**MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM**

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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**Why Is This Night Different?**

"Why is this night different from all of the others?"  
This night we remember how God set us free.  
This night we remember our fathers and mothers  
Whom God reached out to save from harsh slavery.

We eat bitter herbs to recall how they suffered;  
The salt water tells of their tears and their cries.  
The lamb is the sacrifice each household offered;  
The matzo is the bread with no time to rise.

Haroseth reminds how the people long labored  
In making the mortar; what weary, worn slaves!  
And yet in its sweetness is hope ever-savored,  
And in each cup of wine, the promise: God saves!

Through symbols we share here, your story is spoken;  
God, help us to know that it's our story, too!  
For as we are saved we are sent to the broken,  
Till all know peace and joy, till all are made new.

Lord Jesus, you joined in the great celebration,  
Then gave us a new meal to joyfully share.  
You blessed bread and wine and you offered salvation;  
Now send us out to serve, Lord, this is our prayer!

Tune: *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626 ("We Gather Together")  [**(MIDI)**](https://www.carolynshymns.com/midifiles/kremser.midi)  
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**O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day**

O God our Creator, you work every day:  
A potter, you form us — your people — like clay.  
A shepherd, you guide us and seek out the lost.  
A parent, you love us, not counting the cost.

Christ Jesus, how rough were your hard-working hands!  
You labored among us; our God understands!  
Bless workers who struggle, their families to feed;  
Bless those who face hardship, oppression, or greed.

Lord, some live among us who need constant care,  
Whose work is to make us more humbly aware.  
They teach us the best of your lessons, by far:  
It's not what we do, Lord, you love who we are!

We're baptized! Your Spirit gives new work to do,  
That we, through our serving, may glorify you.  
Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth  
As you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.

Tune: Traditional Welsh hymn, in John Robert's *Caniadau y Cyssegr* (*Songs of the Sanctuary*), 1839 ("Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise") ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

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