

**All** – “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” (REVELATION 5.12)!

**Eat the meal** – Gyro–lamb pita or chicken pita or PB and J.

### LORD’S SUPPER

*Afikomen* – The portion of each table’s matzo that was hidden as the *afikomen* (“that which comes after/ dessert”) is then found and brought back.

**Host action item** – Help the second youngest child at your table find the hidden piece of *matzo* and bring it back to the table.

**Consecration and distribution of the bread** – “Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body’” (MATTHEW 26.26).

**Host action item** – Break up the *matzo*, put on a plate and distribute it to those at your table who meet the requirement to receive the Lord’s Supper, and partake.

**Third cup** (*beraka*) – *Beraka* is Hebrew for “blessing” (1 CORINTHIANS 10.16). (Some call this “the cup of redemption.”) “And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins’” (MATTHEW 26.27–28).

**Host action item** – Take the bottle of grape juice and pour a little in the glasses of those at your table. All those who meet the requirements to receive the Lord’s Supper, partake.

**All action item** – Sing second part of *Hallel* (PSALMS 113–118), “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made.” Matthew 26.30 says: “And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

**Fourth cup** (*hallel*) – *Hallel* is Hebrew for “praise.” Normally, this cup would be drunk to end the meal. But, Jesus refrains from this fourth cup, saying: “I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom” (MATTHEW 26.29).

**Host action item** – Take the bottle of grape juice and pour a little in the glasses, and all drink.

**Elijah’s seat** – The Jews look for Elijah to come, who will prophesy Messiah’s advent (MALACHI 3.1; 4.5–6). Yet, Elijah has already come and did prophesy about and even baptize the Messiah.

**Benediction** – “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 CORINTHIANS 13:14).



### ORIENTATION

### OPENING WORDS

**Host invitation** – “Let’s joyously ready our hearts to celebrate the story of Israel’s redemption – our story too!”

**Hostess blessing** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sent your Son, your only Son, Jesus the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our Paschal Lamb, that through him we might live.”

**All** – “Amen.”

**Host action item** – Ask the youngest child to search for any leavened bread on the table, and if he or she finds some, to take and place it in the basket in the closest corner.

**All** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us, and brought us to this season.”

**All** – Song of Praise: Doxology  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## THE PRELIMINARY COURSE

**Host blessing** – “The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and he gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace” (NUMBERS 6.24–26).

**First cup** (*kiddush*) – *Kiddush* comes from the Hebrew for “to set apart as sacred.” There are four cups of wine according to the four phrases of Exodus 6.6–7.

**Host action item** – Take the bottle of grape juice and pour a little into the glasses at your table.

**All** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine and sets us apart by the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Handwashing** (*urchatz*)—The Jews required a ceremonial cleansing before eating. At this point Jesus washed his disciples’ feet (JOHN 13).

**Host action item** – Take the jug of water, the basin, and the towel and wash your hands by pouring over each one into the basin. Dry. Then do the same for all those at your table. You may wash the feet of your family members. Place jug and basin below your seat when done.

**All** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who commands us to be cleansed.”

**Green herbs** (*karpas* and *chazeret*) – Green herbs symbolize the hyssop used to sprinkle the blood on the houses, and salt water symbolizes the tears of slavery.

**Host/hostess action item** – Host passes around the parsley/lettuce and the hostess passes the salt water.

**All** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth and cleanses us from the misery and guilt of sin by Christ’s blood.”

**Three matzos** (*yachatz*) – *Matzos* symbolize the bread made in haste and affliction. They also symbolize the manna in the wilderness.

**Host action item** – Take the middle *matzo* and break it in two. Have everyone close his or her eyes. Then, wrap one half of the middle *matzo* in a napkin and hide it on the closest windowsill. That portion is the *afikomen* (“that which comes after”/”dessert”) to be used later.

**Host explanation** – “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. Many today are enslaved by sin and oppressors. May all be free through Jesus the Messiah.”

**Host action item** – Replace the second half of the middle *matzo* on the plate.

## THE PASSOVER MEAL

**Host action item** – Take the bottle of grape juice and pour a little in the glasses at your table.

**Children/youth** – Take turns asking the seven questions. (*See question sheet on table.*)

**Host action item** – Answer the questions the children and youth ask about the meal and point to Jesus. (*See answer sheet on table.*)

**All action item** – Sing first part of Hallel (PSALMS 113–118) “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art.”

**Second cup** (*haggadah*) – *Haggadah* comes from the Hebrew for “tell, make known.”

**All** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine and delivers us from the kingdom of sin.”

**Distribution of matzo** – Either here or with *afikomen* Jesus celebrated the Lord’s Supper.

**Host action item** – Break the top *matzo* and the remaining middle *matzo* and distribute them on a plate to all at the table. Remember that the manna points to the Word of God and the Word made flesh, the Living Bread (MATTHEW 4.4; JOHN 6.35, 41).

**All** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth and commands us to eat your Word, the Bread of Life.”

**Bitter herbs** (*maror*) and **sweet sauce** (*charoset*) – Bitter herbs symbolize the bitterness of slavery, and sweet sauce symbolizes the mortar used to make the clay bricks in Egypt and also the joy of redemption at the Exodus.

**Host action item** – Break the bottom *matzo* and distribute it on a plate to all.

**Hostess action item** – Have each dip *matzo* into the apple sauce (*charoset*) and horseradish (*maror*) as you pass around table.

**All** – “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth and sweetens our slavery by the redemption of the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Serving the meal** – Servers deliver meals to the tables.

**Egg** (*beitzah*) and **shank bone** (*zeroah*) – Egg symbolizes mourning over the destruction of the temple in 70 AD and also new life. The shank bone symbolizes the Paschal Lamb.