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Holy Week & Easter

Holy Wednesday, April 1

7:00pm Holy Eucharist*

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00pm Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar*

9:00pm-8:00am Prayer Vigil

Good Friday, April 3

8:00am Stations of the Cross (walking downtown)

12:00pm Prayer Book Liturgy*

7:00pm Seven Last Words*

Nursery open 6:30pm-8:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

10:00am Prayer Book Liturgy

7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter (incense)*

Nursery open 7:00pm-10:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

8am: Holy Eucharist

9:15am: Breakfast

10:30am: Choral Eucharist with brass*

12pm Easter Egg Hunt

Nursery open 9am-12pm



***Denotes service will be available as a livestream on YouTube and Facebook**

Easter Breakfast Help Needed!



We're looking for a few helping hands to make our Easter breakfast run smoothly! We are currently short on servers and would greatly appreciate volunteers to assist in the Parish Hall between 9:00–10:00 a.m., helping to put out and clear plates from the serving tables.

If you're available, your time and support would make a big difference in creating a warm and welcoming experience for everyone. Thank you for considering!

Sexton Position



We are seeking a detail-oriented, reliable and hardworking individual with experience in facilities maintenance and security to lead a ministry of care at our historic church in downtown Colorado Springs. This role is ideal for someone who takes pride in stewardship, enjoys serving others, and can manage both the practical and relational aspects of church life.

If you know someone who might be interested, please refer them to the position description posted on our [website](#) for more details. Thank you!

Daughters of the King



Daughters of the King is a lay religious Order for women dedicated to a lifetime of Prayer, Evangelism and Service, aiming to strengthen their spiritual lives and support their church and community. For more information regarding this order, please email: [Marti O'Dell](#), [Linda Rowe](#), [Linda Thompson](#), or [Tere Arana](#).

Good Friday Offerings

All contributions received during the Good Friday services will be sent to the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This is a part of the Good Friday Offering collected by churches around The Episcopal Church. You can also give online at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering





Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for a festive Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. service! Children and families are invited to gather in the Memorial Garden at 12pm for this joyful tradition filled with colorful eggs and plenty of surprises. In case of inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the children's chapel.

We encourage children to bring their own baskets for collecting eggs, but we'll have extras on hand just in case. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of Easter together—we hope to see you there!

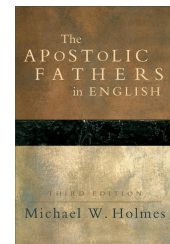


Men's Book Club

Apostolic Fathers

Wednesdays at 6pm, April 15 to June 3
Weir Conference Rm

As a complement to Men's Bible Study (which meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays), we are pleased to offer an eight-week Men's Book Club on Wednesdays. We will focus on Apostolic Fathers of the 1st and 2nd centuries AD. The Fathers either personally knew the first Apostles or their immediate successors and include Pope Saint Clement I, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, and Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. All provide essential insights into early Christianity. Many of us will read in English, but if inspired by Father Robert's Lenten exhortation to "friction max," you are most welcome to read in Greek.



To join and receive details on the specific book we are reading, please contact [Phil Hensel](#) or [Josh Vandiver](#) by April 8.

Altar Flowers to Easter Bouquets

Sharing Easter Joy Through Altar Flowers 🌸

This Easter, we have a wonderful opportunity to extend the beauty and joy of our celebration beyond Sunday morning. In years past, we've tried to preserve the altar flower arrangements through the following week, but they haven't always lasted as long as we'd hoped.

This year, we're trying something new...instead of keeping them on the Altar, we're sharing them with others. On the Monday following Easter, April 6, we would love if you could join us in Parish Hall at 12:30pm, as we create smaller bouquets to share with members of our community who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to join us in person.

To make this effort a success, we're looking for:

- Donations of small vases, jars, or containers to hold the arrangements - **cleaned and ready to fill!**
- Volunteers to help assemble bouquets on the day after Easter
- Volunteers to deliver flowers and brighten someone's day with a personal visit

This is a beautiful way to carry the spirit of Easter into the wider community and remind others that they are loved and remembered. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Amily by [email](#) or by calling (719) 792-3465.



National Faith + Climate Forum



Join us at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the 2026 National Faith + Climate Forum—registration is now open!

We're honored to serve as a host site on Saturday, April 25, in partnership with All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. As the only host site in Colorado Springs, we

welcome participants of all faiths to this inspiring day of learning and connection.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, author of *What If We Get It Right?* and a leading voice in climate action, justice, and community engagement.

With the theme "The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow," the forum invites us to explore how faith communities can lead with courage, compassion, and hope. Through workshops, conversations, and storytelling, we'll learn, connect, and spark meaningful action for a more sustainable and equitable world—whether you're new to this work or deeply engaged.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Location: Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 601 N. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs
- Light lunch, snacks, and beverages provided

Registration is free and easy:

Visit <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org>, choose "Attend in person at a designated host location," and select Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs.

We hope you'll join us for this meaningful and transformative day!

Adult Formation

We have some thought provoking Adult Formation offerings coming up in the next few months!

Wednesday Nights, 6-7pm

- April 15: Easter Iconography with Fr. Robert
- April 22: Military Chaplaincy and Just War with Rev. Katie
- April 29, May 6, 13 & 20: Exploring the Sunday Liturgy with Fr. Robert

Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15am

- April 12 & 19: Environmental Spirituality with Sr. Marcella
 - April 26: How the Church can support Individuals & Families with Special Needs with Nicole Hensel
 - May 3: Anglican Identity: History with Fr. Robert
 - May 10: Anglican Identity: The Prayer Book Tradition with Fr. Robert
 - May 17: Anglican Identity: Theological Foundations with Fr. Robert
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April Southwest Social Group



April Southwest Social Group Monday, April 13th at 6pm

We will be having our April Southwest Group gathering at the home of Lisa Jenks. Please contact [Anne Cook](#) for location and with any questions!

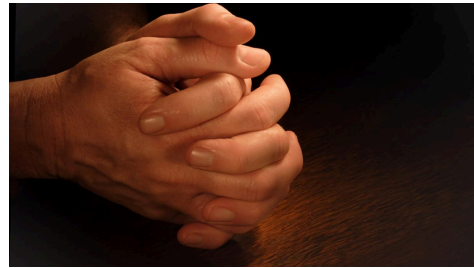
For the evening, we will be having spaghetti. To add to our yummy dinner please plan to bring a salad, dessert and/or wine. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 9th so I can let Lisa know how many people to plan for on that evening. Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Quarterly Prayer Workshop Gathering

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 1-4 PM
Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
Room 211

Are you called to pray with parishioners on Sunday morning? You may have noticed, or even stopped to pray with, a member of the Sunday Prayer Team in the St. Stephen Chapel, or by the Tower Door on your way back from taking communion. Praying with parishioners on Sunday during Communion is part of Pastoral Care at Grace and St. Stephen's. It's a ministry of the congregation, and you are invited to prayerfully consider joining us.



Father Robert describes this ministry as "a call and a gift". Ask anyone on the team and they will tell you that it is a joy to pray with and for others, and we are mutually blessed. We would like to offer this prayer ministry every Sunday during communion. Members of The Community of Hope, our pastoral care training & support program, are hosting a prayer workshop on **Saturday, April 11th from 1-4pm**. This is an opportunity to gather, learn more about this ministry, learn a bit about spontaneous prayer, and to discern if this is a ministry to which you are called. We'll have light snacks, drinks and fellowship. Please let us know if you will be joining us – even if you are not entirely sure that this is for you. We'd love to spend some time with you.

Please RSVP so that we can plan for refreshments, and also contact you in case of cancellation by emailing: [Cindy Page](#).

Prayer List

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Melissa Dunigan, Staci Fox, Barb Good, Maggi Johnson, Fr. Rich Munsell, Piper



Those in need of ongoing prayer: The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Nick H., John Hough, Annika Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Br. William Marion Page, Elizabeth Phillips, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Kitty Taylor, Carol Townsley, Jill

Wasinger, Pam White, Susan Willet, Henry Velandia, Alice, Jennifer, Nancy, Oliver & Family, Wes

Those in harm's way: Mark Jaskot, Frederich Jones, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tahyar, Thomas Ward, Nicholas Wolf

This Week's Happenings

Holy Wednesday 4/1

- **No Bible Study, St Nicholas Choir or Supper** this evening
- **Holy Wednesday Eucharist**, 7pm, Nave



Holy Thursday 4/2

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Weir Conference Room
- **Maundy Thursday Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar**, 7pm, Nave
- **Prayer Vigil**, 9pm-8am, St. Stephen's Chapel

Good Friday 4/3

- **Stations of the Cross**, 8am, Meet at Tower Door Entrance, walking downtown
- **Prayer Book Liturgy**, 12pm, Nave
- **Seven Last Words Liturgy**, 7pm, Nave, Nursery open 6:30-8pm

Holy Saturday 4/4

- *****No Men's Bible Study this week*****
- **Prayer Book Liturgy**, 10am, Nave
- **The Great Vigil of Easter** (incense present), 7:30pm, Nave, Nursery open 7-10pm

Easter Sunday 4/5

- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Breakfast**, 9:15am, Parish Hall
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist** (with brass), 10:30am, Nave
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, 12:00pm, Memorial Garden

Monday 4/6

- **Office Closed**
- **Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Tuesday 4/7

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Women's Book Club**, 10am, Blaik Library

Have Something to Share?

Grace Notes, our weekly parish newsletter, is one of the ways we stay connected, share stories, and celebrate the life of Grace & St. Stephen's—and we'd love your help shaping it.

If you have something on your heart or a story you'd like to share, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Submissions of all kinds are welcome, whether polished or still taking shape. Please send your contributions to our [newsletter email](#) by 5pm on



Tuesday for inclusion in the newsletter the following day. Thank you for being part of what makes this parish so vibrant and alive!

Ways to Give

Grace and St. Stephen's offers several easy ways to contribute.

- The ushers pass the plate at each service for your convenience.
- You can also donate on the website [here](#).
- **Text GSS to 73256**, followed by your gift amount, e.g. GSS 25 (e.g. to give \$25). You will receive a return link from the system. Follow the instructions from there.

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