Ma'ariv L'Shabbat v'Yom Tov

Evening Service for Shabbat and Festivals

Bar'chu
Bar'chu et Adonai ha-mavo-rach!
Baruch Adonai ha-m'vo rach l'om lam va-ed.

Ma'ariv A-ra-vim

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam.
Asher bid'Shar o ma'ariv a-ra-vim
b'chochmah po-tei-ach sh'amim
u-v'ritu-nah m'sha-neh itim,
u ma-chail et ha-z'ma-nim,
u'm'sa-dei et ha-ko-cha-vim,
b'mish'm'rei-hem baraki a k'ri'tzo-no.

Bo-rei yom va-la-li'ah,
go-lei or mi'pi'nei cho-shech,
v'cho-shech mi'pi'nei or,
u ma'ariv yom u-me'vi la-li'ah,
u-mav-dil bein yom u-vein la-li'ah.
Adonai Tz'va-o sh'mo.

Eil chai v'ka-yam,
tamid yim-loch aleinu l'olam va-ed.
Baruch Atah Adonai, ha-ma'ariv a-ra-vim.

Bar'chu calls the community to prayer and begins the Evening (Ma'ariv) Service. The reader proclaims and the congregation responds, "Blessed be Adonai, the Blessed One, forever and ever.

The Call to Prayer

Bless Adonai, the Blessed One!
Blessed be Adonai, the Blessed One, forever and ever.

You Bring On Evenings

Blessed are You, Adonai, Our God, Ruler of the Universe.
Your word brings on evenings, with wisdom You open heaven's gates, with understanding You change fixed times and alternate the seasons and arrange the stars in their places in the sky according to Your will.

Creator of day and night, rolling light before darkness and darkness before light, You cause day to pass and bring on night and distinguish between day and night, "God of All Forces" is Your Name.

God, living and enduring, always rule over us forever and ever.
Blessed are You, Adonai, who brings on evenings.

Based on the Siddur of Rabbi Saadta Caro, 10th century. This blessing was written for use on Even Shabbat.

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