



PALMER MEMORIAL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
RITE II  
7:00 PM  
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# THE WORD OF GOD

## Blessings over the Food

*Over Bread* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Over Wine* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Over the Other Foods* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Officiant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

First Reading . . . . .Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

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. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading . . . . . John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev’d Liz Parker, *Associate Rector*

## **The Washing of Feet**

*The Officiant 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. We all need to remember his example.

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 the example of Jesus.

Hymn "So the day dawn"

*Wildridge / St. Charles, Queensborough Terrace*

So the day dawn for me,  
so the day break,  
Christ watching over me,  
Christ as I wake.

Be the day shine to me,  
be the day bright,  
Christ my companion be,  
Christ be my light.

Be the day dark to me,  
be the day drear,  
Christ shall my comfort be,  
Christ be my cheer.

Be the day swift to me,  
be the day long,  
Christ my contentment be,  
Christ be my song.

So the day close for me,  
so the night fall,  
Christ watching over me,  
Christ be my all.

Hymn "Are you weary of your burden"

*Wales*

Are you weary of your burden,  
are you sore distressed?  
Come to me, says Christ, and coming  
be at rest.

Has he marks that I may know him,  
and make him my guide?  
In his feet and hands are woundprints,  
and his side.

Is there diadem, as monarch,  
that his brow adorns?  
Surely, yet the crown upon him  
is of thorns.

If I find him, if I follow,  
what is given here?  
Many a sorrow, many a labor,  
many a tear.

If I still hold closely to him,  
what has he at last?  
Sorrow vanquished, labor ended,  
Jordan passed.

If I ask him to receive me,  
will he tell me no?  
Never, not if earth and heaven  
melt like snow.

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,  
is he sure to bless?  
Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs  
answer, Yes.

*The Officiant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, 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.**

## Prayers of the People

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor, for Neil, Liz, and David our priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, 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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the City of Houston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those across the street in the Texas Medical Center, for physicians and scientists, for nurses and technicians, for patients and their loved ones kept apart from them, for staff members whose work often goes unseen, and for public health experts during this global pandemic, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

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, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Stripping of the Prayer Tables

*Silence is kept as at-home prayer tables are stripped.*

*There is no blessing or dismissal. The people may pray and meditate at the close of the service.*

*Because some people may remain in prayer and meditation, all are asked to leave quietly.*

# TOGETHER, WE PRAY

## Please Pray for the Following Individuals

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.

Frederick Bear	Wayne Key	Roxane & Michael Short
Regina and Rodney Burns	David Lapp	Elena Sotomeyer
Randal Byrd	Amelia Leigh	Phyllis and Ed Svrcek
Carlos	Bob London	Catherine Thompson and Family
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Charlotte McClain	Mary Tobin
Elizabeth Chapin	Suzanne Miller	Donna Waldron
Penny Driggers	Duke, Dustin, & Meghan Mundorf	Lynda and Toye Watts
Richard Fay	Harry Powe	Mimi and Kim Lopez-Waymer
Bill Hass	Jennifer Rabb	Benjamin and Debbie Wheeler
Courtney, Peter, & Graham	Wendy Robertson	Sorell Williamson
Holcomb	Susan Shivers	

## Please Pray for Expectant Households

The Fender and Simmons (*International Adoption*) Families

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	Caleb Woodburn