BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher bid’varo maariv aravim,
b’chochmah potei-ach sh’arim,
uvir’vunah m’shanah itim
umachalif et haz’manim,
 um’sadeir et hakochavim
b’mishm’roteihem barakia kirtzono.

Borei yom valailah,
goleil or mipnei choshech
v’choshech mipnei or,
umaavir yom umaivi lailah,
unavdil bein yom uvein lailah,
Adonai Tz’vaot sh’mo.
El chai v’kayam,
tamid yimloch aleinu l’olam va-ed.
Baruch atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

PRAISED are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,
who speaks the evening into being,
skillfully opens the gates,
thoughtfully alters the time and changes the seasons,
and arranges the stars in their heavenly courses according to plan.
You are Creator of day and night,
rolling light away from darkness and darkness from light,
transforming day into night and distinguishing one from the other.
Adonai Tz’vaot is Your Name.

Ever-living God, may You reign continually over us into eternity.
Praise to You, Adonai, who brings on evening.

Baruch atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

Adonai Tz’vaot: this is one of many names that help elucidate God’s attributes. God designs, creates and arranges the universe with order and purpose.