



Dear Parishioners & Friends—as we move through the Lenten Season and prepare for our Parish Mission, I also want to invite to attend our Christian Passover Celebration on April 2, 2023, at 4:00 PM. This celebratory meal connects many of our Catholic tradition to what our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate during Passover at a Seder Meal. This also connects for us some of the events of Holy Week.

Our Christian Seder is a combination of both traditions as we gather to share a special version of the Seder Supper as a Christian Community. Through prayer and song, we join using the symbols of a Seder marking the beginning the Holy Week. Please note that seating is limited, and it requires an advanced reservation. Reservations can be done using the attached form which you can drop in the collection basket on Sunday, mail it to the office or just call the office to make a reservation at 610-525-0147. You can also use of Venmo QR code in the front cover of the hymn book or on our website.

The ritual meal which commemorates the events of the Exodus is called the Seder. The primary aim of the Seder is to transmit to future generations the story of the Exodus, the central event in Jewish history. Ideally, a family gathers around a table in their own home to celebrate the Seder, sharing in a meal which symbolizes their consciousness as a people and their faith in the future. In the Christian tradition, the Passover Seder is also believed to be when Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Gathered around the supper table with his disciples, Jesus told them, "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Along with the prayerful aspects of our Christian Seder, there is a full course meal of Roasted Lamb or Turkey, Rice or Mashed Potatoes, and Vegetable and Salad. You are all invited to bring a dessert item that would serve 6 to 8 people. Families are encouraged to bring their children of school age to our celebration.

Fr. Joe

### Christian Passover Supper –Reservation Form

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Of People attending \_\_\_\_\_

Donation—\$20.00 per person or \$50.00 for a family of 4 and 5.00 for each additional family member. Checks made payable to OMGC. Please bring a dessert item that can be shared with 6 to 8 people.

Drop reservation forms in the collection basket by March 26, 2023