

# PASSOVER

## LITURGY



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# INTRODUCTION

This liturgy was made with the help and resources from the Lord, namely: the Holy Scriptures, Melito of Sardis, Hebrew4Christians, and Corner Fringe Ministries. Most of the Scriptures are taken from the NKJV and select ones are the author's personal interpretation.

This liturgy book will be used as a guide to the Passover.

Where it says **Leader**, the Leader reads.

Where it says **All**, everyone reads.

To create this Liturgy, I utilized the accounts of Scripture, Christian Quartodeciman writings, Christian Passover Traditions, and the traditional Jewish Passover.

Passover is a feast of the LORD with significance for two major events in Judeo-Christian History. Passover commemorates...

- The day that the LORD “passed over” the houses of those that chose to put their faith in the LORD by sacrificing the Passover Lamb and by putting the Blood of the Lamb on the doors of their house to ward off the Angel of Death.  
(Exodus 12:1-14)
- The day that Yeshua was marred beyond recognition and died on the Cross for the sins of the world, sacrificed as the Passover Lamb to take away the sins of the world.  
(Matthew 26:17-27:66)

## PASSOVER PREPARATION

The Passover Seder (or meal) starts at the sunset of \_\_\_\_\_ . The Passover week lasts from sunset \_\_\_\_\_ to sunset \_\_\_\_\_ . During this time no leavening or leavened food is to be in your house.

### Things to do to prepare for Passover

Read Exodus 12:3-20; Numbers 9:1-14; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, 11:17-34 individually and consider your cleanliness before God.

Buy food: Lamb Shank Bone (you can find this at most butcher shops and it is usually free), Bitter Herbs (Horseradish Sauce or Green Onions), Wine (or Grape Juice), Charoset, Karpos (Fresh Parsley or Celery), and Unleavened Bread.

Use up or throw out any leavened food (this means any leavening agents such as baking soda, baking powder, and yeast that are used for leavening bread and all breads that contain it) before sunset \_\_\_\_\_ .

If you missed the Passover Seder because of: a dead body (and therefore were unclean) or were away on a trip that went way too long, then we will have a Second Passover Seder on sunset \_\_\_\_\_ .

## SETTING THE TABLE

When setting the table for Passover, be sure you have all of the supplies that you will need for yourself and those celebrating with you. Here are the minimum requirements for each person:

- Grape juice or wine: 4 small cups
- Unleavened Bread: 1 piece (not counting the three pieces of matzah that are in the matzah bag)
- Karpos: 1 parsley or celery stalk
- Charoset: about 1 tablespoon
- Maror: 1 green onion or 1 tablespoon of horseradish sauce (If you do the horseradish, then you will also need another piece of matzah per person)
- Other food for the actual Passover meal (Salad, Hummus, Brisket, Potatoes, etc) but no leavened bread

Supplies that are to be set up at the Passover table that is not eaten:

- 1 bag with three matzah in it (this is the bag used during Yachatz for the Afikomen and the two other pieces)
- 1 plate per person
- 1 cup per person
- 1 bowl of salt water (used for Karpos)
- Lamb shank bone on a plate near the middle of the table
- Water for washing feet (optional: essential oils)
- 1 linen (or white) cloth (for the Afikomen to be wrapped in later on)

# CUP OF SANCTIFICATION

## *Kos KIDDUSH*

**Leader** The first cup is the Cup of Sanctification. It is taken from Exodus 6:6 which states “I will bring you out from under the bondage of the Egyptians.” Let us lift our cups and bless the LORD together.

**All** Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

**Leader** *Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, borei pri  
hagafen.*

*Blessed are You,  
LORD our God, King of  
the universe, who  
creates the fruit of the  
vine.*

It was concerning this first cup that Yeshua declared:

**All** “...Take this and share it among yourselves. For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” (Luke 22:17b-18; CSB)

**All may drink the first cup**

# KARPOS

## FRUIT

**Leader** Passover occurs in the springtime when the earth is blossoming forth in life. The green parsley is symbolic of the life that is given and sustained by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**All** Let us dip our parsley in salt water to remind ourselves that Israel suffered and shed many tears just as we do in our earthly lives.

Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

**Leader** *Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, borei pri  
hagafen.*

Blessed are You,  
LORD our God, King  
of the universe, who  
creates the fruit of the  
vine.

But let us remember the words of Isaiah the Prophet concerning the Messiah:

**All** “Yet he himself bore our sicknesses,  
and he carried our pains” (Isaiah 53:4; CSB).

**All may dip the parsley into the saltwater twice  
and eat it**



# UNLEAVENED BREAD

## MATZAH

**Leader** The Unleavened Bread is called the Bread of Affliction because it was made in haste with no time to add leaven and let it rise.

**All** This is the bread of our affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry come and eat with us; all who are needy, come and eat with us. Let all who are enslaved become free. Let all who are oppressed become liberated.

**Leader** *Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, ha-motzi lechem  
min ha-eretz.*

Blessed are you LORD our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

**All may eat the Unleavened Bread**

# YACHATZ

## *BREAKING*

- Leader** The pocket for unleavened bread is a decorative container holding three pieces of matzah. We are going to break the middle piece of matzah, put half of it in a linen napkin and hide it until we need it after the meal is served.
- All** What is the meaning of the three pieces of matzah in the container?
- Leader** Some claim that it represents Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Others say that it symbolizes the Aaronic priesthood, the levitical priests, and the rest of the Israelites. But later we will speak of its true meaning.

# MAH NISHTANAH

## *WHY ON THIS NIGHT?*

**Parents** “When your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ you are to reply...”  
(Exodus 12:26-27a; CSB)

The children are essential to the Passover feast, for it is through this celebration that they may learn of God's redemptive nature.

**Children** On all other nights, we do not dip the vegetable even once. Why do we dip twice tonight?

**Parents** By dipping, we remember that a life of bondage is bitter indeed. But we remind ourselves that even the harshest bondage is sweetened by the promise of redemption.

**Children** On all other nights, we eat bread made with leaven. Why do we eat only unleavened bread tonight?

**Parents** We eat unleavened bread to remember that the sons of Israel, in their haste to leave Egypt, had to take their bread with them while it was flat.

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**Children** On all other nights, we may eat herbs of every kind. On this night, why are we required to eat bitter herbs?

**Parents** We eat bitter herbs to remember the harshness of slavery and bondage.

**Children** On all other nights, we eat our meals in various ways. But why do we eat in such a relaxed manner tonight?

**Parents** We relax tonight because we were once slaves, but now we are free. By the strength of His Right Arm, the Lord brought us out of Egypt. He delivered us from the house of bondage so that we can enjoy our freedom in Him.

*Mah nishtanah, halaylah hazeh,  
 mikol halaylot, mikol halaylot  
 She-b'khol halaylot  
 ein anu matbilin  
 afilu pa'am achat, afilu pa'am achat  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh shtei p'amim?  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh shtei p'amim?*

*She-b'khol halaylot anu okhlin  
 chameitz umatzah, chameitz umatzah  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh, kulo matzah?  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh, kulo matzah?*

*She-b'khol halaylot anu okhlin  
 sh'ar y'rakot, sh'ar y'rakot,  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh, maror, maror?  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh, maror, maror?*

*She-b'khol halaylot anu okhlin  
 bein yoshvin u-vein m'subi-in,  
 bein yoshvin u-vein m'subi-in,  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh, kulanu m'subin  
 halaylah hazeh, halaylah hazeh, kulanu m'subin*

## **PASSOVER STORY**

### **Exodus 12:1-14**

1 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

7 And 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.

8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.

10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

# THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## *MAKOT MITZRAIM*

**Leader** Ten plagues were inflicted on all whose hearts were hardened against the Lord in Egypt. These are the plagues of Egypt in their order.

**All** Blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the firstborn.

"Don't gloat when your enemy falls,  
and don't let your heart rejoice when he  
stumbles," (Proverbs 24:17; CSB)



# CUP OF BLESSING

## *KOS BRACHA*

**Leader** *Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, borei pri  
hagafen.*

Blessed are You,  
LORD our God, King  
of the universe, who  
creates the fruit of the  
vine.

### **All may drink the second cup**

**All** "I will boast in the Lord; the humble will hear and be glad. Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and rescued me from all my fears." (Psalm 34:2-4; CSB)

# BITTER HERBS

## MAROR

**Leader** This represents the bitter life that the Israelites had when they were slaves in Egypt and the bitter lives we had when we were slaves to sin, before we were redeemed in Yeshua the Messiah. In this we are set free from the bondage of sin.

*Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, asher kideshanu  
bemitzvotav ve-tzivanu  
'al achilat maror.*

Blessed are you,  
LORD our God, king of  
the universe, who  
sanctified us through  
Your commandments,  
and commanded us to  
eat bitter herbs.

**All may eat the bitter herbs**

# CHAROSET

## *FRUIT AND NUTS*

**Leader** This brownish mixture of nuts and fruits is called charoet. It is symbolic of the mortar used in making bricks for the Egyptian rulers. It's sweetness will help remove the bitterness of the herb.

**All** We are grateful that God's grace has removed the bitterness from our lives and replaced it with his joy and righteousness.

**All may dip the unleavened bread into the  
charoet and eat**

# **LAMB BONE**

## **ZEROAH**

**Leader** We have the shank bone of a lamb on our seder plate. It is the only reminder of the lamb that was killed so that the blood could be applied to the doorpost of the Israelite houses that Passover night.

**All** How sad that the very instrument of God's deliverance for the children of Israel would receive such small recognition. Let us purpose in our hearts to magnify with great zeal the Lamb of God whom Isaiah prophesied would bear our iniquities.

# ***THE BINDING OF ISAAC***

## ***AKEDAH***

### **Genesis 22:1-18**

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

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9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

**Leader** God promised to provide a Lamb, but instead, they found a ram in the thicket. How can this be? Let us remember the words of John the Baptist who said of Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). That ram foreshadowed Yeshua the Messiah, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

**All** "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)

# DAYENU

## IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH

*Ilu hotzi hotzianu, hotzianu mimitzrayim, hotzianu mimitzrayim, dayenu.*

*Da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu dayenu, dayenu.*

*Ilu natan, natan lanu, natan lanu et haShabbat, natan lanu et haShabbat, dayenu.*

*Da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu dayenu, dayenu.*

*Ilu natan, natan lanu, natan lanu et haTorah, natan lanu et haTorah, dayenu.*

*Da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu dayenu, dayenu.*

*Ilu natan, natan lanu, natan lanu et Mashiach, natan lanu et Mashiach, dayenu.*

*Da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu, da-da-yenu dayenu, dayenu.*

Translation:

If you had just brought us out of Egypt, it would have been enough.

If you had only given us the Sabbath, it would have been enough.

If you had only given us the Law, it would have been enough.

If you had only given us Messiah, it would have been enough.



## ***THE PASSOVER SUPPER***

**Leader** *Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, shehakol niyah  
Bidvaro.*

Blessed are you LORD  
our God, King of the  
universe, by whose  
Word all things exist.

**All may eat the meal**

## THE PASSION OF THE MESSIAH

### **Matthew 26:17-75**

17 Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'" ' "

19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve.

21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?"

23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.

24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."

37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."

49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

51 And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

55 In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' "

62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?”

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!”

64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!

66 What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.”

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,

68 saying, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”

69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”

70 But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

72 But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”

73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."

74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

### **Matthew 27:1-66**

1 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood."

7 And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced,

10 and gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

13 Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?”

14 But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished.

16 And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called *Jesus Barabbas*.

17 Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? *Jesus Barabbas*, or Jesus who is called Christ?”

18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”



20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!"

22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"

23 Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

25 And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

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31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

32 Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,

34 they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads

40 and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,

42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' ”

44 Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!”

48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

49 The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. 57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

62 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, 63 saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'

64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how."

66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

**Matthew 28:1-20**

1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

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12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

13 saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.'

14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."

15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

# ΑΦΙΚΟΜΕΝ

## *THE ONE WHO HAS COME*

**Leader** During this time, the children will search for the Afikomen, and then I will explain what the Afikomen is.

### **Children may go find the Afikomen**

The word Afikomen comes from the Greek word, *Αφικόμενος*, which means, "The coming One" or "the One who has come". The Afikomen represents the Messiah who came down from heaven, clothed Himself in flesh, in the likeness of man, being born of the virgin, suffering and dying for our sins, resting in the grave for three days, rising from the dead on the third day, ascending to the right hand of the Father, and promising to come back again to judge the living and the dead. Let us remember the words of John the Baptist who said of Yeshua, "He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:31-36). And remember the words of the Proverbs which say of Yeshua, “Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, if you know?” (Proverbs 30:4)

**All**

Let us praise and worship Yeshua the Messiah who came down from heaven. “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:6-11)



**Leader** O Lord! “Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Isa 53:1-6)

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

Let us take a look at the three pieces of unleavened bread which are found in the pocket. The three pieces of unleavened bread represent the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The first piece, the second piece, and the third piece represent the totality of the Godhead. These three pieces are set apart, they are holy, and they are one. But then, the Second piece is broken and comes out of the pocket, it is clothed in linen and hidden, then the children find it and we break it and everyone eats it. Remember the Son of God who has come “to destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8c) and will come again to finish His work.

*Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, ha-motzi lechem  
emet min ha-  
shamayim.*

Blessed are you  
LORD our God, King  
of the universe, who  
brings forth the True  
Bread from Heaven.

This broken bread represents Yeshua's body that was broken for you on the cross. Take it and eat, all who are trusting in the LORD's salvation.

**All may eat the Afikomen**

# CUP OF REDEMPTION

## *Kos G'ULAH*

**Leader** *Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, borei pri  
hagafen.*

Blessed are You,  
LORD our God, King  
of the universe, who  
creates the fruit of the  
vine.

This cup of Redemption represents God's New Covenant, and the very blood of Yeshua that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Drink this, all of you who are trusting in the LORD's salvation.

**All may drink the third cup**

# HYMNS

## CHRIST IS RISEN

**Leader** *Christaws anestei ek  
nekron,  
thanato thanatawn  
pateisas,  
Kai tois en tois  
mneimasi,  
zo-ein  
Charisamenaws!*

Christ is Risen from  
the dead,  
trampling down death  
by death,  
and to those in the  
tombs,  
He is bestowing life!

**Leader** Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered  
and let them that hate Him flee from before His  
face. (Psalm 68:1)

**All** Christ is Risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and to those in the tombs,  
He is bestowing life!

**Leader** As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax  
melts before the fire, (Psalm 68:2)

**All** Christ is Risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and to those in the tombs,  
He is bestowing life!

**Leader** So let sinners perish in the presence of God. And let the righteous be glad. (Psalm 68:3a)

**All** Christ is Risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and to those in the tombs,  
He is bestowing life!  
A-a-a-men!

## **CHURCH, O HOLY CHURCH**

**Men** I the Church am the true bride  
Of the Most Exalted One.

**Women** "I am bless'd," exclaims the Church,  
"Who has truly betrothed me?  
I worship the True Bridegroom  
Who came down and betrothed me."

**Men** On that day He betrothed me  
Creation was astonished,  
For He made this poor girl rich.  
Oh how He exalted me!

**Women** In the heights He established  
A bridal chamber for me.  
Where I may rejoice with friends  
I am bless'd to confess Him.

**Men** He took me from idols and  
Revealed His Myst'ries to me.  
He said, "I will be with you  
Until the end of the world."

**Women** The Son of the King gave me  
All the riches that He brought.  
Riches from His Father's House  
Therefore I will worship Him.

**Men** Woe to Satan who misleads  
And corrupts me with idols.  
Praise Jesus, Who redeemed me,  
And Who has made me worthy.

**Women** In baptism He clothed me,  
With armor of the Spirit,  
And placed His Body and Blood  
As the ring on my finger.

**Men** The groom resembles the sun  
And the bride is like the day.  
The marriage feast resembles  
A tree which has great fragrance.

**Women** When I heard of His Good News  
My mind burned with love for Him.  
Even before seeing Him,  
I confessed Him and was bless'd.

**Men** I searched out the sea and land  
No one told me where He was.  
I sought Him in Bethlehem  
But He had left for Egypt.

**Women** I went after Him with joy  
But when I came to Egypt,  
They told me that He left for  
Nazareth in Galilee.

**Men** I set out on a journey  
To find Him in Nazareth.  
When I reached there I was told,  
“He left for River Jordan.”

**Women** I had no fear of the way,  
Nor had I fear of robbers.  
I set out for the Jordan  
And searched for Him in the crowd.

**Men** Exhausted, I slept a while.  
When I awoke they told me,  
“The Bridegroom invites you to  
Come for the great wedding feast!”

**Women** I decided to go and  
Seek my Master at the feast.  
When I reached there I was served  
The good wine that He had made.

**Men** The groom and his friends asked me,  
“Holy One, whom do you seek?  
Your beloved is not here;  
He left for the wilderness.”

**Women** The fragrant breath of His love  
Illumined and gladdened me.  
I rushed to the wilderness  
And searched for him in the crowds.



**Men** I inclined my ear and heard  
A voice in the crowd saying,  
“Her belov’d has been raised up  
On the Tree on Golgotha.”

**Women** Overcome with grief I wept  
And ran to Zion for Him.  
When I reached there I was told  
He had been placed in a tomb.

**Men** Hearing this, I wept with pain  
And leaned my head on the Tree.  
An angel appeared saying,  
“Weep not for Christ is risen!”

**Women** I heard His voice and rejoiced  
And my face became radiant.  
I embraced Him and kissed Him;  
Lovingly He spoke to me.

**All** “Come in peace, O Holy One,  
Whom I betrothed on the Cross.  
To My Father, I ascend;  
He shall send you the Spirit”

**Leader** Lord have mercy upon us and help us.

# HALLEL

## *THE PSALMS OF PRAISE*

### **Psalm 113:1-9**

1 Hallelujah! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high,

6 Who humbles Himself to behold the things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

7 He raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

8 That He may seat him with princes—with the princes of His people.

9 He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

### **Psalm 114:1-8**

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

2 Judah became His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion.

3 The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.

5 What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 O mountains, that you skipped like rams? O little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

### **Psalm 115:1-18**

1 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth.

2 Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?"

3 But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see;

6 They have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell;

7 They have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

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12 The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

14 May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children.

15 May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth He has given to the children of men.

17 The dead do not praise the Lord, nor any who go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Hallelujah!

### **Psalm 116:1-19**

1 I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

3 The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!"

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

6 The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.

7 Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

8 For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

10 I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted."

11 I said in my haste, "all men are liars."

12 What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

13 I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

14 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

16 O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

19 In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

### **Psalm 117:1-2**

1 Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Glorify Him, all you peoples!

2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Hallelujah!

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**Psalm 118:1-29**

1 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever."

4 Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His mercy endures forever."

5 I called on the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

7 The Lord is for me among those who help me; therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

12 They surrounded me like bees; they were quenched like a fire of thorns; for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

13 You pushed me violently, that I might fall, but the Lord helped me.

14 The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord, through which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save *us* now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord, and He has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

29 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.

# CUP OF PRAISE

## *Kos HALLEL*

**Leader** *Baruch attah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melek ha-  
olam, borei pri  
hagafen.*

Blessed are You,  
LORD our God, King  
of the universe, who  
creates the fruit of the  
vine.

**All** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

**All may drink the fourth cup**



# ELIJAH THE PROPHET

*ELIYAHU HANA VI*

**Leader** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse. (Malachi 4:5-6)

**All** *Eliyahu Hanavi,  
Eliyahu Hatishbi,  
Eliyahu Hagil'adi,  
Bimherah Yavo Elenu  
Im Mashiach Ben  
David.*

Elijah the Prophet,  
Elijah the Tishbite,  
Elijah the Giladite,  
May he soon come to  
us,  
with the Messiah, the  
Son of David.

Lord, we await your word that you promised in Matthew's Gospel when you said, "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works." (Matthew 16:27) Lord, we await Your second coming.

## FOOT WASHING

**Leader** Yeshua taught us true servanthood through humility on the night of Passover when "He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around him." (John 13:5; CSB)

He demonstrated the fullest expression of servanthood through humility when He graciously taught that "the greatest among you will be your servant." (Matt. 23:11; CSB)

Let us now follow Yeshua's example by washing one another's feet for He said, "Do you know what I have done for you? You call me Teacher and Master and rightly so, for I am. Therefore, if I, the Teacher and Master, have washed your feet, then you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example, in order that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:12b-15)

**All who are willing may wash  
one another's feet**

## CLOSING STATEMENT

**Leader** As we conclude the Passover meal, let us offer the traditional wish that we may celebrate Passover next year in Jerusalem.

**All** *Next year in Jerusalem!*

**Leader** May we celebrate Passover in Jerusalem together with our Lord next year and for all eternity, amen.

