

**Beit Mayim Chayim**  
**Yom haBikkurim (Day of First Fruits) Service**

**Chag Sameach!!**

**Shofar Blessing:**

Baruch atah Adonai, Elohenu melech ha'olam. Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu  
lishmo'ah kol shofar.

Blessed are You, Oh L-rd, King of the universe, who sanctifies us with His commandments and  
commands us to hear the sound of the shofar.

Tekiah!

Shevarim!

Teruah!

Tekiah Gadol!

**Worship Music and Dance**

**Lion of Judah**

Tell me who has defeated the darkness? Who has defeated the grave?

Who is the Lion of Judah? The strength and the shield of our faith?

Tell me who has defeated our fears? Who washed away all our shame?

Who is the Lion of Judah? The strength and the shield of our faith?

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Yeshua Hu Adon

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Yeshua is L-rd

Who gave His life just to save ours? Who gave His life up for us?  
Who chose to die for all mankind? To Him be the glory alone!

Who shall be one day returning? Leading His armies to war?  
He is the hero of ages, To Him be the glory alone!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Yeshua Hu Adon  
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La La La La....

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Yeshua Hu Adon  
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No more crying, no more hiding The Lion of Judah is alive! X2

No more crying, no more hiding the Lion of Judah is beside you!  
No more crying, no more hiding The Lion of Judah is alive!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Yeshua Hu Adon  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Yeshua is L-rd x2

Yeshua is the L-rd

### **Chai HaShem**

Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri B'Adonai tithallel nafshi  
Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri V'yarum Elohey yishi

The L-rd lives! chai HaShem! My soul makes its boast in Him  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! Exalted is my G-d  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! In my need I called on Him  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! And He answered me

Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri B'Adonai tithallel nafshi  
Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri V'yarum Elohey yishi

The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! There is none beside Him!  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! Holy is my G-d  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! I put all my trust in Him  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! Faithful is my G-d!

Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri B'Adonai tithallel nafshi  
Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri V'yarum Elohey yishi

The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! Let us sing our praise to Him  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! Worthy is our G-d  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! Our Salvation comes from Him  
The L-rd lives! Chai HaShem! Gracious is our G-d

Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri B'Adonai tithallel nafshi  
Chai HaShem u'varuch Tzuri V'yarum Elohey yishi x2  
V'yarum Elohei yishi x2

### **The L-rd, He Reigns**

The L-rd He reigns, let the peoples tremble. He is enthroned above the cherubim  
The L-rd our G-d, He reigns in Zion. He is a great and exalted King.  
Exalt the L-rd your G-d, and worship at His feet.  
He is Holy, Holy is He.

Oh Israel, come and worship Messiah. Look upon Him whom has been pierced  
Our G-d has forgiven the sins of His people. Removed from us all pain and fear.  
Gadlu l'Shem Eloheinu. V'hish tachavu l'don olam.  
Hu Kadosh, Kadosh Hu.

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### **His Name is Yeshua**

There's only One strong enough to save  
There's only One who overcame the grave  
There's only One whose worthy of all praise

In His hands, the keys of death and hell  
And in His name, a power that can heal  
And by His blood, our sins are washed away

His name is Yeshua...His name is Yeshua...  
His name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty G-d!

Oh nations kneel! And glorify the L-rd  
Let all the earth Tremble for He comes!  
And He will judge the living and the dead!

The Son of Man coming on the clouds  
With shofar sound and every knee will bow  
And tongue confess, the Name above all names!

His name is Yeshua...His name is Yeshua...  
His name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty G-d!

He is counselor  
He is mighty God  
He's the prince of peace  
The omnipotent  
He is wonderful  
He is radiant  
The almighty God

His name is Yeshua...His name is Yeshua...  
His name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty G-d! X2

We worship You!  
We give our lives to You!  
We sing out  
We cry out x2

His name is Yeshua...His name is Yeshua...  
His name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty G-d!

## **Opening Prayer-Ro'eh**

### **Verse of Praise-Chazzan**

Barukh ha Elohim avi adoneinu Yeshua haMashiach asher berov rachamav holid otanu  
mechadash letikvah chayah bitchiyat Yeshua haMashiach min ha metim.

Praised be G-d, Father of our L-rd Yeshua the Messiah, who, in keeping with his great mercy,  
has caused us, through the resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah from the dead, to be born again  
to a living hope. 1 Peter:3 (TLV)

### **Welcome-Ro'eh:**

Welcome to Beth Mayim Chaim's First Fruit's Celebration. We Messianic's spend a great deal of time promoting and celebrating Pesach, which is the sacrifice of the Lamb a permanent reminder of the miracle of our freedom from slavery and is of critical importance to our faith. Pesach also foretells the sacrifice of the Messiah, which freed us from the slavery of sin and its inevitable punishment of death. Without Pesach, we wouldn't have the Resurrection. We usually attribute the Resurrection to Pesach as well. But the Resurrection occurred on another of G-d's Moadim, His appointed times. Yom haBikkurim. The day of First Fruits. This day.

### **Chazzan:**

**Lev 23:9-14** (TLV) Adonai spoke to Moses saying: "Speak to Bnei-Yisrael and tell them: When you have come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you are to bring the omer of the firstfruits of your harvest to the kohen. He is to wave the omer before Adonai, to be accepted for you. On the morrow after the Shabbat, the kohen is to wave it. Zola Levitt, of blessed memory, paraphrased this nicely: <sup>1</sup>*To paraphrase, G-d is saying to Moses, "I am taking My people into an exceptionally fertile land and I would like them to acknowledge that fact. Each spring, when the first harvest of the year is available, the people should bring some of their initial crops to the Temple so that the high priest can acknowledge them before Me. This must be done on the Sunday ("the morrow after the sabbath") during the week of Unleavened Bread."* To continue with verse 12 On the day when you wave the omer you are to offer a male lamb without blemish, one year old, as a burnt offering to Adonai. The grain offering with it should be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil—an offering made by fire to Adonai for a soothing aroma. Its drink offering with it should be a quarter of a gallon of wine. You are not to eat bread, roasted grain, or fresh grain until this same day—until you have brought the offering of your G-d. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all

your dwellings. Notice that the sacrifice and offerings after waving the sheaf are a lamb, flour and oil (bread), and wine. Quite the coincidence isn't it. No, it's G-d's plan!

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### **Ro'eh:**

Yeshua told the people of Israel that he would be raised up in three days:

**Matthew 20:17-19** (TLV) Now as Yeshua was going up to Jerusalem, He took the Twelve aside privately; and on the way he told them, "Look, we're going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the ruling kohanim and Torah scholars. They will condemn Him to death and hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify. Yet on the third day, He will be raised up." And in

**John (TLV) 2:13-22** The Jewish feast of Passover was near, so Yeshua went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple, He found the merchants selling oxen, sheep, and doves; also the moneychangers sitting there. Then He made a whip of cords and drove them all out of the Temple, both the sheep and oxen. He dumped out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. To those selling doves, He said, "Get these things out of here! Stop making My Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it is written, "Zeal for your House will consume Me! (Psalms 69:9)." The Judean leaders responded, "What sign do You show us, since You are doing these things?" "Destroy this Temple," Yeshua answered them, "and in three days I will raise it up." The Judean leaders then said to Him, "Forty-six years this Temple was being built, and You will raise it up in three days?" But He was talking about the temple of His body. So after He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He was talking about this. Then they believed the Scripture and the word that Yeshua had spoken. The temple is where G-

d resides and where would He reside, but in Himself as Yeshua? Yeshua Himself told Martha, when speaking of her recently deceased brother Lazarus in

**John 11:25-27** (TLV) Yeshua said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life! Whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She says to Him, "Yes, L-rd, I believe that you are the Messiah, Ben-Elohim who has come into the world."

Resurrection of the dead is not foreign to Judaism. It was one of the fundamental differences between the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Rambam aka Maimonides wrote the Shloshah Asar Ikkarim, the Thirteen Fundamental Principles of the Jewish faith, the thirteenth of which states the dead will be resurrected. Make no mistake-YESHUA IS ALIVE!! He is Risen!! He was completely dead for three days. He was resurrected with a body, He is not a ghost nor a zombie.

### **Chazzan:**

**John 20:1-17** (TLV *modified*). Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Miryam from Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she came running to Shim'on Kefa and the other talmid, the one Yeshua loved, and said to them, "They've taken the L-rd out of the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him!" Then Kefa and the other talmid started for the tomb. They both ran, but the other talmid outran Kefa and reached the tomb first. Stooping down, he saw the linen burial-sheets lying there but did not go in. Then, following him, Shim'on Kefa arrived, entered the tomb and saw the burial-sheets lying there, also the cloth that had been around his head, lying not with the sheets but in a separate place and still folded up. Then the other talmid, who had arrived at the tomb first, also went in; he saw, and he trusted. (They had not yet come to understand that the Tanakh teaches that the Messiah has to rise from the dead.) So the talmidim returned home. but Miryam stood outside crying. As she cried, she bent down, peered into the tomb, and saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Yeshua had been, one at the head and one at the feet. "Why are you crying?" they asked her. "They took my L-rd," she said to them, "and I don't

know where they have put him." As she said this, she turned around and saw Yeshua standing there, but she didn't know it was he. Yeshua said to her, "Lady, why are you crying? Whom are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you're the one who carried him away, just tell me where you put him; and I'll go and get him myself." Yeshua said to her, "Miryam!" Turning, she cried out to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (that is, "Teacher!") "Don't hold onto me," Yeshua said to her, "because I haven't yet gone back to the Father. But go to my brothers, and tell them that I am going back to my Father and your Father, to my G-d and your G-d."

Why "Don't hold onto me"? The translations that say "stop touching or stop clinging to me" are not correct, for they imply that she had made physical contact. From the Greek it is clear that He says "Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father..." What difference does that make? Yeshua had yet to ascend to the Father and be presented as the First Fruits of the Resurrection to the Father. He had taken on the sins of the world and needed to go to the Father and present Himself as purified and perfect. If Miryam of Magdala had touched Him, she would have caused Yeshua to become defiled by human contact before His Ascension to the Father. This also parallels the verses that say no one may eat of the new harvest until the Wave Sheaf Offering has been made.

**Leviticus 23:14** (TLV) You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your G-d; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. Neither Miryam, nor anyone else, could partake of the joy of the risen Messiah until He had presented Himself first to G-d the Father.

### Ro'eh

The Day of First Fruits, Yom HaBikkurim occurs on the day after the Sabbath (Sunday) during Pesach (Passover). It is also the day the counting of the Omer begins leading to Shavuot, Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks - 50 days later when we have the Feast of First Fruits. Rabbi Michael Rudolph of Tikkun wrote: *<sup>2</sup>Don't be confused by there being a different method of counting the omer that is widely used by Judaism today. The dispute as to the correct way to*

*count began with the Pharisees and Sadducees and we, at Ohev Yisrael, use the Sadducean count because it more closely conforms to Scripture. With the other method, 50 days does not always include seven weekly Sabbaths whereas, with the Sadducean method, it does. Not only that, but with the Sadducean method of counting, Yom HaBikkurim always falls on the first day of the week, which is consistent with when (according to Scripture) Yeshua was resurrected from the tomb. We, at Beth Mayim Chayim, believe the same. As Pesach is now commemorating, not only the Salvation of Israel through the Exodus, but, our eternal Salvation through Yeshua's atoning sacrifice, Yom HaBikkurim commemorates Yeshua's resurrection, without which we would not have eternal Salvation. The year that Yeshua was crucified and resurrected, Pesach fell on a Wednesday, so Yeshua would be in the grave three days and three nights as He promised in*

**Matthew 12:38-42** Then some of the Torah scholars and Pharisees answered Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." But Yeshua replied to them, "An evil and adulterous generation clamors for a sign, yet no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah. And behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

**Mark 16:9** After He had risen early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Miryam of Magdala, from whom He had driven out seven demons. He then rose early on the first day of the week according to His word. He rose just after sundown Sabbath, which is the beginning of Sunday, the first day of the week.

### **Chazzan:**

Yeshua was the First Fruits of the Resurrection, but what else happened when He died and arose?

**Matthew 27:50-53** And Yeshua cried out again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. And behold, the curtain of the Temple was split in two, from top to bottom. And the earth quaked and rocks were split apart. And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the kedoshim who

were sleeping were raised to life. And coming forth out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. As the centurion who was watching these events unfold said in

**Matthew 27:54** (TLV) "Truly this was the Son of G-d!" The curtain of the Temple, the Paroquet, was the divider between man and G-d, between the Holy and the common, between the outer courts of the temple and the Holy of Holies. Its rending shows that there is now no divider between G-d and His creation-man. We now have direct access to the Father because of our relationship with His Son-Yeshua. Hallelujah.

G-d set the Sunday during Pesach as a Mo'ed, an appointed time, just as he did with Pesach, Chag haMatzot and Shavuot. Yet G-d's people seemingly have let it slide into obscurity and become a footnote during Pesach, just as we have Yom T'ruah which has been supplanted by Rosh HaShana in the fall. I think G-d's and our common enemy is doing this to hide the signs of the Messiah from G-d's people, to ensure the blinders stay on. We must be light and salt to ensure the true word of Yeshua the Messiah, His sacrifice and resurrection and the salvation they bring to all who accept and believe is spread throughout the whole Earth. We must ensure the no one is deprived of the blessing of encountering Yeshua and receiving the gift of eternal Salvation through Him.

### Ro'eh

Paraphrasing Zola Levitt: *<sup>1</sup>If there are first fruits, then there must be a second, a third and so on, and that is the true meaning of this Sunday. We do not merely celebrate the resurrection of the L-rd on First Fruits, but more so, the resurrection of the entire congregation of believers. That the L-rd rose from the dead is cause for great wonder and blessing, but are we really surprised? He could raise the dead Himself; He could walk on water; He could feed the thousands. The greater miracle is that we ordinary, mortal, earthly sinners will all rise!*

As Shaul presented so clearly: **1Corinthians 15:22-26** (TLV) For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming; then the culmination, when he hands over the Kingdom to G-d the Father, after having

put an end to every rulership, yes, to every authority and power. For he has to rule until he puts all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be done away with will be death.

### **Chazzan**

**Acts 2:29-36** (TLV) “Brothers, I can confidently tell you that the patriarch David died and was buried—his tomb is with us to this day. So because he was a prophet and knew G-d had sworn with an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne, David saw beforehand and spoke of Messiah’s resurrection—that He was not abandoned to Sheol, and His body did not see decay. This Yeshua G-d raised up—we all are witnesses! Therefore, being exalted to the right hand of G-d and receiving from the Father the promise of the Ruach ha-Kodesh, He poured out this—what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens; yet he himself says, ‘Adonai said to my L-rd, “Sit at my right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”’ Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that G-d has made Him—this Yeshua whom you had crucified—both L-rd and Messiah!”

**Chazzan: (Shout) HE IS RISEN!**

**All: (Shout) HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

### **Worship Music and Dance**

### **Sermon**

### **Chazzan**

**Matthew 28:1-20** Now after Shabbat, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Miryam of Magdala and the other Miryam came to look at the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of Adonai descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And those

keeping watch were shaken for fear of him and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Yeshua who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly now and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead. And behold, He’s going before you to the Galilee. There you will see Him. See, I have told you!” They quickly left the tomb, with fear yet with great joy, and ran to bring news to His disciples. And behold, Yeshua met them. “Shalom!” He said. They drew near, grasped his feet, and worshiped Him. “Don’t be afraid,” Yeshua said to them. “Go tell My brothers to head for the Galilee, and there they will see Me.” Now while they were going, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the ruling kohanim all that had happened. And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of silver to the soldiers, saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we were sleeping.’ And if this is heard by the governor, we’ll appease him and keep you out of trouble.” So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story was spread among the Judeans to this day. Now the eleven disciples went to the Galilee, to the mountain Yeshua had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped; but some wavered. And Yeshua came up to them and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, immersing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Ruach ha-Kodesh, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And remember! I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

### **Benediction:**

**Hebrews 13:20:21** (TLV) Now may the G-d of shalom, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood of an everlasting covenant, our L-rd Yeshua, make you complete in every good thing to do His will, accomplishing in us what is pleasing in His sight, through Messiah Yeshua. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Aaronic Blessing-Ro'eh**

**Chazzan (Shout) HE IS RISEN!**

**All (Shout) HE IS RISEN INDEED!**