



-sections in blue are for all participants to read.

-sections in red are an action for you to do.

Presentation of the elements: - Please present at your table also

3 Matzo crackers stacked on white napkin- these three crackers resemble the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

6 items on Seder plate:

Romaine lettuce and Horseradish- the bitter herbs that remind us of the bitterness of physical slavery foreshadowing the bitterness of a life captive to sin.

Haroset- resembles the mortar, or the type of labor that Israel was subjected to by the Egyptians, foreshadowing the reminder that you were once a captive to the purposes of the enemy.

Roasted egg- the reminder of the covenant that God would bring Israel into new life again, foreshadowing the promise that God would send a messiah to bring new life to all people.

Parsley and salt water- a reminder of the tears cried while the Israelites were enslaved. Foreshadowing the pain of life in bondage before we received freedom in Christ.

Lamb bone- symbolizing the blood of the lamb in the shape of a cross on the doorpost that instructed death to “pass over” the homes of the Israelites, foreshadowing the life of every believer in Christ who is delivered from death by his blood.

LEADER: “Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. It is a Passover to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians” (Ex. 12:14, 27).

All participants: At one time we Gentiles “were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise... But now in Messiah Jesus we who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.”

LEADER: “Consequently, we are no longer foreigners and aliens... Through the work of Jesus we Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise (Eph 2:12-13, 19 3:6).

All participants: “When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer’” Luke 22:14-15.

THE LORD’S TABLE

LEADER: During our Seder tonight all of us who have a relationship with Jesus as Messiah will participate in two acts that we call communion, which celebrate the New Covenant:

- 1) *The eating of the Broken Bread*
- 2) *The drinking of the Cup of Redemption*

LIGHTING THE PASSOVER CANDLES

The mother of the house (or another family member) lights two white candlesticks and prays:

“Blessed are You, the Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has brought us safely through another year and blessed us with Passover, as a celebration of Your goodness. We thank you tonight for Jesus, our Savior and Messiah, Who is the light of the World” Exodus 12:14, 27.

All participants: Blessed are you, LORD, who calls us out of darkness into your marvelous light!

THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION

LEADER: "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians" (Exod. 6:6-7).

LEADER: These four promises are symbolized by four cups, traditionally referred to as follows:

- 1-The Cup of Sanctification – "I will bring you out from Egypt"*
- 2-The Cup of Deliverance – "I will deliver you from Egyptian bondage"*
- 3-The Cup of Redemption – "I will redeem you with My power"*
- 4-The Cup of Restoration – "I will acquire you as My people"*

Please fill the first cup for everyone at the table (2oz wine or grape juice)

All participants: "Blessed are you, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us and has brought us to this special time." This first cup represents how God chose us to be His own treasured people: You are the LORD, and you have freed us from the hand of the enemy."

LEADER- let's drink the first cup

PARSLEY AND SALT WATER

Ask everyone to pass the parsley

LEADER: The parsley symbolizes the growth and fertility of the Jewish people in Egypt, but it also remembers their great suffering. We eat parsley dipped in salt water to remember the tears that were shed during the time of oppression and slavery in Egypt. When you dip the parsley, shake off some of the salt water so that the drops will resemble tears....

Let's eat the parsley together

BROKEN BREAD

Hold up and break the middle piece of matzo

LEADER: The breaking symbolizes his death. One half of the matzo is wrapped in a napkin and hidden away until later, picturing Jesus' burial. This piece is called the Afikoman.

Wrap one half of the matzo in the napkin and place the smaller piece back into the middle of the stack.

-Adults celebrating with children take a moment to hide the wrapped piece in the house for the children to find later in a place close by (not difficult to find) or just set to the side if there are no children.

All participants: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." -John 3:16

All participants: "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." -2 Corinthians 5:21

THE INVITATION

LEADER: Let all who are hungry come and eat... "For Jesus, *our* Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the feast..." (I Cor. 5:7-8).

LEADER: *Invite all the children to prepare for the child's question.*

The Child's question: "Why is this night different from all other nights? What does this celebration mean?"

LEADER: "It will come about when your children say, 'What does this celebration mean?' that you shall say, 'It is a Passover to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel when He struck down the Egyptians, but spared our homes'" (Ex. 12:24-27).

All participants: All Israel suffered as slaves in Egypt, but the Lord delivered them out of the hand of the enemy by His mighty hand and outstretched arm.

LEADER: In the same way, all of us were held in slavery and bondage to sin. Through Jesus, our Passover lamb, God delivered us. He has set us free to live for him.

All participants: So Passover is a celebration of God's love for all mankind. It celebrates Israel's release from slavery in Egypt and the redemption of all mankind from slavery to sin.

LEADER: Now the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, Speak to all the congregations of Israel, saying, "On the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each household... they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

All participants: *And they shall eat the lamb that same night, roasted with fire. They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. "You shall eat it in haste-it is the Lord's Passover.*

LEADER: For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night and will strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt – I am the Lord.

All participants: *And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live. When I see the blood I will pass over you and no plague will come upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

LEADER: "Now it came about at midnight that the Lord struck all the first-born in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead.

LEADER: Then he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, 'Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, worship the Lord, as you have said'" (Ex. 12:1-13; 28-31).

All participants: Blessed is He who kept His promise to Israel. The Lord brought an end to bondage, and fulfilled His promise to Abraham: "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves and afterward they will come out with great possessions" Genesis 15:13-14.

LEADER: Just as the Israelites were made free from the tyranny of Pharaoh when they crossed the Sea – being “baptized into the death of the waters” so they could be reborn to serve God in freedom – likewise those who trust in Jesus are “baptized into His death” and reborn to serve God by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our redemption sets us free to be God’s treasured people.

All participants: Let’s thank the LORD our God for the miracle of our deliverance: “Blessed be the LORD, the LORD God, the God of Israel, who makes us rejoice.”

THE CUP OF DELIVERANCE

At this time, please fill the second cup

LEADER: This cup recalls God’s *second* promise: “I will *deliver* you from slavery.”

LEADER: Let us then give thanks to the LORD our God for saving the Israelites from Egypt and for delivering us from our personal bondage to the evil one by the shed blood of the Lamb of God... Let us lift our hearts to God in thanks for His salvation.

All participants: For he has delivered us from all oppression!

LEADER: *Invite everyone to drink the second cup*

Matzo

LEADER- Please pass a piece of Matzo around the table for everyone to touch and see.

LEADER: Matzo represents the bread of *His* afflictions, not our own. We do not become sanctified by afflicting ourselves, but rather by sincerely trusting in the afflictions that Jesus endured on our behalf. Just as we are saved by God’s grace through faith, so are we *sanctified*. Sanctification is a work of the Holy Spirit in our lives *just as miraculous* as regeneration itself (1 Cor. 6:11).

LEADER: We do not earn merit before the LORD through performing “good deeds” (Titus 3:5-6), but rather by humbling ourselves and trusting in the

Messiah for righteousness (John 6:28-29). “It is finished.” Unleavened bread, then, signifies our identification with the Lord in his humility and afflictions. Unlike *leavened* bread that relies on an “outside” agency such as yeast, *unleavened* bread is simple and pure: just add flour and water, mix and bake.

LEADER: Second, in ancient times, the leavening process usually involved adding a pinch of soured dough to the mix, but unleavened bread has no “history” that is brought into its creation. It’s therefore an entirely “new lump,” not using material from the past.... It is free from the effects of the curse of previous decay. Leavening therefore represents our connection with our lives before Christ.

All participants: Salvation is from the Lord. God delivered the Israelites from slavery, just as God delivers us from the slavery to our sins.

THE BITTER HERBS

LEADER- Lift up the bitter herbs (Romaine & Horseradish)

LEADER: These are the bitter herbs, which we will eat.

All participants: They picture the bitterness and sorrow of Israel, when they were held captive in Egypt and oppressed by their cruel masters (Ex. 1:14).

LEADER: Please pass the bitter herbs to everyone at the table. Everyone please take a piece of Romaine lettuce and add horseradish.

LEADER: These bitter herbs symbolize the bitterness of slavery and Israel’s miserable existence in Egypt. To us as Christians, the eating of bitter herbs also reminds us of our lives before we knew Jesus. They are symbolic of the bitter cup our Lord tasted on our behalf. The horseradish brings tears to our eyes as we taste it and remember the suffering of a life in bondage to sin.

LEADER: Let’s eat it together

THE PASSOVER SACRIFICE

LEADER: Hold up the lamb bone

LEADER: This represents the lamb slain in Egypt, to set us free from bondage.

All participants pray: LORD, we thank you that you gave Israel a place of protection under the blood of the Passover lamb. We will eat this meal with thankful hearts, remembering Your faithfulness and love for Your people. We pray that everyone everywhere would discover the place of blessing and protection you have provided under the blood of Jesus, who is the perfect Passover Lamb.

LEADER: Invite the children to look for the broken Matzo wrapped in cloth and bring it back to the table.

THE UNLEAVENED BREAD

LEADER: The Prophet Isaiah wrote: Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our weaknesses, ...He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

All participants: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to His own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

LEADER: "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open His mouth... He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken. It was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days... He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (*Isa. 53:1-12*).

All participants: "The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'" John 1:29.

LEADER- Hold up the Afikoman at your table (broken matzo in cloth)

LEADER: This is the broken piece of matzo that was hidden early in our Seder. The unleavened bread is a picture of the body of Jesus. It is made of pure flour and water without yeast. When the dough is prepared, it is

pierced and striped with a pointed tool. The prophecy of Isaiah 53:5 declares: “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

LEADER: When this matzo was broken at the start of the seder, it symbolized Jesus’ death. When it was wrapped in cloth, it spoke prophetically of the wrapping of his body in linen after the crucifixion. When the broken and wrapped bread was hidden, it symbolized his burial in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea (Matt. 27:57-60).

LEADER: (Unwrap matzo and hold up for all to see.)

All participants: This symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus.

All participants: “On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb... they found the stone rolled away... Two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, **HE HAS RISEN**’”! Luke 24:1-6

LEADER: *Break the Afikoman into small pieces, and pass to each participant who is in Christ Jesus.*

LEADER: This is the place in the Passover celebration which was recorded in the Gospel of Luke, “having taken some bread, when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me’” (Lk. 22:19).

All Participants: By His stripes we are healed.

LEADER: pray a blessing: “Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth, and Who gave us Jesus, the bread of life.”

All who are in Christ are invited to eat from the broken body.

THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

LEADER: Please fill your glass for the third cup

LEADER: We are about to drink the third cup and it is the most significant. *It recalls God's promise given to Israel: "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm,"* and therefore it is called the "Cup of Redemption".

LEADER: (lifts the cup and says): Jesus lifted the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me" (I Cor. 11:25). This was the original context of the Lord's Supper.

LEADER prays: "Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth the fruit of the vine, and who gave the blood of your Son Jesus for our redemption."

All who are in Christ are invited to drink the Cup of Redemption.

Song: Remember "Maverick City Worship x Upperroom"

THE HALLEL

LEADER: The word Hallel means "praise," let us offer our praise to the LORD God of Israel for the gift of His deliverance given to us in Jesus, the great Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

All Participants: "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, born in the likeness of men, and humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the Name that is above every Name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus the Messiah is LORD, to the glory of God the Father." – Philippians 2:7-11

LEADER: Let's Recite the Hallel together:

Leaders: Not to us, O LORD, not to us,

Participants: But to Your name be the glory,

Leaders: Why do the nations say,

Participants: “Where is their God?”

Leaders: Our God is in heaven;

Participants: He does whatever He pleases.

Leaders: But their idols are silver and gold,

Participants: Made by the hands of men.

Leaders: They have mouths, but cannot speak,

Participants: Eyes, but they cannot see;

Leaders: They have ears, but cannot hear,

Participants: Noses, but they cannot smell;

Leaders: They have hands, but cannot feel,

Participants: Feet, but they cannot walk;

Leaders: Those who make them will be like them...

Participants: And so will all who trust in them.

Leaders: O house of Israel, trust in the LORD;

Participants: He is their help and shield.

Leaders: The LORD remembers us and will bless us:

Participants: He will bless those who fear the LORD...

Leaders: May the LORD make you increase,

Participants: Both you and your children.

Leaders: May you be blessed by the LORD,

Participants: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Leaders: Give thanks to the LORD, for HE is good;

Participants: His love endures forever.

Leaders: The LORD is my strength and my song;

Participants: He has become my salvation

Leaders: The stone the builders rejected

Participants: Has become the capstone;

Leaders: The LORD has done this,

Participants: And it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leaders: This is the day the LORD has made;

Participants: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leaders: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD

Participants: From the house of the LORD, we bless you.

Leaders: The LORD is God,

Participants: And He has made his light to shine upon us.

All Say: EVERYTHING SHALL BLESS HIS NAME!

THE CUP OF RESTORATION

LEADER: Please fill your glass for the fourth and final cup

LEADER: This cup represents the fourth “I will” statement of Exodus 6:6- “I will *acquire* you as a nation.” Since Jesus told his disciples that He would not drink the fourth cup, but promised to do so with them in the coming Kingdom (Matt. 26:29), this cup may be called the “Cup of Restoration”.

Leaders: “We have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!”

All Say: “Out of the hand of the enemy!”

Leaders: “Our redemption is complete!”

All Say: “Bondage has been broken!”

Leaders: “We have been released from captivity!”

All Say: “ We are set free to enter the promise!”

All Say: “Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The One sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. And He will tread the winepress of the fierce fury of the wrath of God, the Ruler over All, who is the LORD God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. Revelation 19:11-16

LEADER: We drink this cup in anticipation of the coming day when we shall do so with our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the great King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let's drink the last cup together.

All Say: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.” And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.” Revelation 21:1-6

Everyone Recite Closing Blessing: “Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling, and to cause you to stand, rejoicing, without blemish before His glorious presence, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ, our Lord and great Lamb of God, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time, and now, and for all eternity. **AMEN.**”

LEADER: Closing Prayer of Blessing

EAT THE PASSOVER MEAL