

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
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April 18, 2019



Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

A Passover Seder and Crucifixion

Prelude

Introduction to the Service

***Opening Hymn, 328** *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

The Seder

The Beginning

In which the history, flow and purpose of the service is explained

...and who has commanded us to prepare for the Passover by removing the leaven."

People: Any leaven that may remain among us, which we have not seen and have not removed, may it be as if it does not exist, as if it is the dust of the earth. Amen.

Lighting the Passover Candles

In which we bring light to the darkness and recall our purpose

... As we kindle the festival lights, we pray for the light of God in our midst that we might see anew the meaning and significance of this celebration."

People: May the lights we now kindle inspire us to use our strength which you so freely give to help and not to hinder, to love and not hate, to bless and not to curse, to serve and worship you, O God of freedom!

The First Cup/ Sanctification and Freedom

In which we claim and give thanks for freedom from all forms of enslavement

... Each drink recalls a separate promise. Each a separate 'I will' statement.

People: God has said to us, "I am the Lord, I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians, I will deliver you from slavery, I will redeem you with outstretched arms, I will take you as my people and be your God."

The Washing

In which purity is symbolized

Karpas/Parsley

In which we taste the joy and sorrow of human life

...Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

Men: Arise my love and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

Women: My beloved is mine and I am his. As an apple among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among men. Under its shade I am delighted to sit, and its fruit is sweet to taste. He brought me to the banquet house, and his intention toward me was love.

... Let us pray:

People: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

In which we are bound together in the sharing of bread

... And still yet they are said. Join me as together we say ...

People: "This is the bread of our affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry come and eat. All who are needy come and calibrate Passover with us. Now we are slaves. In the days to come, may we be truly free."

Choral Prayer

Shalom Chaverim

The Story of Passover

In which we remember the ancient work of deliverance brought to us by God

***Hymn, 378**

Amazing Grace

Dayenu! / It Would Have Been Enough

In which we remember the bounty of God's grace towards us

Each time the word 'Dayenu' is spoken the people respond with:
It would have been enough.

The Second Cup / Deliverance

In which we give thanks for and remember our deliverance from all forms of enslavement

... "I am the Lord; I will deliver you from slavery."

People: We praise you O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth. Let us drink of the second cup!

The Meal

In which we taste the symbols of God's work in our lives

... Let us offer a blessing for the meal.

People: We praise you O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has made us holy with your word, and has commanded us to eat the unleavened bread.

The Third Cup / Redemption & Communion

In which is expressed expectation in the coming of the Messiah through the sharing of a holy meal and in which we witness the Christ fulfill history and God do a new thing

The Lord's Prayer

Serving the Bread and Cup

***Hymn, 363** *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

The Story Continues

Choral Anthem *And No Bird Sang*

*The Gospel Reading John 19:31-41

*The Stripping Of the Sanctuary *Were You There*

***Departing In Silence**

**Indicates that the Congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your participation.*

Bold Titles indicate Congregation Participation.

A Welcome to our Guests!

We are honored that you are worshiping with us. Please complete the "red book" registration to record your presence. Also, please introduce yourself to those around you and visit our Welcome Center. We have a welcome gift for our first time guests in the welcome center. Please stop by the desk at the close of the worship service. We hope you will return to join us again in Worship!

Please join us for Easter Worship

April 21, 2019

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

The Church office will be closed tomorrow, (Good Friday), and also Monday, April 22.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TONIGHT:

Ushers: Ryan Cole, Keith Corley, Bill Sills

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