

Havdalah

The traditional Jewish *havdalah* ceremony marks the transition from the special sanctity of the Shabbat Day to Ordinary days. The word *havdalah* means “separation” — the “separation” between the special holiness of the Shabbat and the other days of the week, and the distinction between Shabbat and Sunday.

The following liturgy incorporates elements of the traditional *havdalah* and “Entry into Sunday” .

Ending of the Shabbat

Light the havdalah candle - The candle may be held or placed in a holder.

Kiddush – Fill a Kiddush cup and say the blessing (*we will drink the wine later*).

Baruch ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam borei pri ha-gafen.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵי פְרִי הַגֶּפֶן

Blessed are you Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

Spice (Optional)

Baruch ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam borai minay vesamim.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵי מִיְי בְּשָׂמִים

Blessed are you Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe who creates a diversity of spices.

Blessing for the lighting of the havdalah candle

Baruch ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam borai m'orai ha-esh.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵי מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe who creates the lights of fire.

[Let the light of the *havdalah* candle reflect against your fingernails. The “shadow” hints of a brief separation—another Shabbat will follow, fixed in Time by the weekly passage of days.]

Reading

From the last verses of the current *parashah*, *Parashat*, followed by the first verses of the following *parashat hashavuah*, *Parashat*

Drink the Wine - Participants may share the Kiddush cup or have their own portions.

Extinguish the havdalah candle - The candle may be extinguished in a little wine.

Entry into Sunday

Sunday Candle lighting - Light the Sunday candle with a prayer of blessing and welcome.

May the light of this candle be for us a symbol of our entry into the LORD's Day— as we move from the holiness of the Shabbat Day, in memory of Creation, to the holiness of Sunday, in commemoration of Jesus' resurrection.

From holiness to holiness—*kodesh lekodesh*.

Reading

The first verses of the Gospel for Sunday.

Song

This is the Day that the Lord has made (or another song of your choice).

