

## Passover Service

We are gathered this evening for the observance of the most sacred, solemn, and sobering event of the entire year. We are sobered because our Savior had to die because of our sins.

The purpose of our convening is to reaffirm our continued faith in the sacrifice of both the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, and to reaffirm the covenant we made with God at baptism.

And yet it is a joyous time because Christ has died for our sins, ushering a New Covenant with direct access to the Father and the promise of eternal life.

### **OT Passover**

There are parallels between OT and NT Israel

They were a physical nation spared early physical death

We are a spiritual nation that can be spared spiritual death

**Exodus 12:3** *Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:*

5) *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:*

6) *And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

7) *And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

11) *And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is Yehovah's Passover.*

12) *For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am Yehovah.*

13) *And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

14) *And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.*

24) *And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever.*

25) *And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which Yehovah will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.*

26) *And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?*

27) *That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of Yehovah's Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.*

43) *And Yehovah said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:*

44) *But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof [circumcision being a type of baptism].*

45) *A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.*

46) *In one house shall it be eaten; thou shall not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof [because not one of Christ's bones would be broken].*

47) *All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.*

48) *And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to Yehovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. [This is why no un-baptized person can partake of the New Testament Passover]*

Sacrifices were instituted later with the slaying of lambs along with other animals

### **OT Passover symbolic of what was later to follow**

The OT lamb symbolic of Christ

**John 1:29** *The next day John sees Jesus coming unto him, and says, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.*

Christ, as the lamb, was sacrificed

**1 Corinthians 5:7** *Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover [Lamb] is sacrificed for us:*

**Hebrews 10:1** *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*

2) *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.*

3) *But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.*

4) *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

9) *Then said He, Lo, I come to do Your will, O God. He takes away the first [Covenant], that He may establish the second [Covenant].*

10) *By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

12) *But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

14) *For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

**Romans 5:8** *But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

9) *Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*

Tonight we here to observe Passover according to the example set for us by Christ the night prior to His crucifixion

**Luke 22:7** *Then came [Greek: to come] the day of unleavened bread, when the Passover must be killed.*

8) *And He sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the Passover, that we may eat.*

14) *And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him.*

15) *And He said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer:*

Christ changed the way we keep the Passover

**1 Corinthians 11:23** *For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:*

24) *And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*

25) *After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

26) *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.*

27) *Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily [Greek: irreverently, without discernment], shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*

28) *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

29) *For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.*

## Footwashing

Before the Bread and Wine, Christ did a most unusual thing to get us in the proper attitude to receive the symbols

He instituted an ordinance of humility

**John 13:2** *And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him;*  
3 *Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God;*  
4 *He rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself.*  
5 *After that He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.*  
6 *Then came He to Simon Peter: and Peter said unto Him, Lord, dost You wash my feet?*  
7 *Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou know not now; but thou shall know hereafter.*  
8 *Peter said unto Him, You shall never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me.*  
9 *Simon Peter said unto Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.*  
10 *Jesus said to him, He that is washed needs only to wash his feet, but is clean every where: and ye are clean, but not all.*  
11 *For He knew who should betray Him; therefore said He, Ye are not all clean.*  
12 *So after He had washed their feet [including Judas' feet], and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?*  
13 *Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.*  
14 *If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.*  
15 *For I have given you an example [of humility], that ye should do as I have done to you.*  
16 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.*  
17 *If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.*

Matthew 28:20 "...observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."

## Wash one another's feet

## The Symbols that Christ instituted

**John 6:53** *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.*

54) *Whoso eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

55) *For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.*

56) *He that eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, dwells in Me, and I in him.*

57) *As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eats Me, even he shall live by Me.*

58) *This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eats of this bread shall live forever.*

The Bread and the Wine are both necessary for salvation. They symbolize the Body and Blood of our Savior

## The Bread - The suffering of Jesus Christ in giving His body for us

**Luke 22:19** *And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*

**Isaiah 53:4** *Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.*

5) *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*

6) *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And Yehovah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

**Matthew 8:16** *When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick:*

17) *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet [quoting Isaiah 53:4-5], saying, Himself took our infirmities [Greek: feebleness of mind or bod], and bare our sicknesses.*

**1 Peter 2:19** *For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.*

20) *For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.*

21) *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps:*

22) *Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth [Isa 53:9]:*

- 23) *Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judges righteously:*  
24) *Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness [again quoting Isaiah 53:4-5]: by whose stripes ye were healed [spiritual healing foremost].*  
25) *For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop [Greek: overseer] of your lives.*

**1 Corinthians 10:16b** *The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*

*17) For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*

We one with Christ and each other by sharing the bread

Eating the Bread at this time demonstrates our recognition of Christ's part by His total, perfect sacrifice. He bore our sins in His own body, but also it should demonstrate our total commitment to God, His truth, His way of life! It shows we're willing to give ourselves in total surrender just as Christ did, no matter what suffering was required of Him.

**Prayer:** Bless the Bread as a symbol of Christ's bruised body given for our healing: spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental. Help us to grow in unity within the Body of Christ.

## **Take the Bread**

### **The Wine - The shed blood of Jesus Christ**

**Hebrews 9:11** *But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;*

*12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

*13) For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctified to the purifying of the flesh:*

*14) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

*15) And for this cause He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

22) *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

**John 19:34** (NKJV) *But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*

**1 John 1:7** *But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

**Matthew 26:27** *And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;*  
28) *For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

**Prayer:** Bless this Wine as a symbol of the blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins.

## **Take the Wine**

Let us read what Christ told His disciples this very night.

**John 13:33** *Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.*

34) *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

35) *By this shall all ~~men~~ know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

**John 14:15** *If ye love Me, keep My commandments.*

16) *And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that it may abide with you for ever;*

17) *Even the Spirit of truth; which the world cannot receive, because it sees it not, neither knows it: but ye know it; for it dwells with you, and shall be in you.*

18) *I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

19) *Yet a little while, and the world sees Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also.*

20) *At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.*

21) *He that has My commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves Me: and he that loves Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.*

22) *Judas said unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself unto us, and not unto the world?*

23) *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.*

24) *He that loves Me not keeps not My sayings: and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me.*

25) *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.*

26) *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, it shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

27) *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

**John 15:5** *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.*

6) *If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

7) *If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

8) *Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.*

9) *As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love.*

10) *If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.*

11) *These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

Christ had joy even in the face of torture and death

12) *This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

**John 16:33** *These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

Christ's last prayer with His disciples

**John 17:1** *These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You:*

2) *As You hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You hast given Him.*

3) *And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You hast sent.*

- 14) *I have given them Your word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*
- 15) *I pray not that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil.*
- 16) *They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*
- 17) *Sanctify them through Your truth: Your word is truth.*
- 18) *As You hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*
- 19) *And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*
- 20) *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;*
- 21) *That they all may be one; as You, Father, art in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that You hast sent Me.*
- 22) *And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one:*
- 23) *I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me.*

Then they sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30)

**Sing closing hymn**