



PALMER MEMORIAL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II
10:00 AM

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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 surrounded by the love of Jesus here this morning.

COVID-19 Church Guidelines

Masking is optional inside our church buildings for those who are up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations (including booster shots when eligible). Note that some Palmers who are fully vaccinated will continue wearing masks even when not required to do so. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear a mask indoors at all times throughout our campus.

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 consecrated 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. When the chalice of consecrated wine comes to you, you may sip from the chalice, or carefully dip part of the consecrated bread into the wine, 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

Opening Hymn "For the beauty of the earth"

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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For thy church, that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine! To our race so free - ly given;

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Of - fer - ing up on ev - ery shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 For that great, great love of thine, Peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Hymn 421 "All glory be to God"

Allein Gott in der Höh



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

Plainchant

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

During the 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM liturgies, children of all ages are invited to process out of the worship space for Liturgy Preparation. After learning, praying, and singing together, the children return at the Peace to receive communion with their families.

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord 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.

The Prayers of the People

Reader Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son; and now with grateful hearts, let us remember the needs of the world and all of your people as we pray.

Strengthen your holy Church, your bishops, priests, deacons and all who minister in your Name, that we may have glad hearts to serve, joyful words to proclaim your good news, and hope-filled spirits that reveal your glory in the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Reader Guide us your disciples and all those baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, that we may work towards unity and walk always with Christ in newness of life.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Reader Open our hearts to your power and holy promptings, that we may be inspired to act and to reveal your glory in our love of all people and in the communities where we live and work.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Reader Restore our world to your image and guide our leaders in your ways, that where there is injustice, oppression, and war, there may there be healing, justice, and peace.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Reader Give your comfort, healing power, and new hope to those who are sick, suffering, and grieving, and to those who are hungry or in any kind of adversity: may their tears be wiped away as they know the power and joy of Easter.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Reader Grant eternal rest to all those who have died, that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

During the Great 50 Days of Easter, Palmer follows the custom of omitting the Confession of Sin.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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: *For the beauty of the earth*

Andrew Carter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	
It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Hymnal S-130)

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

Agnus Dei S-164

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your 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.

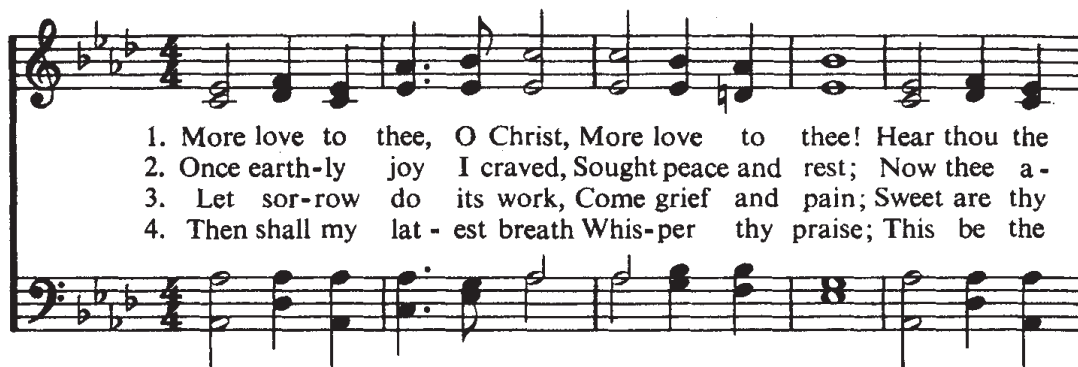
Anthem: *O taste and see*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O Taste and see that the Lord is good
O Taste and see that the Lord is good
O Taste and see that the Lord is good to me
You have turned my mourning into dancing
Put off my rags and clothed me with gladness
And I will arise and I will praise you
I'll sing and not be silent

I will live only for you
I will lift these hands up to you
I will dance before you
I will shout it I will shout it to you

O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever
O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever



1. More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee! Hear thou the
2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now thee a-
3. Let sor-row do its work, Come grief and pain; Sweet are thy
4. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis-per thy praise; This be the



prayer I make On bend - ed knee; This is my ear - nest plea:
lone I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be:
mes - sen - gers, Sweet their re - frain, When they can sing with me,
part - ing cry My heart shall raise: This still its prayer shall be,



More love, O Christ, to thee, More love to thee, More love to thee!
More love, O Christ, to thee, More love to thee, More love to thee!
More love, O Christ, to thee, More love to thee, More love to thee!
More love, O Christ, to thee, More love to thee, More love to thee! A - men.

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 thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn 398 "I sing the almighty power of God"

Forest Green

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Postlude: Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

TOGETHER, WE PRAY

Please pray for these people:

Easton Allen	Peter Hatten	Jennifer Rabb
Clifford Arnebeck	James Hesterly	Rachel
Georgia Barton	Melvyn Huckaby	Posey Raish
Suzanne Batchelder	Ted Hirtz	Maria de Nazare & Michele Rios
John Beckerly	Colleen Holbert	Michael Rybarski
Richard Branscomb	Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	Kellie Shaffer
Jack Browns	Elizabeth, Jeff, William, James, and Christian King	Rick Sheridan
John Calvert	David Lapp	Susan Shivers
Sergio Rondon Castillo	Marcos de Souza Lima	Roxane & Michael Short
Keith and Carolyn Chaffin	Bob London	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Lowell	Shining Sun
Katie Courtney	Jo Lyday	Tim T and family
Tina & Ricky Cruz	Berta Maestef	Tom
Kristie Curtis	Kathy and Mike Maris	Spence Walton
Ruth Davies	Paul Martin	Mimi & Kim Lopez-Waymer
Lauren and Chris Davis	Michael McKinley	David Ashley White
Ed Emig	Hashim Musa	Josephine White
Halley Erickson	Alexander Nelson-Fryar	Brooke Wilson
Laura Everhart	The Rev'd Liz Parker	Billy Wolfson
Ron Follmar	Yamy Lec Perez	Ruth Yarbrough
Julian Gascoyne	Harry Powe	Zach, Sam, Carrie
Hilda Gomez	Marsha Powe	
Deborah Grotfeldt		

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@cbebridge.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	