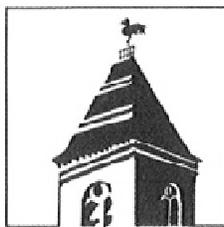
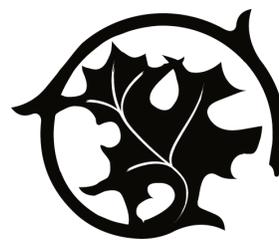


Good Friday



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SILENCE

WELCOME

Kate Layzer and Julie Rogers

*HYMN 200

Were You There?

*GREETING

- L: Brothers and Sisters,
peace to you from our merciful God.
- C: Peace to you and to this beautiful, broken world.**
- L: On this night of lament,
we come to remember Jesus' suffering,
his death upon a cross.
- C: On this night of sorrow,
we come to remember Jesus' love for us.**
- L: God is with us now in our pain,
grieving the death of his only Son.
- C: God is with us in our endless tears,
grieving the suffering of all creation.**
- L: Then let us pray on this holy night,
remembering that even as we cry in pain,
we draw hope from God's presence and unconditional love.

*PRAYER

**All: O grieving God,
the suffering of the world
is gathered up tonight
in the broken body of Jesus,
our tender brother, who did no harm.
Give us the grace to cling to him,
and to share his meal of tears
at the table of the cross,
so that one day,
in the new world you are preparing,
we may share with him the feast of love
at your table of justice and joy.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

**You are invited to stand.*

READINGS AND RESPONSES

Jesus' Sorrow

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:1–2, 11–32 Lindsay Miller

READING World News 2014 John Shultz

PRAYER

- L: God of everlasting peace,
in a world that suffers so much,
and where the most vulnerable are hurt,
we believe in the mystery of your sacred peace.
- C: **Carry out your will for the healing of this world.
Let all that has been cast down be raised up.
And let all your creation be made whole once more. Amen.**
- L: Lord, have mercy.
- C: **Christ, have mercy.**
- L: Lord, have mercy.

SILENCE

*CHORAL ANTHEM *Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs* Antonio Lotti

Jesus' Crucifixion

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:33–44 Mike Ball

READING World News 2014 Anne Crane

PRAYER

- L: God, your son, Jesus, suffered on the cross.
We believe that you are with all those who suffer,
that they may never do so alone.
We pray for the hungry, homeless, and poor.
- C: **We pray for the sick and the wounded,**
- L: for those who are lonely or afraid,
- C: **for those in grave doubt or despair,**
- L: for the inconsolable, and all who grieve,
- C: **for all prisoners and those in harm's way.**
- L: May they all know God's comfort, presence, and eternal love.

C: Amen.
L: Lord, have mercy.
C: Christ, have mercy.
L: Lord, have mercy.

SILENCE

*HYMN 190

When Jesus Wept

RESPONSIVE PSALM 42

Sheehan Scarborough

L: As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I behold the face of God?

C: **My tears have been my bread, day and night,
while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise God, my helper.

C: **By day the Lord commands God’s steadfast love,
and at night God’s song is with me,
a prayer to the Lord of my life.**

L: I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?”

C: **As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

C: **Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord,
my help and my God.**

Jesus’ Death

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:45–50

Karlene Griffiths-Sekou

READING

World News 2014

Alice Kidder

PRAYER

L: Gracious God,
who comforts all who suffer,
C: **hear our sorrows,
and give us ears to hear others' sorrows,
that we might find the will, love, and strength
to serve them in your name,
the one who suffered for us all. Amen.**
L: Lord, have mercy.
C: **Christ, have mercy.**
L: Lord, have mercy.

SILENCE

CHORAL ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love is This

Shape Note Hymn

Jesus' Innocence

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:51–61

Austin Michalski

READING

World News 2014

Christine James

PRAYER

L: God of all,
by the cross of your son, Jesus,
You have pierced our hearts wide open with grief.
C: **By that same cross,
You give us promise and hope
to mend every wound,
to quench our thirst for peace,
and long for the day when we may all be one. Amen.**
L: Lord, have mercy.
C: **Christ, have mercy.**
L: Lord, have mercy.

SILENCE

*HYMN 187

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Ritual of Lamentation

BREAD OF GRIEF, STONES OF SORROW

Dan Smith

In Jewish custom, stones placed on tombs serve as reminders that our memories of the dead will never die. Tonight, we remember Jesus, his suffering and death, and that which grieves him and us today. During this time, if you are moved to do so, you may bring forward a stone and place it in the bowl, together with your grief and sorrow for Jesus' suffering, and the suffering of this world. Then please take a piece of bread, dip it in the salt, and join us around the table.

*HYMN (see double-sided insert) Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

The Good News of Consolation

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:31-39

SILENCE

*PRAYER

Rob Mark

L: Let us pray. Spirit of Life, thank you
for the healing power of the cross.
Thank you for not abandoning us in our sins.
Thank you for praying in us when,
in grief and anger, we do not know what to say.
Thank you for giving us the tears of Christ
who bears in his body our pain and the world's.
Thank you for the life that is to come,
the new day on a new earth
when sorrow will be no more.
Hasten that day when lament will cease
and your love will be all in all.

C: **Now, send us into the world in hope.
Make us your tender mercy
upon the world's suffering,
wiping away every tear.
And do not leave us when the light wanes
and the road disappears,
but bring us through all our nights
to the clear shining of Easter.
We ask this, trusting you, in Jesus' name.**

*HYMN (next page)

Dona Nobis Pacem

*GREETING OF PEACE

Dona Nobis Pacem

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May be sung as a round

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Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na

②
no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

③
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, Do - na

no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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Welcome to this joint Good Friday Service of Lamentations

First Church in Cambridge is delighted to welcome and co-lead this service with our friends from across the river at Church of the Covenant in downtown Boston! Covenant's sanctuary is currently in the final days of a major greening-renovation project. We are glad to share in the observance of this most holy day with one of our sister congregations.

The congregation and staff at Church of the Covenant extends heartfelt gratitude for the collaboration and hospitality of First Church in Cambridge! It has been a pleasure to work together in the creation of this service and to use the combined wisdom, styles, and gifts of these two congregations to worship, lament, and observe together.

- Julie Rogers, Pastoral Associate at Church of the Covenant and First Church in Cambridge