## Very Early Shacharit: How To Begin

If you must say *shacharit* very early:

- 1. Say birchot ha'shachar;
- 2. When you reach the end of yishtabach, if it is:
  - 36 minutes (or less) before sunrise:
    - Pause after the blessing (ending El chay ha'olamim),
    - Put on your talit and tefilin, and
    - Say the appropriate blessings.
  - More than 36 minutes before sunrise:
    - Put on your *talit* and *tefilin* WITHOUT saying the blessings. Later, after it is less than 36 minutes before sunrise:
      - Hold your tzitzit and say the tzitzit blessing,
      - Move your tefilin slightly,
      - Say the *tefilin* blessings (if you are in a place in the prayer service where you are permitted to interrupt).

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