Blessing of the Kohanim

Prayer before the blessing:
May it be Your will, Eternal G-d and G-d of our fathers, that this blessing which You have commanded us to bless Your people Israel, be a complete blessing, and there be in it no stumbling or sin from now and forever.

At the call of "KOHANIM", begin to bless:
Blessed are You the Eternal, our G-d, King of the Universe Who sanctified us with the holiness of Aharon and commanded us to bless His people Israel with love.

Repeat the Hebrew, word by word after the Chazan:
May G-d bless you and protect you.
May G-d shine His face upon you and be gracious to you.
May G-d raise His face to you and place upon you peace.

Prayer after the blessing:
Master of the Universe, we have done that which you have decreed upon us. Now You do with us as You have promised: Look down from Your holy dwelling, from Heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the Land which you have given us as You have promised to our fathers, a Land flowing with milk and honey.

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Modim d'Rabbanan, said daily:
We thank You, ... (see the Sidur for a translation).

To be said during 'Ratzei' of Yom Tov Musaf:
May our prayer be pleasing unto You as a burnt offering and sacrifice. Please, Merciful One, in Your great mercy return Your Divine Presence to Zion Your city, and the Temple Service to Jerusalem. And may we see with our own eyes Your return to Zion in mercy, and there we shall serve You with awe as in days of old; as in times past.

Points to Remember
from the Shulchan Aruch (פ"ז 128)

a) ...If you have not begun to move [toward the ark] during the blessing הרsprintf (Temple Service), you may no longer go up...
b) Raise your arms to shoulder height...
c) Recite the blessing... in an audible voice.
d) Do not begin repeating a word before the Chazan has completed it.
e) Wait until the Chazan begins the blessing שלום (Peace) and then turn to face the Ark.
f) ...Do not leave the area until the Chazan has completed the blessing שלום.

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