

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Good Friday

The Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Meditations upon the Seven Words from the Cross

March 25, 2016

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE SANCTUARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Before the service silence is kept. The congregation stands for each hymn. Worshippers who are unable to remain for the full service are invited to enter or depart at the outset of the hymns. At the entrance of the ministers, the people stand.

THE PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: On Good Friday we contemplate the good news of the cross, how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering and sin, how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us.
Come and see the beloved Son of God.

People: He is high and lifted up.

Minister: Come and see the ruler of the nations.

People: He is high and lifted up.

Minister: Come and see the Savior of the world.

All: He is high and lifted up on the cross.

OPENING The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, *Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church*

PRAYER

HYMN No. 160, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Hamburg*

THE SILENCE

THE FIRST WORD

“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they are doing.”

LESSON Luke 23:32–38

ADDRESS Katherine Blaisdell MDiv III, *Harvard Divinity School*

PRAYER

HYMN No. 150, “My Song Is Love Unknown” *Love Unknown*

THE SILENCE

THE SECOND WORD

“Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

LESSON Luke 23:39–43

ADDRESS Adam Vander Tuig MDiv III, *Harvard Divinity School*

PRAYER

HYMN No 154, “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” *Cross of Jesus*

THE SILENCE

THE THIRD WORD

“Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother.”

LESSON John 19:23–27

ADDRESS Lindsey Franklin MDiv I, *Harvard Divinity School*

PRAYER

HYMN No. 158, “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” *Were You There*

THE SILENCE

THE FOURTH WORD

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

LESSON Matthew 27:45–49

ADDRESS David Price MDiv II, *Harvard Divinity School*

PRAYER

HYMN No. 157, “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *St. Christopher*

THE SILENCE

THE FIFTH WORD

“I am thirsty.”

LESSON John 19:28–29

ADDRESS Patrick Jackson MDiv II, *Andover Newton Theological School*

PRAYER

HYMN No. 155, “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *Olivet*

THE SILENCE

THE SIXTH WORD

“It is finished.”

LESSON John 19:30

ADDRESS Westley Conn MDiv II, *Boston University School of Theology*

PRAYER

HYMN No. 159, “There Is a Green Hill Far Away” *Horsley*

THE SILENCE

THE SEVENTH WORD
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

LESSON Luke 23:46–49

ADDRESS The Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, *The Memorial Church*

PRAYER

HYMN No. 163, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

THE SILENCE

THE CONCLUSION

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith

THE LORD’S PRAYER

In unison:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN No. 151, “Go to Dark Gethsemane” *Petra*

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Holy Christ, by your life you have shown us the paths of grace, mercy, and peace. On this day when we stand at the foot of your cross, heartbroken, haunted by the reality that death brings fear, aloneness, abandonment, give your Church peace and concord. Stir up in us a courageous love for this your world, and deepen our vocation as your followers to take up our cross each day, giving our life in love for this world you love so very much. Bring us face to face with you, Lord Jesus, and may we walk with abandon toward new life. For with our Creator and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, this day and forevermore. Amen.

THE SILENCE

The people depart at the end of the silence.

The organist is Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster.

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