

Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Noisy Sunday collection at both services, benefitting One Nation Walking Together
- Nursery Available, 9am-12pm, Nursery
- Adult Formation: 'The Voice of My Beloved': Reading the Song of Songs Across Centuries, 9:15am, Rm 211
- Sunday School, 10:15am, Lower Level
- Youth Group, 12pm, Youth Rm
- Sandwich Sunday, 12pm, Taft Hall

This Week at Grace and St. Stephen's

Mon. Mar. 16 Noonday Prayer with Anglican Rosary, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Tues. Mar. 17 Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook
Women's Book Club, 10am, Blaik Library

Wed. Mar. 18 Holy Eucharist, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
Communal Supper, 5:30pm & Lenten Study, 6pm, Parish Hall
Wednesday Night Children's Lenten Series, 6pm, Children's Chapel
St. Nicholas Choir, Music Theory, 5pm, Rehearsal, 6pm, Music Rm

Thur. Mar. 19 Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook
Centering Prayer, 11am, Weir Conference Rm
Prayer Shawl Ministry. 4pm, Blaik Library

Fri. Mar. 20 Chanted Noonday Prayer, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Sat. Mar 21 Men's Bible Study, 8am, Weir Conference Rm
Columbia Elementary Easter Egg Hunt, 12pm, Parish Hall

Looking Ahead

Sat. Mar. 21 Iconography Class, 9am-5pm, Weir Conference Rm

Sat. Mar. 28 Spring Cleaning at the Church, 9am-12pm, Nave

For full schedule and details about Holy Week this year,
please visit our website: www.gssepiscopal.org/easter-2026



For more information on all programs here at Grace and St. Stephen's, please visit www.gssepiscopal.org

We pray for

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Ted Arnn, Shane Burns, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Annika Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Br William Marion Page, Mary Paul, Kitty Taylor, Henry Velandia, Piper

Those in need of ongoing prayer: The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Lee Ehrhart, Mary Ellis, Nick H., John Hough, Maggi Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, Luden McLord, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Elizabeth Phillips, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Carol Townsley, Jill Wasinger, Susan Willet, Pete Zobenica, Alice, Ericka, Jennifer, Nancy, Oliver & Family, Wes

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

Birthdays: Anna Johnson, Maria Estevez-O'Connell, Theodore Davis, Tom Wilcox, Gretchen Wolf, Eric Esterle, Sonia Urban, Andy Maverick

Anniversaries: Luke Stephens & Stephanie Sparks

This Week in Scripture

THE COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

[1 SAMUEL 16:1-13]

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

PSALM 23

Book of Common Prayer, 612

THE EPISTLE

[EPHESIANS 5:8-14]

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

THE GOSPEL

[JOHN 9:1-41]

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."



Over the next few weeks our insert will be a bit longer to accommodate the longer scripture readings during Lent. Please see the back side of this insert for the full list of services during Holy Week 2026.

Easter Memorial & Honor Offerings

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, you are invited to make a contribution in memory of someone dear or in honor of someone you cherish. These gifts are a beautiful expression of love, gratitude, and hope, and will be acknowledged in our Easter worship bulletin. Offerings can be made online or by check. Please include memorial or in honor message in the memo field. Gifts must be made by March 27, 2026 in order to be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To give online to the Easter Memorial & Honor Fund,
please visit: www.gssepiscopal.org/give



Holy Week & Easter at Grace & St. Stephen's



Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist*

Holy Monday, March 30

7:00pm Holy Eucharist*

Holy Tuesday, March 31

7:00pm Holy Eucharist*

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 (with hymns)
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.



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