

PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOUSTON, TEXAS

*Bringing the peace of Jesus
to the whole world*



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
EASTER DAY
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II
9:00 AM

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Welcome to Palmer on the Sunday of the Resurrection.

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 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*

The Rev'd Mary Reddick, *Deacon*

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

Roger Hutchison, *Director of Family Ministries
and Digital Storytelling*

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*

Free parking is available every Sunday across Cambridge Street from the church in the Memorial Hermann Medical Plaza parking garage (6400 Fannin Street), with entrances on both Fannin Street and Main Street. Palmer has purchased this convenient parking and absorbed the cost to provide it to parishioners and guests. Simply bring the ticket you receive when entering the parking garage to the Welcome Table by the front entrance of the church. Then validate your parking ticket by using a machine located on that table. If you do not receive a parking ticket, or happen to misplace your ticket, please notify a parking attendant by pressing the button on the ticket machine as you exit. 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.

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 175 "Hail thee, festival day!"

Salve festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for -

ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

king - dom of death. death.

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

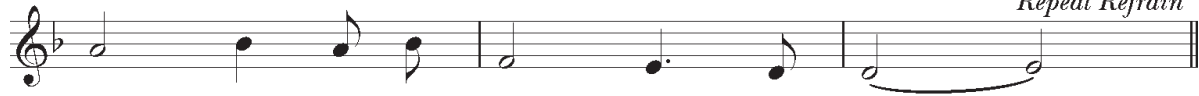
win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bid:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art



ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our



earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 -



hea - ven, 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 judg - ment 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.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Plainchant

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
“This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter.”
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 179 ““Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say” (vs. 1-3, 6)

Fortunatus

1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!” age to age shall say:
*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en-ning light,
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King;
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Neil Alan Willard, *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.

The Prayers of the People

Reader Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son; and now with grateful hearts, help us to remember the needs of the world and of your people.

Strengthen your holy Church, your bishops, priests, deacons and all who minister in your Name, that we may have glad hearts to serve, joyful words to proclaim your good news, and hope-filled spirits that reveal your glory in the world.

In your mercy,

People **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Reader Guide us, as your disciples, and all those baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, that we may work towards unity and walk always with Christ in newness of life.

In your mercy,

People **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Reader Open our hearts to your power and holy promptings, that we may be inspired to act and to reveal your glory in our love of all people and in the communities where we live and work.

In your mercy,

People **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Reader Restore our world to your image and guide our leaders in your ways, especially Donald, President of the United States, Greg, Governor of Texas, and John, Mayor of Houston, that where there is injustice, oppression, and war, there may there be healing, justice, and peace.

In your mercy,

People **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Reader Give your comfort, healing power, and new hope to those who are sick or suffering, especially patients and those who care for them across the street in the Texas Medical Center, to those who are grieving, and to those who are hungry or in any kind of adversity: may their tears be wiped away as they know the power and joy of Easter.

In your mercy,

People **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Reader Grant eternal rest to all those who have died, that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection.

In your mercy,

People **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

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

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken down the gates of hell for ever: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands before us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

During the Great 50 Days of Easter, Palmer follows the custom of omitting the Confession of Sin.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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.

Anthem: *When the Lord turned again*

Adrian Batten

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion:
then were we like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with joy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning and is now,
and ever shall be world without end. Amen

Then said they among the heathen:
the Lord hath done great things for them.
Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already,
Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us,
whereof we rejoice.

Anthem: *Carol of the Hill*

Stephen Paulus

On my ground with a crown of thorn,
He died for us who for us was born,
The tree flowered is cold and bare;
No songs, no singing anywhere;
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.

For you I shall wear a crown of trees,
And birds will sing from among their leaves,
For you I shall wear a crown of trees,
Now sing birds sing, from among your leaves;
O Jerusalem, Born again; O Jerusalem.

Second Adam Son of Man,
Into my earth your life's blood ran.
Now from this earth new trees will grow
With fruits, with flowers I swear it so.
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.

Hymn 180 "He is risen, he is risen"

Unser Herrscher
Descant: Knapp

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Hymn 178 "Jesus is Lord of all the earth"

Alleluia No. 1

Descant



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

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the



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



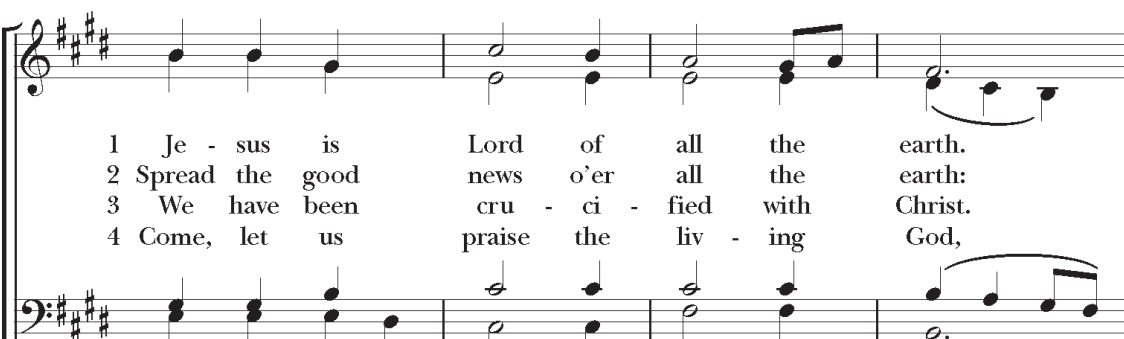
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4

Final Ending



Praise to his Name. Name.



Praise to his Name. Name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel.

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.

Now unto the one who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of divine glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. 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. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn 207 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn
Descant: Rutter

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

TOGETHER, WE PRAY

Please pray for these people:

Polly Allen
James Armstrong
Georgia Barton
Kim Bavousett
Roger Beebe
Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Leigh Anderson Burdette
Carlos
Jeff Carowitz
Katie Courtney
Mike Collins
Dan Cromack
Richard Fay
David Furr
Michael Gamboa
Brandon Hertz
Patricia Hinojosa
Holman Family
Steve Howard
Connie Hulin
Linda Ittner

The Lang Family
Jim Lober
Jo Lyday
Shirley Matthews
Don May
Terri McCauley
Penny Meitz
Graham Norwood
The Rev'd Liz Parker
Jane Richardsoan
Bill Robertson
Don Robinson
The Ross Family
Roxane Short
The Smith Family
Stephanie
Linda Sylvan
The Thomas Family
Bill Tilney
Eleanor Viebig
Fran Wallis

Shannon Westin
Daniel Allen White
David Ashley White
The Williams Family
Tonya Williams
Lewis Williams
Marie Woodward
Audrey Worthing
Donna Yacoe
George Whittenburg
Beth
Robert Brock Kraebel
Victoria Junek
Bob Watson
Sheila Ryan
Joe Gonzales
Luisa Tse Wing
For the departed:
Becky Vowell

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:

Ashley Elizabeth and Cory Condrey
Ashley and Stephen Zatzoff
The Stiver Family

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
Nathan Adam
Michael Anderson
Gaston Baza
Travis Chambers
Owen Green
John Harrison
Connor Hurt

Jarrett Johnson
Christopher Kent
James King
Mike Martinez
Nate Miller
Andrew Nesom
Harrison Power
Jim Rosenbach

Adam Salvati
Alex Swartz
Matthew Van Arsdale
Ashley Waddle
Alex Walker
Taylor Wilby

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.

DEDICATION

The high altar candles for Easter are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Lewis Chapman by Martha, Matthew, and Henry Chapman.