

مجلس عاشقان



Zikr of Majlise Aashiqaan

فَطَوِّبِ لِلْغُرَبَاءِ

Blessings to those who are strange



FATIHA





with cupped hands all say the following

Bismillâhir Rahmânir Rahîm

In the Name of The Divine

All Embracing Mercy and Compassion

Alhamdu lillâhi rabil 'alamîn

All praise belongs to The Divine Sustainer of All Worlds,

Arrahmânir Rahîm

All Embracing Mercy and Compassion

Maliki Yawmid Dîn

Sovereign of the day of recompense

Iyâka na'budu wa iyâka nasta'în

You alone do we worship and from You alone do we seek help.

Ihdinas Sirâtal Mustaqîm

May we be guided on the direct path,

As Sirâtal Adhîna an'amta alayhim

the path of those who have deserved grace

Ghairil maghdûbi alayhim

not of those who cause anger

Wa laddâlîn

nor those who go astray



MEYDANJI

The Zâkir calls “Meydanji, please come forward”

The Meydanji (facilitator) stands up, faces the aashiqaan and kisses their right hand and places it on their heart with their head down to show humility to the group.

The meydanji says “In the name of the Divine, Allahallah. I offer my hizmet (service) as Meydanji (faciliator). Do I have the permission of the Aashiqaan?”

Everyone responds “In the name of The Divine, Allahallah.”

The Meydanji responds “Eyvallah (By God)”. They kiss their hand, place it on their heart, and take their seat.



ZÂKIR

The Meydanji calls the Zikr leader (zâkir) forward with the words “Zakir please come forward”.

The Zakir stands up, faces the meydanji and kisses their right hand and places it on their heart with their head down.

The Meydanji says “In the name of The Divine, Allahallah. Do you accept the Hizmet (service) of Zâkir?”

The Zâkir responds “Insha’Allah, I seek the permission of the Aashiqaan.”

Everyone responds “In the name of The Divine, Allahallah.”

The Zâkir responds “Eyvallah” (By God).

The Zâkir kisses their hand, places it on their heart and takes their seat.

The Meydanji asks all present if anyone is in an ongoing dispute with anyone else present.

Everyone responds

“Allahallah, by The Divine we are at Peace with one another”

Meydanji responds “Eyvallah”.

SAKAJI

The water bearer (sakaji) stands up, faces the Aashiqaan and kisses their right hand and places it on their heart saying the words “In the Name of Allah, Allahallah”
The Meydanji passes them a tray with glasses and a jug of water.

The Sakaji pours the first glass with water three times saying the words “Ya Allah, Ya Muhammad, Ya Ali” respectively.

They then serve everyone a glass of water. When finished they kiss their right hand again and place the hand on their heart, they bow their head facing the aashiqaan and sit down.

TEZEKAR

The Meydanji calls the two hand washer forwards with the words “Tezekar, please come forward”

The Tezekar (plural is not used as it is one service) stands up, faces the Aashiqaan and kisses their right hand and places it on their heart saying the words “In the Name of Allah, Allahallah”

The Meydanji passes them a jug of water and a bowl, and a hand towel.

The Tezekar pours the water into the bowl three times saying the words “Ya Allah, Ya Muhammad, Ya Ali” respectively. They then serve everyone by washing their hands and drying them, whilst repeated the words “Ya Allah Ya Muhammad Ya Ali”. When finished they kiss their right hand again and place the hand on their heart, they bow their head facing the aashiqaan and sit down.

CHIRAGH

The Meydanji calls the candle bearer forward with the words
“Chiraghji, please come forward”

The candle bearer stands up, faces the Aashiqaan and kisses their
right hand and places it on their heart saying the words:
“**Bismishah Allahallah**”

The Chiraghji recites Ayat-e Nur:

Allâhu nur as-samâwâti wal ardh

The Divine is the light of the heavens and the earth

Mathalu nurihi kamishkâtin fîha misbâh

a likeness of Their light is as a niche in which is a lamp

Almisbâhu fi zujâja

the lamp is in a glass

Az-zujâjatu ka annaha kawkabun durriyyun

and the glass is like a brightly shining star

Yooqadu min shajaratin mubaarakatin zaitoonatin

lit from a blessed olive-tree

Lâ sharqiyyatin wa lâ gharbiyyatin

neither eastern nor western

Yakâdu zaituha yudhî'u wa law lam tamsashu nâr

the oil of which would be lit without being touched by fire

Nurun 'alâ nur

light upon light!

Yahdillâhu linurihi man yashâ'

The Divine guides to Their light those with whom They are pleased

Wa yadhribullâhul amthâla lin-nâs

and The Divine gives parables to humanity

Wallâhu bikulli shai'in alîm

and The Divine Consciousness is all pervasive

The Chiragji rests on the knees and lights the three candles (chiragh) by lighting each candle individually saying “Ya Allah” (others present repeat this three times), then on the second candle they say “Ya Muhammad” (others present repeat this three times), and the final candle “Ya Ali” (others present repeat this three times). The Chiraghji kisses the ground in a semi-sajdah position and takes their seat.

GULBENK

The Zâkîr reads the following blessing over the Meydan and Aashîqaan. Everyone should touch the meydan with both hands forward for the duration of the blessing and respond “Allahallah” whenever the Zâkîr intones those Divine Names

Bismishah Allah Allah!

By the bright candle, the glory of dervishes, the breath of sublime glory, the candle of the law of the saints, may it be forever. May this evening be pleasant, may good things conquer, may evil be repelled, may the faithful attain to their desires, may disbelief be defeated, may evil speakers be silenced, may the moment be eternal, the assembly permanent, the act of worship true and sound, may hearts be happy, fellowship be increased, the meydan prosperous, the meeting be opened.

Allah Allah!

Haqq Muhammad Ya Ali be our intercessor, may we be protected by All the Imams, the kind protection of the Fourteen Pure Ones be upon us, be present and watch over us, may their favour and spirituality always be a friend to us and help us. May they not separate us from their face. When we cry out for help, may they respond.

Allah Allah!

May our Noble Patron Saint Hajji Bektash Veli at every moment be our support, may he help us to be firm in the Path, and keep us from evil acts, and keep us from the need to ask for help from the untrustworthy, keeping us from accidents and disasters and granting us favour, kindness, peace of conscience, knowledge of science and learning, and the perfection of the mystical state, sustain us in providence

Allah Allah!

Allah Allah! May the candles of all candle owners be bright, may good things from the benevolent be acceptable, may the sacrifice of those who sacrifice be accepted, may Allah accept, receive and be pleased with our meditations, our prayers, our supplications, our offerings and our rites. The Three, the Five, The Seven, The Forty, the light of the Prophet, the Kindness of Imam Ali, the favour of the Sustainer of Creation, the secret of Ali Al Murtaza, the reign of our Patron Saint Hajji Bektash Veli, be all for the kindness of true siblingship, Erenler, HUUUU Diyelim! Everyone, let us say HUUUUU! (everyone repeats, drawing it out for as long as possible).

ZIKIR

remembrance

Sit in a comfortable position and close your eyes or focus on the
candles.

Focus on the breath, noticing how it goes in and out of the body, how
the chest and stomach expand and contract. As you breathe in say
the name of the Divine silently in your head
“Allah”

Returning to the breath, we take three deep breaths before opening
our eyes and returning our senses to the room.

Becoming present again we return our focus to the breath, and we bring to mind the Divine Womb, Rahmat Allah, All-Embracing Mercy and Compassion.

On the out breath in whispered voices we say “Ya Rahman” (Oh All-Embracing Mercy)

On the in breath we call “Ya Rahim” (Oh All-Embracing Compassion)
We do this without counting and remain calm and focussed on the words and breath.

Now we begin our loud Zikr by simply repeating the word Allah-Allah (pronouncing the ‘h’) out loud. Follow the style that the Zakir chooses. This immerses us in the presence of The Divine, forgetting all else. Becoming grounded again, we express the essence of Reality “That which Is”

Huuuuuuu (repeated until the Zakir stops. If alone 11 times)

SALWAT

We conclude our Zikr by asking that Allah sends blessings and peace on our Holy Prophets, Mothers, Saints, Teachers and the Defenders against Oppression



“Allahumma Sali Ala Muhammadin Wa Aali Muhammad x3

Oh Allah bless Abraham & Sarah, Mary & Jesus

Bless our Beloved Prophet Muhammad Mustafa and Our Beloved Mother Khadijah

Bless Imam Ali and Lady Fatimah

*Bless Imam Hasan, Imam Hussain, Lady Zaynab and all The Twelve Imams and Pure Ones,
and bless the Holy Companions our Prophet.*

*Bless Mawlana Jalaluddin Rumi and Shamsi Tabrizi, Rabia Al-Adawiyah and Shah Hussain
Madho Lal.*

Bless Nizamuddin Awliyyah and Amir Khusro.

Bless Our Noble Patron Saint Hunkar Hajji Bektash Veli and Our Second Pir Balim Sultan.

Bless Pir Abdal Musa Sultan & Seyyid Ali Kizildeli Sultan.

We remember Ibrahim Baba Farajajé and ask that you send your peace upon him Oh Allah.

Allah Allah, we ask you to send your blessings on our Baba Haydar Ozan.

Bless all saints, pirs and awliya, of all genders and sexes, past and present.

*Bless all spiritual guides in all places and from all paths, Oh Allah, send your peace and
blessings on all those who struggle, who are visible and invisible, in our queer community,
and give strength to those that work against the oppressors. Send your blessings on all those
invite us back to the path of Love, Kindness and Compassion. We ask for healing for loved
ones of anyone present, they may whisper their names now”*

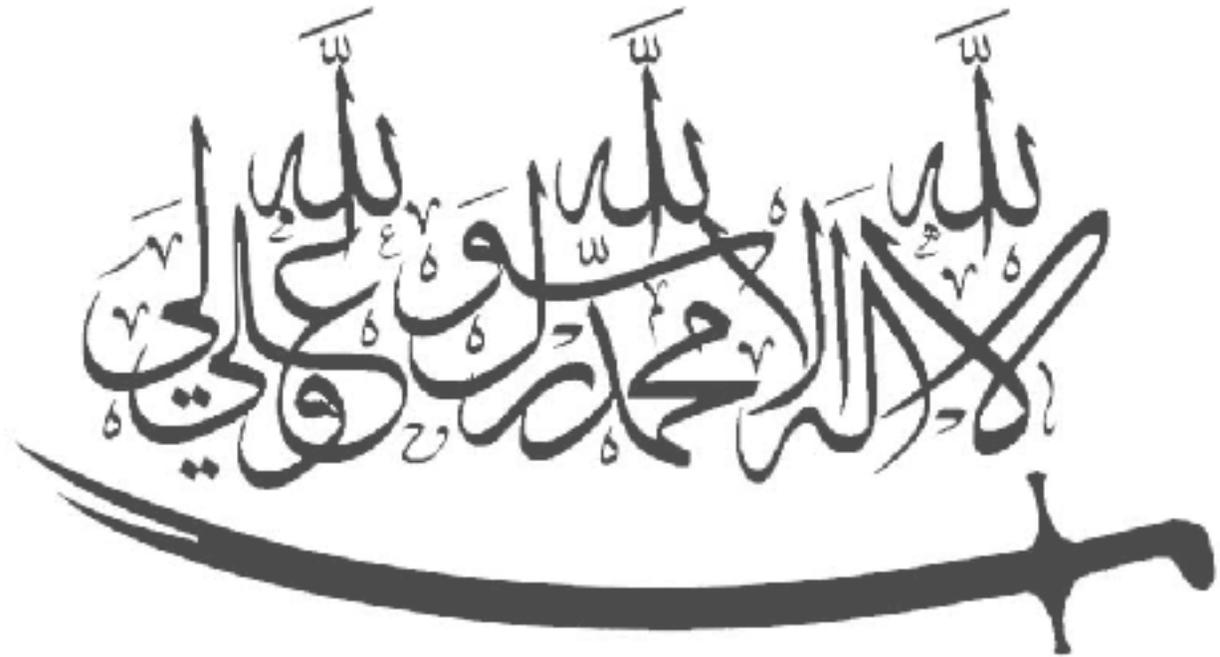
Repeat 11 times “Allahumma sali ala kulli ka’inaat” (Oh Allah bless all beings everywhere).

Amin Amin Amin

We finish by recognising the Shaykh, the teacher, in all of us, regardless of sex, gender or age. We take the hand of the person each side of, kissing it and touching it to our foreheads while saying “Hu Dost” (you are a manifestation of The Divine Friend). When the final dosts have saluted each other the Meydan (sacred space) is closed.







May the sword of Imam Ali cut through the oppressions of phobia and fall forms of hate.

Medet Ya Ali!





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Hu Dost!!!

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