SH'MA AND ITS BLESSINGS

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Call to Prayer O God, You are as near as

Creation the very air we breathe,

Revelation yet farther than the farthermost star.

Sh'ma We yearn to reach You.

You Shall Love We seek the light and warmth of Your Presence.

Redemption Though we say You are near,

Divine Providence we are lonely and alone.

Reader's Kaddish O let our desire be so strong

that it will tear the veil that keeps You from our sight!

Let Your light release our darkness

and reveal the glory and joy of Your Presence.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, הַמַּעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים. Baruch atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

On that night of stars בְּאוֹתוֹ לֵיל כּוֹכָבִים my childhood sought בְּקְשָׁה יַלְדוּתִי the Creator of the universe.

The years that stream on like water ... הַשְּׁנִים שֶׁנְגֶרוֹת כַּמִיִם,
neither pain
nor person
can make me forget
מַרְחַקִּים
distances

that are beyond all distance. שָׁנִבְדְּלוּ מִכֶּל מֶרְחָק.

The image of light is a crucial reminder that even in the darkest moment of night, God continues to reawaken and to renew us just as the sun rises each day. —ELAINE ZECHER

שמע וברכותיה

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Bar'chu

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Maariv Aravim

אַהַבת עולם

Ahavat Olam

שמע

Sh'ma

וְאָהַבְתָּ

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חצי קדיש

Chatzi Kaddish

אמת ואמונה

Mi Chamochah

Emet ve-Emunah

בַּרוּדְ אַתָּה, יִי Baruch atah, Adonai אַלהינוּ, מַלְדְּ הַעוֹלָם, Eloheinu, Melech haolam, אַשֶּׁר בִּדְבָרוֹ מַעַרִיב עַרָבִים, asher bid'varo maariv aravim. בָּחַכְמָה פּוֹתֶחַ שְׁעַרִים, b'chochmah potei-ach sh'arim, וּבְתַבוּנָה מְשַׁנָה עִתִּים uvit'vunah m'shaneh itim וּמַחֲלִיף אֶת הַוְּמַנִּים, umachalif et haz'manim, וּמִסְדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכַבִים um'sadeir et hakochavim בָּמִשְׁמִרוֹתֵיהֶם בַּרָקִיעַ כְּרְצוֹנוֹ. b'mishm'roteihem barakia kirtzono. בּוֹרָא יוֹם וַלֵילָה, Borei yom valailah, גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִכְּנֵי חְשֶׁדְ, goleil or mip'nei choshech וַחְשֶׁךְ מִפְנֵי אוֹר, v'choshech mip'nei or, וּמַעֲבִיר יוֹם וּמֵבִיא לֵילָה, umaavir yom umeivi lailah, ומבדיל בין יום ובין לילה, umavdil bein yom uvein lailah, יִי צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. Adonai Tz'vaot sh'mo. אַל חֵי וְקַיַּם, El chai v'kayam, תַּמִיד יָמִלֹדְ עַלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וַעֵד. tamid yimloch aleinu l'olam va-ed.

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PRAISED ARE YOU, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,

who speaks the evening into being,

skillfully opens the gates,

Baruch atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

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.

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Baruch atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

Adonai Tz'vaot יְיֵ צְבָאוֹת: This is one of the many names that help elucidate God's attributes. We see God as cosmic designer, creator, and arranger of the universe with order and purpose.