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| Overview of First Century Passover Meal | | | | | |
| Part 1 | Part 2 | | | Part 3 | Part 4 |
| Particular blessing for the feast day | Reading of the Passover Narrative | Blessing of the Unleavened Bread | Passover meal: Lamb, herbs, and mixed wine | Blessing of the Chalice after the Meal | Concluding blessings |
| This chalice was mixed with water.  Blessing of the First Chalice.  Washing of hands.  Appetizers.  Unleavened bread is broken and divided. | The Passover narrative from Exodus is read.  There is an admonition on the readings.  Blessing for redemption is prayed over the Second Chalice. | Blessing over the bread which is then divided and shared with those at the table. | The meal proper. | This is an extensive blessing for the meal over the Third Chalice.  Includes a blessing/thanksgiving followed by a memorial of God’s promises. | Sung final blessing over the Fourth Chalice. |
| Gospel Account of the Last Supper | | | | | |
| Potentially the foot washing in the Gospel of John | The readings are not mentioned, but presumed.  Matthew and Luke  mentions the chalice before the blessing of the bread. | Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Paul (1 Cor 11) mention the blessing and dividing of the bread. | Not mentioned but presumed. | Mark, Luke, and Paul (1 Cor 11) each mention the blessing of this chalice. | This final chalice is not mentioned explicitly.  Matthew mentions that there was a hymn at the end. |
| Current Mass | | | | | |
| Opening Prayer (Collect) at the beginning expresses the reason for the celebration. | There are readings from scripture. These are meant to aid those participating to understand what God has done to cause us to celebrate this ritual.  There is a presentation on the readings to aid the listeners to understand what they heard. | Prayer of thanksgiving for the bread.  *The wine is mixed with water and a prayer of thanksgiving over the chalice.*  *Washing of hands.* | *Prayer remembering God’s action in the world.*  *Request to sanctify the gifts brought to the altar.*  *Recounting of Christ’s words over the bread.* | Recounting of Christ’s words over the chalice.  Thanksgiving for God’s salvation, which is being remembered.  Intercession for the Church inspired by the hope of those who partake in this memorial. | Closing Prayer giving thanks for the meal.  Dismissal. |

**Structure of Covenants**

1. Founded upon singular and unrepeatable historical events.
   1. Old Covenant: The historical events of Passover and period at Mt. Sinai
   2. New Covenant: The Last Supper, and Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection
2. A bilateral agreement of promises between God and his people.
   1. Old Covenant: People followed the laws (Torah), and God would bless and protect them
   2. New Covenant: Have faith in Christ, and God will restore us from original sin and give us life everlasting.
3. Future generations can participate in this covenant through a ritual which makes them full participants in the promises and obligations.
   1. Old Covenant: Be born into a Jewish family, and circumcision for male children.
   2. New Covenant: Baptism.
4. A ritual based upon the historical event is provided for future generations to renew their fidelity to the covenant, once they have become party to it.
   1. Old Covenant: The annual Passover meal ritual.
   2. New Covenant: The Mass.