

CELEBRATION OF THE WORSHIP OF GOD



In Jesus' day, the Jewish feast of the Passover was the annual celebration of the greatest event in Jewish sacred history -- the exodus from bondage in Egypt. The night of the Passover was that fateful night in Egypt when the death angel passed over the Israelites, exempting them from God's divine wrath. On that night, God delivered them from the power of Pharaoh and freed them from slavery. The Passover meal or Seder is significant for Christians both as a way of experiencing the crucial connection between Christianity and Judaism and as a model of celebration centered in the home. Jesus shared a Passover meal (his "last supper") with his disciples the night before he was crucified.

While the Passover meal is traditionally celebrated in the home among family or with close friends, in recent years there has been a move toward celebrating the Passover in larger groups. The order of the service takes place around the dinner table before and after the meal. All participants take turns reading parts of the Seder from the "Haggadah" ("telling"), either individually or as a group. The Exodus story is told, questions are asked, symbols from the Seder plate are explained and songs are sung. Children and youth have a special role to play. They ask the four questions, hide the **Afikomen**, and open the door for Elijah. All of these roles have symbolic significance.

WELCOME

HYMN *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*
(see musical page)

6:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016

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The CANDLES are lit by a woman at each table.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season. May this place be made holy by the light of your presence, shining upon us in blessing and giving us peace.

The WASHING OF HANDS is performed by dipping fingers into a cup of water.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you have blessed us with your commandments that we might serve you with pure and holy hands.

The SYMBOLIC FOODS are presented.

The UNLEAVENED BREAD is introduced and prayed over.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you redeem us as you redeemed our ancestors in Egypt, and you have permitted us to live to this night, to partake of unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

The SHANK BONE of the PASSOVER LAMB is introduced and prayed over.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you hallowed us with your commandments and protected us by the blood of the lamb.

The CHAROSETH and EGG are introduced and prayed over.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you strengthened us with your commandments and delivered us from the house of bondage.

The HORSERADISH is introduced and prayed over.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you strengthened us with your commandments and delivered us from the bitterness of our tears.

The MEALTIME GRACE & DOXOLOGY OLD 100th

**Be present at our table Lord,
be here and everywhere adored,
these mercies bless and grant that we
may feast in fellowship with thee.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
In heaven above and earth below;
One God, three persons, we adore.
To God be praise forevermore. Amen.**

The MEAL is eaten.

The FIRST CUP OF WINE/JUICE is poured . . . held high for the prayer . . . and then drunk.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.

The GREENS, parsley dipped in salt water, are prayed over and eaten.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have created the fruit of the earth.

The UNLEAVENED BREAD is broken. . . a portion is hidden for later.

CHORAL MUSIC (# 663, vs. 1, 2, 5) *Go Down Moses*

The SECOND CUP OF WINE/JUICE is filled . . .

The QUESTIONS are asked by the children.

EXODUS 12:21-27 is read.

The MIRACLE AT THE RED SEA is introduced.

DRINK THE SECOND CUP OF WINE/JUICE, after saying this prayer.

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you have created the fruit of the vine.

A SONG OF THANKS, “Dayenu” is sung.
(see musical pages)

The THIRD CUP OF WINE/JUICE is filled.

The INTRODUCTION and EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your dear Son,

the very image and reflection of your glory. In him we have received the forgiveness of sins.

The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are offered.

The LORD’S PRAYER is offered.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP AROUND TABLES

The CLOSING PRAYER (*Let us pray together . . .*)
O God, by coming to your table we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

The BENEDICTION is said.

The FOURTH CUP OF WINE/JUICE is filled.

One: The door is opened for Elijah and the FOURTH CUP is filled. Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...

All: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you have chosen us in Christ to be your people Israel.

Drink the FOURTH CUP.

One: We drink the Fourth cup as we proclaim, “Next year in Jerusalem!”

CLOSING SONG (see musical pages) *Shalom to You*

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What if God had set us free from Egyptian tyranny;
What if God, who set us free, had not opened up the sea?
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if God, who set us free and who opened up the sea,
Had not let us walk dry-shod when the seaward path we trod?
Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if, when the sea we trod where God let us walk dry-shod,
Had not turned again to drown those who sought to hunt us down?
Drowned the foe • Way to go • Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if God, who drowned the foe, had not shown us where to go,
Forty years been near to bless in the savage wilderness?
Wilderness • Near to bless • Drowned the foe • Way to go
Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if God, so near to bless forty years in wilderness,
Had not manna sent each day to sustain us on our way?
Manna here • Forty years • Wilderness • Near to bless
Drowned the foe • Way to go • Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if God, who sent each day manna to sustain our way,
Had not made us further blest, granting us a Sabbath rest?
Sabbath rest • Richly blest • Manna here • Forty years
Wilderness • Near to bless • Drowned the foe • Way to go
Path we trod • Walk with God • Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if we, so richly blest with God's gift of Sabbath rest,
Could not then in faith draw nigh to the Mount of Sinai?
Drawing nigh • Sinai • Sabbath rest • Richly blest • Manna here
• Forty years • Wilderness • Near to bless • Drowned the foe
Way to go • Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if, when we had drawn nigh to the Mount of Sinai
Clothed with fire and smoke and awe, God had not proclaimed
the Law?
Smoke and awe • God's own Law • Drawing nigh • Sinai
Sabbath rest • Richly blest • Manna here • Forty years
Wilderness • Near to bless • Drowned the foe • Way to go
Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if, in the smoke and awe God had given us the Law?
But had not, with guiding hand, brought us to the Promised Land?
Promised Land • Guiding hand • Smoke and awe • God's own
Law • Drawing nigh • Sinai • Sabbath rest • Richly blest
Manna here • Forty years • Wilderness • Near to bless
Drowned the foe • Way to go • Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

What if God, whose guiding hand, brought us to the Promised
Land,
Had not let his holy Word in his blessed house be heard?
God's own Word • Gladly heard. Promised Land • Guiding hand
Smoke and awe • God's own Law • Drawing nigh • Sinai
Sabbath rest • Richly blest • Manna here • Forty years
Wilderness • Near to bless • Drowned the foe • Way to go
Path we trod • Walk with God
Open sea • Set us free
Da-dayenu, da-dayenu, da-dayenu . . . DA-YE-NU!

Shalom to You # 436
Words by Elise S. Eslinger

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
Traditional Spanish melody

Musical score for 'Shalom to You # 436'. The score is in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: D, Em, A7, D, Bm, Em, A7, D, G, Em, A, F#m, Bm, Em, A7, D.

Sha - lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends.
May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.
In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,
Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom.

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An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare # 385 O WALY WALY
Words by Fred Pratt Green English folk melody

Musical score for 'An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare # 385 O WALY WALY'. The score is in G major, 3/4 time, and consists of six systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, with the first column starting at the beginning of each system and the other columns starting at the beginning of the second, third, and fourth measures of each system.

1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare For those He
2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave His own: To share His
3. And af - ter sup - per He washed their feet, For ser - vice,
4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, He loves be -

loved un - til the end: And His dis - ci - ples still
bread, His lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
yond the ut - ter - most. In Christ our joy shall be
In ev - ery room in our

gath - er there To cel - e - brate their ris - en Friend.
bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.
made com - plete: Sent out to serve, as He was sent.
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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