



North Hills Christian Reformed Church  
Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:00pm (EDT)

*They gathered in the Upper Room. . . .*

### Gathering Music

**Call to Worship:** *My Song is Love Unknown*

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be  
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow  
But they refused, and none the longed-for Christ would know  
This is my friend my friend indeed who at my need His life did spend

Sometimes they crowd His way and His sweet praises sing  
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King  
Then *crucify!* is all their breath and for His death they thirst and cry

Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run and gave the blind their sight  
What injuries, yet these are why the Lord Most High so cruelly dies

With any shouts they have my dear Lord done away  
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay  
Yet willingly He bears the shame that through His name all might be free

Here might I stay and sing of Him my soul adores  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Yours  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend

{Text: Samuel Crossman. Music: RHOSYMEDRE by John Edward, arr. Albert Chung}

*. . . and they gave thanks.*

**\*Our Opening Hymn:** *Oh, to See the Dawn* ..... Hymnal 177

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 27:45—55a ..... *The Bible*, page 1548

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**The Anthem:** *Abide with Me*

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud or sunshine, Lord, abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

{Text: Henry F. Lyte. Music: Terre Johnson}



**The Meditation**

**Evening Prayers**

*Jesus broke the bread and poured the cup. . .*

**The Thanksgiving:**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks.**

**It is our joy and our peace at all times  
and in all places to give thanks to You,  
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God,  
through Christ our Lord.**

Minister: It is indeed right and good to glorify You . . . You became the source of salvation for all who put their trust in You.

## The Institution

### Prayer of Consecration

#### Preparation of the Elements:

Minister: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**People: The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

Minister (as the elements are indicated): The gifts of God for the people of God!

## The Communion

*You may come forward to receive the elements from the Pastor;  
the assisting elder will usher you forward when it is time.*

During Communion we will sing:

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* .....Hymnal 175

*Beneath The Cross of Jesus* .....Hymnal 167

*Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*..... Hymnal 134

## The Communion Prayer

*... and they went out.*

## The Passion Story

### The Anthem: *When Jesus Wept*

When Jesus wept the falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound  
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear  
Seized all the guilty world around

{Text: New England Psalm Singer, 1770. Music: William Billings.}

## We Depart in Silence

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Tithes may be placed in the offering plate at the East exit.

No blessing is given tonight, as this service concludes on Easter morning.  
Join us in person or via live-stream Easter morning, April 9, at 9:30am (EDT).

We will celebrate the ancient custom of the flowering of the cross this Easter.  
Bring fresh flowers with you Easter morning to place on the cross.



### *Tonight's Participants:*

Assisting Elder: Mark Elliott

Liturgist: Kim Faloppa

Organist: Mary Baker

Preaching Minister: Dr. Randall Engle

Presiding Elder: Mike VanAmberg

Soloists:

Noah Cherry

Kellan Dunlap

Seth Miller

Luke Timmer

Technician: Willie Yuhas

### **About our worship environment for Maundy Thursday:**

*And By His Stripes We Are Healed* is the theme shown on the simple crimson and purple striped paraments and side banners. The central banner shows a rugged cross, outlined by the penitential colors of purple and crimson. The crown of thorns on the cross reminds us of Christ's suffering. All hope is not gone, however, as the cross glows with irrepressible light—light that will break forth fully on Easter morning. The banners were designed by the late Chris Stoffel Overvoorde, Professor of Art Emeritus at Calvin University, and fabricated in 2011 by Jean Engle, Pastor Engle's mother.

