

**St. Andrew's and St. David's Presbyterian Churches
St. John's, Newfoundland
Maundy Thursday – Seder Service
March 24, 2016**

Personal Preparation for the Service:
Prayer and the Washing of Hands:

WE GATHER IN WORSHIP

We Gather in Worship

Matthew 26:17-19

Greeting:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Approach

Prayer leading to:

L: God brought us into being to be a completion of creation.

P: **God made us in his image, male and female we have been created.**

L: We have been given the resources of the world, a day for rest, plants and creatures to care for, a law to guide us, people to love, and the gift and sacrifice of Jesus our Lord, by whom we are saved.

P: **Let us always praise God for the grace of this creation, and His love that continues on through to eternity.**

L: Praise to You, O Lord our God, who creates and gives to his people the fruit of the vine.

Hymn: The God of Abraham praise:

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love
Almighty, great I Am! By earth and heaven confessed,
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys at God's right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame and power,
The Lord my only portion make, my shield and tower.

Though nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way at God's command;
The watery deep I pass with Jesus in my view,
And through the howling wilderness my way pursue.

So when you call your family, we follow and rejoice.
With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy friends,
To share this heavenly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share, the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

The mystery of your presence here, no mortal tongue can tell;
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

In gracious love you give yourself; then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Bread of the New Covenant:

The Cup of the New Covenant:

Silent Prayer

L: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world

All: **Have mercy on us.**

L: Lamb of God, who bears the weight of our sins.

All: **Have mercy on us.**

L: Lamb of God, who redeems the world in grace.

All: **Grant us your peace. Amen**

Matthew 26:30-46

Hymn: Alas and did my Saviour bleed

Alas, and did my Saviour bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
When Christ the great redeemer died for fallen creatures' sin.

I, too, in shame would hide my face, while that dread cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.

Benediction: *(Sung first by the choir, then by the Ministers, then by all)*

Shalom Chaverim, shalom chaverim, Shalom, shalom.

Le-hit-ra-ot, le-hit-ra-ot, shalom, shalom.

Farewell, dear friends, stay safe, dear friends, have peace, have peace.
We'll see you again, we'll see you again, have peace, have peace.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest,
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, The Lord of Righteousness;
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace
On Zion's sacred height, God's kingdom still maintains,
And glorious with the saints in light forever reigns

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost" they ever cry
Hail Abraham's and mine! I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

The First Cup: The Cup of Promises:

The cups are now filled. (Minister raises the cup)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who gives us promises.
I invite you to raise your cup of promise and say: "Blessed are you, O Lord our
God." Let us all drink now.

- L: Praise to You, O Lord our God, who has given us the means to prepare
food, that it may be safe and nourishing to our bodies.
A: Praise to You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe for giving us life,
for sustaining us and enabling us to gather this night in celebration of
all you have done.

Psalm 24: 3-6

The Serving of the Meal

The Bread

A Child's Question *Malik*

Answer

The Bread is served.

Exodus 12:14-20 & 39

L: *(raising the bread)*

This is the bread of affliction and of grace,
the bread of haste and of remembrance.

- P: **All who are hungry, let them enter and eat.
All who are in need, let them come and celebrate.
Today we are here, and tomorrow is in God's hands
We are bound now to this world; tomorrow we will be with God.**

The Bitter Herbs

A Child's Question *Malik*

Answer

Exodus 12 3-11

The Second Cup: The Cup of Remembering:

We will drink from the cup of remembering. Please raise your glass.
Let us say the words "Blessed are you, O Lord our God," then drink.

John 6:35- 40

John 1:35-41

The Third Cup: The Cup of the Prophet Elijah:

Blessed are you , O Lord our God.

All are invited to drink repeating the words,

"Blessed are you, O Lord our God."

The meal is now consumed

Coral Anthem as the meal ends

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
who feeds the world with goodness.

We thank you for your loving kindness and your pity.

Your loving kindness lasts forever.

We thank you for this group of faithful people
who have gathered to sit at table with Jesus.
In this holy week we thank you for the things that free us.
Help us to share this good news with others.

With your people of all places and times,
and with the whole company of heaven,
we proclaim your greatness and pray the words of your servants:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Glory to you, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Fourth Cup: The Cup of Praise:

We raise our fourth cup of praise, saying together:

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
who created the fruit of the vine.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hymn: You satisfy the hungry heart

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat:
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls the sheep
They know and heed that voice,