

- Assistants:* optional, but recommended; but even where there is a small gathering, the Host will probably need assistance serving and clearing
- Leader:* leads responsive parts of the liturgy. Her/ his seat should be next to the empty seat.
- A:* who reads any prayers.
- B:* who reads Jesus' words.
- Cantor:* who leads any songs, and if necessary, teaches these before the meal starts.

Place settings

The table should have a place setting for each diner. There should also be one empty seat which will be used symbolically throughout the meal, to represent in turn, John the Baptist, Mary, Jesus and finally, the poor & disposed. The Host and the Leader should sit on either side of it.

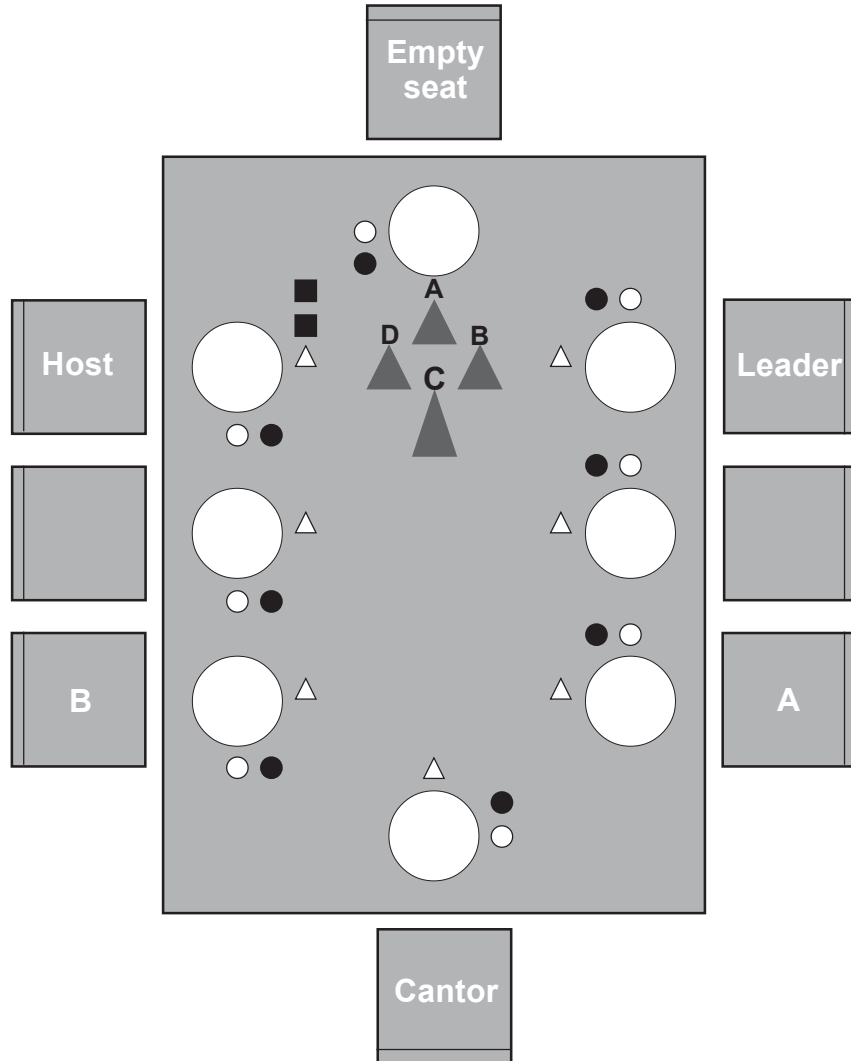
For each person: *1 glass* (for water and wine)
 1 cup (for milk and coffee/ tea)
 1 night light

Each diner's glass and the cup should be filled at the start of the meal – the glass with a mouthful of water, the cup with a mouthful of milk. Later, the glass will be filled with wine and the cup with tea or coffee. The glass and cup at the empty seat should be empty at the beginning of the meal. The Host will pour water, milk and wine into these at appropriate points. It's a good idea for two small jugs with water and milk respectively to be close to the Host for this purpose. S/he should pour the wine from the same container as for the other diners. The glass at the empty seat will already have a little water in it, so the water and wine will be mixed.

If you have wine in a box, decant it into jugs or pitchers in advance; if in bottles make sure to uncork them before the meal. The jugs or bottles can then be placed on the table for ease of access during the meal.

The night lights should not be lit until the appropriate point in the liturgy. Even then it should be the Leader who starts this process, by lighting

Appendix A: Preparatory notes (Full version)



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| ○ | Cup | ■ | Jug (Host) | △ | Night light |
| ● | Glass | ▲ | Large candle | | |