The First Cup

Blessed are You HaShem our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. Blessed are You HaShem, our God King of the Universe, Who sanctified us from among all peoples, exalted us above all tongues, chose us and made us great, desired us and glorified us. And You, HaShem, our God, have given us in love this day of the Festival of Matzot, the season of our freedom, with love, as a remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt. Blessed are You HaShem, Who sanctifies Israel and the seasons. Blessed are You HaShem, our God King of the Universe, Who has given us life, and sustained us, and brought us to this season.

*We drink the first cup while leaning on the left side.*

Washing of the hands

“Blessed are You HaShem, our God King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us the washing of our hands.

*On the Table need to be:* 1) Matzot, 2) Charoset (mashed banana), 3) Bitter Herbs, 4) Karpas (other greens)

*We start with the other greens (“karpas”). Before we eat from it, we say:* “Blessed are You HaShem, our God King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the earth.”

*We dip the karpas in the charoset and eat from it.*

*Then, the second cup is poured (do not drink yet).*  
*We take two matzot, and we break one of them in half, and we place one half on top of the whole matzah.*  
*We lift up the other broken half and say:*
“In haste we left Egypt…
This is the bread of affliction, that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt

Someone (preferably a child) now asks four questions:
“Why is this night different from all other nights?
1) On all nights, we do not dip even once, but tonight we dip twice.
2) On all nights, we eat real bread and matzah, but tonight only matzah.
3) On all nights, we eat any vegetable, but tonight we eat bitter herbs.
4) On all nights, we eat sitting or leaning, but tonight we all lean.”

The answer:
Say: “We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt; but God took us out from there, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Blessed is God, Who is Everywhere, Who gave Torah to his people Israel, blessed be He! Blessed is He who keeps his promise to Israel his people, may He be praised!”

“My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt, and lived there, with only a small family. There he became a nation, great, mighty, with many people. But the Egyptians treated us badly, and made life hard for us, and they gave us hard work to do. We cried to HaShem, the God of our fathers, and HaShem heard our voice, and saw our suffering, and our hard work, and our oppression. And HaShem took us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with much power, and with signs, and with wonders”…

The Ten Plagues: 1) Blood, 2) Frogs, 3) Lice, 4) Flies, 5) Plague, 6) Boils, 7) Hail, 8) Locusts, 9) Darkness, 10) Death of the Firstborn

“Someone only fulfils his obligation if he talks about three things on Passover: Pesach, Matzah, and Maror.

1) “The Pesach sacrifice is what our ancestors ate in the time of the Temple. Because HaShem passed over our houses in Egypt.”
2) Someone lifts the Matza and says:
   “This Matzah that we eat… what is the reason? Because our dough did not have time to rise when HaShem freed us from slavery.”
3) Someone lifts the Bitter Herbs and says: “Why do we eat this
Maror? Because the Egyptians made our lives bitter in Egypt.”

Say: “In every generation, a person must think of himself as if he had left Egypt himself. Because HaShem did not only free the Jews many years ago, but us as well. Therefore, we must thank, praise, and always give honor to God who did all these miracles for us and for the people before us. He took us from slavery to freedom, and from sadness to happiness, from mourning to festivity, and from deep darkness to great light. Let us say for Him: Hallelujah!”

Lift the cup and say:
“Blessed are You, HaShem our God, King of the Universe, who freed us and our ancestors from Egypt, and helped us so we could live to celebrate this night so that we may eat matzah and bitter herbs on it. Blessed are You HaShem, the Savior of Israel.”

Now we drink the second cup while leaning on the left side

Washing of the hands. Before we pour water over our hands, we say: “Blessed are You HaShem, our God, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us the washing of our hands.”

Two Blessing over the Matzot:
“Blessed are You HaShem, our God King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the Earth.”

“Blessed are You HaShem, our God King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us on eating Matzah.”

Dip the matzah in charoset and eat from it while leaning on the left side.

Blessing of the Bitter Herbs (Maror):
“Blessed are You HaShem, our God King of the Universe, Who makes us special through His commandments, and commands us to eat maror.”

We dip the Maror in Charoset and eat. (no need to lean at this point)

The Meal: We can now eat whatever we want. At the end of one meal, we eat one last piece of matza and nothing at all thereafter.

After the meal, we wash our hands without a blessing, we pour a third cup,
and we say Grace After Meals (Birkat haMazon):

“Blessed are You, HaShem, our God, King of the Universe, who nourishes the entire world with goodness, with kindness, and with mercy, who provides for all, and who prepares food for all His creatures that He created. Blessed are You HaShem, who feeds all.

We thank You, HaShem, our God, and bless You, our King, that you gave our forefathers a lovely, good, and spacious land, a Covenant and the Torah, that you took us out of the land of Egypt. For all this, we thank You and bless Your name. Blessed are You HaShem, for the Land and for the food.

Have mercy, HaShem our God, on Israel Your people, and on Jerusalem Your city, and on Zion the place of Your glory, and on the kingship of the House of David! Make us glad on this Pesach holiday, and build Jerusalem soon and fill it with peace. Blessed are You, HaShem, who builds Jerusalem, Amen.

Blessed are You, HaShem, our God, King of the Universe, our Father, our King; the King Who is good and does good to all. He has been good to us before, He is good to us now, and He will be good to us. He has given us before, He gives us now, and he will give us kindness, love and mercy and all good things.”

**The Third Cup:** “Blessed are You, HaShem, our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.” *(Drink while leaning)*

**We pour the fourth cup.**

**Say:** “Praise HaShem! All you, nations! Honor Him! All you, peoples! For His love is powerful for us, and the truth of HaShem lasts forever. Hallelujah!”

“Give thanks to HaShem, for He is good. For His kindness lasts forever.”

**We now drink the fourth cup while leaning.**

*We may continue singing songs and thanking God.*