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Seder Meal and Communion



Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022 7:00 PM

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for Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

Were You There?
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. Gregg Sewell

- WELCOME and introduction.
- The CANDLES are lit by the table host/hostess.
- L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elhenu. . .
- C: 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.
- L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .
- C: 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 FIRST CUP OF WINE is poured. . . held high for the prayer. . . and then drunk.
- The **GREENS**, parsley dipped in salt water, are prayed over and eaten.

- The **UNLEAVENED BREAD** is broken. . .a portion is hidden for later.
- The SECOND CUP OF WINE is filled. . .but do not drink it yet.
- The QUESTIONS are asked by the youngest child.
- The TEN PLAGUES...

"Diminish" your wine as each is named.
Blood...frogs...vermin...wildbeasts...cattle
disease...boils...hail...locusts...darkness...the death of the firstborn!

EXODUS 12:21-27 is read.

A SONG OF FREEDOM, "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" is sung.

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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!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,

"Let my people go!

If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead.

Let my people go!"

(Refrain)

3 "No more shall they in bondage toil: let my people go! Let them come out with Egypt's spoil: let my people go!"

(Refrain) 4 O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go! And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go!

- The MIRACLE AT THE RED SEA is recounted.
- DRINK THE SECOND CUP OF WINE, after saying this prayer.
- L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .
- C: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you have created the fruit of the vine.

A SONG OF PEACE, "Hevenu Shalom Aleichem" is sung.

Hebrew:

Hevenu shalom aleichem, hevenu shalom aleichem, hevenu shalom Aleichem, hevenu shalom, shalom shalom Aleichem.

English:

We brought peace unto you, we brought peace unto you, we brought peace unto you, we brought peace, peace peace upon you.

The **SYMBOLIC FOODS** are presented.

The **UNLEAVENED BREAD** is introduced and prayed over.

- L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .
- C: 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 prermitted us to live to this night, to partake of unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

The **SHANK BONE** of the Passover Lam is introduced and prayed over.

- L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .
- C: 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.

L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .

C: 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.

- L: Baruich Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .
- C: 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 **MEAL** is introduced and a prayer is offered.

- L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu...
- C: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you feed all with your goodness, with grace and lovingkindness and with compassion. You give food to all flesh, and your mercy endures forever.

Hebrew Lyrics: Hashivenu, hashivenu Adonai elecha Venashuva venashuva Hadesh Hadesh yamenuke ke dem

English Translation:
Turn us back, turn us back, O LORD to You and we will turn, and we will turn renew, renew our days as before

Note: The plaintive, soul-searching melody of this beloved Israeli folk song supports a traditional text drawn from Lamentations 5:21.

The **MEAL** is eaten.

The **HALLEL**, "Songs of Praise", are read.

The **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** involves the Third Cup of wine, and the reserved matzoh.

L: Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .

C: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. From the foundation of the world you chose us to be your children. 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 redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are offered.

The **LORD'S PRAYER** is offered.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: (spoken) 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The HALLEL, "Songs of Praise", from Psalm 118 are read.

A SONG OF FAREWELL, "Shalom, Chaverim!" is sung.

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Hebrew:

Shalom, chaverim! Shalom, chaverot!, Shalom, shalom! Lehitraot, lehitraot, shalom, shalom.

English:

Farewell, good friends, Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
shalom, shalom.

The **BENEDICTION** is said.

- L: The door is opened for Elijah and the **FOURTH CUP** is filled. Baruch Attah Adonai Elohenu. . .
- C: 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.

L: We drink the Fourth Cup as we proclaim, "Next year in Jerusalem!"