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HOUSTON, TEXAS

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CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II  
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## Welcome to Palmer in the Season of Epiphany!

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.

### 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](mailto: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*

Roger Hutchison, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

The Rev'd Allen M. Junek, *Associate Rector*

Dr. Brady Knapp, *Director of Music*  
Ken Cowan, *Organist and Artist-in-Residence*

The Rev'd Katherine Tuttle, *Director of Parish Life and Membership*

Laura Smith, *Associate Organist*

The Rev'd Mary Reddick, *Deacon*

David Ashley White, *Composer-in-Residence*  
Courtney Daniell-Knapp, *Children's Choirs*

The Rev'd Beth Anne Nelson, *The Diocese of Texas Missioner to Rice University*

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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

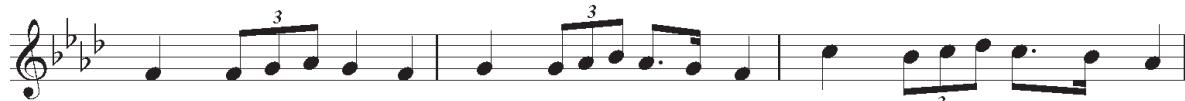
We believe God loves each of us, no exceptions. As human beings created in God's image, we should have a place where the love of Jesus is made real, a place where we can experience the celebration of who we are and an acceptance of where we are on life's journey. We aspire to be an inclusive community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

## THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

*Ton-y Botel*

1 Thy strong word did cleve the darkness; at thy speak - ing  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and  
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light-Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor-tals, an-gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

*The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.*

*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*

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 -

heav - en, 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 judgment 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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

First Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Plainchant

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.  
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.  
It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.  
For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.  
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.  
Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

*During this liturgy, children of all ages are invited at the beginning of the Sequence Hymn to follow the children's cross to St. Bede's Chapel for Liturgy Preparation. After learning, praying, and singing together in St. Bede's Chapel, the children return to the Church at the Peace to receive communion with their families.*

## Sequence Hymn 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Seek Ye First

1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
Ask, and it shall be given to you, and its righteousness shall be seek, and ye shall find, and all these things shall be knock, and the door shall be add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia! o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Stephanie Spellers  
*Canon-in-Residence, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City*

### 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.

## The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

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

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

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

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect*

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

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon says*

Let us 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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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.*

Rector's Greeting and Scout Sunday Presentations

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

You are the light of the world . . . let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:14-16*

*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) or by using this QR code.*



### Offertory Anthem: *The Secret of Christ*

Richard Shephard

For a long time, I have held my peace, but now will I speak  
I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths they have not known I will guide them  
I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves were for the healing of nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus our master and our friend

Jesus our master and our friend.

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen

### 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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People*  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People*  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People*  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People*  
**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Sanctus 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,  
heav - en and earth are full,  
full of your glo - ry. Ho -

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

*Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. 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

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The top staff features a soprano vocal line, the middle staff an alto line, and the bottom staff a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

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:



*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Anthem: Motet: *My eyes for beauty pine*

Thomas & Elizabeth Coxhead

Elizabeth Tait, *soprano solo*

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddes grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

Solo: *Close thine eyes*

Mary Plumstead

Nidia Guevara-Nolasco, *mezzo-soprano*

Close thine eyes and sleep secure,  
Thy soul is safe, thy body sure;  
He that guards thee, He that keeps,  
Never slumbers, never sleeps.

A quiet conscience, in a quiet breast  
Has only peace, has only rest:  
The music and the mirth of kings  
Are out of tune, unless she sings.

Then close thine eyes in peace and rest secure,  
No sleep so sweet as thine, no rest so sure.

## Hymn 7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Ratisbon



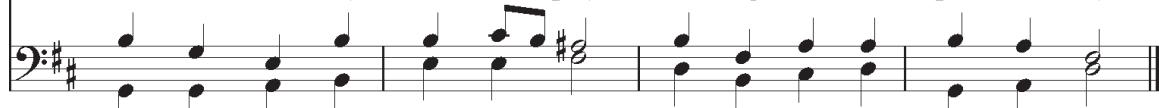
1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



Hymn 505 "O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God"

*O heiliger Geist*

1 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, in -  
 2 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, in -  
 3 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, make -  
 4 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est  
 increase our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy  
 us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly  
 light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the  
 grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and  
 flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each  
 know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -

Son; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.  
 live; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.  
 heart; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.  
 bove; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

*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 and the Deacon then dismisses them, saying*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

*Lauda anima*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo-ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Descant for use with unison singing*

4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

# TOGETHER, WE PRAY

## Please pray for these people:

Polly Allen	Steve Howard	Linda Sylvan
James Armstrong	Connie Hulin	The Thomas Family
Georgia Barton	Linda Ittner	Bill Tilney
Kim Bausouett	The Lang Family	Eleanor Viebig
Roger Beebe	Jim Lober	Fran Wallis
Viola Cleo Bradshaw	Jo Lyday	Shannon Westin
Leigh Anderson Burdette	Shirley Matthews	Daniel Allen White
Carlos	Don May	David Ashley White
Jeff Carowitz	Penny Meitz	The Williams Family
Katie Courtney	Graham Norwood	Tonya Williams
Mike Collins	The Rev'd Liz Parker	Lewis Williams
Dan Cromack	Jane Richardson	Marie Woodward
Richard Fay	Bill Robertson	Audrey Worthing
David Furr	Don Robinson	Donna Yacoe
Michael Gamboa	The Ross Family	George Whittenburg
Brandon Hertz	Roxane Short	Maria Sobel
Patricia Hinojosa	The Smith Family	Elvi
Holman Family	Stephanie	Maria De Nazare

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

## Please pray for expectant households or families with newborns:

Ashley Elizabeth and Cory Condrey  
Ashley and Stephen Zatcoff  
The Stiver 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	Adam Salvati
Nathan Adam	Christopher Kent	Alex Swartz
Michael Anderson	James King	Matthew Van Arsdale
Gaston Baza	Mike Martinez	Ashley Waddle
Travis Chambers	Nate Miller	Alex Walker
Owen Green	Andrew Nesom	Taylor Wilby
John Harrison	Harrison Power	
Connor Hurt	Jim 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.*

For more information visit [palmerchurch.org/strategicplan](http://palmerchurch.org/strategicplan)

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