

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON**

April 19, 2019

**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 Announcements** Rev. Elea Kemler

**Opening Words** Kathryn Ellis Moore

**Reflections on the First Words, followed by silence**  
Amy Grosso

*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**  
Pamela Worden

*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**  
Michelle Stiller

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

**Music** Beware of Darkness (George Harrison)

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**Reflections on the Fifth Words, followed by silence**  
Kathleen Callahan

*I thirst.* [John 19:28]

**Music** On Your Shore (Enya)

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**Reflections on the Sixth Words, followed by silence**  
Emma Marella

*It is finished.* [John 19:30]

**Music** Goodbye (Elton John, Bernie Taupin)

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**Reflections on the Seventh Words, followed by silence**  
Melissa Wood

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

**Closing Words**

Tom Nalesik

**Blessing**

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.*

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**Special thanks to:** Shawn McCann, Director of Music Ministries, tonight's readers and the members of the Worship Committee.

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**Greeters:** Michelle Stiller, Pamela Worden

**Ushers:** Fred Williams, Claudette Williams

**Child Care:** Julia Hudson

**Easter Morning Services:**

Please join us for a Sunrise Service on Sunday morning at 5:30 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.

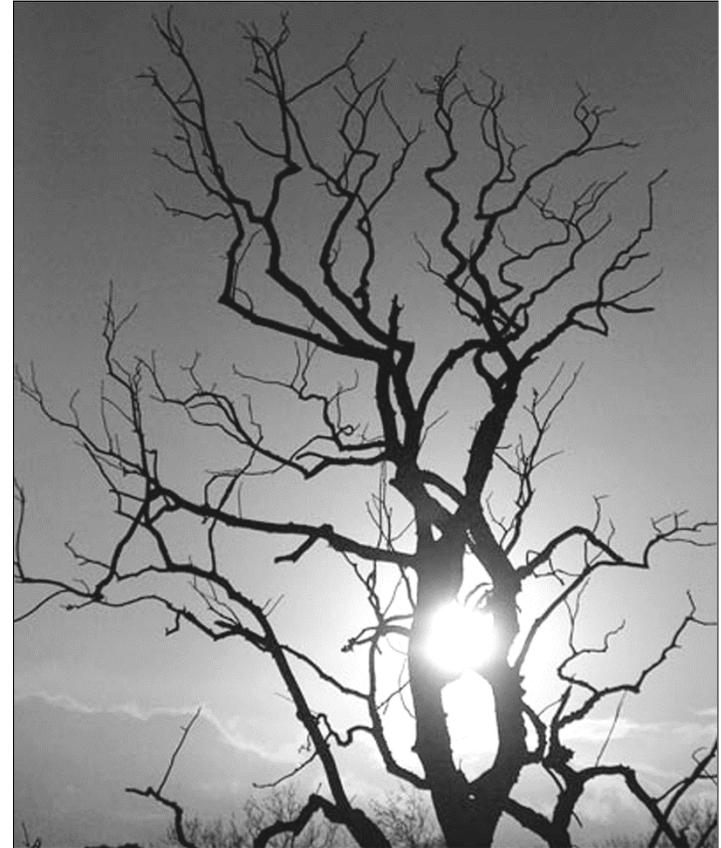
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# FIRST PARISH CHURCH

## Good Friday Service

*Groton, Massachusetts*



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

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