

Passover Service

Open with Prayer

Song

Exodus 12:26 Children encouraged. Exodus 12:43-49 Covenant relationship

1 Corinthians 7:14 Children of a believing parent “are holy.”

We are here to celebrate the Lord’s Passover – to honour Jesus Christ as our Redeemer and to commemorate God’s love for us through the death of His Son – Whose blood has covered our sins.

Through this great sacrifice, planned from the foundation of the world, we can now freely come to God boldly with full assurance and hope.

Romans 5:6-8 while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

This service consists of the foot washing, the partaking of the unleavened bread and wine.

The foot washing was instituted as a New Testament ceremony by Jesus Christ Himself setting for us an example of willing service that we are instructed to follow. By this service we are invited to fellowship in the Body of Christ

This is both a somber and joyous occasion. Somber as we reflect on the suffering and death of our Saviour. A joyous celebration – as we thank God for His mercy and loving kindness – as He gives us the open door to salvation through the willing sacrifice of His Son on our behalf.

We have been redeemed- our sins washed clean by the blood of the sinless Jesus. New life given to us – as our Redeemer lives. We celebrate Jesus risen living presence in the church and in our lives.

It is through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we have hope.

As members of the Body of Christ we look forward to the time when we will be one with Christ our bridegroom – In drinking the cup and eating the bread we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, looking forward to the marriage supper.

As we partake of the symbols let us renew our relationship to God in confident assurance and faith, knowing our Redeemer Who gave Himself for us, lives – and that our inheritance is assured and reserved.

We rejoice in the sure knowledge that our sins have been removed and that we have been forgiven and washed by the blood of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

This is the Christian Passover. The New Covenant Passover replacing and transcending the Old Testament Passover. Jesus Christ is our Passover Lamb sacrificed for us. 1 Corinthians 5:7.

Hebrews 9:28 Jesus Christ was once to bear the sins of many

John 10:10 I have come that they may have life abundantly

The Passover reminds us of the great deliverance we have in Christ. The great victory He has given us over death.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 Whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of Christ – therefore examine yourself

As we partake of the ceremony we are to recognize the body of Christ.

Not just His physical suffering body but also the body of fellow believers in Christ.

As Peter said the promise is to us – our children – as many as the Lord calls. Acts 2:39

The Passover is a gift of God's grace.

John 13:34 a New Commandment

Foot Washing

The foot washing service encourages us to treat each other in love with sensitivity and dignity. Jesus Christ was God in the flesh – who humbled Himself to serve us first in life then in death. Now in life again.

Matthew 20:28 Christ came not to be served but to serve.

Philippians 2:7-8 Being found in the appearance as a man, He Humbled Himself and became obedient to death even the death of the cross.

John 13:1-17

This is a humbling experience, but it is also a privilege – Christ set us the example to follow and asked us to do it in His place.

Matthew 25:40 In as much as you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it to me.

Do foot washing – Instructions for orderly service. Men and women should be in separate rooms or areas for the foot washing. Everyone has been encouraged to bring their own basins and towels.

Song

As We forgive one another so are we forgiven.

John 6:35-40, 49-51, 54-58

The Bread

Luke 22:14-16, 19

As we take the bread we symbolically partake of the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 It is His body that gives us life.

1 Peter 2:20-24

Eating this unleavened bread at Passover demonstrates our faith in Christ sacrifice.

Blessing the Bread – Pray over it asking God to bless it as a symbol of Christ's broken body – Thank God for His saving work, Christ suffered for us and we are called to suffer for righteousness. Thanks God for His love and mercy in spite of our shortcomings

Sample prayer – Praised be to you O God our God King of the universe who bring forth bread from the earth – and has brought forth your Son the Bread of Life. Praised are you O God our God. Who has made us holy through your commandments and has command us concerning the eating of the unleavened bread.

Break the Bread – Matthew 26:26

Pass the Bread – Cover what is left over.

The Wine

This cup symbolized our acceptance of the blood of Christ which covers our sins.

Hebrews 9:22

Hebrews 9:11-15

Colossians 1:19-22

Matthew 26:27-28

Blessing the Wine

Pray over it – giving thanks for God – Asking for His blessing over its symbolic use as Christ's blood – shed for the remission of our sins. Thank God for giving His Son and for Christ's willingness to submit to the Father's will even unto death.

Sample Prayer – Praise be to you O God our God King of the universe who brings forth the fruit of the vine – who has brought forth His son in whose blood we are cleansed. We give thanks for you our Father for allowing us to participate in the sacrifice of Your Son.

Pass wine – Cover what remains.

Closing comments

John 13:34-35; 14:1-3, 6, 10-31

John 15:1-17

Matthew 26:30 They sang a hymn and went out

Song

Hebrews 13:20-21

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