

## Stand Against Coronavirus (COVID-19): Communion Service

### The First Passover

Exodus 12.7, 13

“And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it...

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.”

- The Israelites were told to stay in their homes and come under the covering of the blood – they would be spared the plague

### Rahab in Jericho

Joshua 2.12-13, 17-21

“Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, (13) and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death....

(17) So the men said to her: “We *will be* blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, (18) unless, *when* we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. (19) So it shall be *that* whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood *shall be* on his own head, and we *will be* guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head if a hand is laid on him. (20) And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear.” (21) Then she said, “According to your words, so *be* it.” And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.”

- Rahab entered into covenant with the spies
- She and all her family were to stay in the house under the covering of the sign of the covenant – the scarlet cord, which represents the blood

### Why Bread & Wine? - Abraham & Melchizadek

Genesis 14.18-22

“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. (19) And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; (20) And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all. (21) Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.” (22) But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,”

- Abraham was met by Melchizadek with bread and wine – these were covenant symbols, to commemorate the presence of God with him in the battle.

- I have raised my hand – entered into covenant

## Why Bread & Wine? - Jesus & His Disciples

Luke 22.19-20

“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” (20) Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.”

- bread and wine – symbols of the new covenant

Isaiah 53.4-5

“Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”

- griefs – *choliy*, sicknesses, diseases, maladies (from the root meaning to make sick)
- sorrows – *makob*, pains (physical and mental), anguish
- stripes – *chabburah*, a wound, bruise (caused through beating) - the blood marked scars on His back

## Communion

### Prayer for Healing

Psalm 91.1-16

- Make it a personal confession

“(1) **I** dwell in the secret place of the Most High **therefore I** abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (2) I will say of the LORD, “**You are** my refuge and my fortress; My God, in **You** I will trust.” (3) Surely **You** shall deliver **me** from the snare of the fowler *And* from the perilous pestilence. (4) **You** shall cover **me** with **Your** feathers, *And* under **Your** wings **I** take refuge; **Your** truth *shall be* **my** shield and buckler. (5) **I** shall not be afraid of the terror by night, *Nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day, (6) *Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness, *Nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday. (7) A thousand may fall at **my** side, *And* ten thousand at **my** right hand; *But* it shall not come near **me**. (8) Only with **my** eyes shall **I** look, *And* see the reward of the wicked. (9) Because **I** have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge, *Even* the Most High, **my** dwelling place, (10) No evil shall befall **me**, *Nor* shall any plague come near **my** dwelling; (11) For **You** shall give **Your** angels charge over **me**, *To keep* **me** in all **my** ways. (12) In *their* hands they shall bear **me** up, *Lest* **I** dash **my** foot against a stone. (13) **I** shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, *The* young lion and the serpent **I** shall trample underfoot. (14) “Because **I have** set **my** love upon **You**, *therefore* **You** will deliver **me**; **You** will set **me** on high, because **I have** known **Your** name. (15) **I** shall call upon **You**, *and* **You** will answer **me**; **You will** be with **me** in trouble; **You** will deliver **me** and honor **me**. (16) With long life **You** will satisfy **me**, *And* show **me** **Your** salvation.””