



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

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

CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
9:00 AM  
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*Welcome to Palmer, where our mission is  
to know and share the love of Jesus Christ.*

We are a community of Christians 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 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, and we strongly encourage everyone to be up to date on vaccinations and boosters.

## MEDICAL CENTER GUESTS

If you or a family member are here for care at the Texas Medical Center, please stop let us know how we can support you while you are in Houston by stopping at the Welcome Tent on Main Street by the front doors of the Church or contacting 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.

## RECEIVING PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray for you, members of the Order of St. Luke will be available for that near the front doors after you receive communion or a blessing, or at the communion rail after the end 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*

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

Processional Hymn 665 "All my hope on God is founded"

*Michael*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
\*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins:

*People* Whose mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant invites those who are able to kneel and introduces the Decalogue saying*

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*The Celebrant reads the following sentence from scripture*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

*The Priest then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Then the Celebrant invites the people to stand.*

*Kyrie eleison (Hymnal S-96)*

Schubert

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;  
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
 O Lord, who could stand?  
 For there is forgiveness with you;  
 therefore you shall be feared.  
 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
 in his word is my hope.  
 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,  
 more than watchmen for the morning.  
 O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
 for with the Lord there is mercy;  
 With him there is plenteous redemption,  
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*During the 9:00 and 11:15 AM liturgies, 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 508 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

*Nova Vita*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Ryan Hawthorne, *Curate*



## The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* We believe in one God,  
*People* the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
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

- 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 Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor, our bishops, for Neil and Ryan, our priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader* For Joe, President of the United States, Greg, Governor of Texas, and Sylvester, 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, 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 you, O Lord our God.**

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

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

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](http://palmerchurch.org/give) or by texting the key word "Palmer" and the dollar amount (for example, Palmer 100) to 73256 or by using this QR code.*



Offertory Anthem: *O Savior of the world*

Harold Moore

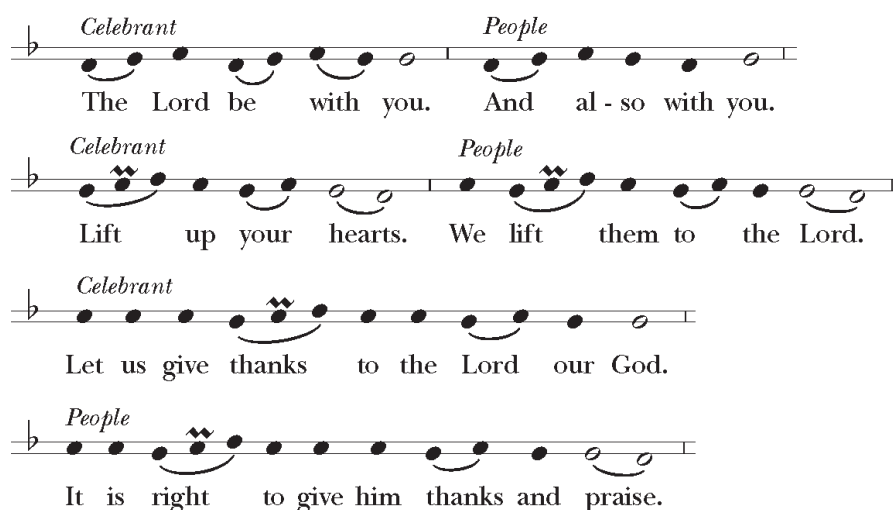
O Saviour of the World,  
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.  
Amen.

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



*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

**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,

<i>Celebrant</i>	Our Father,
<i>People</i>	<b>who art in heaven,</b>
	<b>hallowed be thy Name,</b>
	<b>thy kingdom come,</b>
	<b>thy will be done,</b>
	<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>
	<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>
	<b>And forgive us our trespasses,</b>
	<b>as we forgive those</b>
	<b>who trespass against us.</b>
	<b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>
	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
	<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>
	<b>and the power, and the glory,</b>
	<b>for ever and ever. Amen.</b>

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Agnus Dei S-164*

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Music

Anthem: *Tantum Ergo*, Op. 65, No. 2

Gabriel Fauré

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Præstet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.  
Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et Jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.*

Therefore, so greatly the Sacrament  
Let us venerate with heads bowed  
And let the old practice  
Give way to the new rite;  
Let faith provide a supplement  
For the failure of the senses.  
To the Begetter and the Begotten [both  
masculine gender],  
Be praise and jubilation,  
Hail, honour, virtue also,  
And blessing too:  
To the One proceeding from Both  
Let there be equal praise.  
Amen.

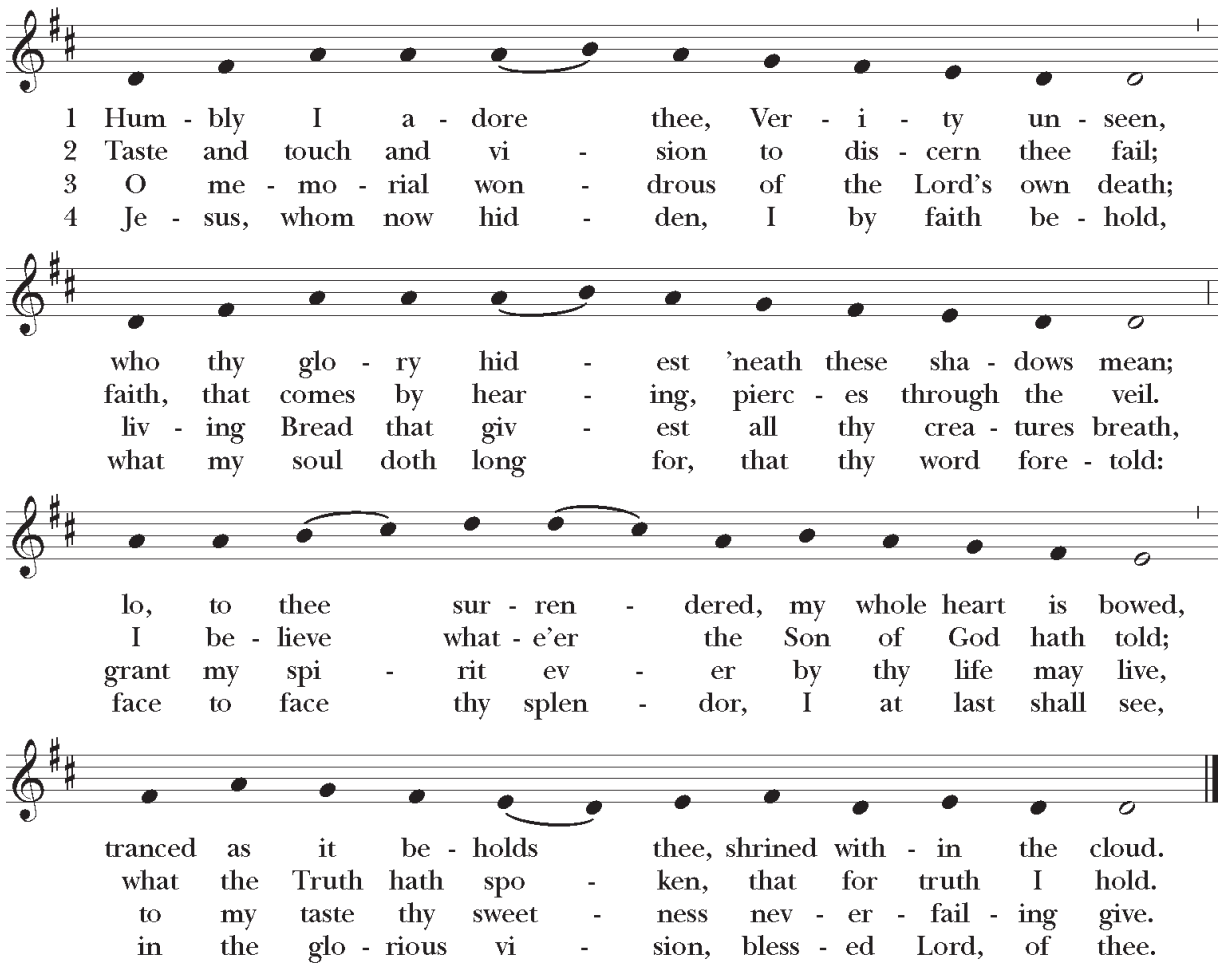
Anthem: *Crux fidelis*

Matthew Martin

Faithful cross, above all other,  
One and only noble tree:  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit thy peer may be.  
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,  
Sweetest weight is hung on thee!

Hymn 314 "Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen"

*Adoro devote*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.



Hymn 641 "Lord Jesus, think on me"

Southwell

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,  
 from harm - ful pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.  
 let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.  
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav - en - ly way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

*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.

*In lieu of a blessing, the celebrant says the following prayer and then dismisses the people.*

Unbind, most merciful God, your people from those things that keep them from going forth and allowing themselves and others to see your glory in the world. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 473 "Lift high the cross"

*Crucifer*

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

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till all the world a - dore\_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world\_\_\_\_\_ a - dore\_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Postlude: Suite No.1 IV Toccata

Florence Price



# TOGETHER, WE PRAY

## Please pray for these people:

Adeline Arning	Billy and Joy Huber	Samantha Schatte Mitchell
Georgia Barton	Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	The Rev'd Liz Parker
Brad	Jack	Lisa Powell
Jack Browns	David Jordan	Posey Raish
Danielle Cano-Dukas	Elizabeth, Jeff, William, James, and Christian King	Michael Rybarski
Katie Courtney	Jennifer Lewis	Kellie Shaffer
Dan Cromack	Jo Lyday	Mimi Thobae
Ruth Davies	Michelle Lynn	Spence Walton
Cynthia Everett	Jacob Lynn	Mimi & Kim Lopez-Waymer
Rodica Gonzalez	Gavin Marshall	Audray Worthing
Allison Gould	Paul Martin	Nolan, Adam and Hannah Zahradnik
Chun Harvey		

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:

The Zatcoff 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	

## Please pray for our congregation's strategic planning process called *Come. Be. Palmer.*

*Gracious God, as we accept the invitation to **Come. Be. Palmer.** and engage in strategic planning together, guide us in discerning your will for our congregation, that we may continue to share in the City of Houston the love of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

*The columbarium flowers are given by Alice Illian-Masquelette to the glory of God on the occasion of her father's 97th birthday March 27, 1926.*

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