



Passover tells the story of the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom. You can taste and feel how different Passover is from any other night of the year. It is a celebration of Freedom. It is the night of liberation! In the Christian tradition Holy Thursday commemorates the night Jesus brought his disciples together to celebrate Passover. He knew it would be their last meal together. It too was different from any other night for it would include the offering of Christ's presence, in the form of bread and cup, to sustain and encourage the disciples until He would come again. Tonight we share the bread and cup, the symbols of the Seder and the washing of hands – all signs that point to God's love for us and the power of this Holy Week. We are grateful for the presence of Reb Lisa Levine from Seaside Jewish Community, as well as Marjorie Kobrin, sharing in the liturgy. Thanks for worshipping with us this evening!

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*Praise Gathering

Go Down, Moses

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1. When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh to let my people go!
2. No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go;
let them come out with Egypt's spoil, let my people go. {Refrain}
3. We need not always weep and mourn, let my people go;
and wear those slavery chains forlorn, let my people go. {Refrain}
4. Your foes shall not before you stand, let my people go;
and you'll possess fair Canaan's land, let my people go. {Refrain}
5. This world's a wilderness of woe, let my people go;
O let us on to Canaan go, let my people go. {Refrain}
6. O let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. {Refrain}

SABBATH PRAYER

May the Lord protect and defend you. May He always shield you from shame.
May you come to be in Yisroel a shining name.
May you be like Ruth and like Esther, may you be deserving of praise.
Strengthen them, O Lord, and keep them from the stranger's ways.

Candles:

Marjorie Kobrin (*from the Lectern*)

Before sunset, candles would be lighted, often by the mother and this prayer offered:
O God, may the rays of these festival candles cast their glow upon the earth and bring the radiance of your divine light to all who still dwell in darkness and in bondage. May this season, marking the deliverance of our ancestors from Pharaoh, arouse us against anyone who keeps humankind in servitude. In gratitude for the freedom that is ours, may we strive to bring about the liberation of all humanity. Amen. (*Marjorie lights candles on the "Seder" table*)

May God bless you and grant you long lives.
May God make you good husbands and wives.

May the Lord protect and defend you. May the Lord preserve you from pain.
Favor them, O Lord, with happiness and peace, O, hear our Sabbath prayer. Amen. ¹

Hand Washing

Hand washing stations are set around the sanctuary space. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Songs of Service

THESE HANDS

The sun and moon and ev'ry star are there to show me who You are.
I can be sure Your fingerprints are everywhere.
My every move, my every breath were meant to point to Your greatness.
There's nothing made that was not made to show Your power.

*These hands were made to praise You, these lips were made to lift You up. I give to You my life in worship.
These feet were made to serve You, this tongue to sing of Your great love. I give to You my life in worship.*

A tender thought, a caring deed, a gift of love to one in need;
Bringing honest acts of worship to You, Lord. (*Chorus 2X*)

Lifting holy hands in worship to You, Lord; God, receive this humble sacrifice of praise. {*Refrain*}

TAG: *I give to You my life in worship.* ²

It Is You

As we lift up our hands will You meet us here? As we call on Your name will You meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship You, God of mercy and grace.
It is You we adore; it is You praises are for; only You the heavens declare.
It is You, it is You.

*(refrain 1) And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone.
It is You we adore, it is You, only You. (repeat verse)*

*(refrain 2) And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone.*

Bridge: As we lift up our hands, as we call on Your name,
Will You meet us in this place by Your mercy and grace?
As we lift up our hands, as we call on Your name,
Will You meet us in this place by Your mercy and grace?
It is You we adore, it is You, it is You. (*refrain*) ³

Opening Blessing:

The first act of the Jewish Passover meal is a blessing. **Vicky** (*from the lectern*)

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.
Blessed are you, Lord God, who has chosen us among all peoples and sanctified us with
Your commandments. In love you have given us solemn days of joy and festive seasons of
gladness, even this day of the feast of the unleavened bread, a memorial of the departure
from Egypt. You have chosen us for Your service. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who
has preserved us, and brought us to this season.

The Four Questions – Mah Nishtanah

Reb Lisa

The Passover Haggadah revolves around the four questions and four answers that are used to tell the salvation story. A child would ask a question, to be answered by a parent or an adult.

First Question – Chanted by Reb Lisa

#1 Noah – Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we eat leavened products and matzah, on this night only matzah. WHY?

Reb Lisa – chants the answer in Hebrew

Kira - (Matzah) This is the bread of affliction which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and celebrate the Passover with us. May it be God's will to redeem us from all trouble and all servitude.

Second Question – Chanted by Reb Lisa

#2 – Noah - Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we eat all vegetables, and on this night only bitter herbs. WHY?

Reb Lisa chants the 2nd answer in Hebrew

Kira - (Maror) - Bitter herb (horseradish) - reminds us of the bitterness of slavery which the people endured in Egypt. They were to never forget their plight before God saved them.

Third Question - Chanted by Reb Lisa

#3 Noah – Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we don't dip our food even once, and on this night we dip twice. WHY?

Reb Lisa – chants the 3rd answer in Hebrew

Kira - (Karpas) – Fresh Greens - Passover was also an agricultural feast as they gave thanks for their rich bounty. However, on Passover they would eat these greens (parsley) by dipping the greens twice into the salt water that symbolized the tears of those who had been oppressed, and the hyssop dipped for sprinkling on the door posts of Hebrew dwellings, in preparation for the Exodus (Exodus 12:22).

Fourth Question - Chanted by Reb Lisa

#4 Noah – Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining, and this night we only recline. WHY?

Reb Lisa chants the answer to the 4th question in Hebrew

Kira - Slaves ate standing up during the time of oppression while those they served would lie on a couch while eating. To symbolize their freedom from the bondage of slavery, on Passover they would recline leaning to the left as they ate the symbolic foods.

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?

TUNE: WE GATHER TOGETHER

“Why is this night different from all of the others?” This night we remember how God set us free. This night we remember our fathers and mothers whom God reached out to save from harsh slavery.

Our First Reading is taken from the Book of Exodus:

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in

the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

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 shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? (CONT)

We eat bitter herbs to recall how they suffered; the salt water tells of their tears and their cries. The lamb is the sacrifice each household offered; The matzo is the bread with no time to rise.

Through symbols we share here, your story is spoken:

God, help us to know that it's our story, too!

For as we are saved we are sent to the broken,

till all know peace and joy, till all are made new.

Our Second reading is taken from the Gospel of John ...please stand as you are able.

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."

For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at

once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer.

You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

VICKY: *Please be seated*

By faith, God's people were saved by the blood of the lamb that first Passover.

Tonight we remember the words of John the Baptist when he saw Jesus coming to be baptized? "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the Lord."

By faith, we are saved today through Christ who was willing to shed his blood for us and the world.

TODD: In the Eucharist we proclaim the words of St. Paul -

"Christ the Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.

Remembering how, in the Passover Meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me"

VICKY: Then, when the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So now pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine. Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

TODD: By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast, all together, at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

***The Lord's Prayer**

(Sung Responsively)

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Sharing the Meal

People will be invited to come in groups of 12 and surround the table. Once around the table, Vicky & Todd will serve the bread with pieces of Matzah on each side of the table until all have bread and then invite them to dip the bread into the cup which will be at each place setting at the same time to symbolize our unity. After being served, a brief dismissal will be given each table.

Music during Communion

IN REMEMBRANCE

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted, drink, and remember, too,
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love,
in remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart.
Look into your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me. ⁴

JESUS, GREATEST AT THE TABLE

TUNE: PICARDY

1. Jesus, greatest at the table, the almighty Son of Man,
laid aside his outer clothing, poured some water in a pan;
as the twelve lay hushed in silence, he the servant's task began.
2. Marvel how their Lord and Teacher gently taught them not to vie,
as he humbly knelt before them, dusty feet to wash and dry;
by his tender touch expressing true compassion from on high.
3. Jesus took the role of servant when upon that gruesome span,
for all human sin he suffered as a vile and loathsome man;
on the cross poured out like water to fulfill the Father's plan.
4. Can we fathom such deep mercy? Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal: love that gives his only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners, for the many dies the One.
5. Jesus gave to his disciples a commandment that was new:
"Show my love to one another, do as I have done for you;
all the world will know you love me as you love each other too."

As others are communing, the Praise Team will lead the congregation in the following song to conclude Holy Communion.

What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

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1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

All of the Chancel Table elements will be removed to the table in the Narthex. We wait for the celebration of Good Friday and Easter to come. Please remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation for as long as you want.

Special thanks to the Worship Design Team and Kira Woodson and Noah Ryan and Reb Lisa Levine and Marjorie Kobrin from Seaside Jewish Community for preparing and participating in this evening's worship service.

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday, April 19

7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunday, April 21

Easter Son Rise Service at the Rehoboth Bandstand

6:00 a.m.

Worship Celebration & Communion

7:45 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; 11:15 a.m.

Participants: Kira Woodson, Noah Ryan

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