



PALMER MEMORIAL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

*Our mission is to know  
and share the love of Jesus Christ*

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AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

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*Welcome to Palmer, where our mission is to know and share the love of Jesus Christ.*

We are a community of Christians worshipping in the Episcopal tradition, which has its roots in the practices of the ancient Church. We are a congregation that values not only eternal answers but also important questions. You are part of the great “We” that begins the Nicene Creed in this service, and we are grateful for your presence and your prayers. You are surrounded by the love of Jesus here this morning.

**Receiving Holy Communion or a Blessing:** If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition, you are invited to receive communion with us after the Breaking of the Bread. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands. Those who require communion with gluten-free bread should let the priest know. At the 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. services (both of which may have vaccinated and unvaccinated people at the same service), when the chalice of wine comes to you in your pew, you may only carefully dip the bread in it or decline it. At the 11:00 a.m. service, which is for fully vaccinated individuals only, when the chalice of wine comes to you at the altar rail, you may drink from it directly, or carefully dip the bread in it, or decline it. Also at the 11:00 a.m. service, those who prefer grape juice are invited to go to the kneeling bench on the left side of the Church in front of the baptismal font. Simply state your preference to the person offering the chalice.

If you are not a baptized Christian, or your Christian tradition does not allow you to receive communion with us, we encourage you to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from a priest. Simply cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches with the bread, and he or she will know to give you a blessing instead of communion. In this way, everyone can participate in this part of the service.

## THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation" *Lobe den Herren*

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
 health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.  
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal S-202)

Willan

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
 good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
 we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.  
 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the  
 right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
 on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - - - - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

First Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54

Plainchant

Save me, O God, by your Name;  
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Sequence Hymn 635 "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

*Wer nur den lieben Gott*

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.



*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Ryan Hawthorne, *Curate*

## The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* We believe in one God,  
*People* the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishops Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor, for our priests Neil and Liz; for our deacons Jack and Ryan, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for Joe, President of the United States; Greg, Governor of Texas; and Sylvester, Mayor of Houston; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially those across the street in the Texas Medical Center, the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day in the stories that we tell about ourselves, about others, and about Palmer.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant then prays*

O Almighty God, to whose glory this house of prayer is dedicated: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Those who are able may kneel, and silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in thy will,**

**and walk in thy ways,**

**to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Priest then says this or another sentence of Scripture, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says this or another sentence of Scripture to begin the Offertory.*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

*Those who have brought with them an offering are invited to place it in the offering plate that will be passed in the pews. Others are invited to make their financial contributions online at [palmerchurch.org/give](http://palmerchurch.org/give) or by texting the key word “Palmer” and the amount (i.e. Palmer 100) to 73256.*

Offertory Anthem: *Christ hath a garden*

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,  
A Paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace  
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear  
Their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,  
Till the beloved Master come:

Like trees of spice his servants stand,  
There planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow  
To feed their beauty where they grow.

That he may come, and linger yet  
Among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen  
To walk amid the springing green.

The Doxology (*Hymn 380, verse 3*)

*Old 100th*

**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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is meet and right so to do."

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

*Sanctus (Hymnal S-114)*

Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant* Our Father,  
*People* 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-158)*

Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Anthem: *Consider me, and hear me*

Roger Hemingway

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God:  
lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.  
Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him:  
for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.  
But my trust is in thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.  
I will sing of the Lord because he hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea,  
I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

Hymn 698 "Eternal Spirit of the living Christ"

*Flentge*



1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,  
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
help me to see your pur - pose and your will—  
to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured—



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.  
held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Almighty and everliving God,

*People* we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people saying*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*The Deacon dismisses the people with these words*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Postlude: Sonata No. 4 in B-flat: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

# TOGETHER, WE PRAY

## Please pray for these people:

Easton Allen	and Christian King	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder
Georgia Barton	David Lapp	Susan Shivers
Ray and Sharri Boothe	Marcos de Souza Lima	Roxane & Michael Short
Carlos	Bob London	Phyllis Svrcek
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Jo Lyday	Tim T and family
Katie Courtney	Berta Maestef	Mary Tobin
Tina & Ricky Cruz	Paul Martin	Donna Waldron
Lauren and Chris Davis	Carol Matthews	Mimi & Kim Lopez-Waymer
Halley Erickson	Michael McKinley	George Webb
Julian Gascoyne	Hashim Musa	Susannah Webb
Deborah Grotfeldt	Yamy Lec Perez	David Ashley White
Christopher M. Hansen	Harry Powe	Brooke Wilson
James Hesterly	Marsha Powe	Ruth Yarbrough
Mary George	Jennifer Rabb	Zach, Sam, Carrie
Jane, Julian, Gwyn	Rachel	<i>For the departed:</i>
Colleen Holbert	Posey Raish	Ed Svrcek
Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	Maria de Nazare & Michele Rios	
Elizabeth, Jeff, William, James,	Clare Ritzi	

Names remain on the list for two Sundays unless the request is renewed by contacting one of the coordinators of our Pastoral Care Ministry: Ruth Davies at [rmmdavies@cebridge.net](mailto:rmmdavies@cebridge.net) for Palmers or Suzie Dennis at [sdennis@palmerchurch.org](mailto:sdennis@palmerchurch.org) for non-Palmers.

## Please pray for expectant households:

The Everhart family  
The Fender family  
The Davis Family

Those expecting a child by birth or adoption are encouraged to contact Roger Hutchison at [rwhutchison@palmerchurch.org](mailto:rwhutchison@palmerchurch.org).

## Please pray for those in the armed forces:

Evan Adams	Jarrett Johnson	Jim Rosenbach
Nathan Adam	Christopher Kent	Adam Salvati
Michael Anderson	James King	Matthew Van Arsdale
Gaston Baza	Mike Martinez	Ashley Waddle
Travis Chambers	Nate Miller	Alex Walker
John Harrison	Andrew Nesom	Taylor Wilby
Connor Hurt	Harrison Power	Caleb Woodburn