

St. Stephen's

Episcopal Church
2750 Cardinal Dr., Sierra
Vista

Called to Love and Serve

Holy Week Schedule of Services:

Palm Sunday
24 March 2024 10am

Wednesday of Holy Week
27 March 2024 6pm

Maundy Thursday
28 March 2024 6pm

Good Friday
29 March 2024 6pm

Holy Saturday
30 March 2024 5pm

Easter Sunday
31 March 2024 10am

Easter Brunch
31 March 2024 11am

Holy Week – The last week of Jesus' life on earth.

Palm Sunday 10 am:

We celebrate on Palm Sunday Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosana!" and "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" We receive palm fronds and crosses as a reminder of his victorious recognition as the Messiah by his followers. However, the story moves quickly to his exit from the city to Calvary and his crucifixion.

Wednesday of Holy Week 6pm:

Join us as we retrace the steps of Jesus along the via Delarosa - The way of the cross - as we read aloud the "Stations of Hope". This pilgrimage from station to station of Jesus' journey to his death carrying his cross, his crucifixion, and death invite us

to reflect on what Jesus' last steps mean for us and our own pilgrimage on the earth.

Maundy Thursday 6pm:

Jesus' last supper and washing of his followers' feet. Jesus gives us a last commandment: to love one another as Jesus loves us. He washes feet to show his love and devotion for us and asks that we would do the same for one another. Come and let us wash your feet, then turn and wash another's feet following Christ's example. We close with stripping the altar/ sanctuary in silence in preparation for Good Friday

Good Friday 6pm:

A service reflecting on the last seven utterances of Christ from the Cross:

- Father, forgive them; they don't know what they are doing.
- Today you will be with me in paradise.
- Dear woman, here is your son; and (to the disciple) here is your mother.
- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- I thirst.
- It is finished.
- Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

We spend some time near the cross, leaving at Jesus' feet our own sorrows, guilt, and shame for the things we do or fail to do in life... We ask God to forgive us and renew a right spirit within us.

Holy Saturday 5pm:

We recall Jesus laying in the tomb, his soul freed from suffering, reunited with God, perhaps traveling among the lost souls of the dead to bring them to wholeness and healing and peace in the Father's everlasting kingdom... The disciples mourning and huddled together wondering if they are next, wondering if their lives are about to be ended too. Jesus' friends and followers wondering what does it all mean?

Easter Sunday 10am:

"He is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed!" We rejoice to celebrate that Jesus shows himself to his followers alive! There is hope and joy and love and reconciliation and exuberance in the discovery that Jesus lives and we too shall live an eternal life.

Easter Brunch 11am:

Feast with us as we continue the celebration of all that is good in this life and in the anticipated life to come with Christ and all our loved-ones who ascended before us. We share together in a potluck Easter Brunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall following our worship service.

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Office hours:

Tuesday 9am – 2pm

Wednesday 11am – 4 pm

Thursday 9am – 2 pm