

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

April 14, 2017

A Thought 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)

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

Prelude Lonesome Valley, setting by Eugene Butler

Welcome Amy Grosso, Worship Leader

Opening Words Rev. Elea Kemler

Reflections on the First Words, followed by silence
Laura Williams

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

Music What Wondrous Love, setting by Clif Hardin



Reflections on the Second Words, followed by silence
Kathryn Ellis Moore

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

Music An' He Never Said a Mumblin' Word,
setting by Calvin Taylor



Reflections on the Third Words, followed by silence
Irving Rockwood

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

Music Sarabande by Clif Hardin



Reflections on the Fourth Words, followed by silence
Tom Nalesnik

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

Music Sarabande by J.S. Bach



Reflections on the Fifth Words, followed by silence
Michelle Stiller

I thirst. [John 19:28]

Music Prelude in G-flat Major, Op. 16#3, by Scriabin



Reflections on the Sixth Words, followed by silence
Pamela Worden

It is finished. [John 19:30]

Music Jesus Lover of My Soul (Aberystwyth),
by Parry/Barnhouse



Reflections on the Seventh Words, followed by silence
David Gordon

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

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Good Friday Service

Groton, Massachusetts

Closing Words

Judy Nauman

Blessing

Rev. Elea Kemler

Postlude

Restoration, setting by Heather Sorenson

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: Abigail Charbeneau for providing music for this service. Thanks also to tonight's readers and the members of the Worship Committee.

Greeters: Sal and Diane Lombardi

Ushers: Fred and Claudette Williams



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