

## Palm Sunday to Easter Day

*(This was in a series of 6 Tableaus with a few words spoken or mimed, fitted into a Service order with most of the songs coming from Ark Music. Children changed parts in each tableau, so there were 6 children played Jesus. The lightest child was chosen to be Jesus riding the donkey for obvious reasons.)*

Welcome & Introduction

Song: Riding on a donkey or Hosanna

Tableau: Palm Sunday:

*(Two children make as a donkey with donkey's face and blanket. Jesus sits on donkey and moves slowly through the crowd.)*

**Crowd** wave palms & shout **“Hosanna,”** (six times)

Prayer of Praise

Tableau: The Last Supper

*(12 Children sit in circle on the floor whilst Jesus stands with Bap in his hand. After breaking it in half he passes it around for the group to eat.)*

**Jesus** takes the bread breaks it and says

**“This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me”**

Song: Eternity's Door

Tableau: Mount of Olives

*(Jesus kneels to pray, the disciples are behind him sleeping)*

**Jesus** prays then says **“Get up, those who seek me are coming”**

*(Disciples rise and form semi-circle around Jesus, Judas & 2 soldiers approach Jesus.)*

**Judas** comes up to Jesus **“Master”** and kisses Jesus – arrest takes place – disciples turn their backs on Jesus.

Prayer

Song:

Tableau: The Trial

*(Pilate is seated, Jesus & Barabbas are before him with 2 soldiers, and crowd gather)*

**Pilate: “It is the custom to release a prisoner, who do you want me to release – Jesus or Barabbas.”**

**Crowd chant: “Ba-rab-bas” (6 times)**

**Pilate: “What shall I do with Jesus?”**

**Crowd chant: “Cru-ci-fy Him” (6 times)**

Song: When I think about the Cross

Tableau: Crucifixion

*(Jesus and 2 Thieves have broom handles to hold behind their backs stood on wooden boxes. The chief priest and friends are to one side, Mary & John either side of Jesus, centurion on other side)*

**Chief Priest: “If you are the Messiah come down and save yourself.”**

**Jesus: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”**

*(Chief Priest & friends wander away.)*

PAUSE

**Mary: “I was told after your birth that you would suffer, and now I suffer with you.”**

**Jesus: “Dear Mother Mary, here is your son.” “John, here is your mother.”**

**John: “Come Mary”**

*(John leads Mary to the side where the chief priest had been stood.)*

PAUSE

**Thief 1: “If you are so clever, Jesus, get us out of here.”**

**Thief 2: “Don’t you fear God. Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

**Jesus: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

PAUSE

**Jesus: “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”**

Jesus bows head & dies.

**Centurion: “Surely this man was the Son of God.”**

Prayer and thoughts

Tableau: Resurrection

**Angel: “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Jesus is alive!”**

**Girls** sing: “He is risen” or similar song

**Martha: “We must go and tell his followers and all people that Jesus is alive.”**

Song: Easter Jubilation

Blessing