**Reader:** What is the meaning of matzah?

**Together:** Matzah is unleavened bread that symbolizes both slavery and freedom. It is our “bread of affliction,” and a symbol of the divine help we received when we were liberated from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 12:39).

**Reader:** As God has liberated us from Egyptian bondage, so may God always inspire us to help the afflicted.

**Reader:** What is the meaning of maror?

**Together:** Maror is a bitter herb. It reminds us that the lives of our ancestors were made bitter from the oppression of Egyptian slavery (Exodus 1:14).

**Reader:** As God has blessed us with freedom, so may God always inspire us to be messengers of God’s word to those in need of hope.

### The Watch-Night of the Eternal

**Reader:** “You shall tell your child on that day: ‘It is because of what God did for me when I came forth out of Egypt’” (Exodus 13:8).

This passage in the Book of Exodus is the inspiration for the most important words spoken during the Passover seder:

**Together:**

In every generation each individual is bound to regard himself or herself as if he or she had personally gone forth from Egypt.

בכּל־דּוֹר וָדוֹר יִרְוַד אָדָם לִרְוַד אֶת־עֲצָמָו כִּי־לוֹצָה מִמִּצְרָיִם.

B’chol dor vador, chayy adam l’rot et-atzmo k’ilu hu yatza miMitzrayim.

**Reader:** The words we have spoken express the universal experiences we seek from our seder. It is not “each Jew” who must feel as if he or she came forth out of Egypt, but “each individual.”

**Together:** “I” am bound, therefore, to live my life “as if” God redeemed me from persecution, oppression, and slavery. As a beneficiary of the miracles that God performed, I discuss the rituals and symbols of Passover to bring the events from the Exodus into my daily life.