



**The Liturgy of the Passion**  
**Holy Monday, March 21, 2016**

1st Congregational United Church of Christ

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✠ Invites worshipers to stand in spirit or body as they are able.

## Welcome and Greetings:

One: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.

**All: We now come near to the end of one story. Another will soon begin.**

One: We have followed Jesus this far; today we remember how he faced betrayal, falseness, rejection, and torment.

**All: And we witness, once more, that he taught and walked in love through every step of the journey.**

## Prelude

Michael Ross, organ

## Invocation (in unison)

**Holy and everlasting God, look graciously on this your family for which our Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to suffer death upon the cross and grant us grace to grow into the fullness of new life in Christ who now is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

✠Hymn      *All Glory, Laud and Honor (verse 3)*      **No 216**

**As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud and honor to you O Christ we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

## The Solemn Intercession:

One: Let us pray for the church of Jesus Christ:

**All: God grant us unity in witness and service. May we discern your call to our particular ministries and may we serve you faithfully through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

quiet reflection

One: Let us pray for the nations and leaders of this world:

**All: Almighty God we pray for all nations and peoples of the earth and for those in authority among them. We pray for all who serve the common good that with your help they may seek justice and truth through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

quiet reflection

One: Let us pray for peace:

**All: Compassionate God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace and guide with your wisdom the increase of justice, peace and freedom among the peoples of this world through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

quiet reflection

One: Let us pray for those in need:

**All: Healing God, hear our prayers for the sick, the wounded and disabled. Hear our prayers for those in loneliness and fear. Hear our prayers for those in confusion, doubt and despair. Hear our prayers for those who grieve. Hear our prayers for the prisoners. Hear our prayers for those for whom death is near. Grant your comfort and sustenance and stir us to minister in your name through Jesus Christ our Savior**

quiet reflection

One: Let us pray as Christ has taught:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Passion According to St. Luke: Luke 22:14-23:56**

#### **Hymn During the Reading: *Journey to Gethsemane***

**No 219**

Please sing the verses one at a time as invited:

Verse one: **Journey to Gethsemane,  
Go and feel the tempter's power;  
Your redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch the anguish of this hour;  
Do not hide or turn away;  
Learn from Jesus how to pray.**

Verse two: **Follow then to Pilate's hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,  
Faithfully this pain sustained.  
Greater still than shame, or loss;  
Jesus now must face the cross.**

Verse three: **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
See the Savior lifted high.  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own Child is sacrificed;  
"It is finished!" Jesus cries;  
Learn from Jesus how to die.**

‡**Hymn**      *Were You There? (verses 1, 2, 3)*      **No 229**

‡**Stripping the Altar**

Please join in carrying objects from the sanctuary as you are able.

**Meditation on the Cross**

After the items are placed on the tables in the entryway,  
the congregation will face the cross from the narthex:

**One:** Behold the cross on which hung the Savior of the  
world:

**All:** **Holy God of justice, have mercy on us!**

Worshippers may remain for as long or as short as they choose.  
Please allow quietness for others to meditate.