

# PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH ——HOUSTON, TEXAS——

# Bringing the peace of Jesus to the whole world

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING
KIRKING OF THE TARTANS
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II
10:00 AM
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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# Our Mission

To know and boldly share the love of Jesus Christ through deep understanding of our relationship with God, ourselves, and our neighbors, in a joyfully engaged and welcoming community, dedicated to thoughtful and focused service, and inspired by worship that renews curiosity about all of creation.

### Our Values And Guiding Principles

# Liturgical Excellence

We believe in sharing God's unconditional love in Jesus, which we call grace, with all who come through our church doors. The beauty and power of our liturgy drawn from the Book of Common Prayer and our music drawn from the Anglican choral tradition are the beginning, not the end, of our weekly Christian journey. Like a flourishing tree, they root us in the past, shelter us in the present, and reach out to the future with the strength and confidence of God's promises to all.

# Joyful Companionship

We believe spending time together and connecting across the generations fosters our spiritual growth. Palmers accompany each other on our pilgrimage with God, toward God. We are an ever-growing household, for the youngest child and each of us through the end of life, built with grace, love, acceptance, laughter, tears, service, singing, and Jesus as our cornerstone.

# **Bold Curiosity**

We believe the gift of inquiry, curiosity, and profound conversation leads to a greater understanding of our place in God's creation and our relationship with God, ourselves, and our neighbors. Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus is experienced in our worship and also through artistic expression, intellectual generosity, and spiritual teaching.

# Spiritual Sanctuary

We believe God loves each of us, no exceptions. As human beings created in God's image, we should have a place where the love of Jesus is made real, a place where we can experience the celebration of who we are and an acceptance of where we are on life's journey. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith and a beacon of hope for those seeking spiritual refuge.

### **Loving Service**

We believe following Jesus, as we are called to do, involves caring for our neighbors as we care for ourselves, joining in God's mission to connect with and work alongside an extraordinary array of people, institutions, and communities, and bearing witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in the world around us.



# Welcome to Palmer!

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 to fill out a welcome card or a request for prayer.

#### 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 join in the line on the left side of the church and 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.

#### RECEIVING PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray for you, members of the Order of St. Luke will be available for that in the narthex (i.e., the entryway near the front doors of the church) during the administration of communion.

#### 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.

# Medical Center Guests

If you or a family member are here for care at the Texas Medical Center, please let us know how we can support you while you are in Houston by stopping at the Welcome Table by the front doors of the church or contacting Suzie Dennis at sdennis@palmerchurch.org.

#### Caring for the Wellness of our Parish and Community

We strongly encourage everyone to be up to date on vaccinations and boosters. Masking is optional.

# CLERGY AND LITURGICAL CHURCH STAFF

The Rev'd Neil Alan Willard, Rector

The Rev'd Allen M. Junek, Associate Rector

The Rev'd Katherine Tuttle, Director of Parish Life

and Membership

The Rev'd Mary Reddick, Deacon

The Rev'd Beth Anne Nelson, The Diocese of Texas

Missioner to Rice University

Roger Hutchison, Director of Children's and

Youth Ministries

Dr. Brady Knapp, *Director of Music* 

Ken Cowan, Organist and Artist-in-Residence

Laura Smith, Associate Organist

David Ashley White, Composer-in-Residence

Courtney Daniell-Knapp, Children's Choirs

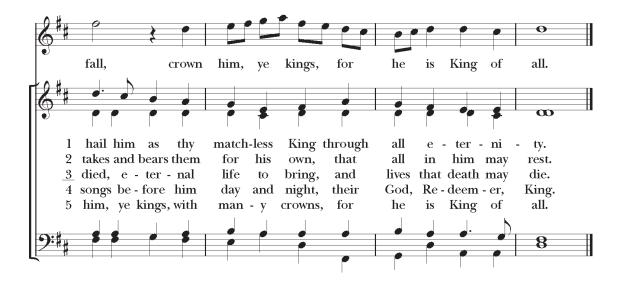
# THE WORD OF GOD

# Pipe and Drum Procession

Processional Hymn 494 "Crown him with many crowns"

Diademata





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

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

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



# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

# The Lessons

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 Plainchant

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,

what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

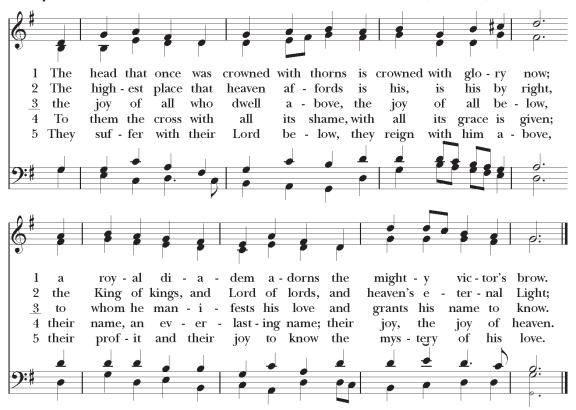
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

During the 10:00 AM liturgy, children of all ages are invited at the beginning of the Sequence Hymn to follow the children's cross to the Holy Cross Children's Room for Liturgy Preparation. After learning, praying, and singing together, the children return to the Church at the Peace to receive communion with their families.

Sequence Hymn 483 "The head that once was crowned with thorns" (vs. 1-3, 6) St. Magnus



6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme. Gospel Reading Luke 23:33-43

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# The Sermon

The Rev'd Allen Junek, 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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Donald, President of the United States, Greg, Governor of Texas, and John, Mayor of Houston;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially patients and those who care for them across the street in the Texas Medical Center;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, adding our own petitions with our lips or in our hearts.

Silence

The Celebrant then says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**.

# The Kirking of the Tartans

#### Introduction

According to legend, when the British Crown in the 18th century prohibited the people of Scotland from wearing their tartans and playing bagpipes, the Scots instituted the Kirkin' o' the Tartans to commemorate Highland dress and music under the protection of the Scottish Kirk, or church. In reality, the Kirkin' began in 1941 when the Rev. Peter Marshall, the Scottish-born pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, held a fundraiser for British war relief and the sermon that day was entitled "The Kirkin' o' the Tartans." It became an annual event. In 1954, the Kirkin' was moved to Washington National Cathedral, where it has remained since.

Here at Palmer, we use the Kirkin' o' the Tartans to honor the historic connection between the Episcopal Church in America and the Scottish Episcopal Church. In the 18th century, after the American Revolution, the newly independent Episcopal Church in the former British colonies needed a bishop. But English bishops were not allowed to consecrate an American bishop who would not swear allegiance to the Crown. The Scottish Episcopal Church, however, had no such restriction. So in 1784, the bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church stepped in, consecrating Samuel Seabury as the first bishop of the Episcopal Church in America. That ceremony was held near the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland, in Aberdeen. To this day, St. Andrew's in Aberdeen displays in its nave the flag of every American state in recognition of the bond between our two churches.

#### Roll Call of the Tartans

We honor this history with the Roll Call of the Tartans, in which each person presenting a tartan stands, and proudly calls out the name of their tartan, which is to say a Scottish surname to which they are connected by ancestry or affection. The roll call will start here in the Chancel, then proceed on the left side of the Nave here in front of me from the first row to the back, then the right side of the Nave from the first row to the back, and the last call will be from the choir loft. After you have announced your tartan or plaid, please remain standing until after the concluding prayer. The roll call will begin and end with a drum roll.

### Blessing of the Tartans

After the roll call, the priest invites the congregation to stand and blesses the tartans, saying

O Lord our God, in your goodness you bestowed upon this Church the gift of the episcopate, through the consecration of your servant Samuel Seabury by Scottish bishops in 1784. We pray your blessing upon these tartans that they may be to us and unto all people a living link to the heritage of our Church, a symbol of our faith and a sign of our service to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 begins the Offertory with this or another sentence of Scripture.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

Those who have brought with them an offering are invited to place it in the offering plate that will be passed in the pews. Others are invited to make their financial contributions online at palmerchurch.org/give or by using this QR code.



Offertory Anthem: Shout the Glad Tidings

Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing, Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is king! Sion the marvelous story be telling, The Son of the Highest, how lowly his birth; The brightest archangel in glory excelling, He stoops to redeem thee, he reigns upon earth. Paul Lindsey Thomas

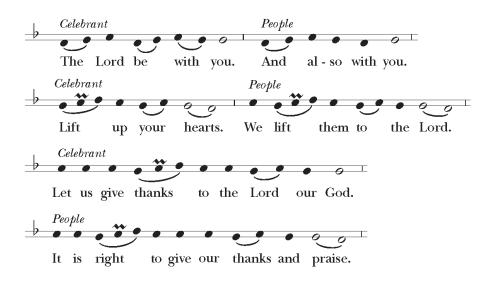
Tell how he cometh from nation to nation,
The heart-cheering news let the earth echo 'round.
How free to the faithful he offers salvation,
His people with joy everlasting are crowned.
Mortals your homage be gratefully bringing,
And sweet let the gladsome hosanna arise,
Ye angels the full alleluia be singing,
One chorus resound through the earth and the skies.

The Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3)

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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



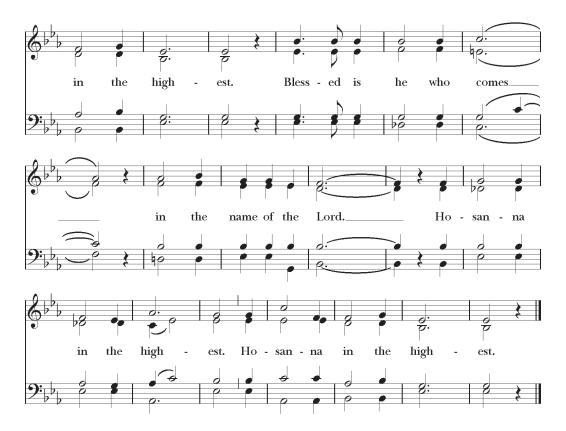
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

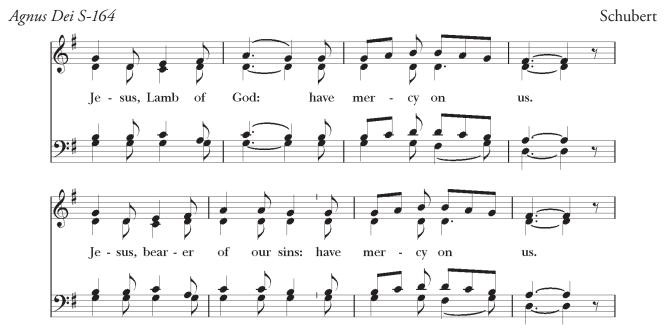
For thine is the kingdom,

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.





The Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Anthem: Christ whose glory fills the skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Solo: Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam. Eleanor Daley

Visit, then, this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiancy Divine; Scatter all my unbelief; More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Malcolm Williamson

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them everlasting rest.

Hymn 458 "My song is love unknown" (vs. 1-3, 7)

Love Unknown



\*6 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine,
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Hymn 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Picardy



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 gives the blessing.

Remember always that by the goodness of God you were born into this world, by the grace of God you have been kept all the day long even unto this hour, and by the love of God revealed in the face of Jesus, you are being redeemed. 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

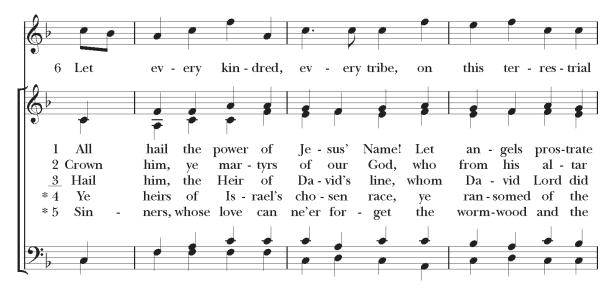
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

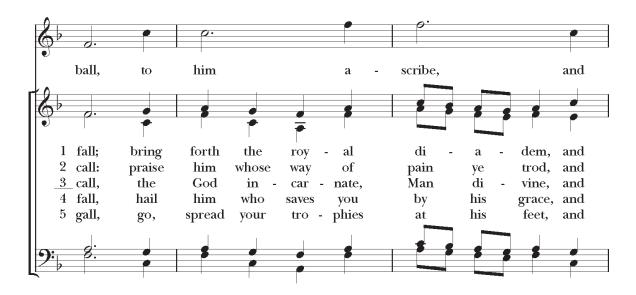
# People Thanks be to God.

The closing hymn will be sung in place this morning, after which a pipe and drum procession will lead the altar party out of the church.

# Closing Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name"

Coronation







6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

# Pipe and Drum Procession

Postlude: Sinfonia, from Cantata 29 Johann Sebastian Bach

# TOGETHER, WE PRAY

# Please pray for these people:

Polly Allen The Ross Family Patricia Hinojosa James Armstrong Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb Roxane Short Georgia Barton Holman Family The Smith Family Kim Bavousett Steve Howard Stephanie Roger Beebe Connie Hulin Linda Sylvan Viola Cleo Bradshaw Iames Hunter The Thomas Family

Brown Family
Leigh Anderson Burdette
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Cynthia Candler and family
Linda Ittner
Jacob Isbell
The Toranzo Family
Eleanor Viebig
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Carlos The Landry Family Fran Wallis Daniel Allen White Jeff Carowitz Jim Lober Jo Lyday David Ashley White Katie Courtney Shirley Matthews Mike Collins Randy William Lewis Williams Dan Cromack Don May Carlo Del Frate Graham Norwood Arnold Willis

Maria De Nazare The Rev'd Liz Parker Ruth Wilkes
Dan and Cathy Dodge Patricia Lynn Paxton Marie Woodward
Scott Follmar Philip Audrey Worthing

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David Furr Jane Richardson Donna Yacoe
Michael Gamboa Bill Robertson

Don Robinson

Brandon Hertz

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 or families with newborns:

Riley Hutchison and David Ramirez Ashley Elizabeth Condrey and Cory Condrey

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

# Please pray for our congregation's five-year strategic plan called Come. Be. Palmer.

God of grace and glory, you are faithful from one generation to another: Grant to us, as Palmers, the courage to know and boldly share the love of Jesus Christ, that our own hearts and the world around us may be changed and reflect more and more your great mercy and compassion; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.