The Passion According to St. Matthew

The divisions below are drawn from *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book* (pp. 504).   
The suggested hymn stanzas may be sung by congregation, choir, or a combination of both.   
If there are time constraints, not all of the stanzas need be sung.

Other appropriate hymns may also be selected.

**Hymn** *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* (*LSB* 440:1)

**Reading** The Plot against Jesus and Jesus Anointed at Bethany (26:1–16)

Preparation for the Passover and Institution of the Lord’s Supper (26:17–29)

**Hymn** *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* (*LSB* 627:2, 4)

**Reading** Prediction of Peter’s Denial (26:30–35)

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (26:36–46)

**Hymn** *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray* (*LSB* 663:1)

**Reading** Judas’ Betrayal and the Arrest of Jesus (26:47–56)

Jesus before Caiaphas (26:57–68)

**Hymn** *Upon the Cross Extended* (*LSB* 453:3, 4)

**Reading** Peter’s Denial (26:69–75)

**Hymn** *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* (*LSB* 440:5)

**Reading** The Death of Judas; Jesus before Pilate (27:1–14)

Pilate Sentences Jesus (27:15–26)

**Hymn** *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken* (*LSB* 439:2, 3)

**Reading** Jesus Mocked and Crucified (27:27–44)

The Death of Jesus (27:45–56)

**Hymn** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (*LSB* 450:1, 5)

**Reading** Jesus’ Burial and a Guard Posted (27:57–66)

**Hymn** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (*LSB* 450:7)