



On the night Jesus was betrayed, he and the apostles sat together to share in the Passover meal. The Passover meal is a ritual feast for Jewish people to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt where God liberated His people from slavery. God commands the Israelites to partake in this feast every year in order to remember God’s faithfulness and share the story with the next generation (Exodus 13:3-16).

The elements of the Passover feast help tell the story of the Exodus. Tonight, we will partake in a simplified version of this same Passover meal, with each element serving to reflect an element from a traditional Passover meal.

Shepherd’s Pie made with Lamb

The lamb symbolized the ancient passover sacrifice.

“Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it... For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.” - Exodus 12:3-7, 12-13

Salad with mixed greens, walnuts, apples, and balsamic vinaigrette

Greens representing spring; walnuts and apples, reflective of *Haroset*, which is a paste of fruit and nuts at traditional Passover; symbolizing the mortar used to build the pyramid of the pharaohs; and balsamic vinaigrette to represent the bitterness of slavery.

Eggs

Eggs are used to symbolize the temple sacrifice and the continuing cycle of life.

Toffee with Saltine Crackers

The Toffee dessert is made with saltine crackers, used to symbolize the salty tears shed by the Israelites during their time of slavery.

Tonight, as we join in this meal together, we remember the bitterness of the Israelites’ slavery. But we also join together to remember our own sin, and look forward with anticipation, celebrating the freedom we have in Christ.



welcome

Immortal Invisible

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Verse 1

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Thy great name we praise

Verse 2

Unresting unchanging and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

Verse 3

To all life thou givest to both great and small
In all life thou livest the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changeth thee

Verse 4

Great Father of glory pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight
All praise we would render o help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

(Repeat Verse 1)

Behold Our God

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Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

Dinner & Message
“Today You Will Be With Me”

Luke 23:32-43 – Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Father, we are broken people calling to you to restore our souls—we are slaves to sin who cry out for you to redeem us to yourself. We are sinners, and we ask for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us...

Lord Have Mercy (Chorus)
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Lord have mercy Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me

Leader: Father, we have not loved You with all our hearts, our souls, our mind, and our strength. For the times we have placed the idols of this world above you, O God: forgive us. For the times that we look to money, possessions, people, and world leaders to save us: forgive us. Have mercy on us...

(Repeat Chorus)

Leader: Father, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the times we have lied to one another: forgive us. For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern: forgive us. Have mercy on us...

(Repeat Chorus)

Leader: For the times we were too weak to stand for what was right or we allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice: forgive us. For the times we have laughed at another’s pain: forgive us. Father, for the times we refused to forgive others: forgive us. Have mercy on us...

(Repeat Chorus)

Communion

Man of Sorrows
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Verse 1
Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2
Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father’s will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus
Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Verse 3
Sent of heaven God’s own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

(Repeat Chorus)

How Deep the Father’s Love For Us
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Verse 1
How deep the Father’s love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2
Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

The Wonderful Cross
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Verse 1
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2
See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near
And bless Your name

Verse 3
Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

Closing Blessing