

# CELEBRATING THE LORD'S PASSOVER

1. Introduction
2. The lighting of the candles  
*Blessed is our God, Lord of the Universe. May our house be consecrated by the Light of Your face. Shining on us in blessing and peace. Amen.*
3. Read Exodus 12: 1-14
4. **The Cup of Sanctification**  
Committing this time to God and His glory.  
*Blessed are you O Lord, who created the fruit of the vine.*
5. Serve the Matzah (unleavened bread), eggs, salt water and bitter herbs.
6. A child asks:  
*"Why are we eating these special foods?"*
7. An adult explains:  
*The greens represent life, the salt water tears, and the bitter herbs symbolise the bitterness of the life that the Israelites endured in Egypt. Leaven is normally cooked in bread, but takes time to rise. The Matzah is unleavened bread to remind us they had to leave Egypt in a hurry. Eggs are a sign of new life, and remind us that the children of God were going to a new life. All these foods are a reminder for us that we too have been rescued from the bitter slavery of sin.*
8. *Blessed are you O Lord, who created the fruit of the earth. Amen!*
9. Dip the Matzah, eggs, bitter herbs in the salt water and eat.
10. **The Cup of Praise**  
To give thanks to God for His mercy.  
*Praise and Thanks be to God for His mercy towards us! Amen!*
11. Serve the roast lamb and vegetables.
12. A child asks:  
*"Why are we eating these special foods?"*
13. An adult explains:  
*The lamb reminds us of how God saved the Israelites from death. It also reminds us that Jesus is our Passover Lamb and His death on the cross saves us from our sins.*

14. Eat the lamb and vegetables.
15. Serve the milk and honey dessert.
16. A child asks:  
*"Why are we eating these special foods?"*
17. An adult explains:  
*This dessert reminds us that God was taking the Israelites to the Promised Land - a land "flowing with milk and honey." It also reminds us that Jesus has gone to heaven to prepare a place for us, where there will be no more bitterness and tears, and we will be with Him forever.*
18. Eat the milk and honey dessert.
19. Read Mark 14: 22-26
20. **The Cup of Redemption**  
It was probably at this point that Jesus said *"this is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you ... drink this in remembrance of me."*
21. Pass some Matzah around to one another, each saying: *"Remember, Christ died for you!"*
22. Then pass the Cup around one another, each saying: *"Remember, Christ's blood was shed for you!"*
23. Read Psalm 116 together  
This is one of the Psalms the Jews say after eating the Passover.
24. **The Cup of Hope**  
When Jews celebrate the Passover today, they still keep a cup for Elijah because God promised the prophet would return with the Messiah. At the transfiguration of Jesus, before Peter, James and John, both Moses and Elijah appeared. We now look forward to being with all the saints together at the eternal feast in the Kingdom of Heaven.  
*Thank you God! Thank you that we can share in the eternal feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen!*
25. The Grace  
Stand, hold hands together, and say this blessing to one another:  
*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen!*

***INGREDIENTS FOR PASSOVER CELEBRATION:***

unleavened bread

boiled eggs (peeled)

salt water

bitter herbs – eg horse radish

roast lamb

potatoes

peas

carrots

desserts made from milk and honey

## Psalm 116

**I love the Lord, for He heard my voice:  
He heard my cry for mercy,**

**Because He turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.**

**The cords of death entangled me,  
the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.**

**Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, save me!”**

**The Lord is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

**The Lord protects the simplehearted;  
when I was in great need, he saved me.**

**Be at rest once more, O my soul,  
for the Lord has been good to you.**

**For you O Lord have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from stumbling,  
that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

**I believed: therefore I said  
“I am greatly afflicted”**

**And in my dismay I said,  
“All men are liars.”**

**How can I repay the Lord  
for all his goodness to me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all His people.**