

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Meditations on the Last Words of Jesus from the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2024 NOON – 3:05 P.M.

The service is conducted in 25-minute segments. You may enter and depart as you wish.

"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The congregation assembles in silence.

All stand for the singing of the hymn.



The congregation remains standing.

▼ Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

The Dean: Surely, he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smited by God, and afflicted.

Let us contemplate, worship, and adore.

Let us pray:

From the throne of grace, O God of mercy, at the hour your Son gave himself to death, hear the devout prayer of your people. As he is lifted high upon the cross, draw into his exalted life all who are reborn in the blood and water flowing from his opened side. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Passover and our peace, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more.

All: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Lesson Luke 23:26–34

Lector: A lesson from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 23, verses 26–34:

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Father Kevin Staley-Joyce University Chaplain for Catholic Students

Music

Die sieben letzten Worte, I. Vater, vergib ihnen

Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Vater, vergib ihnen,

denn sie wissen nicht, was sie tun.

Vater im Himmel,

o sieh hernieder vom ewigen Thron! Vater der Liebe, dein Eingeborner,

er fleht für Sünder, für deine Kinder,

erhöre den Sohn!

Ach, wir sind tief gefallen,

wir sündigten schwer;

doch allen zum Heil, uns allen,

floss deines Sohnes Blut.

Das Blut des Lamms schreit nicht um Rach';

es tilgt die Sünden.

Vater der Liebe, lass uns Gnade finden,

erhöre den Sohn!

O Vater, o Vater, erhöre den Sohn!

Father, forgive them,

for they know not what they do.

Father in Heaven,

look down from thy eternal throne!

Loving Father, thy only begotten Son

prays for sinners, for thy children, grant the prayer of thy Son!

Alas, we have fallen from grace,

we have grievously sinned;

but for us all and for our salvation

thy Son has shed his blood.

The blood of the Lamb does not cry out for vengeance;

it redeems our sins.

Loving Father, let us find grace;

grant the prayer of thy Son.

O Father, O Father, grant the prayer of thy Son!

Logan Trotter, soprano Wee Kiat Chia, countertenor Patrick T. Waters, tenor Devon Russo, bass



Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: Were You There, Afro-American spiritual; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Lesson Luke 23:35–43

Lector: A lesson from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 23, verses 35–43:

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

The Reverend Lynn Breitenbach Campus Minister, Above the Haze

Music Die sieben letzten Worte, II. Fürwahr, ich sag es dir Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Fürwahr, ich sag es dir:

Heute wirst du bei mir im Paradiese sein.

Ganz Erbarmen, Gnad' und Liebe, bist du Mittler, Gotteslamm. Kaum ruft jener reuig auf zu dir:

Wenn du kommest in dein Reich,

ach, so denke mein!

So versprichst du ihm voll Milde:

Heut wirst du bei mir im Paradiese sein.

Herr und Gott! Blick auf uns! Sieh an deines Kreuzes Fuße unsre wahre Reu` und Buße! Sieh, o Vater, unsere Reue! Gib uns auch zur letzten Stunde jenen Tost aus deinem Munde:

Heut wirst du bei mir im Paradiese sein.

Verily, I say unto thee:

today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

Full of mercy, grace and love,

thou art the mediator, the Lamb of God. If he but calls to thee, full of remorse:

When thou enterest into thy kingdom,

alas, think of me!

To him thou didst promise, full of pity: today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

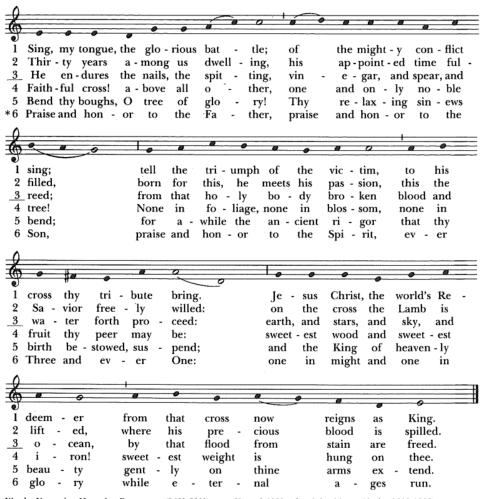
Lord God! Look upon us! See at the foot of thy Cross

our true remorse and repentance!

O Father, see our remorse! Grant us in our final hour that consolation from thy lips:

today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

Rose Lewis, soprano; Wee Kiat Chia, countertenor Patrick T. Waters, tenor; Devon Russo, bass



Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); ver. Hymnal 1982, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Pange lingua, plainsong, Mode 3, Zisterzienser Hymnar, 14th cent.

87. 87. 87

Lesson John 19:23–27

Lector: A lesson from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 19, verses 23–27:

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

The Reverend Dr. David Eckel Professor of Religion Boston University College of Arts and Sciences

Frau, hier siehe deinen Sohn, und du, siehe deine Mutter!

Mutter Jesu, die du trostlos, weinend, seufzend bei dem Kreuze standst und die Qualen seines Leidens in der Stund' des bittern Scheidens siebenfach in dir empfandst. Kaum mehr fähig, dich zu fassen, und doch standhaft und gelassen, nimmst als Sohn den treuen Jünger und mit ihm auch uns als Kinder an. Mutter Jesu, o du Zuflucht aller Sünder, hör das Flehen deiner Kinder. Steh uns bei im letzten Streit, Mutter voll der Zärtlichkeit. O steh uns allen bei! Wenn wir mit dem Tode ringen und aus dem beklemmter Herzen unsre Seufzer zu dir dringen, lass uns, Mutter, lass uns da nicht unterliegen! Hilf uns dann den Feind besiegen, und steh uns bei im letzten Streit! Wenn wir mit dem Tode ringen, o da zeige dich als Mutter

und empfehl uns deinem Sohn, o Mutter!

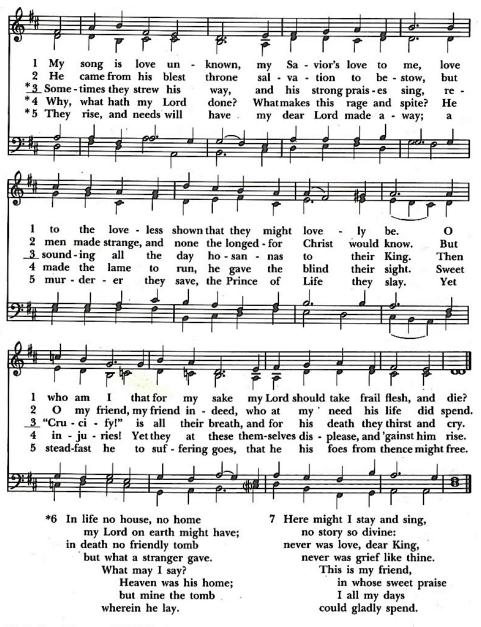
Woman, behold thy son, and thou, behold thy mother!

Mother of Jesus, weeping in despair, standing sighing by the Cross, and in the hour of bitter parting, the torments of his suffering thou didst feel in sevenfold measure. Barely conscious in thy anguish, yet ever steadfast and composed, thou didst take as thy son the faithful disciple and didst take all of us as thy children. Mother of Jesus, refuge of all sinners, hear the entreaty of thy children. Be with us in our final throes, Mother full of tenderness, be our succour! When with death we struggle and the sighs of our fearful hearts rise aloft to thee, let us not, Mother, let us not succumb! Help us to overcome the enemy, and be with us in our final throes! When at last with death we struggle

show us that thou art our Mother

and, O Mother, intercede for us with thy Son.

Rose Lewis, soprano Ashley Mulcahy, mezzo-soprano Colin Campbell, tenor Craig Juricka, bass



Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt. Music: Love Unknown, John Ireland (1879-1962) **Lesson** Matthew 27:41–46

Lector: A lesson from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 27, verses 41–46:

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman University Chaplain for Episcopal Students

Music Die sieben letzten Worte, IV. Mein Gott, warum hast du mich verlassen?

Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Mein Gott, mein Gott, warum hast du mich verlassen?

Warum hast du mich verlassen? Wer sieht hier der Gottheit Spur?

Wer? Wer kann fassen dies Geheimnis?

O Gott der Kraft,

o Gott der Macht und Stärke, wir sind deiner Hände Werke,

und deine Lieb, o Herr, hat uns erlöst.

O Herr, wir danken dir von Herzen. Unserwegen littst du Schmerzen,

Spott, Verlassung, Angst und Pein.

Herr, wer sollte dich nicht lieben,

dich mit Sünden noch betrüben?

Wer kann deine Huld verkennen?

Nein, nichts soll uns von dir trennen,

allhier und dort in Ewigkeit.

My God, My God,

why hast thou forsaken me?

Why hast thou forsaken me?

Who can see God's work in this?

Who can grasp this mystery?

O God of strength,

O God of might and power,

we are the works of thy hand,

and thy love, O Lord, has redeemed us.

O Lord, we thank thee from our hearts.

For our sakes thou didst suffer pain,

mockery, abandonment, fear and torment.

Who could fail to love thee, Lord, who could sadden thee with sin?

Who could deny thy grace?

No, nothing shall part us from thee,

here and in eternity.

Logan Trotter, soprano Ashley Mulcahy, mezzo-soprano Colin Campbell, tenor Craig Juricka, bass

"I thirst."

All stand for the singing of the hymn.



Words: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952) Music: Cross of Jesus, John Stainer (1840-1901)

87. 87

Lesson John 19:28

Lector: A lesson from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 19, verse 28:

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Meditation Harold D. Cox, MSSW

Professor of the Practice

Boston University School of Public Health

Music Die sieben letzten Worte, V. Ach, mich dürstet! Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Jesus rufet: Ach, mich dürstet! Jesus saith: alas, I thirst!

Hemmt nun die Rache, stillt eure Wut! Curb your vengeance, calm your anger!

Menschen, lasset Mitleid euch erweichen, ruft Erbarmung in das Herz! summon mercy to your hearts.

Ihm reicht man Wein, They give him wine to drink

den man mit Galle mischet. mingled with gall,

So labt man ihn. that is how they refresh him. Kann Grausamkeit noch weiter gehn? Can cruelty be harsher?

Nun kann er nicht mehr fassen den Schmerz, He who was goodness can no longer endure the pain.

der ihn allmächtig drückt, Alas, he thirsts before his end den Schmerz, der Wohltun war. and they offer him gall!

Rose Lewis, soprano Wee Kiat Chia, countertenor Patrick T. Waters, tenor Devon Russo, bass

 $After \ the \ music, \ silence \ is \ kept.$

"It is finished." 2:05 P.M.

All stand for the singing of the hymn.



WORDS: Johann Heermann, 1630; trans. by Robert S. Bridges, 1899 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1640

HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11 11 11.5 **Lesson** John 19:28–30

Lector: A lesson from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 19, verses 28–30:

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee, MDiv Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach

Music Die sieben letzten Worte, VI. Es ist vollbracht Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Es ist vollbracht!

An das Opferholz geheftet, hanget Jesus in der Nacht;

und dann ruft er laut: Es ist vollbracht.

Was uns jenes Holz geschadet, wird durch dieses gut gemacht.

Weh euch Bösen, weh euch Blinden,

weh euch allen.

die ihr Sünden immer häuft auf Sünden!

Menschen, denket nach!

Werdet ihr Erbarmung finden,

wenn er kommt in seiner Herrlichkeit

und seiner Macht?

Rett uns, Mittler, vom Verderben! Höre, Gottmensch, unser Schrein!

Lass dein Leiden und dein Sterben nicht

an uns verloren sein.

Lass uns einst den Himmel erben und mit dir uns ewig freun. It is finished.

Nailed to the tree of sacrifice,

Jesus hangs throughout the night; then he loudly cries: it is finished.

The harm done to us

by that tree is redeemed by this.

Woe to you evil ones, woe to you who are blind,

woe to you all,

who pile sins upon one another!

World, consider!
Will you find mercy,

when he comes in his majesty

and power?

Save us, our mediator, from damnation!

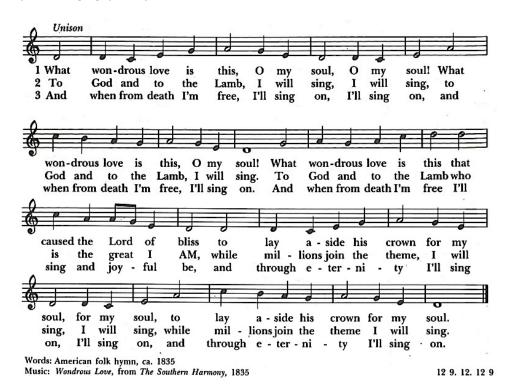
Hear our cries, God-made-man!

Let not thy suffering and death be for nought

because of us.

Let us some day inherit Heaven and eternally rejoice with thee.

Logan Trotter, soprano



Lesson

Luke 23:44-49

Lector:

A lesson from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 23, verses 44-49:

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Music Die sieben letzten Worte, VII. Vater! in deine Hände Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Vater, in deine Hände empfehle ich meinen Geist.

In deine Händ', o Herr, empfehl ich meinen Geist.

Nun steigt sein Leiden höher nicht, nun triumphiert er laut und spricht:

nimm, Vater, meine Seele.

Dir empfehl ich meinen Geist.

Und dann neigt er sein Haupt und stirbt.

Vom ewigen Verderben hat uns sein Blut errettet; aus Liebe für uns Menschen starb er den Tod der Sünder.

Du gabst uns neues Leben; was können wir dir geben?

Zu deinen Füßen liegen wir, o Jesu,

tief gerührt;

nimm unser Herz als Opfer an!

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Now his sufferings can increase no more,

now he triumphs loudly and says:

Father, take my soul.

To thee I commend my spirit.

And then he bows his head and dies.

From everlasting damnation his blood has redeemed us; for his love for all mankind,

for his love he died a sinner's death.

Thou gavest us new life; what can we give to thee? At thy feet, O Jesus, deeply moved we lie;

accept our hearts in sacrifice!

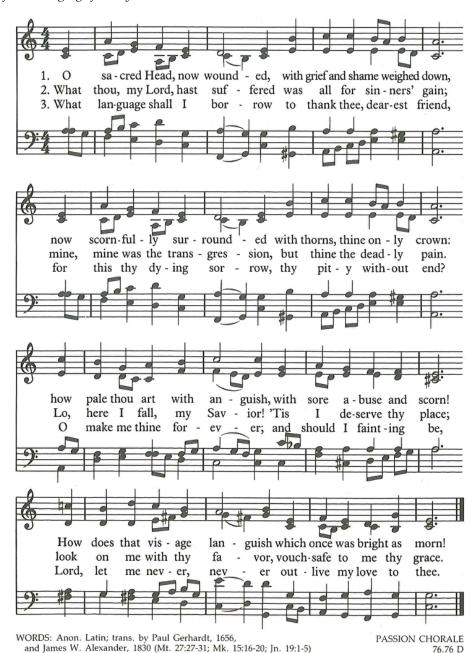
Rose Lewis, soprano Ashley Mulcahy, mezzo-soprano Colin Campbell, tenor Craig Juricka, bass

Prayer (offered by The Dean)

The Dean: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.



MUSIC: Hans L. Hassler, 1601; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1729, alt.

3:00 p.m.

Luke 23:50–56

Lector: The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman

Linivariaty Chaplein for Enjagonal Students

University Chaplain for Episcopal Students

Lector: A lesson from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 23, verses 50–56:

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

You may stay as you wish or depart in silence, being respectful of those who remain.

MARSH CHAPEL CHOIR

Sopranos: *Rose Lewis, PK Newby, Emily Regier, Erin Sanborn, Rose Silver, Sharon Solomon, *Logan Trotter

Altos: Ivy Alphonse-Leja, Candace Brooks, *Wee Kiat Chia, Kimi Macdonald, Cristina McFadden, *Ashley Mulcahy

Tenors: Sut Thing Mung Awn, *Colin Campbell, Timothy Rodriguez, George Silvis, III, *Patrick T. Waters

Basses: David Ames, Nathaniel Hontz, Craig Juricka, Steve Pinner, Devon Russo, Oscar Soucy

Piano: Scott Allen Jarrett, Justin Blackwell

^{*} Choral Scholar

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

We thank you for joining us this afternoon for worship and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

617.353.3560 — chapel@bu.edu — www.bu.edu/chapel The Chapel Office is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and on Sunday mornings.

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean and Chaplain of the University

The Reverend Dr. Jessica Chicka, PhD STH'19, University Chaplain for International Students The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman, University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee, MDiv Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach

Logan Abraham, Ministry Assistant

Sut Hting Mung Awn, Graduate Assistant

Yanqing Cao, Ministry Associate

The Reverend Al Carroll, Ministry Assistant

Laurel Oberstadt-Petrik, Food Ministries Associate

Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA CFA'08, Director of Music, the Arts, and Cultural Engagement Justin Thomas Blackwell, MM CFA'09, Associate Director of Music Sung Jin Choi, Technical Director, Marsh Chapel Media

Patrick T. Waters, Assistant Director of Music, Special Projects and Publications

Rose Lewis, Music Program Administrator

Timothy Rodriguez, Manager and Librarian, Marsh Chapel Choir

Heidi Freimanis-Cordts, MM CFA'09, Director of Marsh Chapel Chloe Kantharia, MDiv STH'22, Director of Hospitality

David Ames, Sacristan

Chloe Kantharia, Kaitie Noe, Wedding Coordinators

Anne Joseph, Wilsi Taveras, Communications Interns

Manting Yu, Hospitality Intern

Luke Bardouille, Emily Cao, Rubing Chen, Kaitlyn Davis, Office Assistants

Stephanie Donahoe, Nikhil Fereday, Ariana Lim, Office Assistants

Bella Marquez, Miranda Saad, Zacharie Verdieu, Office Assistants

Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The hymns and the psalm response are from the United Methodist Hymnal, copyright 1989.