

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich
Old Greenwich, Connecticut

Good Friday
10:00 am
April 6, 2007

PRELUDE

John Stansell, organ

Ah, Holy Jesus *Helmut Walcha*

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Susan M. Craig

CALL TO WORSHIP

‡*OPENING HYMN

There is a Green Hill Far Away

Pilgrim Hymnal 172

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Rosemary Lamie

A cradle and a cross
And between these, a life
Bethlehem and Jerusalem
A birth and a death
One "of sorrows"
Who often wept
One of joy who also kept

Sensitivity and compassion
Alive and real
God, today let us feel
The surge of that life
The beauty of that love
The power of that cross as we pray the words Jesus gave us,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE STORY OF GOOD FRIDAY

*HYMN

Were You There?

Pilgrim Hymnal 179

A CHILD'S EASTER

Read by Michael and Peter Russell

LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Dr. David D. Young

Leader: Lord, when we feel sorry for ourselves and think we have sacrificed so much for others,

People: Remind us of what you did for us on the cross.

Leader: Lord, when our patience wears thin and we are ready to give up,

People: Speak to us through the example of your endurance on the cross.

Leader: Lord, when we get angry and feel like fighting back against those who would be our enemies,

People: Help us remember your words to your enemies from the cross, "Father forgive."

Leader: Lord, whenever we suffer in any way,

People: Keep us near the cross.

Leader: Lord, when we are afraid to stand up for what is true and honorable,

People: Strengthen us with the courage with which you went to the cross.

Leader: Lord, when we come to the times of death,

People: Uphold us with the assurance that life did not end for you on the cross.

All: Fill us with the hope of resurrection and new life which your cross continues to teach us each day. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

*Lucinda Allen, Charlie Baird,
Mirjam Hoekstra, Liz Morris*

Pie Jesu *Mary Lynn Lightfoot*

*Doxology (*Pilgrim Hymnal 515*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Pilgrim Hymnal 177*

*CLOSING SENTENCES

Leader: O Lord Jesus, as we face the cross today, we wonder at your love for us. We can never deserve what you did for us on this day.

People: Looking at the people who brought about your death we can see so many of the same faults in ourselves and we are sorry for them.

Leader: By faith we gladly take the forgiveness you offer us from your cross and through the door you pushed open.

All: Then we can come back into God's family where we really belong. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Passion Chorale *Johannes Brahms*

Family Event

Saturday, April 6

Egg Dyeing and Bagels in the Daniel Center

9:00 – 11:00 am

Easter Services

Sunday, April 8, Easter Day

6:00 am Sunrise Service at Greenwich Point

Susan M. Craig

9:00 and 11:00 am in the Meetinghouse

Dr. David D. Young
