

# PALM SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF THE PASSION)



NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

APRIL 13, 2025

## GATHERING

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Following the reading*

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PROCESSIONAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

## PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Rob Aaron & Janice Schonberg

### *Refrain*

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

P) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*(Silence for self-reflection)*

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God...

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**A Word about Palm Sunday and the Passion**

Pastor Gary Heltsley

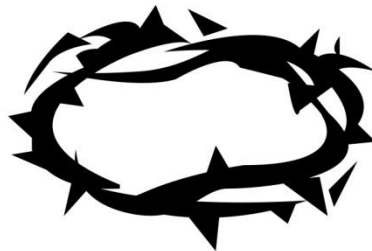
**OFFERING** *The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray together:

**Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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SHADOWS  
by  
Joseph Martin



**THE SHADOW OF CONTEMPLATION**

*Songs Of The Shadows*

Come to the shadows, the flickering candle;  
silence yourself in the still of this place.  
Here in this moment as silence surrounds you,  
open your heart to the music of grace.  
Come to the shadows, the mist of remembrance;  
learn of hosannas and whispering palms.  
Come to the table; hear the wine pour.

Come and remember the life of the Lord.  
Come to the shadows, the flickering candle,  
come and remember the life of the Lord.

Come to the garden where Jesus is praying,  
seeking His father in evening's dim light.  
Come to the shadows and watch with the Savior.  
See how He suffers alone in the night.

Come to the mountain, the shadow of Calv'ry.  
See now the cross which is lifted on high.  
Come to the fountain, God's love outpoured;  
come and remember the death of the Lord!  
Come to the shadows and rest in the promise.  
The song of the shadows is calling to you.  
Come to the shadows, come.

### **THE SHADOW OF TURNING**

#### *On The Road To Jerusalem*

On the road to Jerusalem slowly rides King Jesus.  
People come to call His name, "Son of David, heal us."  
Down the ancient streets He rides, a donkey is His stallion.  
No golden coach, no chariot bright brings Him to His kingdom.  
Where is His chariot? Where is the robe of silk?  
Where is His scepter? Where is His crown? Where are the trumpets?  
How will He rule the land if He comes as a Prince of Peace,  
and humble as a Lamb?  
On the road to Jerusalem rides the Man of Sorrows.  
"Save us, King," the people cry.  
What will they cry tomorrow?

### **THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL**

#### *Lord, Is It I?*

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus broke the bread.  
He shared it with His chosen ones and they all were fed.  
He spoke of His betrayal and they began to cry.  
Through bitter tears they asked Him, "Lord, Jesus, is it I?"  
They looked at one another, ashamed of what they saw.  
Each of them had failed Him and betrayed the Lord of all,  
Judas for the silver, and Peter for his pride.  
Yes, all of them were asking, "Lord Jesus, is it I?"  
As we gather at the table and contemplate God's love,  
we hold His broken body and drink the sacred cup.  
And in the wine's reflection, it comes before our eyes,  
and we must ask the question, "Lord Jesus, is it I?"

## **THE SHADOW OF SACRIFICE**

*Given for You*

This is my body, my body broken.

Take and eat and remember.

I came to give that you might live.

My life is given for you.

This is my blood, my blood is shed for you.

Take the cup and remember.

I came to give that you might live.

My life is given for you.

Take, eat, this is my body. Take, drink, this is my blood.

O come to the feast and remember. My life is given for you.

This is my body, this is my blood.

Remember me.



**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** *is open to all. We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood.*

## **THE SHADOW OF SUFFERING**

*In Pilate's Court the Savior Stands*

In Pilate's court the Savior stands, condemned by evil men.

Accused He utters not a word, a lamb without a sin.

Accused He utters not a word, a lamb without a sin.

O see the man of sorrows now forsaken by His own.

Abused he faced the jeering crowd and bore His shame alone,

Abused he faced the jeering crowd and bore His shame alone,

The people cried in one great voice, "Let Him be crucified!"

They placed a crown upon His head, and led Him forth to die.

O dearest Lord, Thy sacred head with thorns was pierced for me

And for my sin you gave your life.

O let me live, O let me live, O let me live for Thee.

In Pilate's court the Savior stands, the lamb without a sin.

## **THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS**

*Agnus Dei (Lamb Of God)*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi (Who takes away the sin of the world)*

*Miserere nobis (Have mercy on us)*

*Dona nobis pacem (Give us peace)*

## **THE SHADOW OF DEATH**

*Even the Heavens are Weeping*

Even the heavens are weeping as a cross is lifted on high.

The tears of the Father are falling as Jesus goes forth to die.

The sky grows dark as midnight, the thunder starts to cry.

Even the heavens are weeping as Jesus goes forth to die.

Even now the earth is shaking as they crucify the King.

Hills and valleys all are trembling as the hammer starts to ring.

Hosannas now are silent. The crowds no longer sing.

Even now the earth is shaking as they crucify the King.

Even the heavens are weeping as they take Him from the tree.

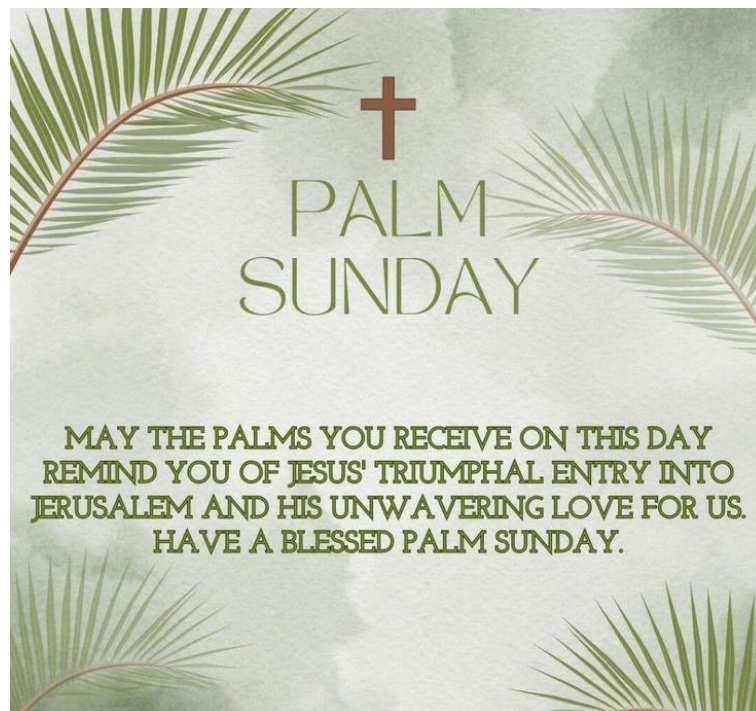
The sun in its shame hides in shadows and the birds refuse to sing.

The hands of those who love Him prepare Him for the grave.

Even the heavens are weeping as they carry the Lord away.

Even the heavens are weeping.

## **PARTING BLESSING**



**NBLCC CHOIR CANTATA**

*“Song Of The Shadow”*

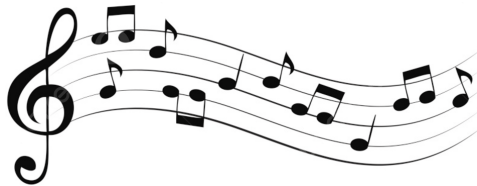
by Joseph Martin

**Director:** Nancy Martin

**Pianist:** Rob Aaron

**Narrator:** Sandi Fleury

**Percussion:** Dennis O’Hanlon



**NBLCC CHOIR MEMBERS**

**Soprano**

Dianne Baxter  
Sandi Fleury  
Marilyn Holt  
Pam Sikes  
Addy Walker

**Alto**

Shelly Marion  
Gayle McKenzie  
Bonnie O’Hanlon  
Janice Schonberg  
Mary Severeid

**Tenor**

Dixie Carver  
Greg Hanson  
Jacob Smith

**Bass**

Gary Lorenz  
John Lorenz  
Mike Marion  
Jay Wittreich

**Solo:** Nancy Martin, Pastor Gary Heltsley

**TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Greeters:** Dave & Mary Severeid

**Ushers:** Guy & Barb Bralley

**Reader:** Joyce River

**Sacristans:** Bonnie O’Hanlon & Deanna Smith

**Communion Assistants:** Jan Krogh & Carol Larson

**Barista:** Steve Dixon     **Close Up:** Dave Severeid

**Altar Flowers:** Virginia Eastman

**Last Week’s Attendance:** 112     **Last Week’s Offering:** \$6,976.26

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church!** It is with great joy that we welcome you to this holy space. May you feel the warmth of God's love and the fellowship of His people. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for fellowship following our service. We are glad that you're here!

**Fellowship time** – Finger Sandwiches and chips. *Next week (April 20<sup>th</sup>)* Easter breakfast.

**Neighborhood Bible Study** – will meet on **Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm**. For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

**Dementia Support Group** will meet on **Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Shari Stormo or the church office.

**Men's Bible Study** - will meet this **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the Book of Genesis.

**Easter Lilies** – We love to decorate our church with lilies for Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate a lily to the church, please bring it in during this week, *April 14<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup>*. Dedication forms are available on the table in front of the office; just fill out the form and drop it into the basket. The dedications will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

**Office Hours** this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday through Friday.

**Pastor Gary** is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 am to noon.

**Prayers** – Please call the church line with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care (360) 275-3390.

### **READINGS FOR APRIL 20, 2025 (EASTER SUNDAY)**

Acts 10:34-43 ~ Psalm 118:14-24 ~ Corinthians 15:19-26 ~ Luke 24:1-12

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### **HOLY WEEK AT NORTH BAY LUTHERAN**

*April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday*

A special service of Holy Communion remembering the Last Supper.

*April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service*

Remembering the sufferings and death of Jesus.

*April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am: Easter Sunday Worship*

followed by an Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.