

**LIGHT LANTERN**

**READING** - John 1:1-5                      The Word Became Flesh

**HYMN** - "Lord of the Dance", #261, vs 1 UMH

**LIGHT FOUR CANDLES**

**READING** - John 1:9-11

**HYMN** - "Lord of the Dance", #261, v2 UMH

**LIGHT FOUR CANDLES**

**READING** – John 1:12-13

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 22)

Leader: O Lord, do not forsake me.

**PEOPLE: Draw near me, O God!**

Leader: O Lord, from the pit of my distress, I cry out to you for help.

**PEOPLE: Draw near me, O God!**

Leader: Others mock me for my faith, saying, "Faith is for the weak!"

**PEOPLE: Draw near me, O God!**

Leader: Yet I know that from my birth you have been with me, O God.

**PEOPLE: You have always been there!**

Leader: Even in the midst of deepest despair, I will sing your praises, O God.

**PEOPLE: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you. Even today, I will praise you!**

**OPENING PRAYER** (In Unison)

**Creator God, there are times when we feel you have forsaken us. There are times when we feel alone, betrayed, beaten, and scorned. Like the disciples, many doubts creep into our thoughts. It seems as if our cries and prayers go unheard. We wonder how you could allow your own Son to be whipped and**

**nailed to a cross to die. Come to us, O God, and save us. Amen.**

Matthew 26:1-5 - The Plot Against Jesus

**HYMN-** "Lord of the Dance", #291 v3 UMH

**EXTINGUISH ONE CANDLE**

**READING** - Matthew 26:36-46

The Garden

**PRAYER SHAWL**

**HYMN-** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #290 v1 UMH

**EXTINGUISH ONE CANDLE**

**READING** - Matthew 26:47-56

The Betrayal

**MONEY BAG**

**HYMN-** "Were You There", #288, v1 UMH

**EXTINGUISH ONE CANDLE**

**READING** - Matthew 26:57-68

The Trial

**BLINDFOLD**

**HYMN-** "Go to Dark Gethsemane", #290, v2 UMH

**EXTINGUISH ONE CANDLE**

**READING-** Matthew 26:69-27:5

The Pain of Denial

**ROOSTER**

**HYMN** - "Jesus, Remember Me" #488 UMH

**EXTINGUISH ONE CANDLE**

**READING-** Matthew 27:11-26

Jesus before Pilate

**THE BINDINGS**

**HYMN-** "Were You There", #288, v2 UMH

**EXTINGUISH ONE CANDLE**

**READING-** Matthew 27:27-31

The Death Sentence

**CROWN OF THORNS**

**EXTINGUISH ONE CANDL**

**READING** - Matthew 27:32-34 Jesus is Crucified

**CROSS**

*(As the song is played, you are invited to come to the cross  
and hammer in a nail)*

**READING** – Matthew 27:35-37

**HYMN**- "Were You There", #288, v3 UMH

**READING** - Matthew 27:38-50 The Way of the Cross

**DARKNESS**

**EXTINGUISH LAST CANDLE**

**READING** – Matthew 27:51-54

**HYMN**- "Lord of the Dance", #261, v4 UMH

**READING**- Matthew 27:55-66 The Tomb

**EXTINGUISH LANTERN**

**HYMN**- "Were You There", #288, v5 UMH

**SILENT REFLECTION** followed by the Lord's Prayer

**BENEDICTION**

**DEPART IN SILENCE**



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