



PALMER MEMORIAL
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— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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

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 either grape juice or gluten-free bread and wine should let the minister of communion know. Due to current COVID-19 protocols, when the chalice of wine comes to you, you may only carefully dip the bread in it or decline it.

Receiving a Blessing

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. Simply cross your arms over your chest as someone approaches with the bread, and that person will know to give you a blessing instead of communion. In this way, everyone can participate in this part of the service.

Seeking Baptism

If you have never been baptized and desire to be immersed in grace and forgiveness as a follower of Jesus, please speak with a member of the clergy or someone at the Welcome Table after this hour of worship. It would be a joy to baptize you as a Christian here at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10 - *sung by cantor(s)*

Plainchant

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Children of all ages are invited at the beginning of the sequence hymn to follow the children's cross out of the church for Liturgy Preparation, which is an optional time of storytelling and prayer. Those children then return to the church to rejoin their parents at the end of the Prayers of the People to receive communion with their families.

Sequence Hymn 126 "The people who in darkness walked"

Dundee

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
 3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Liz Parker, *Associate Rector*

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe, President of the United States; Greg, Governor of Texas; Sylvester, Mayor of Houston; and for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For patients across the street in the Texas Medical Center; and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor, our bishops; Neil and Liz, our priests; Ryan and Jack, our deacons, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation gathered beyond these walls.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For thy mercy is great.

We thank thee, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt thee, O God our King;

And praise thy Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in thy eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let thy loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in thee.

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, 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.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

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 or by texting the key word "Palmer" and the dollar amount (for example, Palmer 100) to 73256 or by using this QR code.



Offertory Anthem: *How majestic is thy name*

Emma Lou Diemer

○ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
○ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
○ Lord, we praise your name.
○ Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
○ Lord God Almighty.
○ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
○ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
○ Lord, we praise your name.
○ Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
○ Lord God Almighty.

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

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
 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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At all of our worship services, due to temporary COVID-19 protocols, when the chalice of wine is offered, it may be either declined or the consecrated bread may be carefully but only partially dipped into the wine.

Hayden Smith, *Soloist*

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
 Call ye upon Him while He is near.
 Let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts:

For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
 Nor are Your ways my ways, saith the Lord.
 As the heavens are higher than the earth,
 My ways and thoughts are higher than yours.

And let him return unto the Lord,
 and He will have mercy upon him;
 and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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 and He will have mercy upon him;
 and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Hymn 440 "Blessèd Jesus, at thy word"

Liebster Jesu

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

When Eucharistic Visitors take communion to the shut-in and infirm:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 549 "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

St. Andrew



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior,



1 life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 2 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 3 vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol that would
 4 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 5 make us hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



1 sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;" say - ing,
 2 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake. leav - ing
 3 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more." say - ing,
 4 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these." "Chris - tian,
 5 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all. serve and



1 "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 2 all for his dear sake.
 3 "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4 love me more than these."
 5 love thee best of all.

Postlude: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 739

J. S. Bach

TOGETHER, WE PRAY

Please pray for these people:

Easton Allen	Melvyn Huckaby	Clare Ritzi
Georgia Barton	Jane, Julian, Gwyn	Michael Rybarski
Suzanne Batchelder	Ted Hirtz	Rick Sheridan
Ray and Sharri Boothe	Colleen Holbert	Susan Shivers
Linda Bracey	Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder
William Brown	Thelma Hunt	Roxane & Michael Short
Jack Browns	Elizabeth, Jeff, William, James, and Christian King	Tim T and family
John Calvert	David Lapp	Norman Targa
Ragna Case	Marcos de Souza Lima	Donna Waldron
Wayne Chou	Bob London	Mimi & Kim Lopez-Waymer
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Jo Lyday	Susannah Webb
Katie Courtney	Berta Maestef	David Ashley White
Tina & Ricky Cruz	Paul Martin	Kelly Rush Williams
Lauren and Chris Davis	Michael McKinley	Brooke Wilson
Ed Emig	Hashim Musa	Billy Wolfson
Halley Erickson	Yamy Lec Perez	Ruth Yarbrough
Laura Everhart	Harry Powe	Zach, Sam, Carrie
Ron Follmar	Marsha Powe	<i>For the departed:</i>
Julian Gascoyne	Jennifer Rabb	Mary Tobin
Hilda Gomez	Rachel	Ronald Charles McWilliams
Deborah Grotfeldt	Posey Raish	
Christopher M. Hansen	Maria de Nazare & Michele Rios	
James Hesterly		

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 for Palmers or Suzie Dennis at sdennis@palmerchurch.org for non-Palmers.

Please pray for expectant households:

The Fender Family
The Davis Family

Those expecting a child by birth or adoption are encouraged to contact Roger Hutchison at 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