

*Format and Scriptures To Read
for the
Christian Passover Ceremony*

The Christian Passover Ceremony

The service should be opened with prayer. Then the Scriptural reading should begin. The following passages are recommended because they record a short history of the Passover and contain the words of Jesus Christ when He instituted the first Christian Passover and revealed the true Scriptural pattern and example for partaking of it.

BEGIN READING HERE:

Four thousand years ago on the night of the 14th day of the first month, the LORD God began to establish His covenant with Abraham. “Behold the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying...he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir [physical Israel through Isaac]. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if you are able to number them: and He said unto him, So shall your seed be [spiritual Israel through Jesus Christ]. And he [Abraham] believed in the LORD: and it was counted to him for righteousness” (Gen. 15:4-6).

On the day portion of the 14th day of the first month, the LORD God pledged His own future death as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the seed of Abraham and for the sins world (Gen. 15:9-12, 17). Thus, in Abraham’s Seed—Jesus Christ—all the nations of the world would be blessed. This was the beginning of what later would become the Passover day for the children of Israel and the disciples of Jesus Christ—the Church of God.

Later, when God asked Abraham to offer Isaac for a burnt offering, He provided a ram as a substitutionary sacrifice instead of Isaac. At that time, the LORD God again swore by Himself that He would sacrifice Himself as the future “Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world.” The LORD God promised in an oath: “By myself have I sworn, says the LORD, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven [spiritual Israel], and as the sand which is upon the sea shore [physical Israel]; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and **in your Seed shall all**

the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice" (Gen. 22:15-18).

After Abraham died, God appeared to Isaac, the son of promise, to reconfirm the covenant that He had established with Abraham: "And the LORD appeared to Isaac, and said, 'Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for unto you, and unto your seed [physical Israel], I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham your father; and I will make your seed [spiritual Israel] to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto your seed all these countries; and **in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws'**" (Gen. 26:3-5)

On the same night, the night of the 14th day of the first month—four hundred and thirty years after God had first given the promises to Abraham—the children of Israel observed the Passover in Egypt. At midnight, God passed over their houses and spared their firstborn, as He judged the gods of Egypt and killed the Egyptian firstborn—both man and beast (Ex. 12:3-36).

On the same night, the night on the 14th day of the first month, in 30 AD, as it was beginning to get dark, Jesus Christ, Who was God manifest in the flesh, instituted the New Covenant Passover with His chosen apostles.

The New Covenant Passover that Jesus instituted confirms the promises of Abraham to the spiritual children of God. In the same way that Isaac was the son of Abraham by promise, the New Covenant children of God are also the children of promise, through Jesus Christ: "Now we, brethren, like Isaac, are *the* children of promise" (Gal 4:28). They are Abraham's spiritual seed and heirs of the promise: "Because you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many *of you* as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither bond nor free; there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to *the* promise"** (Gal 3:26-29).

God promised Abraham that his spiritual seed would be as the stars of heaven (Gen. 15:5). Jesus Christ confirmed this promise. In the parable of the sower, Jesus Christ explained that the good seed are the spiritual children of Abraham by promise, who will be glorified at the resurrection

to shine as the sun: “**Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father**” (Matt. 13:43).

For the spiritual children of promise, the Christian Passover Ceremony, observed yearly on the night of the 14th day of the first month, renews the New Covenant of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

***At His Last Passover in 30 AD, Jesus Christ—God
Manifest in the Flesh—Instituted
the New Covenant Christian Passover***

THE PASSOVER BEGINS AS IT IS GETTING DARK

Luke 22

14. Now when the hour had come, He sat *down*, and the twelve apostles with Him.

15. And He said to them, “With *earnest* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

16. For I tell you that I will not eat of it again until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

(See also Matthew 26:20, Mark 14:17.)

**JESUS INSTITUTES THE NEW COVENANT
PASSOVER
PART ONE: THE FOOTWASHING**

John 13

2. And during supper (the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s *son*, that he should betray Him),

3. Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into *His* hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

4. Rose from supper and laid aside *His* garments; and after taking a towel, He secured it around Himself.

5. Next, He poured water into a washing basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel which He had secured.

6. Then He came to Simon Peter; and he said to Him, “Lord, are You going to wash my feet?”

7. Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you shall know after these things.”

8. Peter said to Him, “You shall not wash my feet, not ever.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

9. Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head.*"
10. Jesus said to him, "The one who has been washed does not need to wash *anything other* than the feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all."
11. For He knew the one who was betraying Him; this was the reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."
12. Therefore, when He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, *and* had sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"
13. You call Me the Teacher and the Lord, and you speak rightly, because I am.
14. Therefore, if I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also are duty-bound to wash one another's feet;
15. For I have given you an example, *to show* that you also should do exactly as I have done to you.
16. Truly, truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his lord, nor a messenger greater than he who sent him.
17. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

At this point, stop and wash one another's feet.
When this part of the service has been completed, and everyone is again seated, continue the Scriptural reading.

JESUS DIPS THE SOP AND GIVES IT TO JUDAS, WHO LEAVES TO BETRAY HIM

Matthew 26

21. And as they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you, one of you shall betray Me."
22. And being sorely grieved, each of them began to say to Him, "Am I *the one*, Lord?"
23. But He answered and said, "He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish, he shall betray Me.
24. The Son of man indeed goes, as it has been written concerning Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would be better for him if that man had not been born."
25. Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Am I *the one*, Master?" He said to him, "You have said *it.*"

John 13

18. I am not speaking of you all; *for* I know whom I have chosen, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled: 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.'

19. I am telling you at this time, before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I AM.
20. Truly, truly I tell you, the one who receives whomever I send is receiving Me; and the one who receives Me is receiving Him Who sent Me."
21. *As He* was saying these things, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and testified, saying, "Truly, truly I tell you, one of you shall betray Me."
22. Then the disciples looked at one another, wondering of whom He was speaking.
23. Now one of His disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was leaning on Jesus' chest.
24. And so, Simon Peter motioned to him to ask who was the one of whom He was speaking.
25. Then he leaned back on Jesus' chest *and* asked Him, "Lord, who is it?"
26. Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I shall give a sop, after I have dipped *it*." And when He had dipped the sop, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*.
27. And after the sop, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."
28. But not one of those sitting at the table knew why He said *this* to him;
29. For some thought, since Judas had the bag, that Jesus was telling him, "Buy the things that we need for the feast"; or that he should give something to the poor.
30. So then, after receiving the sop, he immediately went out; and it was night.
31. When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now has the Son of man been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him.
32. If God has been glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and shall immediately glorify Him.

PART TWO: EATING THE BROKEN UNLEAVENED BREAD

The Broken Bread Symbolizes
Jesus Christ Carrying Our Sufferings,
Our Sickneses and Our Sorrows

Isaiah 53

3. He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised and we esteemed Him not.
4. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken smitten of God and afflicted.

5. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed.

6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opens not His mouth.

8. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation: For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken.

9. And He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

10. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief: when You shall make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper at His hand.

11. He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.

12. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He has poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

I Peter 2

21. For to this you were called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow in His footsteps;

22. Who committed no sin; neither was guile found in His mouth;

23. Who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; *when* suffering, He threatened not, but committed *Himself* to Him Who judges righteously;

24. Who Himself bore our sins within His own body on the tree, so that we, being dead to sins, may live unto righteousness; by Whose stripes you were healed.

Luke 22

19. And He took bread; *and* after giving thanks, He broke *it* and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. This do in the remembrance of Me."

I Corinthians 11

23. For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24. And after giving thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which *is* being broken for you. This do in the remembrance of Me."

(See also Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22.)

At this point stop, bless and break the unleavened bread, distribute it to participants and then eat it. When all have partaken of the bread, continue the Scriptural reading.

PART THREE: DRINKING OF THE WINE

Mark 14

23. And He took the cup; *and* after giving thanks, He gave *it* to them; and they all drank of it.

24. And He said to them, "This is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many.

25. Truly I say to you, I will not drink again at all of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Luke 22

20. In like manner also, *He took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you."

I Corinthians 11

25. In like manner, *He also took* the cup after He had supped, saying, "This is *the* cup *of* the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in the remembrance of Me."

26. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you *solemnly* proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes.

27. For this reason, *if* anyone shall eat this bread or shall drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, he shall be guilty of the body and *the* blood of the Lord.

28. But let a man examine himself, and let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup accordingly;

29. Because the one who eats and drinks unworthily is eating and drinking judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord.

At this point stop, bless the wine, distribute it to the participants and drink it. When this part of the service is completed, continue the Scriptural reading.

CONTENTION AMONG THE DISCIPLES
AS TO WHO WAS GREATER

Luke 22

24. And there was also an argument among them, *even* this: which of them should be considered *the* greatest.

25. And He said to them, "The kings of the nations rule over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors.

26. But *it shall* not be this way *among* you; rather, let the one who is greatest among you be as the younger, and the one who is leading as the one who is serving.

27. For who *is* greater, the one who is sitting *at the table*, or the one who is serving? *Is* not the one who sits *at the table*? But I am among you as one who is serving.

28. Now you are the ones who have continued with Me in My temptations.

29. And I appoint to you, as My Father has appointed to Me, a kingdom;

30. So that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and may sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE
ANOTHER AS JESUS HAD LOVED THEM

John 13

33. Little children, I am with you yet a little while. You shall seek Me; but as I told the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' I am now telling you also.

34. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; in the same way that I have loved you, that *is how* you are to love one another.

35. By this shall everyone know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

JESUS PROPHECIES THAT PETER WILL DENY HIM THREE TIMES

Mark 14

27. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you shall be offended in Me in this night; for it is written, 'I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.'
28. But after I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee."
29. Then Peter said to Him, "Even if all shall be offended, yet I *shall* not."
30. And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, today, in this *very* night, before *the* cock crows twice, you shall deny Me three times."
31. But he spoke more adamantly, "If it were necessary for me to die with You, I would not deny You in any way." And they all spoke in the same manner also.

John 13

36. Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going, you cannot follow Me now; but you shall follow Me afterwards."
37. Peter said to Him, "Why can't I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You."
38. Jesus answered him, "You will lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly I tell you, *the* cock shall not crow until you have denied Me three times."
(See also Luke 22:31-34, Matthew 26:31-35.)

THE WORDS OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH WE HAVE AGREED TO LIVE BY

John 14

1. "Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me.
2. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were otherwise, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you.
3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; so that where I am, you may be also.
4. And where I am going you know, and the way you know."
5. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going; how then can we know the way?"
6. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

7. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. But from this time forward, you know Him and have seen Him."
8. Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be sufficient for us."
9. Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long a time, and you have not known Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; why then do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
10. Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I speak to you, I do not speak from My own self; but the Father Himself, Who dwells in Me, does the works.
11. Believe Me, that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe Me because of the works themselves.
12. Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me shall also do the works that I do; and greater works than these shall he do, because I am going to the Father.
13. And whatever you shall ask in My name, this will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.
15. If you love Me, keep the commandments—namely, My commandments.
16. And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that it may be with you throughout the age;
17. *Even* the Spirit of the truth, which the world cannot receive, because it perceives it not, nor knows it; but you know it, because it dwells with you, and shall be within you.
18. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
19. Yet a little while and the world shall see Me no longer; but you shall see Me. Because I live, you shall live also.
20. In that day, you shall know that I am in My Father, and you *are* in Me, and I am in you.
21. The one who has My commandments and is keeping them, that is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him."
22. Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that You are about to manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"
23. Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.
24. The one who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word that you hear is not Mine, but the Father's, Who sent Me.
25. I have spoken these things to you while I am yet present with you.

26. But *when* the Comforter *comes, even* the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in My name, that one shall teach you all things, and shall bring to your remembrance everything that I have told you.
27. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give *it* to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it fear.
28. You have heard Me say to you that I am going away, and *that* I will come to you *again*. If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced that I said, 'I am going to the Father,' because My Father is greater than I.
29. And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it comes to pass, you may believe.
30. I will not speak with you much longer because the ruler of this world is coming; but he does not have a single thing in Me.
31. Yet *he comes*; so that the world may know that I love the Father, and that I do exactly as the Father has commanded Me. Arise, let us go out."

John 15

1. "I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.
2. He takes away every branch in Me *that* does not bear fruit; but He cleanses each one that bears fruit, in order that it may bear more fruit.
3. You are already clean through the word that I have spoken to you.
4. Dwell in Me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit of itself, but only if it remains in the vine, neither, *can you bear fruit* unless you are dwelling in Me.
5. I am the vine, *and you are* the branches. The one who is dwelling in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; because apart from Me you can do nothing.
6. If anyone does not dwell in Me, he is cast out as a branch, and is dried up; and men gather them and cast *them* into a fire, and they are burned.
7. If you dwell in Me, and My words dwell in you, you shall ask whatever you desire, and it shall come to pass for you.
8. In this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples.
9. As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; live in My love.
10. If you keep My commandments, you shall live in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and live in His love.
11. These things I have spoken to you, in order that My joy may dwell in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

12. This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.
13. No one has greater love than this: that one lay down his life for his friends.
14. You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you.
15. No longer do I call you servants, because the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have made known to you all *the* things that I have heard from My Father.
16. You did not choose Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go *forth* and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; so that whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He may give you.
17. These things I command you, that you love one another.
18. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.
19. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you for this.
20. Remember the word that I spoke to you: a servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. If they kept My word, they will keep your *word* also.
21. But they will do all these things to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him Who sent Me.
22. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have nothing to cover their sin.
23. The one who hates Me hates My Father also.
24. If I had not done among them the works that no other man has done, they would not have had sin; but now they have both seen and hated both Me and My Father.
25. But this has happened so that the saying might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without *a* cause.'
26. But when the Comforter has come, which I will send to you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of the truth, which proceeds from the Father, that one shall bear witness of Me.
27. Then you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from *the* beginning."

John 16

1. "I have spoken these things to you so that you will not be offended.
2. They shall cast you out of the synagogues; furthermore, the time is coming that everyone who kills you will think that he is rendering service to God.
3. And they shall do these things to you because they do not

know the Father, nor Me.

4. But I have told you these things so that when the time comes, you may remember that I said *them* to you. However, I did not say these things to you at *the* beginning, because I was with you.

5. But now I am going to Him Who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

6. But because I have spoken these things to you, grief has filled your hearts.

7. But I am telling you the truth. It is profitable for you that I go away; because if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. However, if I go, I will send it to you.

8. And when that one has come, it will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment:

9. Concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10. Concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer will see Me;

11. And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12. I have yet many things to tell you, but you are not able to bear them now.

13. However, when that one has come, *even* the Spirit of the truth, it will lead you into all truth; because it shall not speak from itself, but whatever it shall hear shall it speak. And it shall disclose to you the things to come.

14. That one shall glorify Me, because it shall disclose to you *the things that* it receives from Me.

15. Everything that the Father has is Mine; for this reason, I said that it shall receive from Me and shall disclose *these things* to you.

16. A little *while*, and you shall not see Me; and again a little *while*, and you shall see Me, because I am going to the Father."

17. Then *some* of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He is saying to us, 'A little *while*, and you shall not see Me; and again a little *while*, and you shall see Me,' and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"

18. Therefore they said, "What is this that He is saying, the 'little *while*'? We do not understand what He is saying."

19. Then Jesus, knowing that they desired to ask Him, said to them, "*Why* are you inquiring among one another about this that I said, 'A little *while*, and you shall not see Me; and again a little *while*, and you shall see Me'?"

20. Truly, truly I tell you, you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be grieved, but your grief shall be turned into joy.

21. A woman when she is giving birth has grief, because her time *of travail* has come; but after she gives birth to the child,

she no longer remembers the anguish, because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

22. And likewise, you indeed have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and no one shall take your joy from you.

23. And in that day you shall ask Me nothing. Truly, truly I tell you, whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give you.

24. Until this day, you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.

25. These things I have spoken to you in allegories; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in allegories, but I will plainly disclose to you *the things* of the Father.

26. In that day, you shall ask in My name; and I do not tell you that I will beseech the Father for you,

27. For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

28. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father."

29. *Then* His disciples said to Him, "Behold, now You are speaking plainly and are not speaking an allegory.

30. Now we know that You understand all things, and do not need to have someone ask You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

31. Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

32. Listen, *the* time is coming, and has already come that you shall be scattered each to his own, and you shall leave Me alone; and *yet* I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33. These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation. But be courageous! I have overcome the world."

John 17

1. Jesus spoke these words, and lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your own Son, so that Your Son may also glorify You;

2. Since You have given Him authority over all flesh, in order that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

3. For this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You did send.

4. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work that You gave Me to do.

5. And now, Father, glorify Me with Your own self, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

6. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your Word.

7. Now they have known that all things that You have given Me are from You.

8. For I have given them the words that You gave to Me; and they have received *them* and truly have known that I came from You; and they have believed that You did send Me.

9. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

10. All Mine are Yours, and all Yours *are* Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one, even as *We are one*.

12. When I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. I protected those whom You have given Me, and not one of them has perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.

13. But now I am coming to You; and these things I am speaking *while yet* in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled within them.

14. I have given them Your words, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15. I do not pray that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep them from the evil one.

16. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17. Sanctify them in Your truth; Your Word is the truth.

18. Even as You did send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also may be sanctified in *Your* truth.

20. I do not pray for these only, but also for those who shall believe in Me through their word;

21. That they all may be one, even as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, in order that the world may believe that You did send Me.

22. And I have given them the glory that You gave *to* Me, in order that they be may one, in the same way *that* We are one:

23. I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one; and that the world may know that You did send Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24. Father, I desire that those whom You have given Me may also be with Me where I am, so that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me; because You did love Me before *the* foundation of *the* world.

25. Righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You did send Me.

26. And I have made known Your name to them, and will make *it* known; so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Mark 14

26. And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Scriptural reading should be followed by a hymn. Two hymns have been provided on the following pages, or any other appropriate hymn. After the hymn a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing should be given to conclude the Passover ceremony.

For God Is Love

From John 14:15; 15:9-10; 1 John 4:8

Arranged by Mary E. Schaeffer

Fred R. Coulter

1. Fath - er we love you. For you have loved us first. Your ho - ly
 2. If you do love me, keep my com - mand - ments as I have
 3. Then Je - sus said to his own dis - ci - ples, love one an -
 4. Great - er love has no one than this to give that he lays

love — to us is su - preme and your Son Je - sus
 kept — my Fath - er's com - mands, and you shall live in
 o - ther as I love you, then all will know that
 down — his life for his friends. I give my life in

Refrain:

you gave to us, — for God is — Love. — For God is —
 my own — love, —
 you are — mine, —
 love for — you, —

love. — The Fa - ther has loved us so ten - der - ly.

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The Christian Passover Ceremony

GOD IS MY ROCK, MY SALVATION

Psalm 62

Dwight Armstrong

1. God is my rock, my sal-va-tion, my hope; my soul in si-lence waits for
 2. Still, O my soul, wait in si-lence for God; my hope and re-fuge is in
 3. Vain men are they, de-light-ing in craft; their lips they bless with, but they

my God a-lone; He is my fort, I shall not be re-moved;
 my God a-lone; He is my rock, my sal-va-tion and strength;
 curse in-ward-ly; Low men or high, both are less than a breath;

He is my ref-uge, my high tow-er of strength. Res-cue shall come from
 With God a-lone shall my de-liv-er-ance be. How long will men take
 Trust and re-ly not on ex-tor-tion and gain. Kind-ness and pow'r be-

my God a-lone; And I shall nev-er be great-ly re-moved.
 pleas-ure in sin? They plot and threat-en the life of the king.
 long to our God; He shall re-ward ev-'ry man for his works.

TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

1. The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
 2. My soul He doth re-store a-gain; And me to walk doth make
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill;
 4. My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence of my foes;
 5. Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly fol-low me;

In pas-tures green; He lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.
 With-in the paths of right-eous-ness, E'en for His own Name's sake.
 For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still.
 My head Thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.
 And in God's house for-ev-er-more My dwell-ing place shall be. A-MEN.

The Annual Festivals of God

The Spring Festivals

Year	Passover*	Unleavened Bread	Pentecost
2003	April 16 (Wed)	April 17-23 (Thur-Wed)	June 8 (Sun)
2004	April 5 (Mon)	April 6-12 (Tues-Mon)	May 30 (Sun)
2005	April 23 (Sat)	April 24-30 (Sun-Sat)	June 12 (Sun)
2006	April 12 (Wed)	April 13-19 (Thur-Wed)	June 4 (Sun)
2007	April 2 (Mon)	April 3-9 (Tues-Mon)	May 27 (Sun)
2008	April 19 (Sat)	April 20-26 (Sun-Sat)	June 8 (Sun)
2009	April 8 (Wed)	April 9-15 (Thur-Wed)	May 31 (Sun)
2010	March 29 (Mon)	March 30-Apr 5 (Tues-Mon)	May 23 (Sun)

***Observed the Previous Evening
After Sunset as it is Becoming Dark**

The Fall Festivals

Year	Trumpets	Atonement	Tabernacles	Last Great Day
2003	Sept 27 (Sat)	Oct 6 (Mon)	Oct 11-17 (Sat-Fri)	Oct 18 (Sat)
2004	Sept 16 (Thur)	Sept 25 (Sat)	Sept 30-Oct 6 (Thr-Wed)	Oct 7 (Thur)
2005	Oct 4 (Tue)	Oct 13 (Thur)	Oct 18-24 (Tue-Mon)	Oct 25 (Tue)
2006	Sept 23 (Sat)	Oct 2 (Mon)	Oct 7-13 (Sat-Fri)	Oct 14 (Sat)
2007	Sept 13 (Thur)	Sept 22 (Sat)	Sept 27-Oct 3 (Thr-Wed)	Oct 4 (Thur)
2008	Sept 30 (Tue)	Oct 9 (Thur)	Oct 14-20 (Tue-Mon)	Oct 21 (Tue)
2009	Sept 19 (Sat)	Sept 28 (Mon)	Oct 3-9 (Sat-Fri)	Oct 10 (Sat)
2010	Sept 9 (Thur)	Sept 18 (Sat)	Sept 23-29 (Thur-Wed)	Sept 30 (Thr)

*Recipe for Unleavened Bread
for the
Christian Passover*

2 cups whole wheat flour or whole barley flour
1 cup whole wheat pastry flour (if using whole wheat flour) or an additional cup barley flour
1/3 cup olive oil, extra light
1 1/4 tsp. salt
3/4 cup water

Sift flour and salt. Blend in oil. Add water. When correctly followed, this recipe makes a soft dough. If the dough is too stiff, the bread will be tough.

Break off a piece of dough about the size of a walnut. On a floured board (use pastry flour, or barley flour) flatten dough with hands, then roll paper thin, as for strudel. Add flour as needed to keep dough from becoming sticky. Roll out until dough is the size of a saucer. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. If cookie sheet requires greasing, use olive oil.

Bake at 375 degrees for 7-8 minutes. Watch closely to avoid burning.

This recipe may also be used to prepare unleavened bread for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which follows the Passover day. If baking unleavened bread that is not to be used for the Passover service, butter may be substituted for olive oil, and milk may be substituted for water.

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