



PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

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

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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 worshiping 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

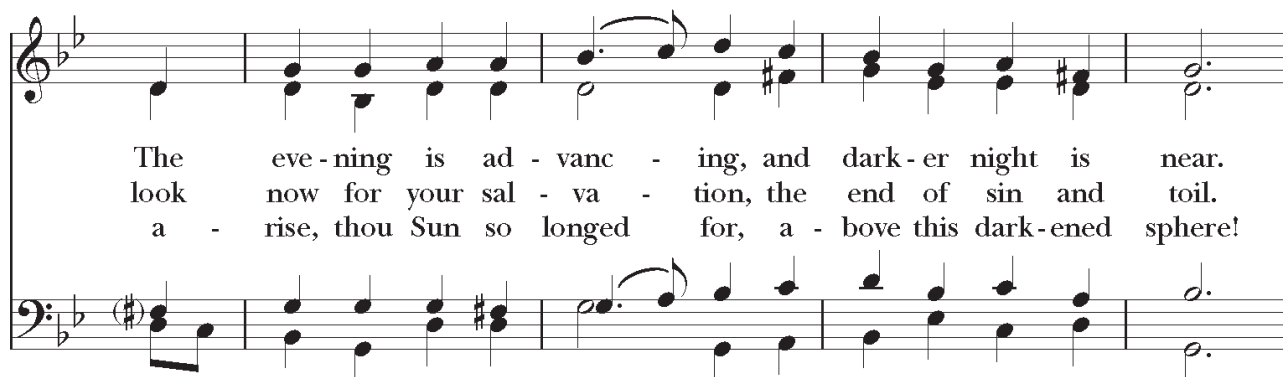
If you have never been baptized and desire to be immersed in grace and forgiveness as a follower of Jesus, please speak with a member of the clergy or someone at the Welcome Table after this hour of worship. It would be a joy to baptize you as a Christian here at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.

THE WORD OF GOD

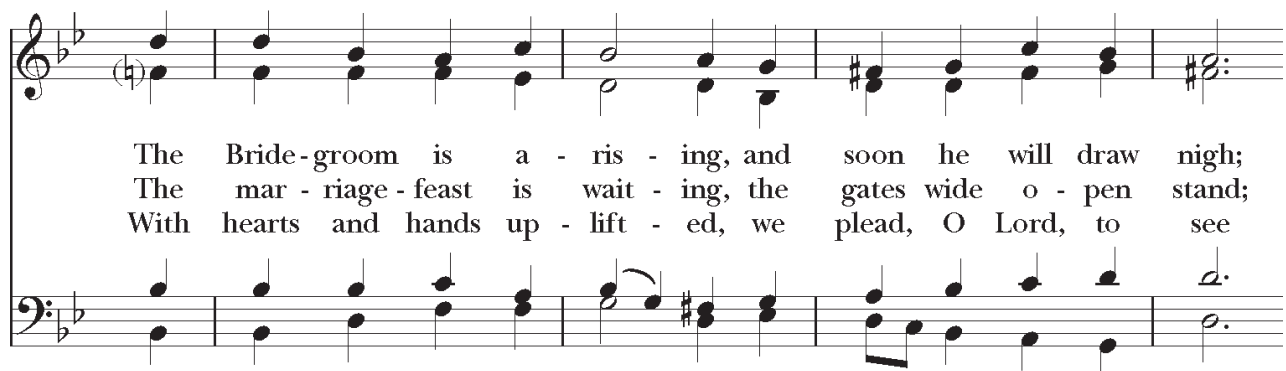
Opening Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

Llangloffan

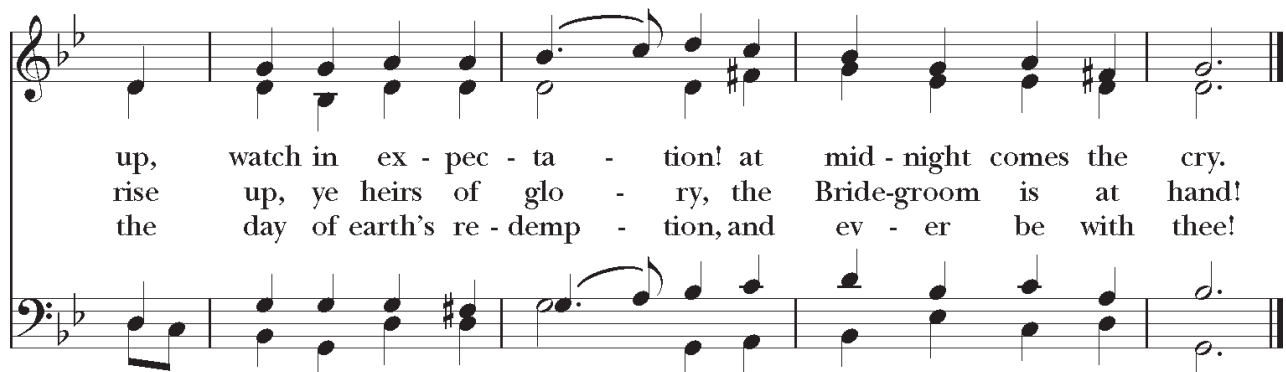

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with 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, 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24 *sung by cantor(s)*

Plainchant

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
 God reveals himself in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence;
 before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
He calls the heavens and the earth from above
 to witness the judgment of his people.
“Gather before me my loyal followers,
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
 for God himself is judge.
Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you;
 for I am God, your God.
I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
 your offerings are always before me.
Consider this well, you who forget God,
 lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
 but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

During the 10:00 AM liturgy, 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.

Sequence Hymn 545 “Lo! what a cloud of witnesses”

St. Fulbert

1 Lo! what a cloud of wit - ness - es en -
 2 Let us, with zeal like theirs in - spired, strive
 3 Be - hold a Wit - ness no - bler still, who
 4 He, for the joy be - fore him set, and
 5 Thith - er, for - get - ting things be - hind, press

1 com - pass us a - round! They, once like us with
 2 in the Chris - tian race; and, freed from ev - ery
 3 trod af - flic - tion's path: Je - sus, the au - thor,
 4 moved by pit - ying love, en - dured the cross, de -
 5 we to God's right hand; there, with the Sa - vior

1 suf - fering tried, are now with glo - ry crowned.
 2 weight of sin, their ho - ly foot - steps trace.
 3 fi - nish - er, re - ward - er of our faith.
 4 spised the shame, and now he reigns a - bove.
 5 and his saints, tri - um - phant - ly to stand.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishops Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor, for our priests Neil and Ryan; for our deacon Jack, 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, and 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.

Silence

The Celebrant then prays

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

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

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.**

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: *Shepherd of Souls*

Bruce Neswick

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Your table in our heart.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by your word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Lord, sup with us in love divine;
Your body and your blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,
Be our immortal food.

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 The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our 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, for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

1. So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
2. Be the day shine for me, so be the day bright,

Christ watch - ing o - ver me, Christ as I wake.
Christ my com - pan - ion be, Christ be my light. *to vs. 3*

3. Be the day dark to me, be the day drear,
4. Be the day swift to me, be the day long,

Christ shall my com - fort be, Christ be my cheer.
Christ my con - tent - ment be, Christ be my song. *to vs. 5*

5. So the day close for me, so the night fall,
Christ watch - ing o - ver me, Christ be my all.

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.**

The Priest blesses the people saying

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among 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.**

Hymn 391 "Before the Lord's eternal throne"

Winchester New

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Postlude: Fugue in C, BWV 564/III

Johann Sebastian Bach

TOGETHER, WE PRAY

Please pray for these people:

Easton Allen	Hilda Gomez	Marsha Powe
Clifford Arnebeck	Deborah Grotfeldt	Jennifer Rabb
Georgia Barton	Peter Hatten	Rachel
Suzanne Batchelder	Tina Herrera	Posey Raish
John Beckerly	James Hesterly	Maria de Nazare & Michele Rios
Richard Branscomb	Melvyn Huckaby	Jo Anne Ritacca
Mary Broussard	Colleen Holbert	Michael Rybarski
Jack Browns	Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	Kellie Shaffer
John Calvert	Katy L.	Rick Sheridan
Sergio Rondon Castillo	Elizabeth, Jeff, William, James, and Christian King	Susan Shivers
Keith and Carolyn Chaffin	David Lapp	Roxane & Michael Short
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Marcos de Souza Lima	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder
Katie Courtney	Lowell	Shining Sun
Janet Covington	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	Jeffrey McNeil	Josephine White
Halley Erickson	Hashim Musa	Brooke Wilson
Laura Everhart	Alexander Nelson-Fryar	Billy Wolfson
Richard Fay	The Rev'd Liz Parker	Ruth Yarbrough
Kathy Fields	Yamy Lec Perez	Zach, Sam, Carrie
Ron Follmar	Harry Powe	Paul and Sara Zwicker
Julian Gascoyne		

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	

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the Rev. John Price from his wife, children, and grandchildren. His humor remains, as does his reminder that God Loves Us.

If you would like to make a special flower dedication please visit palmerchurch.org/give/flowerfund or fill out a flower envelope located in the narthex or bell tower entrance.