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impress upon us the horrifying consequences of our sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice for us. Candles are extinguished to remind us of the darkness of that day and the darkness of this world. Today, we use seven candles as we remember Jesus' last words from the cross. The removal of the Christ Candle at the end of the Tenebrae signifies the death of Jesus. The loud noise of the *strepitus* – represents the closing of the tomb. However, we do not leave in total darkness. The return of the Christ Candle reminds us that death is not the end of Jesus, nor the end of us. We move from both silence and confidence, knowing that the light of Easter will scatter the darkness of Good Friday.

HYMN "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and merciful, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take an extended time of silence to personally confess our sins before the Lord's throne of grace)

Because of the cross, you are fully and freely forgiven.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST WORD

Luke 23:32–35

(“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”)

MEDITATION

A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” LSB 440 vs. 1,2

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39–43

(“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”)

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FOURTH WORD

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HYMN “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” ... *LS*

FIFTH WORD

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HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *L.*

SIXTH WORD

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HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We pray quietly.)

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.

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS RETURNED

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***We depart in reverent silence, anticipating
the victory of Easter Day.***

Easter services will be held at 6:30 and 9:00