaves in Egypt and remember that we could find freedom.

L'ma-an tizk'ru va-asitem et kol mitz'votai
Vih'yitem k'doshim l'Eloheichm. Ani Adonai
Eloheichem asher hotzeiti et'chem me'erezt
Mitz'rayim
Lih'yot lachem l'Elohim. Ani Adonai Eloheichem.

At the shores of the Red Sea, Miriam took up her timbrel
and sang her song of praise to God.

*With confidence and love, she led our ancestors away
from their fear and hesitation until all hands were joined,
All voices raised in hymn and thanksgiving.*

May her example lead us, too, and may her song grow to truly be ours -
the song of men and women joined in understanding and respect.

*The song of God's miracles; an earth protected and cherished;
a gift for our children and the generations to come.*

The song of a land once ravished by war, now quiet and content -
her soldiers home, to leave no more.

The song of a world redeemed; the song of peace.

Mi Chamocha/Wade in the Water

Chorus:

Wade in the water
Wade in the water children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water

After freedom from slavery, our people sang these words at the Sea of Reeds (Red Sea) to celebrate their freedom (Exodus 15).

Today, we sing them to conjure images of our own future redemption and freedom. We imagine a day when the world will be perfected.

Who is like You, Adonai? (Wade in the water)
None is like you, none at all (God's gonna trouble the water)

Chorus

Mi chamocha ba'elim Adonai? (Wade in the water)
Ne'dar bakodesh (Wade in the water)
Nora t'hilot (Wade in the water)
Oseh Feleh (God's gonna trouble the water)

מי כְּמוֹכָה בְּאֵלִים יי, מי כְּמוֹכָה נֶאֱדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ,
נוֹרָא תְהִלָּת, עֹשֶׂה פֶּלֶא.

Chorus

We were slaves and now we're free (Wade in the water)
But redemption is a way of being (Wade in the water)
Adonai yimloch (Wade in the water)
L'olam, Va-ed (God's gonna trouble the water)

Chorus

Rabbi: Blessed are you, Redeemer of Israel

Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?
(Exodus 15:11)

Your children saw Your sovereign might displayed as You split the sea before Moses.
"This is my God!" they cried. "The Eternal will reign forever and ever!"
(Exodus 15:2, 18).

And it has been said:
The Eternal delivered Jacob and redeemed us from the hand of one stronger than ourselves.
(Jeremiah 31:10).

Blessed is the Eternal God, Redeemer of Israel.

Hashkiveinu

Craig Taubman/ Matisyahu

Hash-ki-vei-nu A-do-nai .
E-lo-hei-nu I'shalom
V'ha-a-mi-dei-nu Shom-rei-nu

We ask God to protect us while we sleep. Sleep is "1/60 of death" (Brachot 57b), our most fragile state.

Like when a *sukkah* shelters a field worker at night, we ask God to "shelter" us at night.

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ מִלְּכָנוּ לְחַיִּים

Sometimes I lay under the moon and thank God I'm breathing
Then I pray: "Don't take me soon 'cause I am here for a reason."

Sometimes in my tears I drown (I drown)
but I never let it get me down (me down)
So when negativity surrounds (surrounds)
I know some day it'll all turn around 'cause...

All my life I've been waiting for I've been praying for the people to say
That we don't wanna fight no more, there'll be no more wars
And our children will play
One day, One day, One day Ohhhh (2x)

V'shamru

Words: Liturgy; Music by Lisa Levine

We seek to emulate God, who rested on the seventh day, by making Shabbat a holy day of rest.

V'sham'ru v'nei-Yisrael et haShabbat
La-asot et-haShabbat l'dorotam b'rit olam.
Beini uvein b'nei Yisrael ot hi l'olam
Ki sheishet yamim asah Adonai
Et-hashamayim v'et-ha-aretz,
Uvayom hash-vi-i shavat vayinafash.

וְשָׁמְרוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת,
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת לְדֹרוֹתָם בְּרִית עוֹלָם.
בֵּינִי וּבֵין בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אוֹת הִיא לְעָלָם,
כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים עָשָׂה יְיָ אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ, וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי נִשְׁבַּת וַיִּנָּפֵשׁ.

*The children of Israel shall keep the Shabbat,
observing Shabbat as an eternal covenant for all generations.
It is a sign forever between Me and the people of Israel,
for the Eternal One made the heavens and earth in six days,
but on the seventh day, God rested and was refreshed.
(Exodus 31:16-17).*

All Rise Amidah עמידה

Adonai, s'fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t'hilacha

אֲדֹנָי שִׁפְתֵי תִפְתַּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ.

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise

(Psalm 51:17)

Avot v'Imahot

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu
V'Imoteinu, Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak,
V'Elohei Ya-kov, Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivkah,
Elohei Rachel, v'Elohei Leah, Ha-El hagadol
Hagibor v'hanora, El elyon. Gomeil chasadim
Tovim, v'koneih hakol, v'zocheir chasdei avot
V'imahot, umeivi g'ulah liv'nei v'neihem,
L'ma-an Sh'mo b'ahava.
Melech ozeir umoshia umagein.
Baruch Atah Adonai, Magen Avraham v'Ezrat Sarah.

The *Amidah* (Standing Prayer) begins with three blessings of praise. *Avot v'Imahot*, the first, extols God's greatness and reminds God of our *z'chut avot*, the merit of our ancestors, through whom we hope to be seen as worthy of good things as well. Traditionally, the evening *Amidah* is recited silently.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ.
אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב,
אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי לָאָה וְאֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל,
הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיוֹן,
גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל,
זוֹכֵר חֲסֵדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאִמּוֹת,
וּמְבִיא גְּאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה:
מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם וְעֹזֶרֶת שָׂרָה

*Blessed are You, Eternal our God and God of our forefathers and foremothers:
God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; God of Sarah, God of Rebekah,
God of Rachel and God of Leah; the great, powerful, and awesome God,
God exalted, who bestows good and kindness and controls everything,
Who remembers the kindnesses of our forefathers and foremothers, and who with
love brings redemption to their children's children for the sake of Your name;
Ruler, Helper, Savior, and Protector. Blessed are You,
Eternal One, Shield of Abraham and Protector of Sarah.*

G'vurot

The second Amidah blessing gives examples of wondrous daily acts of loving-kindness bestowed upon us. God helps those crushed in spirit and even body. We also include a prayer for rain in the land of Israel.

Atah gibor l'olam, Adonai, m'chayeih hakol atah, Rav l'hoshi-a.
Ma-shiv ha-ru-ach u-mo-rid ha-ga-shem
M'chalek chayim b'chesed, M'chayeih hakol
B'rachamim rabim.
Somech noflim, v'rofe cholim, umatir asurim,
Um'kayeim emunato lisheinei afar.
Mi chamocha ba-al g'vurot, umi domeh lach,
Melech meimit um'chayeh umatzmiach y'shuah?
V'ne-eman Ata l'ha-chayot hakol.
Baruch Atah Adonai, m'chayeh hakol.

אתה גבור לעולם אדני,
מחיה הכל אתה, רב להושיע:

מוריד הטל משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם.
מכלכל חיים בחסד, מחיה הכל ברחמים רבים,
סומך נופלים, ורופא חולים, ומתיר אסורים,

ומקים אמונתו לישגי עפר,

מי כמותך בעל גבורות ומי דומה לך,

מלך ממית ומחיה ומצמים ישועה:

ונאמן אתה להחיות הכל.

ברוך אתה יי, מחיה הכל.

You are eternally mighty, O God; You give life to everything.

Great is Your ability to save!

*With kindness You sustain the living,
with great compassion give life to all,
helping the fallen and healing the sick;*

*bringing freedom to the restrained
and keeping faith with those who sleep in the dust.*

*Who is like You, Master of Might, and Who is like You,
O Ruler who causes death and life and the birth of salvation?*

*You faithfully give life to all. Blessed are You,
Eternal One, giving life to all.*

אתה קדוש ושמך קדוש,

וקדושים בכל יום יהללוך סלה.

ברוך אתה יי, האל הקדוש

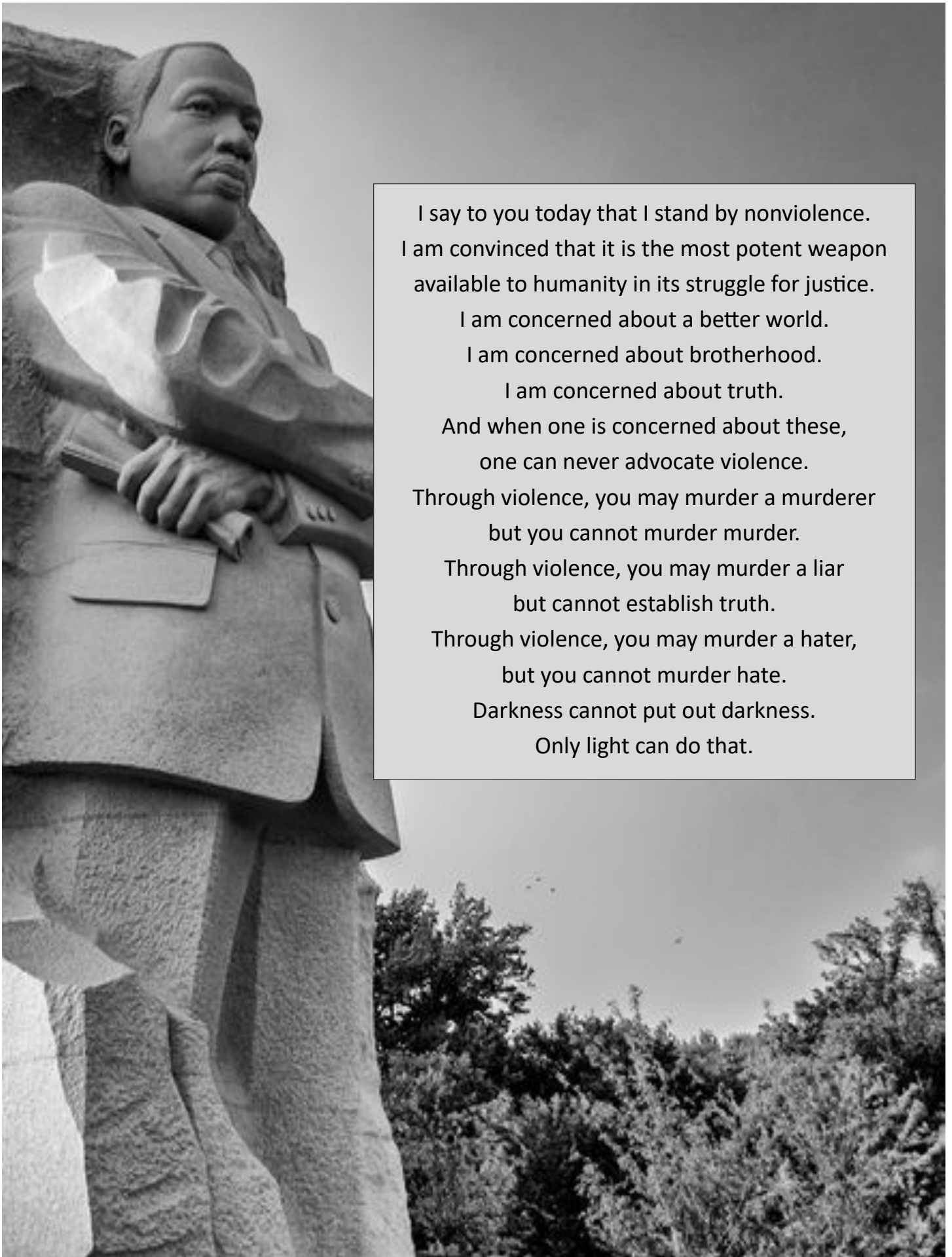
You Are Holy

Lisa Levine

The third blessing focuses on God's holiness and our desire to act in a holy manner.

You are holy, Your name is holy,
And we celebrate Your holiness day by day
Atah kadosh v'shimcha kadosh
Uk'doshim b'chol-yom y'hal'lucha, Selah!
Ba-ruch Atah Adonai, ha— El Hakadosa!

All Are Seated



I say to you today that I stand by nonviolence.
I am convinced that it is the most potent weapon
available to humanity in its struggle for justice.

I am concerned about a better world.

I am concerned about brotherhood.

I am concerned about truth.

And when one is concerned about these,
one can never advocate violence.

Through violence, you may murder a murderer
but you cannot murder murder.

Through violence, you may murder a liar
but cannot establish truth.

Through violence, you may murder a hater,
but you cannot murder hate.

Darkness cannot put out darkness.

Only light can do that.

"I have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed—

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia,
the children of former slaves and the children of former slave-owners—

Will sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day,
all those places sweltering with the heat of injustices,
sweltering with the heat of oppression—

Will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

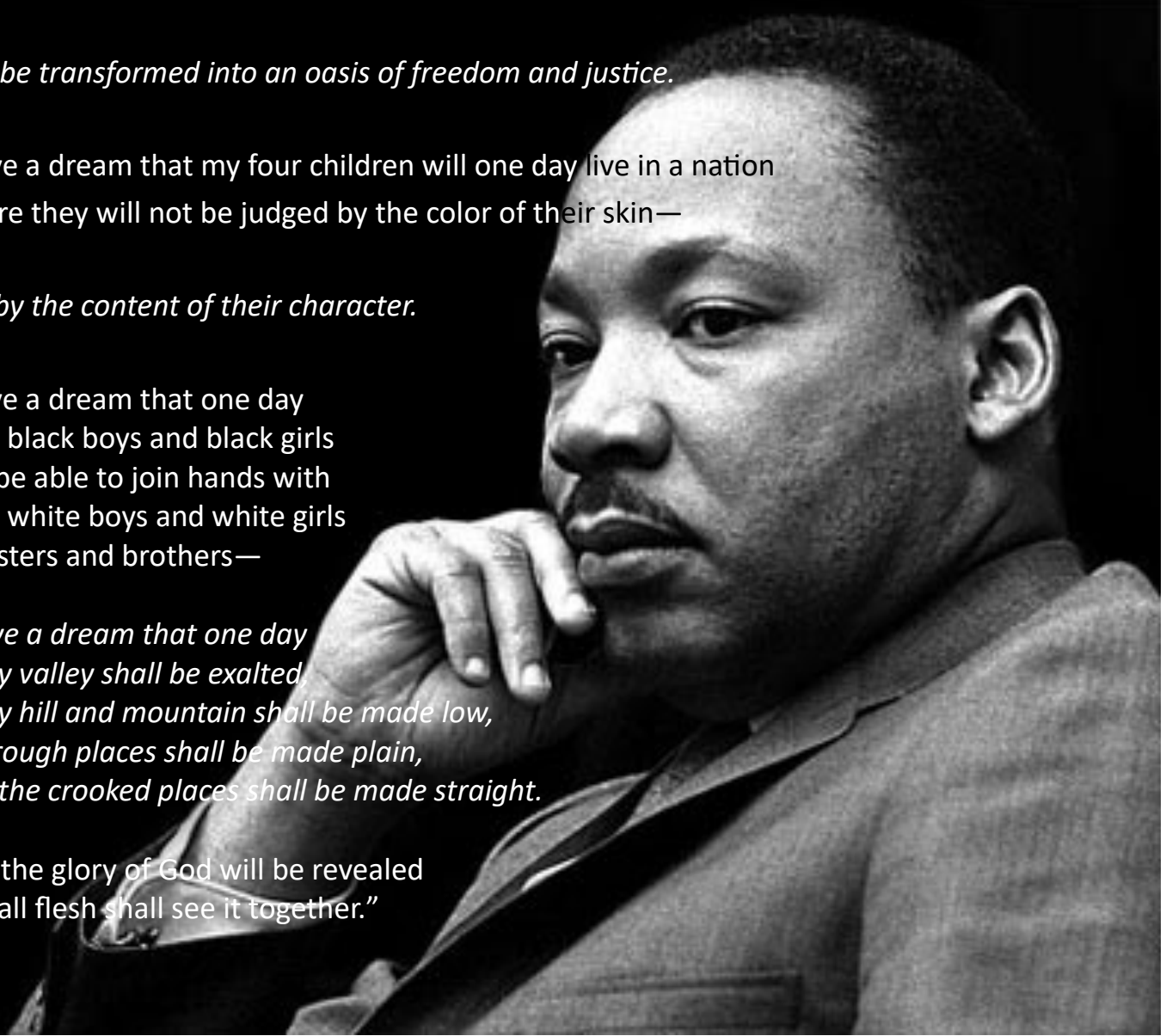
I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation
where they will not be judged by the color of their skin—

But by the content of their character.

I have a dream that one day
little black boys and black girls
will be able to join hands with
little white boys and white girls
as sisters and brothers—

*I have a dream that one day
every valley shall be exalted,
every hill and mountain shall be made low,
the rough places shall be made plain,
and the crooked places shall be made straight.*

And the glory of God will be revealed
and all flesh shall see it together."



SILENT PRAYER

O-seh sha-lom Bim-ro-mav hu ya-aseh shalom Aleinu
עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ : אָמֵן.
V'al-kol-Yisrael, v'kol ha-olam v'imru: Amen.

May the One who makes peace in the high heavens, send a little down here to us!
Amen, Amen (repeat)

Mishebeirach (May the One Who Blessed...)

Debbie Friedman

Mi shebeirach avoteinu
M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu
May the source of strength,
Who blessed the ones before us,
Help us find the courage to
make our lives a blessing,
and let us say, Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu
M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu
Bless those in need of healing with r'fuah sh'leimah,
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
And let us say, Amen



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Keynote Remarks

Introduction of the speaker



Guest Speaker:

Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett

Congresswoman Stacey E. Plaskett is the Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from the United States Virgin Island's at-large congressional district. She is an attorney who has practiced law in New York, Washington DC and the US Virgin Islands.

She has thorough knowledge of Caribbean economic development and public-private partnerships for growing the economy of developing areas. As a Sophomore Member of Congress, Plaskett is a staunch advocate for poverty-reduction and equal voting rights and has since inspired a new national conversation on poverty and voting rights in U.S. territories.

Congresswoman Plaskett is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Since taking office in January 2015, Plaskett has embarked on several legislative initiatives aimed at improving the economy in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She is also an advocate for our servicemen and women and just recently introduced legislation that will help returning veterans secure employment.

Greetings and Announcements

Concluding Services

Aleinu

The Jewish people accept the one God, Creator of all. We look to share this quality with all peoples of the world who will one day recognize the redemptive qualities of believing in the one God.

Aleinu l'shabeach la'Adon hakol
latet gedulah l'yotzer b'reishit,
shelo asanu k'goyei ha'aratzot,
v'lo samanu k'mishp'chot ha'adamah,
shelo sam chelheinu kahem,
v'goralenu k'khol hamonam.
Va'anachnu kor'im, umishtachavim
umodim,
lif'nei Melekh, Malkhei haM'lakhim,
haQadosh barukh Hu.

עלינו לשבח לאדון הכל,
לתת גדלה ליוצר בראשית,
שלא עשנו כגויי הארצות,
ולא שמנו כמשפחות האדמה.
שלא שם חלקנו כהם,
וגורלנו ככל המונם.
ואנחנו כרעים ומשתחוים ומודים,
לפני מלך מלכי המלכים
הקדוש ברוך הוא.

It is our duty to praise the Sovereign of all, to offer greatness to the fashioner of creation, who has not made us like the nations of the land and who has not placed us like the families of the earth, who has not placed our portion with them, nor our lot with all their multitudes. We bow and prostrate and acknowledge the Ruler, Ruler of Rulers, the Holy One of Blessing.

"So we conclude by saying today that we have a task. Let us go out with a 'Divine dissatisfaction.'
Let us be dissatisfied until America will no longer have a high blood
pressure of creeds and an anemia of deeds.

Let us be dissatisfied until the tragic walls that separate the outer city of wealth and comfort and the inner city of poverty and despair shall be crushed by the battering rams of the forces of justice.

Let us be dissatisfied until slums are cast into the junk heaps of history,
and every family is living in a decent sanitary home.

Let us be dissatisfied until men and women, however black or brown or yellow they may be, will be judged on the content of their character and not on the color of their skin.

Let us be dissatisfied until every state capital house leaders who will do justly,
will love mercy, and who will walk humbly with God.

Let us be dissatisfied until from every city hall, justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Let us be dissatisfied until that day when the lion and the lamb shall lie down together,
and all people will sit under their vines and fig trees and none shall be afraid.

At that time, we will recognize that out of one blood,
God made all humanity to dwell upon the face of the earth."

V'ne'emar v'haya Adonai,
 L'melech Al Kol Ha'Aretz
 Bayom hahu, bayom hahu,
 Yihyeh Adonai Echad, U'shmo Echad

וְנֵאמָר: יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ;
 בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יְיָ אֶחָד. וְשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד!

God stretches out the heavens and establishes the earth (Isaiah 51:13). You are our God; there is none else. In truth You alone are our Sovereign God, as it is written in the Torah: Know this day and place it in your heart that the Eternal One is God in the heavens above and on the earth below; there is none else (Deuteronomy 4:39). And it has been said: the Eternal One shall rule over all the earth; On that day the Eternal shall be One and God's name shall be One (Zechariah 14:9).

Mourner's Kaddish

קדיש יתום

Those Who Sow

Words: liturgy; Music by Debbie Friedman

Those who sow
 Who sow in tears
 Will reap in joy (x2)
 Those who sow
 Who sow in tears
 Will reap, will reap in joy (x2)

We observe the *Yahrzeit* of the following members and those dear to our members

Andrew Bernsohn	Harriet Mallin
Sylvia Cohen	Elijah E. Perlberg
Gene Feldman	Jose Ruzansky
Maurice Glazer	Simon Shein
Miriam M. Gordon	Jack Weinberger
Hannah Isaacson	David Zenchoff
Herman Lichstein	



**We observe the *Yahrzeit* of the following
Chai members and those dear to our Chai members**

Abraham Ast	Lena Eisenberg	Israel Isakov	Barbara Rosen
Stanley Bangel	Sophie Epstein	Esther Jaffe	Louis Schiff
Joseph Barnett	Evelyn Feller	Ruth Kopf	Max Schwartz
Walter Berman	Jack Finkelstein	Roselyn Korn	Joseph Shulman
Goldie Bershad	Ruth Flicop	Moshe David Lefler	Deborah Silnik
Rose Bodinger	Bernie Friedkin	Albert Lonstein	Edith Summer
Benjamin Bolgla	Sidney Fuller	Pearl Lovinger	Jerome Taylor
Barney Chartor	Robert Ginsberg	Simon Lubell	Meyer Teichman
Albert Chase	Isidor Ginsburg	Carter McCay	Jack Topkin
Myron Cohen	Peter Gold	Samuel Nattis	Harold Walvisch
Lewis Condon	Miriam Gordon	Minnie Orchovsky	Charles Weiss
Hayim Donin	Alice Holzer	Elijah Perlberg	Harold Wolf
Howard Eckhaus	Sadie Horn	Beth Rice	Joseph Wolpert

This prayer assures mourners that death is not the end. God remains a source of strength even as one struggles through difficult times. *Kaddish* entails interaction between mourners and their community, reminding them not to retreat from society because of emotional distress. *Kaddish* takes the form of a doxology, a liturgical praise of God.

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba.

B'alma di-vara chirutei v'yamlich malchutei

B'chayeichon u'v'yomeichon u'v'chaye d'chol beit Yisrael,

Ba'a'galah u'vizman kariv. V'imru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'vorach l'olam ul'almei almay.

Yitbarach, viyishtabach, v'yit'pa'ar, v'yitromam

v'yit'nasei, V'yit'hadar, v'yit'aleh,, v'yit'halal,

sh'mei d'kud'sha, B'rikh Hu. L'eilah min kol birchata v'shirata,

Tush'b'chata, v'nechemata, da'amiran b'alma. V'imru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya,

v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: Amen.

Oseh Shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom

Aleinu v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: Amen

יִתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרֻעֻתֵיהּ, וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ

בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,

בְּעֶגְלָא וּבְזֶמַן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבֹרָךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיְתַרְוֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וְ!

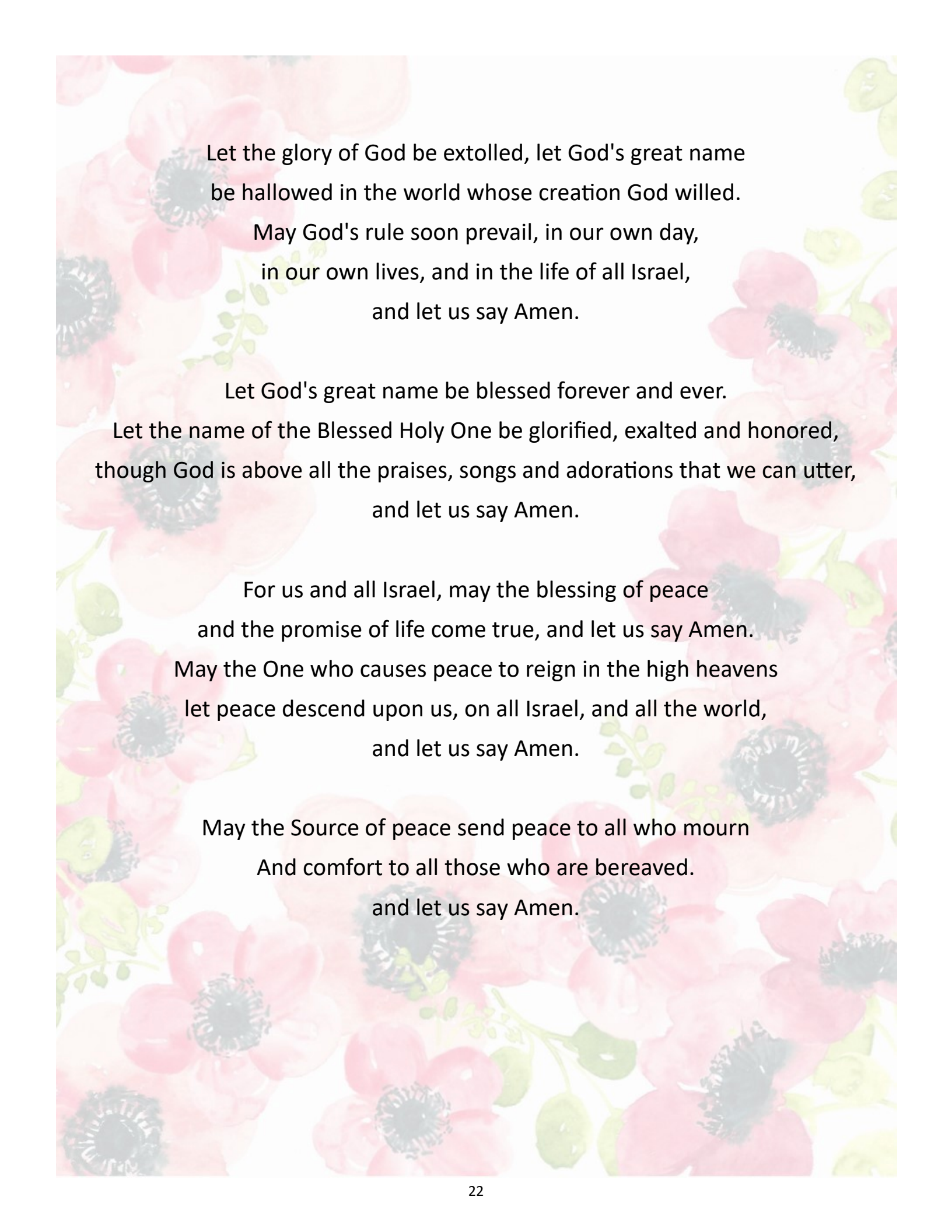
תְּהִלָּת שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא

תַּשְׁבָּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא, דְאָמְרִין בְּעֶלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמֵי, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם

עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

The background of the entire page is a soft, watercolor-style illustration of pink flowers with dark centers and green leaves, creating a gentle and serene atmosphere.

Let the glory of God be extolled, let God's great name
be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed.

May God's rule soon prevail, in our own day,
in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel,
and let us say Amen.

Let God's great name be blessed forever and ever.

Let the name of the Blessed Holy One be glorified, exalted and honored,
though God is above all the praises, songs and adorations that we can utter,
and let us say Amen.

For us and all Israel, may the blessing of peace
and the promise of life come true, and let us say Amen.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens
let peace descend upon us, on all Israel, and all the world,
and let us say Amen.

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn
And comfort to all those who are bereaved.
and let us say Amen.

Closing Song

We shall overcome (2x),
We shall overcome someday.
Deep in our heart, we do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We'll go hand in hand (2x)
We'll go hand in hand someday.
Deep in our heart, we still believe,
We'll go hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid (2x)
We are not afraid today.
Deep in our heart, we still believe,
We are not afraid today.

Od ya-vo sha-lom, od yavo sha-lom
Od ya-vo shalom A-lei-nu
Al-ku-lam, ani ma-a-min
She-od ya-vo-sha-lom yom yom!

Benediction

Kiddush and Motzi
(Blessing Over Wine and Bread)



About the Recipients

De’Janae Estrill has been chosen by All Saints Cathedral School as this year’s MLK Award recipient. De’Janae is the Student Ambassador at Downtown Revitalization activities, participates in various food drives and distributions along with Community and Beach Clean-Ups. She has received the highest honors in Environmental Science, Psychology and American Literature. De’Janae embodies the dream of Dr. King through encouraging her peers to work together and perform their best.

Sherde Nicholas has been chosen by Antilles School as this year’s MLK Award recipient. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria Sherde was one of the first students on campus assisting with clean-up efforts and tracking down her classmates to make sure all were safe. She volunteers with the Salvation Army, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Relay for Life. Sherde is a Spanish tutor and helped to organize the Giving Tree Drive which collect gifts for children on St. Thomas. She is a member of the International Thespian Honor Society and earned a spot on the 2017 Moot Court Team. Sherde fulfills the dreams of Dr. King by serving others unselfishly.

Sumaiyah-Nadira Richardson has been chosen by Charlotte Amalie High School as this year’s MLK Award recipient. Sumaiyah-Nadira is involved with many organizations including the United Way of the VI, STT/STJ School District Summer Enrichment Program, International Coastal Clean-Up, JSA President and the Environmental Ranger to name a few. She is in the National Honor Society, and the National Society of High School Scholars, she has won the Principal Award three years running. Sumaiyah-Nadira lives out the dreams of Dr. King by encouraging others to not use violence to solve daily problems but instead channel their anger into something positive.

Liliana Martinez has been chosen by Giffit Hill School as this year’s MLK Award recipient. Liliana is President of the Student Council and the National Honor Society. She volunteers for Light up the Night, a fundraiser to raise funds for the St. John Cancer Fund. After Hurricanes Irma and Maria she organized a relief effort with Vinyard Vines which provided 140 boxes of school and hurricane supplies to Giffit Hill students. She has received multiple Merit, Citizenship and Community Service Awards. She embodies the dream of Dr. King by giving a voice to those who have been treated unfairly and she is known for being a leader.

Shenee Charles has been chosen by Ivanna Eudora Kean High School as this year's MLK Award recipient. Shenee is involved with the JROTC Coastal Clean-Up, National Honor Society Nazareth Bay Chapter and Toys for Tots where she donated toys to local children. She is a Smarter Balanced Assessment high scorer in Math and English from 2015 to 2017 and has received high honors throughout high school. Shenee fulfills the dream of Dr. King by embracing her Afro-Caribbean heritage and speaks out against injustice within her community and the world.

Camila Duran has been chosen by this Seventh Day Adventist School as this year's MLK Award recipient. Camila speaks fluent Spanish and has translated documents from English to Spanish, she recorded a TV program where she read historical events for bilingual audiences. She is a volunteer at the Queen Louise home and tutors at Parents for a Better Youth. Camila has been an honor student her entire school career and is the top student in her senior class. She is a published author, LAW and You Champion, and a Science Fair winner. Camila lives out the dreams of Dr. King through her selfless attitude and positive outlook.

Jessica Gibbs has been chosen by Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School as this year's MLK Award recipient. As a member of the Student Council, Jessica is an outstanding chairperson for Student Council Fundraisers. She is a member of FBLA and the Sts. Peter and Paul Choir. Jessica embodies the dream of Dr. King by being a role model and mentor in her school and for younger students.

Silas Wisehart has been chosen by VI Montessori School and Peter Gruber International Academy as this year's MLK Award recipient. On a mission trip to Ponce, PR with the St. Thomas Reformed Church, Silas helped with the repair and clean-up of houses and neighborhoods. Silas has also taken part in the Walk Against Domestic Violence and the Walk for Wishes. He is presently on the International Baccalaureate Program where he successfully completed the Middle Year Program and is currently tackling the rigorous Diploma Program. Like Dr. King, Silas is willing to go to any length to get the job done and is a true leader in his community.



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Sunday, February 11**

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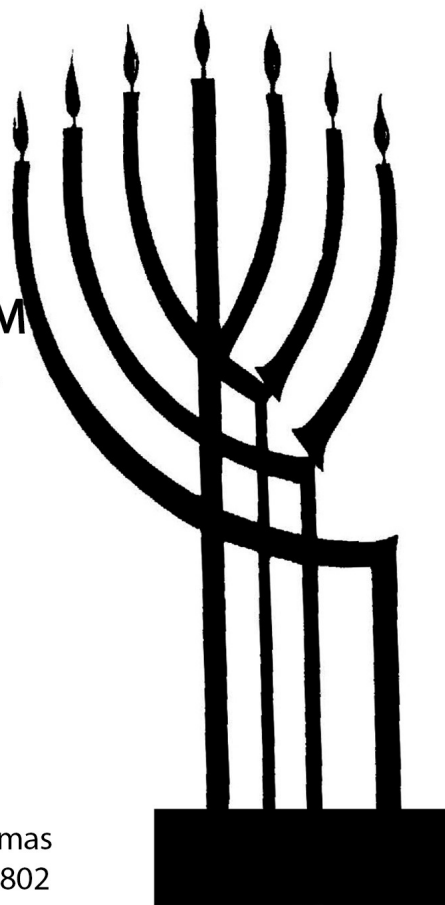


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A special thank you, on this occasion to:
Chanelle Schaffer, Music Director, St. Thomas Reformed Church
Talía Feshbach, our Cantorial Soloist, and many others
who have lent their voices and spirit to this service.

Note from Rabbi Michael Feshbach:

Friends: This service is a blend of a program which has been held, for many years, here at the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, and the liturgy and much of the music sung at a similar service at my former congregation, Temple Shalom of Chevy Chase, MD. For the inspiration and arrangement of that liturgy, and for the energy and creativity that led to it, I am grateful to my former Cantor, Lisa Levine.



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