

Reader 1

This reading is at the beginning of our time together. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when the Facilitator calls on you. Thank you!

Reader 1: On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?" He replied, "Go into the city, to a certain man, and say, 'The teacher says, "My time is near. I'm going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them. They prepared the Passover.

Reader 2

This reading is happens after the tables are set. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when the Facilitator calls on you. Thank you!

Reader 2: That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating he said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me." Deeply saddened, each one said to him, "I'm not the one, am I, Lord?" He replied, "The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born." Now Judas, who would betray him, replied, "It's not me, is it, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You said it."

Reader 3

This reading is "The Call" in the Guide. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when the Facilitator invites the group to "The Call". Thank you!

Reader 3: When we have a problem,
Bring us to this table.

Reader 4: When we are hungry,
Bring us to this table.

Reader 5: When we have a disagreement,
Bring us to this table.

Reader 6: When we want to get some work done,
Bring us to this table.

Reader 7: When we want to worship in the Spirit of Christ,
Bring us to this table.

Reader 4

This reading is "The Call" in the Guide. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when it is your turn. Thank you!

Reader 3: When we have a problem,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 4: When we are hungry,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 5: When we have a disagreement,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 6: When we want to get some work done,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 7: When we want to worship in the Spirit of Christ,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 5

This reading is "The Call" in the Guide. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when it is your turn. Thank you!

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Bring us to this table.

Reader 4: When we are hungry,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 5: When we have a disagreement,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 6: When we want to get some work done,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 7: When we want to worship in the Spirit of Christ,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 6

This reading is "The Call" in the Guide. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when it is your turn. Thank you!

Reader 3: When we have a problem,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 4: When we are hungry,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 5: When we have a disagreement,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 6: When we want to get some work done,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 7: When we want to worship in the Spirit of Christ,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 7

This reading is "The Call" in the Guide. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when it is your turn. Thank you!

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Bring us to this table.

Reader 4: When we are hungry,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 5: When we have a disagreement,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 6: When we want to get some work done,

Bring us to this table.

Reader 7: *When we want to worship in the Spirit of Christ,*

Bring us to this table.

Reader 8

This reading comes after the singing of "Praise God, praise God, praise God..." Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when it gets to your line. Thank you!

Facilitator: ...Long before Communion... *[more words here]*

They would remember the stories of Jesus at the table,
and they remembered the mission of Jesus so that they could remind themselves of
their own mission and the reason for their gathering.

Reader 8: They remembered that God's Spirit anointed Jesus
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when God would save God's people.

Reader 9

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Reader 9: They would remember Jesus' invitation to "go and do likewise"—
to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and eat with the stranger.

Reader 10

This reading is at the end of our time together after lunch. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when the Facilitator calls on you. Thank you!

Reader 10: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Abba, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me..."

Reader 11

This reading is at the end of our time together after lunch. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read when the Facilitator calls on you. Thank you!

Reader 11: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Reader 12

This reading is at the end of our time together after lunch. Please stand if that is comfortable for you and read it is your turn after Reader 11. Thank you!

Reader 11: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Reader 12: Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "Abba, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words... "Abba, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."
