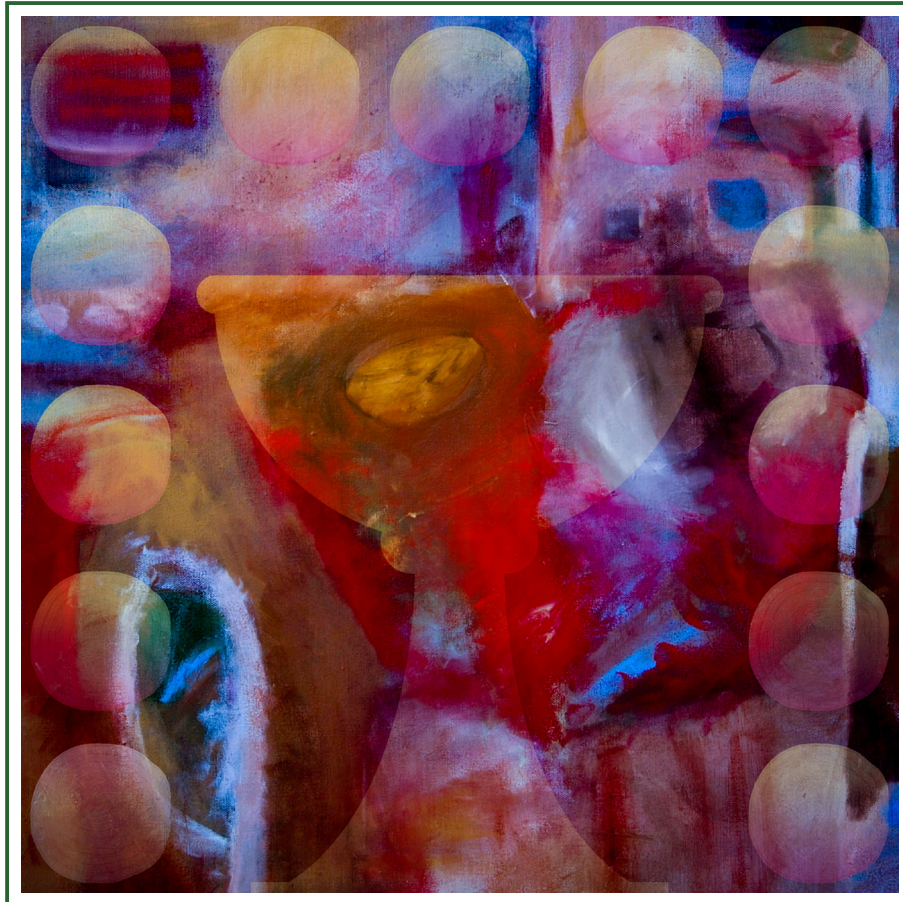


PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

*Bringing the peace of Jesus
to the whole world*



MAUNDY THURSDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
7:00 PM
APRIL 17, 2025

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Welcome to Palmer during Holy Week.

We are a community of Christians worshipping in the Episcopal tradition, which has its roots in the practices of the ancient Church. We are a congregation that values not only eternal answers but also important questions. You are surrounded by the love of Jesus here this evening. 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.

SEEKING BAPTISM

If you have never been baptized and desire to be immersed in grace and forgiveness as a follower of Jesus, please send an inquiry to info@palmerchurch.org. 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 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*

Dr. Brady Knapp, *Director of Music*

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

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

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

Sunkyung Smith, *Associate Organist*

David Ashley White, *Composer-in-Residence*

Will Parker, *Seminarian*

Courtney Daniell-Knapp, *Children's Choirs*

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THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 166 "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle"

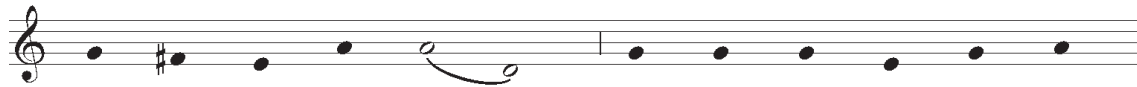
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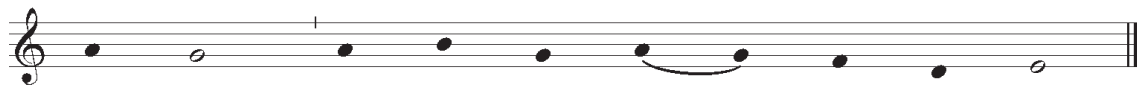
1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict
 2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -
 3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and
 4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble
 5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews
 *6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his
 2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and
 4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in
 5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy
 6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -
 2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est
 5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly
 6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.
 2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.
 5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.
 6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins:

People Whose mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

Plainchant

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The Sermon

Will Parker, *Seminarian*

The Washing of Feet

The Celebrant says

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward if you desire to participate in the washing of feet, that we may recall whose servants we are by following Jesus' example.

Please join the choir in singing the antiphon.

Antiphon

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now
leave with you; peace which the world can - not give, I give to you.

“Ubi caritas”

Taizé

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - fast mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.



Prayers of the People

- Reader* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For Donald, President of the United States, Greg, Governor of Texas, and John, Mayor of Houston, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For the City of Houston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially patients and those who care for them across the street in the Texas Medical Center, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Reader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Reader In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People **To thee, O Lord our God**

Silence is kept. Then the Celebrant add this concluding collect.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy for the love of him who laid down his life for us, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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.

Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant 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 using this QR code.



Offertory Anthem: *Ave verum corpus*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
 to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or remain standing.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

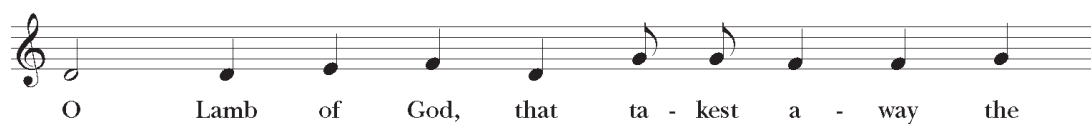
<i>Celebrant</i>	Our Father,
<i>People</i>	who art in heaven,
	hallowed be thy Name,
	thy kingdom come,
	thy will be done,
	on earth as it is in heaven.
	Give us this day our daily bread.
	And forgive us our trespasses,
	as we forgive those
	who trespass against us.
	And lead us not into temptation,
	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.

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-157)

Merbecke



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.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto
you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

Hymn 318 “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”

Nyack



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Hymn 327 "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Palmer Church

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
 2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
 3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
 4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
 5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people kneel or stand

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.

Procession of the Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

The Reserved Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose in St. Bede's Chapel until the Good Friday Liturgy at noon tomorrow, when communion from the Reserved Sacrament will be offered.

Hymn 171 "Go to dark Gethsemane"

Petra

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;
turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

After the hymn, the lights are dimmed, and silence is kept.

The People may either kneel or be seated.

Stripping of the Altar

The Stripping of the Altar, the removal of all ornaments, linens, and paraments, is an ancient custom of the Western Church on Maundy Thursday, symbolizing the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

During the stripping of the altar, silence is kept.

The ministers leave in silence. There is no blessing or dismissal during the Holy Three Days. The people may stay for prayer and meditation and leave when they desire. Because some people remain for prayer, all are asked to leave quietly.

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 17

8:00 PM All Night Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose in St. Bede's Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY | April 18

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy in the Church

1:15 PM Stations of the Cross in the Church

7:00 PM Good Friday Meditation with Organ Music and Readings in the Church

Palmer's Organist and Artist-in-Residence, Ken Cowan, will play Marcel Dupré's Le Chemin de la Croix (Stations of the Cross) on our Fisk organ. The poetry of Paul Claudel, read by Carol Streatfeild, will accompany the music.

HOLY SATURDAY | April 19

10:00 AM "Easter Grace Garden" Making and Holy Saturday Prayers in the Courtyard

Everything will be provided, but you may also bring a flowerpot or shallow dish to fill.

7:00 PM The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, Rite II, in the Church

This service will include hymns and anthems by the adult choir.

EASTER DAY | April 20 *Note the shift in times to accomodate extra guests.

9:00 AM The Second Eucharist of Easter, Rite II, in the Church

This service will include hymns and anthems by the adult choir.

11:00 AM The Third Eucharist of Easter, Rite I, in the Church

This service will include hymns and anthems by the adult choir.

Free parking will be available in the Memorial Hermann Medical Plaza parking garage located across Cambridge Street from the church at 6400 Fannin Street. Simply bring the ticket you receive when entering the parking garage to the Welcome Table at the front entrance of the church to validate it. Upon exiting the parking garage, if the ticket machine indicates that you owe a fee, press the cancel button, and then insert your validated parking ticket into the machine. The gate will go up right away. Again, if you need assistance, please notify a parking attendant by pressing the button on the ticket machine.

Free parking will also be available in the parking lot to the north of Palmer's campus on the morning of Easter Day. Free parking will also be available in the parking lot to the south of Palmer's campus, along the Palmer side of Main Street, and on the other side of Main Street at Rice University in the Founder's Court parking lot. For information about where the Founder's Court parking lot is located and how to take advantage of that offer, please use the following link to the Welcome Page on the church website, which also includes details about options for paid parking in the parking garages at Rice University's Cambridge Office Building and Memorial Hermann Medical Plaza: <https://palmerchurch.org/welcome/>

For more info visit palmerchurch.org/holyweek