

Messianic Jewish Service of Thanksgiving and Gratitude

Call to Worship - Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His.

Congregation: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

The Shema - Declaration of Faith

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Congregation: Blessed be His glorious name, whose kingdom is forever and ever!

Leader: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Congregation: And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)

Leader: On these two commandments depend all the Torah and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:40)

Prayers of Thanksgiving - Hodaot

Leader: We give thanks to You, Adonai our God, for You are good.

Congregation: Ki l'olam chasdo - For His steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

Leader: Who has redeemed us and our ancestors from Egypt and brought us to this day.

Congregation: Ki l'olam chasdo - For His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who has given us Messiah Yeshua, the bread of life and living water.

Congregation: Ki l'olam chasdo - For His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who forgives all our iniquity and heals all our diseases.

Congregation: Ki l'olam chasdo - For His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Congregation: Ki l'olam chasdo - For His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

May be read responsively, with congregation responding "For His steadfast love endures forever" after each verse

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

To Him who by understanding made the heavens,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

To Him who spread out the earth above the waters,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

To Him who made the great lights,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

The sun to rule over the day,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

The moon and stars to rule over the night,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

It is He who remembered us in our low estate,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

And rescued us from our foes,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

He who gives food to all flesh,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

Scripture Reading - Thanksgiving and Gratitude

The following readings may be shared, or select one or more as time allows:

From Torah: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

From Prophets: Isaiah 12:1-6

From Writings: Psalm 103:1-14

From Apostolic Writings: Philippians 4:4-7

From Gospels: Luke 17:11-19 (The healing of ten lepers)

Amidah - Standing Prayer (Adapted with Messianic Elements)

The congregation stands

Avot (Ancestors):

Blessed are You, LORD our God and God of our ancestors, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah. The great, mighty, and awesome God, exalted God, who bestows loving kindness, Creator of all. You remember the faithful love of our ancestors and in love bring redemption to their children's children for the sake of Your Name. Through Your Son Yeshua the Messiah, we have become children of Abraham by faith.

Gevurot (Power):

You are mighty forever, O Lord. You give life to all through Your lovingkindness. You sustain the living with chesed (loving-kindness), resurrect the dead with great mercy, support the falling, heal the sick, set free the captives, and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, Master of might, and who can compare to You, King who brings death and gives life, and makes salvation flourish! We praise You who raised Yeshua from the dead and who gives resurrection life to all who believe.

Kedushah (Holiness):

Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Blessed is the glory of the LORD from His place! (Ezekiel 3:12)

The LORD will reign forever—your God, O Zion, to all generations. Hallelujah! (Psalm 146:10)

Hoda'ah (Thanksgiving):

We give thanks to You, for You are the LORD our God and the God of our ancestors forever and ever. You are the Rock of our lives, the Shield of our salvation in every generation. We thank You and praise You for our lives that are in Your hand, for our souls that are in Your charge, for Your miracles that are daily with us, and for Your wondrous kindnesses at all times—evening, morning, and noon. You are good, for Your mercies never fail; You are compassionate, for Your lovingkindnesses never cease. We have always placed our hope in You.

Through Messiah Yeshua, we have received grace upon grace and the fullness of Your salvation. For all these things, may Your Name be blessed and exalted always and forever.

Birkat Shalom (Peace):

Grant peace, goodness, and blessing, life, grace, loving-kindness, and mercy upon us and upon all Your people Israel. Bless us, our Father, all of us as one, with the light of Your countenance. For in the light of Your countenance, You have given us, LORD our God, a Torah of life, loving-kindness, righteousness, blessing, mercy, life, and peace. May it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel at all times with Your peace. Through the Prince of Peace, Yeshua our Messiah, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the salvation of all Israel.

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24-27)

Leader: May the LORD bless you and keep you;

Congregation: May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

Leader: May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: And may the peace of Messiah Yeshua, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds. Amen.

Closing Song - Psalm 150

Hallelujah!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with tambourine and dance;

Praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with sounding cymbals;

Praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Hallelujah!

Final blessing:

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the congregation and in Messiah Yeshua throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)