

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

April 3, 2015

Thoughts before the Service Begins

Every year is costly,
As you know well. Nothing
Is given that is not
Taken, and nothing taken
That was not first a gift.

The gift is balanced by
Its total loss, and yet,
And yet the light breaks in...(Wendell Berry)

*(We ask that you turn off the ringers on your cell phones, beepers
and electronic devices. Please join us in a time of quiet during the
prelude.)*

Prelude Evening Falls (Enya, Roma Ryan)

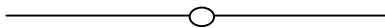
Welcome Amy Grosso, Worship Leader

Opening Words Rev. Elea Kemler

Reflections on the First Words, followed by silence

Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.
[Luke 23:34]

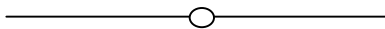
Music On the Willow (Stephen Schwartz)



Reflections on the Second Words, followed by silence

Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.
[Luke 23:43]

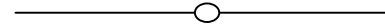
Music Soon (Jon Anderson)



Reflections on the Third Words, followed by silence

Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.
[John 19:26-27]

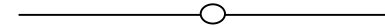
Music Bring Him Home (Boublil, Schonberg)



Reflections on the Fourth Words, followed by silence

*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani My God, my God, why have
you forsaken me?* [Mark 15:34]

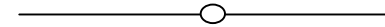
Music Beware of Darkness (George Harrison)



Reflections on the Fifth Words, followed by silence

I thirst. [John 19:28]

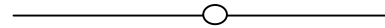
Music On Your Shore (Enya)



Reflections on the Sixth Words, followed by silence

It is finished. [John 19:30]

Music Goodbye (Elton John, Bernie Taupin)



Reflections on the Seventh Words, followed by silence

Into your hands I commend my spirit. [Luke 23:46]

Closing Words Rev. Elea Kemler

Postlude John 19:41 (Andrew Lloyd-Webber)

*Please remain seated during the Postlude.
You are welcome to sit in quiet as long as you like.
You are also welcome to light silent candles for your own prayers,
joys or sorrows. Please take a small candle from the basket, light
from the chalice and place the candle in the sand table.*

Special thanks to Shawn McCann for providing music for this service. Thanks also to Karen G. Johnston, Intern Minister, the readers and the members of the Worship Committee.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
Good Friday Service
Groton, Massachusetts



We are a community seeking to deepen spiritually, to take care of one another, and to be a blessing to the world."

Childcare is available during the service
on the second floor of the East Wing