

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the
God of Jacob,
People: who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

PASSOVER MEAL

Sing the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Eat the main meal

After the meal, the children search for the Afikomen

THIRD CUP: The Cup of Redemption—“I will redeem you.”

Pour wine

Leader explains Jesus’ breaking bread.

Pass matzah and eat

Leader explains the new covenant.

Drink wine

All respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.”**

ELIJAH’S PLACE

Reader: *hold up Elijah’s cup and read Malachi 4:5*

A volunteer opens the door.

FOURTH CUP: The Cup of Praise—“I will take you.”

Fill cup and wait

Leader explains the fourth cup.

All respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.”**

GREAT HALLEL: Psalm 136

Reader: **Psalm 136**

All respond after each line: **For His love endures forever!**

*Drink final cup and proclaim, **Next Year in Jerusalem!***

Seder Meal Participant’s Guide

CANDLE LIGHTING

Woman: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has set us apart by his word, and in whose name we light the festival lights.

Respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has chosen us from the beginning of time, exalting us by making us holy through the blood of the Lamb of Christ. In love you have given us Sabbaths for rest, holidays for joy, festivals for gladness, and the Son for our redemption. You give us this feast of unleavened bread, the season of our freedom, in commemoration of the Jewish Liberation from Egypt and of universal liberation from sin and its punishment. Blessing to our God who saw fit to deliver us!**

FIRST CUP: The Cup of Sanctification—“I will bring you.”

Pour wine

Leader explains the cups.

Reader: **Exodus 6:6-8**

Leader invites people to drink.

All Respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.**

Drink

HAND WASHING

Leader washes hands, explains.

PARSLEY

Leader explains the parsley.

Respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth.**

Pass and eat parsley dipped in salt water.

THE HAGGADAH (The Telling)

Leader explains Passover and remembering how God brought the Israelites out of Egypt.

1ST QUESTION (child): **On all other nights, we eat bread or matzah. On this night, why do we eat only matzah?**

Leader responds.

Reader: **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

Pass and eat matzah, save some for dipping.

Reader: **Isaiah 53:5**

2ND QUESTION (child): **On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night, why do we eat only bitter herbs?**

Leader responds.

Pass and eat matzah dipped in horseradish.

Reader: **Psalms 22:13-15**

3RD QUESTION (child): **On all other nights, we do not dip our vegetables. On this night, why do we dip them twice?**

Leader responds.

Pass and eat matzah dipped in charoset.

4TH QUESTION (child): **On all other nights, we eat sitting. On this night, why do we eat reclining?**

Leader responds.

WE TELL THE PASSOVER STORY TOGETHER

SECOND CUP: The Cup of Plagues—"I will free you."

Pour wine but do not drink until the story is told.

Tell the story together; especially include the kids;

ask questions:

- *How did the Israelites become slaves?*
- *How did God call Moses?*
- *What did God ask Moses to do?*
- *How did Pharaoh respond to Moses?*
- *Then what happened?*

Instead of drinking, name each plague and drop a drop of juice on your plate: blood, frogs, lice, flies, cattle disease, boils, hail, locust, darkness, death of firstborn.

PASSOVER LAMB

Pass lamb

Leader explains the lamb and shank bone.

BEITZAH (roasted egg)

Pass eggs

Leader explains the Beitzah.

Raise cups and drink

Together respond: **We are free people - not standing ready to flee as the Israelites, but free children of God through Jesus' work on the cross.**

HALLEL: PSALM 113 & 114

Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

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

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Leader: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

People: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

Leader: who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

People: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

Leader: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

People: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Psalm 114

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

People: Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

Leader: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

People: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Leader: What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

People: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?