KEDUSHAH

When the Reader chants the Amidah, Kedushah is added.

We revere and hallow You on earth as Your name is hallowed in heaven, where it is sung by celestial choirs, as in Your prophet's vision. The angels called one to another:

Kadosh kadosh kadosh Adonai Tz'va-ot, m'lo khol ha-aretz k'vodo. Holy, holy *Adonai Tz'va-ot*; the grandeur of the world is God's glory.

God's glory fills the universe. When one angelic chorus asks, "Where is God's glory?" another responds with praise:

Barukh k'vod Adonai mi-m'komo.

Praised is Adonai's glory throughout the universe.

May God turn in compassion, granting mercy to His people who twice each day, evening and morning, proclaim God's oneness with love:

Sh'ma Yisra-el Adonai Eloheinu Adonai eḥad. Hear. O Israel: Adonai is our God. Adonai alone.

This is our God, our Creator, our Sovereign, and our Redeemer. And in His mercy God will again declare, before all the world:

Ani Adonai Eloheikhem.

I, Adonai, am your God.

And thus sang the psalmist:

Yimlokh Adonai l'olam, Elohayikh Tziyon l'dor va-dor, Halleluyah. Adonai shall reign through all generations; Zion, Your God shall reign forever. Halleluyah!

We declare Your greatness through all generations, hallow Your holiness to all eternity. Your praise will never leave our lips, for You are God and Sovereign, great and holy. *Praised are You Adonai, holy God.

*On Shabbat Shuvah:

Praised are You Adonai, holy Sovereign.

The Kedushah is among the holiest prayers of the Jewish service, requiring a minyan to achieve the proper solemnity. We are to imagine ourselves in God's closest circle, joining with the ministering angels in chanting the most precious of praises.

קרושה 🕦

When the עמידה is chanted by the Ḥazzan, קרושה is added.

בַּקְּרָשׁ, כַּכָּתוּב עַל יַד נְבִיאֶךּ, וְקָרָא זֶה אֶל זֶה וְאָמַר: בַּקְּרָשׁ, כַּכָּתוּב עַל יַד נְבִיאֶךּ, וְקָרָא זֶה אֶל זֶה וְאָמַר:

קָרוֹשׁ קָרוֹשׁ קָרוֹשׁ יהוה צְבָאוֹת, מְלֹא כָל־הָאָגֶרְץ כְּבוֹדוֹ.

פְּבוֹדוֹ מָלֵא עוֹלֶם, מְשָׁרְתִיו שׁוֹאֲלִים זֶה לָזֶה: אַיֵּה מְקוֹם פָבוֹדוֹ. לִעָמַתָם בָּרוּךְ יֹאמֵרוּ:

בָּרוּךְ כְּבוֹד יהוה מִמְּקוֹמוֹ.

מִמְּקוֹמוֹ הוּא יִפֶּן בְּרַחֲמִים, וְיָחוֹן עַם הַמְיַחֲדִים שְׁמוֹ עֶרֶב וָבְקֶר בְּכָל־יוֹם תָּמִיד, פַּעֲמַיִם בְּאַהֲבָה שְׁמֵע אוֹמְרִים:

שָׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יהוה אֶחָר.

הוא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, הוא אָבִינוּ, הוּא מֵלְבֵּנוּ, הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ, וְהוּא יַשְׁמִיעֵנוּ בְּרַחֲמָיו שֵׁנִית לְעֵינֵי כָּל־חָי, לִהְיוֹת לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים.

אָנִי יהוה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

וּבְדִבְרֵי קָדְשְׁךְּ כָּתוּב לֵאמֹר:

יִמְלֹךְ יהוה לְעוֹלָם, אֱלֹהַיִךְ צִיוֹן לְדֹר וָדֹר, הַלְלוּיָה.

לְדוֹר וָדוֹר נַגִּיד גַּיְלֶךְ, וּלְנֵצֵח נְצָחִים קְדָשָׁתְךְ נַקְּדִּישׁ. וְשִׁבְחַךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִפִּינוּ לֹא יָמוּשׁ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד, כִּי אֵל מֶלֶךְ גַּדוֹל וְקָדוֹשׁ אֶתָּה. *בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

*On שבת שובה:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה הַמֶּלֶךְ הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

Ezekiel's vision describes the angels as having one straight, unbent leg. As we recite the Kedushah — our echo of the angels' praise of God found in Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Psalm 146 — we too stand erect in God's presence. It is customary to rise on one's toes during the repetitions of "Kadosh (Holy)," literally lifting our praise "toward singing seraphim."