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Opening Exhortation

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, at this hour, the Church remembers the unfathomable death our Lord Jesus willingly took upon Himself to take away our sins. It is a reminder of the magnitude of our sin and, at the same time, the great value He places on us and our salvation. Let us therefore ponder His suffering and death with sober reflection and resolute joy.

Reading

Matthew 27:24–44

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

A period of silence.

The First Word

Luke 23:33–34

³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 1–3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your life-blood flows,
 2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your pangs re - new,
 3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in heart and deed,



Crav - ing par - don for Your foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 For we know not what we do: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 When with wrong our spir - its bleed: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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Collect

P Lord Jesus Christ, in Your sinlessness You never needed forgiveness and yet You forgave those who sinned against You without cause. Give us grace and courage to forgive those who wrong us, that we may so draw attention to Your forgiving glory on the cross

C **Amen.**

A period of silence as the first candle is extinguished.

The Second Word

Luke 23:39–43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 4–6

4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
 Of the thief, who near You dies,
 Promising him paradise:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

5 May we in our guilt and shame
 Still Your love and mercy claim,
 Calling humbly on Your name:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

6 May our hearts to You incline
 And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
 Cheer our souls with hope divine:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

Collect

P Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom that we, too, may be with You in Paradise.

C Amen.

A period of silence as the second candle is extinguished.

The Third Word

John 19:26–27

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 7–9

7 Jesus, loving to the end
 Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
 And Your dearest human friend:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

8 May we in Your sorrows share,
 For Your sake all peril dare,
 And enjoy Your tender care:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

9 May we all Your loved ones be,
 All one holy family,
 Loving, since Your love we see:
 Hear us, holy Jesus.

Collect

P Lord Jesus, even in Your death, You put those who are lonely and neglected into families. Draw many into Your family that we may praise You together with them forever.

G Amen.

A period of silence as the third candle is extinguished.

The Fourth Word

Mark 15:34

³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 10–12

10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

12 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Collect

P Lord Jesus, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, You were forsaken by Your Father so that we would not be forsaken. Give us grace to rely on Your complete sacrifice, that we may always trust our heavenly Father's love for us.

G Amen.

A period of silence as the fourth candle is extinguished.

The Fifth Word*John 19:28*

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*LSB 447 sts. 13–15*

- 13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 15 May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Collect

P Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Jews and King of the nations, You have promised that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness would be satisfied. Give us faith to trust that Your thirst on the cross supplies all that we need.

G Amen.

A period of silence as the fifth candle is extinguished.

The Sixth Word*John 19:30*

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes*LSB 447 sts. 16–18*

- 16 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

- 17 Save us in our soul's distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 18 Brighten all our heav'nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Collect

- P** Lord Jesus, You could have found the pain to be too much. You could have come down from the cross. But You remained until all was finished. Give us confidence to follow You completely through our trials and crosses because You are the author and finisher of our faith.
- C Amen.**

A period of silence as the sixth candle is extinguished.

The Seventh Word

Luke 23:44–46

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,
⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 19–21

- 19 Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 20 When the death shades round us low'r,
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 21 May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

A period of silence.

Reading

Matthew 27:51–54

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

A period of silence.

Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

A period of silence as the Pascal Candle is extinguished.

Kyrie

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Closing Collect

P Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.
C Amen.

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