

Checklist for Preparing your Seder Meal

Elements Required for Each Person:

- 1 **dinner plate:** paper plates are OK, but they should be the better quality
- 1 **napkin:** to make this a special occasion, if possible, linen or cloth napkins can be used
- 1 **wine glass:** this should be clear, not a paper cup; very inexpensive clear plastic wine glasses are commonly available in many stores. It is also possible for each person to have four small clear plastic communion cups of wine, already filled before the service; if this is done, then the wine carafe is not needed for each group.
- 1 **water glass:** this is a precaution for those who might get too much Maror and need a drink. This glass can be filled with water, or left empty and filled from the water pitcher if needed
- 1 **fork and 1 spoon:** plastic is fine, although regular flatware will help mark this as a special occasion
- 1 **sprig fresh parsley:** this can be placed ahead of time on each individual plate, or can be placed in a larger bowl and passed around at the appropriate time
- 1 **full piece of Matzah:** usually a 6" square piece. This assumes that each group leader will have the 3 pieces used in the service; it is also possible for each person to have 3 pieces of Matzoth, although that becomes a little more expensive. Most larger food stores will have Matzah available in the Spring or can order it. It comes 10-12 pieces to a box.
- 1 **small bowl of salt water:** there should be enough salt water in which to dip the parsley, and enough salt in the water to make it cloudy (an alternate arrangement would have a small bowl for every four or five people to share).
- 1 **copy of the Seder Haggadah:** order of the seder, you can pick up a hard copy at the church on Palm Sunday or print one at home, go to www.kingstreet.org/events to download the PDF.

Fun treat for kids when they find the hidden Afikomen

- 1 **small towel** for the amount of water used for hand washing, a washcloth may be used as a towel

Elements required for each group:

2 white candles in candlesticks

- 1 **small bowl of Charoset:** there should be more than enough in each bowl for each person in the group to have about 2 tablespoons (this can be placed on individual plates before the beginning of the Seder to save time).
- 1 **small bowl of prepared, grated horseradish:** there should be more than enough in each bowl for each person to have about 1 tablespoon; hot variety is better (this can be placed on individual plates before the beginning of the seder).
- 1 **hard-boiled egg per person, peeled**
- 5 **white cloth napkins:** for the Matzah basket
- 1 **large plate or shallow basket:** for the Matzah
- 3 **full pieces of Matzah:** placed on a napkin covered plate or basket each separated by a single white cloth napkin, with the top one also covered by a napkin.
- 1 **carafe or pitcher of wine or grape juice**
- 1 **pitcher of drinking water**

Table decoration: fresh spring flowers contributed by members of the group are effective reminders of the newness that this celebration represents

If the hand washing is to be included as a public activity: 1 pitcher of water (or a bowl of water with a small dipper) and 1 empty shallow basin or large bowl

Meat: While many Christians associate lamb as the meat of Passover, since lambs can no longer be killed sacrificially it is not part of the Passover Seder. For the same reason, no roasted meat can be served. Usually, either chicken or beef are the main meat dishes.