

## **SECTION 8: Passion**

Saturday Evening – **Passion: *Watch the Lamb***

### **Passion Roles:**

- Crowd – 8 readers
  - 7 leave together after readings, all 8 read
  - 1 stays to help carry Jesus...ideally same person who is Joseph of Arimathea for Resurrection Prayer Service
- Simon and 2 Children
  - Children leave together, Simon stays to help carry Jesus.
- Soldiers – 2 readers
  - Soldiers are the last to leave after setting up for Reconciliation
  - Leader and flashlight Wheatie follow soldiers; pick up carpet square when leaving
- Mother Mary
  - Final lines
- Flashlights – 2 Wheaties
  - Sit on floor in front of Crowd; read and shine light on each person as they speak

### **Passion Cues:**

#### ***1. Walking on the Road to Jerusalem...***

- Simon and 2 children start walking slowly, stop at front center of room
- 1<sup>st</sup> child puts lamb down
- Simon puts arms around children

#### ***2. Daddy, Daddy, what will we see there?***

- Child on left pulls on Simon's arm/shirt

#### ***3. There's so much that we don't understand***

- Other child looks at Simon confused; puts arms up

#### ***4. So I told them of Moses and Father Abraham***

- Simon puts right arm up for Moses, left for Abraham

#### ***5. Then I said dear children, watch the lamb***

- Puts both arms down, lifts right arm up toward lamb

#### ***6. There will be so many in Jerusalem today...***

- Simon puts arms around children and looks from one child to the other as if explaining

#### ***7. So I told them of Moses and Father Abraham...***

- Simon puts right arm up for Moses, left for Abraham
- Puts both arms down, lifts right arm up toward lamb ("Watch the lamb")

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### **8. *When we reached the city...***

- The crowd starts to walk out – sways back and forth as a group in 2 rows
- Simon and children remain where they are

### **9. After *'then I heard the crowd cry out'* –**

- Crowd brings right arm down pointing 3 times with the music quickly
- On 4<sup>th</sup> 'Crucify Him' – bring arms down slowly with the music

### **10. *We tried to leave the city***

- Simon and children move behind the crowd
- Child drops lamb into black waste basket or behind black curtain
- Crowd interlocks arms and “violently” sways
- Simon and children, in back row, act like they're trying to leave

11. While crowd interlocks arms, Jesus, 2 soldiers, Mother Mary, and John get ready

### **12. After *'Why were we standing here? Where soon they would pass by'***

- Crowd and children all sit down with legs crossed, heads down
- Simon kneels on one knee
- Jesus and soldiers ready to go

### **13. *Then someone said, there's Jesus***

- Crowd person in front row – farthest right (looking at), stands and points toward Jesus
- All crowd look up to see Jesus entering the room
- Flashlight Wheatie shines light directly on Jesus
  - Flashlight stays on Jesus through his death on the cross

14. Soldiers, Mother Mary and John follow the cross

### **15. After *'A man so badly beaten, he barely looked alive'***

- Jesus coordinates footsteps with pounding of music

### **16. *I watched him as he struggled, I watched him as he fell***

- Jesus struggles with cross
- As it says “fell”, Jesus takes a knee driving the cross to the ground landing the cross on the carpet square
- After this Jesus remains somewhat lifeless

17. Soldiers remain about 2 feet behind the foot of the cross

### **18. *In that moment I felt such agony***

- Soldier 1 (to the right of Jesus) walks forward and then to the left of Simon

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### ***19. Until the Roman soldier grabbed my arm and said, You carry his cross***

- Soldier 1 grabs beneath Simon's left arm and points at him when it says "You!"
- "Carry his cross" – Soldier 1 points at Jesus holding his arm up until the long note is over

### ***20. At first, I tried to resist him, then his hand reached for his sword***

- Simon pulls arm back, resisting the soldier
- Soldier 1 reaches for his sword and pulls Simon up, directing him toward Jesus to have him carry his cross

### ***21. So I knelt and took the cross from the Lord***

- Simon kneels down next to Jesus, picks up the cross

### ***22. I placed it on my shoulder, then started down the street***

- Simon walks toward the black crate with the cross; Soldier 1 assists
- Jesus remains weak on the ground
- Soldier 2 tears upper garment off Jesus, leaving it on the floor
- Soldier 2 pushes Jesus toward the cross

### ***23. Simon helps Soldier 1 place the cross in black crate***

- Soldier 1 remains there holding the cross
- Simon moves to the left of the cross in the shadows

### ***24. Soldier 2 helps Jesus stand on black crate, leaving hands by his side***

### ***25. Mother Mary and John kneel in front of the cross (and remain there through the end)***

### ***26. They led us to Golgotha – they drove nails into his feet and hands***

- Soldier 2 takes hammer, lifts Jesus' right arm up and mimics hitting nails into his hand
- Soldier 1 is **behind** the cross actually hitting the cross
- Soldiers do the same thing with Jesus' left arm and feet
- Jesus holds onto straps on cross

### ***27. Oh never have I seen such love in any other eyes***

- Jesus looks out among the team/candidates attempting to make eye contact with love in his eyes

### ***28. Into thy hands I commend my spirit, he prayed and then he died- Jesus:***

- looks up at 'I commend my spirit'
- drops his head at 'and then he died'
  - Flashlight Wheatie turns flashlight off when Jesus drops his head/dies
- remains dead for the remainder of the Passion

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29. After *“I lost all sense of time ... as I felt 2 tiny hands holding tight to mine”*

- Simon moves toward front center of room
- 2 children join him; one on each side holding his hands

30. *My children stood there weeping*

- Children act like they’re wiping away tears

31. *Father, please forgive us*

- Child to left of Simon makes eye contact with him
- Same child lifts right arm toward where the lamb had been (*“The lamb ran away”*) – hold for end of note

32. *Daddy, Daddy, what will we see there?*

- Child on left pulls on Simon’s arm/shirt

33. *There’s so much that we don’t understand*

- Other child looks at Simon confused; puts arms up

34. *So I took them in my arms, as we turned and faced the cross*

- Simon puts arms around children
- All turn toward the cross

35. *Then I said, dear children, Watch the Lamb*

- Simon lifts right arm slowly towards Jesus

36. All remain standing for the Examination of Conscience except Mary and John at the foot of the cross

### **Examination of Conscience (see below)**

*Continue from here --*

37. Simon and crowd member (who will portray Joseph of Arimathea on Sunday) remove Jesus from the cross and place him in Mary’s arms

38. Mary looks sorrowfully at Jesus then looks out at the team/candidates

- *“This is my son, Jesus. Look what He did for you...He died for you!”*

39. Simon and Joseph carry Jesus out to the staging area; Mary and John follow

- Mary picks up Jesus’ garment when leaving

40. Soldiers set up for Reconciliation

- Lay the cross down and lean on the black crate
- Bring out the hammers, nails, paper, pencils and ceramic bowl
- Exit down the center aisle

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### **Passion – Examination of Conscience**

**These parts must be memorized and presented with conviction!**

**Flashlight Wheatie/Leader:** Shine flashlight on each reader as they step forward to speak; shine on upper chest – not in eyes. Take light off speaker when done with lines/steps back into row.

### **Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader** (crowd): Have I allowed the Spirit of Jesus into my life, or have I kept busy with my own agenda, seeking peace and joy somewhere else? Have I tried to escape my problems and responsibilities through the use of alcohol, drugs and other self-centered pleasures?

### **Leader: Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader** (crowd): Am I willing to forgive and forget past resentments and bitterness? Do I have the courage to love my family, friends, my classmates and especially myself...the way Jesus loves? Do they say “See how these Christians have such love for one another”?

### **Leader: Where there is injury, pardon.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reader** (crowd): Have I mended relationships between people, or do I join in on gossip and rumors and enjoy belittling others that lets evil into the situation? Is there someone in my life that won't feel whole and loved until I forgive them and say “I am sorry”?

### **Leader: Where there is despair, hope**

**4<sup>th</sup> Reader** (crowd): Do my family, friends and everyone I am around see me as a hopeful person? Do I shine with the joy of being saved by the blood of Jesus, or am I a negative person who never sees the joy in anything?

*Here the first row and second row switch places*

**5<sup>th</sup> Reader** (crowd): Am I committed to building the church, the people of God that exists in each person I meet? Am I willing to listen to the person who needs a friend to talk to? Am I a Sacrament, a living sign of the presence of God in our world?

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### **Leader: Where there is doubt, faith.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Reader** (crowd): Am I honest and trustworthy, a person others can believe in? Do I walk the talk and inspire others to have faith in God, too?

**7<sup>th</sup> Reader** (crowd): Am I willing to stand up for what I believe, even at the risk of being mocked or put down by my family or peers? Am I willing to share my faith in community involvement and by praying with others?

### **Leader: Where there is darkness, light.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Reader** (crowd): Am I an Apostle of the Light? Do I let the Light of Jesus shine through me, or have I darkened others' lives by treating them as objects rather than persons?

*Crowd leaves except for person taking Jesus down  
(should be Joseph of Arimathea for Sunday)*

### **Leader: Where there is sadness, joy.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Reader** (Simon): Do I hurt other's feelings, steal or destroy their property or damage their reputation by gossip? Have I used and abused others sexually? Have I allowed the Light of Christ to be diminished or even go out?

**10<sup>th</sup> Reader** (Child 1): Am I a joyful person or always in a bad mood? Am I able to laugh with others, even at myself and see the humor in life's situations? Are people enriched when they come in contact with me or do I bring them down with me?

### **Leader:**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console...to be understood as to understand...to be loved as to love!**

**11<sup>th</sup> Reader** (Child 2): Have I discovered what it means to be like Jesus, to be an "other-centered" person instead of a self-centered person? Do I believe the more I give to others in love, the more I will receive and in turn, be able to give even more love?

*Children leave; Simon stays to help with Jesus*

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### **Leader:**

**For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Reader** (Soldier 1): What self-centered acts, low self-esteem, fears, guilt, doubt or sin weakens my relationship with God?

**13<sup>th</sup> Reader** (Soldier 2): What do I need to “die to” in order to feel the unconditional love and forgiveness of God? Who am I as I present myself to God and to you – His people? If I truly look at myself as God and others see me, what will I see?

*Return to Watch the Lamb script*