

Where's Your Chair?

Exodus 12 1-13



Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven,
with the mighty strength of his right hand.
Psalm 20:6

Praising:

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover
feast.

Christ at his table, host to the
twelve, love, only love, is his
mark:

Richer than gold is the love of my
Lord, better than splendour
and wealth.

Reading:

Exodus 12:1-13
Preparations for the first
Passover

God charges Moses and Aaron to
make everything ready. An
ancient nomadic festival is
already firmly fixed in Israel's
spring calendar. This older,
nocturnal celebration (held at full
moon) is now rewritten as a
memorial of the Lord's
deliverance of his people from

Egypt. Leviticus had stipulated
that where animal sacrifice was
offered the Lord's designated
portion would always be the
blood. Accordingly God instructs
that the blood of each year-old
lamb be smeared on the
doorposts and lintel – the holy
places of the house – as a
protection against the destroyer.
In commemoration of Israel's
hasty exodus the feast must be
taken with the people dressed
and ready to go. The word
'Passover' is interpreted from a
verb meaning 'to pass over',
referring to the Lord's passing
over Israelite houses as he
executes judgment on the
Egyptian ones.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we praise you for the
offering of your Son

- in his unblemished innocence,
he wears our sin and receives
our death
- by the blood of his head, his
hands, his feet and his side,
he pours out our healing
- through his love for all the
world, he frees us to journey
with him for eternity

Father: the lamb gave its life to
save the firstborn, and your
firstborn gave his life to save me.
Wherever oppression and
injustice present themselves,
grant me courage to do likewise.
Amen

Doing:

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