



PALMER MEMORIAL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

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

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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. Scan the QR code to the left or visit [palmerchurch.org/connect](http://palmerchurch.org/connect) to fill out a welcome card or a request for prayer.

## COVID-19 CHURCH GUIDELINES

Masking is optional inside our church buildings, and we strongly encourage everyone to be up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. Note that some who are fully vaccinated will continue wearing masks even when not required to do so.

## MEDICAL CENTER GUESTS

If you or a family member are here for care at the Texas Medical Center, please stop at the Welcome Tent on Main Street by the front doors of the Church and let us know how we can support you while you are in Houston. You may also contact Suzie Dennis at [sdennis@palmerchurch.org](mailto:sdennis@palmerchurch.org). You are also invited to our service in our chapel on Wednesdays at 11 AM, with prayers for healing and strength for patients and caregivers.

## 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. Rest assured that you will have made a full communion if you choose to receive the consecrated bread only, with nothing lacking in your experience of God's grace today.

## 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 listed below 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.

## CLERGY AND LITURGICAL CHURCH STAFF

The Rev'd Neil Alan Willard, *Rector*

The Rev'd Ryan Hawthorne, *Curate*

The Rev'd Jack Karn, *Deacon*

Roger Hutchison, *Director of Christian Formation and Parish Life*

Dr. Brady Knapp, *Director of Music*

Ken Cowan, *Organist and Artist-in-Residence*

Hannah Cen, *Associate Organist*

David Ashley White, *Composer-in-Residence*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Opening Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

*Helmsley*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*All stand.*

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

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

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* One God and Father of all.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 122

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to say the psalm in unison.*

I was glad when they said to me,  
    “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
Now our feet are standing  
    within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city  
    that is at unity with itself;  
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
    the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.  
For there are the thrones of judgment,  
    the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
    “May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls  
    and quietness within your towers.  
For my brethren and companions’ sake,  
    I pray for your prosperity.  
Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
    I will seek to do you good.”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

*Deacon*   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*     **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Deacon*   The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd Ryan Hawthorne, *Curate*

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate For Holy Baptism

*The Priest says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present William Lawrence Saquin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Priest*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Priest*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Priest addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*The Priest then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A person appointed leads the following petitions.*

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing him in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Priest touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

*The candidate is presented by name to the Priest, who then immerses, or pours water upon the person, saying*

William Lawrence, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying*

William Lawrence, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the newly baptized, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*The Priest says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Priest and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## 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 God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.  
*Psalm 96:8*

*Those who have brought with them an offering are invited to place it in the offering plate on the table in front of the chancel steps. Others are invited to make their financial contributions online at [palmerchurch.org/give](http://palmerchurch.org/give), by texting the key word "Palmer" and the dollar amount (for example, Palmer 100) to 73256, or by using this QR code.*



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto 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 thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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.*

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Closing Hymn 73 "The King shall come when morning dawns"

*St. Stephen*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.





# TOGETHER, WE PRAY

## Please pray for these people:

Easton Allen	Melvyn Huckaby	Lisa Powell
Clifford Arnebeck	Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	Jennifer Rabb
Adeline Arning	Elizabeth, Jeff, William, James, and Christian King	Posey Raish
Georgia Barton	David Lapp	Maria de Nazare & Michele Rios
John Beckerly	Jennifer Lewis	Jo Anne Ritacca
Mary Broussard	Marcos de Souza Lima	Michael Rybarski
Jack Browns	Jo Lyday	Kellie Shaffer
John Calvert	Berta Maestef	Rick Sheridan
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Gavin Marshall	Susan Shivers
Katie Courtney	Carolyn Mason	Roxane & Michael Short
Dan Cromack	Paul Martin	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder
Tina & Ricky Cruz	Michael McKinley	Bert Suarez
Kristie Curtis	Samantha Schatte Mitchell	Tim T and family
Ruth Davies	Hashim Musa	Spence Walton
Lauren and Chris Davis	Alexander Nelson-Fryar	Charles & Shirley Watkins
Halley Erickson	Bill Newchurch	Mimi & Kim Lopez-Waymer
Laura Everhart	The Rev'd Liz Parker	Josephine White
Julian Gascoyne	Yamy Lec Perez	Brooke Wilson
Hilda Gomez	Harry Powe	Audray Worthing
Peter Hatten	Marsha Powe	Ruth Yarbrough
James Hesterly		Zach, Sam, Carrie

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 [rmdavies@cebridge.net](mailto:rmdavies@cebridge.net) for Palmers or Suzie Dennis at [sdennis@palmerchurch.org](mailto:sdennis@palmerchurch.org) for non-Palmers.

## Please pray for expectant households:

The Mitchell Family  
The Zwicker 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	

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