Gathering Music  The Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement commanded in Leviticus 23.26-32:
The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Mark, the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a sacred occasion for you: you shall practice self-denial, and you shall bring an offering by fire to the LORD; you shall do no work throughout that day. For it is a Day of Atonement, on which expiation is made on your behalf before the LORD your God. Indeed, any person who does not practice self-denial throughout that day shall be cut off from his kin; and whoever does any work throughout that day, I will cause that person to perish from among his people. Do no work whatsoever; it is a law for all time, throughout the ages in all your settlements. It shall be a sabbath of complete rest for you, and you shall practice self-denial; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall observe this your Sabbath.

Call to Worship – The Sounding of the Shofar

Scripture Reading Isaiah 57:14-21

Confession of Sin

We abuse, we betray, we are cruel.
We destroy, we embitter, we falsify.
We gossip, we hate, we insult.
We jeer, we kill, we lie.
We mock, we neglect, we oppress.
We pervert, we quarrel, we rebel.
We steal, we transgress, we are unkind.
We are silent, we are wicked, we are xenophobic.
We yield to evil, we are zealots for bad causes.

V’al kulam

first cantor, then all:

Translation: For all these sins, forgiving God, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement.

Sounding of the Shofar

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-5
Canticle of Repentance

*chanted responsively*

Whom can I accuse, of whom revenge demand,
When I have borne deep suffering at my own hand?

**Other hearts have held hatred for me,**
**But my own heart hates me more than anyone knows.**
My body bears the wounds of relentless foes,
But none can match my self-inflicted wounds.

**I have been seduced for my destruction**
**But none have lured me more than my own eyes.**
I have been burned by countless fires,
But none compare to the heat of my desires.

**In traps I’ve been ensnared by old and young,**
**But none have trapped me better than my tongue.**
Bandits have pursued me, fast and fleet,
But none pursue me faster than my feet.

**Pain overwhelms me, but no pain more than my rebellion,**
**Anguish increases, but never faster than transgression.**
Whom can I blame, how can I function.
When I am the source of my own destruction?

**I seek shelter for my soul, which you alone did fashion,**
**For you, our God and King, are enthroned upon compassion.**

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**V’al kulam**

*chanted by all:*

[Music notation]

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**Sounding of the Shofar**

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**Cantilation**

*Isaiah 58:6-9a (in Hebrew)*

This is my chosen fast: to loosen all the bonds that bind us unfairly, to let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke. Share your bread with the hungry, take the homeless into your home. Clothe the naked when you see him, do not turn away from people in need. Then cleansing light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wounds shall soon be healed. Your triumph shall go before you and the Lord’s glory shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry out and he will say, “Here I am.”

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**Confession of Sin**

We have sinned against You unwillingly and willingly,
**And we have sinned against You by misusing our minds.**
We have sinned against You by immoral sexual acts,
**And we have sinned against You knowingly and deceitfully.**
We have sinned against You by wronging others,
_and we have sinned against You by supporting immorality._
We have sinned against You by deriding parents and teachers,
_and we have sinned against You by using violence._
We have sinned against You by being foul-mouthed,
_and we have sinned against You by not resisting the impulse to evil._

V'al kulam
_chanted by all:

_music notation_

Sounding of the Shofar

Scripture Reading
_Isaiah 58:9b-14_

Confession of Sin

We have sinned against You by fraud and by falsehood,
_and we have sinned against You by scoffing._
We have sinned against You by dishonesty in business,
_and we have sinned against You by taking usurious interest._
We have sinned against You by idle chatter,
_and we have sinned against You by haughtiness._
We have sinned against You by rejecting responsibility,
_and we have sinned against You by plotting against others._
We have sinned against You by irreverence,
_and we have sinned against You by rushing to do evil._
We have sinned against You by taking vain oaths,
_and we have sinned against You by breach of trust._

V'al kulam
_chanted by all:

_music notation_

Sounding of the Shofar
Words of Comfort (Numbers 14:19-20; 15:26)

Praised are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, for granting us life,
for sustaining us, and for helping us reach this day.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Great Sounding of the Shofar

We invite you to join us outside for the conclusion of the service.
We will partake in the traditional custom of dipping apples in honey signifying the hope for a sweet year
and we will recite the two traditional blessings found on the card you will be given.

Ellen Charry, presider
Karen Crawford and Craig Rubano, liturgists
Laura Thelander, shofar
Chi Yi Chen, piano
Sam Funkhouser, euphonium
Julia Moorad, cantor

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