

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 28, 2018

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 Evening Falls (Enya, Roma Ryan)

Welcome and Opening Words Rev. Elea Kemler

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

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

Music On the Willows (Stephen Schwartz)
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Reflections on the Second Words, followed by silence
Irv Rockwood

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

Music Soon (Jon Anderson)
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Reflections on the Third Words, followed by silence
Melissa Wood

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

Music Bring Him Home (Boublil, Schonberg)
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Reflections on the Fourth Words, followed by silence
Judy Nauman

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

Music Adagio (Tomaso Albinoni)
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Reflections on the Fifth Words, followed by silence
Michelle Stiller

I thirst. [John 19:28]

Music On Your Shore (Enya)
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Reflections on the Sixth Words, followed by silence
Pamela Worden

It is finished. [John 19:30]

Music Goodbye (Elton John, Bernie Taupin)
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Reflections on the Seventh Words, followed by silence
Kathleen Callahan

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

Closing Words Tom Nalesnik

Blessing

Rev. Elea Kemler

Postlude

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, Director of Music Ministry, tonight's readers and the members of the Worship Committee.

Greeters: Judy Nauman

Ushers: Fred Williams, Claudette Williams

Child Care: Will Torgersen, Trent Tessier

Easter Morning Services:

Please join us for a Sunrise Service on Sunday morning at 6:15 AM in the field behind 100 Hollis Street, Groton and at 10:00 AM here in the sanctuary for a joyful celebration of Easter for all ages.

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