



When things are good... There is an old story about a wise man living on one of China's vast frontiers. One day, for no apparent reason, a young man's horse ran away and was taken by nomads across the border. Everyone tried to offer consolation for the man's bad fortune, but his father, a wise man, said, "What makes you so sure this is not a blessing?" Months later, his horse returned, bringing with her a magnificent stallion. This time everyone was full of congratulations for the son's good fortune. But now his father said, "What makes you so sure this isn't a disaster?" Their household was made richer by this fine horse the son loved to ride, but one day he fell off his horse and broke his hip. Once again, everyone offered their consolation for his bad luck, but his father said, "What makes you so sure this is not a blessing?" A year later, nomads invaded, and every able-bodied man was required to take up his bow and go into battle. The Chinese families living on the border lost nine out of every ten men who went to fight. Only because the son was lame did the father and son survive to take care of each other. Palm Sunday shows us clearly that we need to cling to a God's eye view of events and not get carried away with apparent successes or failures. Palm Sunday is a triumph for Jesus which turns to a tragedy a day later which turns to the greatest triumph in history 3 days later. While we should never believe that God sends evil He certainly is able to use it to His own good ends. As Aslan says in 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' - there is a greater magic which evil knows nothing of! God is Lord.

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Good Friday Service

Door Greeting: Campbell Family

Prayers: Phil Hill

Bible Reading: Chrissy Cameron

Data Projector: Ruth Pearce

Sound: Ged Forbes

Duty Elder: Catherine McKinlay

Setup Team: Craig Campbell

Morning Tea: Baabs, Susan Jack

Easter Sunday

Door Greeting: Fairlie Sim

Childrens Talk: Fiona Cooper

Prayers: Lynne Baab

Bible Reading: Ged Forbes

Data Projector: To be arranged

Sound: Wayne Harray

Duty Elder: Judith Forbes

Setup Team: Craig Campbell

Morning Tea: Campbells, Jan S

Welcome team and prayer min: Helen H

Leith Valley Church

"Growing great community"

Palm Sunday

29 March 2015

Service Leader: Helen Harray

Worship Leader: Rod Galloway

- Welcome to our all-age Palm Sunday Service.
- Today we will be having our own version of a Passover Meal.
- A special welcome to visitors and newcomers. Please make yourself known to us and if you plan to be around for awhile, fill out a **contact form** so we can keep in touch with you.

Studentsoul

Tonight 7pm

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 an outstretched arm, I will take you as my people and be your God.
Ex 6: 6-7



Easter Services

(Here @ George St School)

- ❖ Maundy Thursday 7pm
- ❖ Good Friday 9.30am
- ❖ Easter Sunday 10am

Today's Team

Door/Offering: Helen Roberts and Maya

Sound: Daniel Sim

Duty Elder: Phil Hill

Set up team: Craig Campbell

Morning Tea: Gill & Paul Trebilco, Chrissy Cameron, Julie Hall

Bible Reading: Fairlie Sim

Data Projector: Fiona Cooper

Prayer Ministry: Bruce and Pauline Geddes

Welcome team: Judith Forbes

Passover Service

Introduction

Lighting the Passover candles

We gather to observe this Passover, as it is written:

People You shall keep the feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this day I brought all your people out of the land of Egypt. You shall observe this day throughout the generations as a practice for all times. [Exodus 12:17]
Remember this day in which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by the strength of his hand the Lord brought you out from this place. [Exodus 13:3]
Helen We praise you, O Lord our God [...] *Distribute cups* [...] In the four cups that we drink today we are reminded of the four promises God made; to save the Israelites from the Egyptians, to deliver them from slavery, to redeem them and make them to be his people.
People 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 an outstretched arm, I will take you as my people and be your God. [Exodus 6:6-7]

The First Cup: The Cup Of Sanctification And Freedom

All drink when instructed

THE WASHING: PREPARATION

Ivan We will now prepare for the meal by washing each others' hands [...] ...Today we will symbolize this with our hands. Congregation to wash one another's hands with wet wipes. Offer forgiveness to one another in the words: **In Christ you are made clean**

The Breaking Of The Middle Matzah Bread

Helen This is the bread of affliction which our forefathers ate in the land of Egypt [...] ...See how it is striped.

People 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. Is53:5

Helen See how it is pierced through.

People And I will pour out upon the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for his only son. Zech 12: 10

Helen As we break the middle piece of the bread of affliction [...]

....All who are needy, let them come and celebrate the Passover with us.

People Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe Who brings forth bread from the earth.

The Story Of Passover

Ivan The Passover story was told as a parent telling the story of the Exodus to his children. The youngest person asked questions like: (**Child:**) Why is this night different than all other nights? Why on all other nights do we eat bread with leaven, but on this night we eat only unleavened bread?

People You shall eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, because you came out of the land of Egypt with great haste, so that all the days of your life you may remember the day of your departure from Egypt [Deuteronomy 16:3].

Ivan Tonight we eat Unleavened Bread because our ancestors in Egypt ...

The story of the Israelites in Egypt. [TEN PLAGUES] Song: Pharaoh Pharaoh

Fourth storyteller tells about the Passover, finishing with: The price of freedom for all of us



was the death of the firstborn of God, Jesus the Messiah.

People I am the Lord; I will deliver you from slavery [Ex6:6]. We praise you O Lord our God, who has freed your people. We celebrate your deliverance from the plagues of: Blood. Frogs. Lice. Swarms. Cattle Disease. Boils. Hail. Locusts. Darkness. Death of the First Born.

Ivan Together we drink the second cup to remember the price of deliverance.

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Fairlie: John 6:53-58

The Third Cup: The Cup Of Redemption---The Eucharist

THE FOURTH CUP: THE CUP OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE

Ivan We celebrate in joy today because Messiah has come!

People Blessed is He who has come in the name of the Lord!

Ivan/Helen speak and finish with:

Ivan The traditional conclusion of the Passover is a hope for the future expressed by Jews throughout history: "Next year in Jerusalem." We will conclude our celebration with the same expression of hope and faith in God, as we await the coming of a new Jerusalem.

People Next year in the New Jerusalem!



NOTICES

- ⇒ **Accommodation needed:** Either a room, flat or studio unit in a Christian home/flat
Contact David Leung at 027 614 0404
- ⇒ **FINDING FAMILIES FOREVER** A documentary about Orphans Aid International by Rob Harley, Premieres Good Friday TV One, 7.30am
- ⇒ **Patti Velotta** "Immanuel" Seminar, 23-25 April, Thurs/Fri Evenings, all day Sat, \$50
- ⇒ See flyer on notices table
- ⇒ **Faith Thinking Course: Going Deeper into the Gospel of Luke**
- ⇒ Deborah Bower (Synod leadership advisor)
- ⇒ April 17-18 **Register:** continuing.education@otago.ac.nz
- ⇒ **Love Offering for Liz and Andrew** is still open. Envelopes and Pledge cards are available on the table.
- ⇒ **Easter Camp:** Get your registrations in today! 2 Campervans needed for the Easter weekend, contact Luke on 022 6370655 if you can help.
- ⇒ **Firewood Fundraiser:** Thanks to everyone who has been helping with the chopping and delivering of this. Spread the word around your friends. \$225 for 3 metres delivered.
- ⇒ **Follow Helen Harray's blog** at helenharray.com
- ⇒ **Coming Up.....**Story telling workshop, Godly Play Style.
April 14th 7:15pm - 9pm at Leith Valley Church. More details to come
- ⇒ **Vanuatu Update** from Global Mission Coordinator, Rev Phil King, regarding the situation in Vanuatu following the devastation caused by Cyclone Pam. Copies on the notices table.
- ⇒ **Chapel Duty:** People needed to help move patients in the hospital to the Chapel Service on April 26. Let Rachel know if you can help.
- ⇒ **Family Life Marriage Weekend:** Hanmer Springs July 24-26, contact Rachel for more info.
- ⇒ **Way2Go** Scripture Union Children's Ministry Conference, Invercargill, 9 May.