

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the HEAVENLY REST

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## LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Exploring Spiritual Treasure** - Holy Week is upon us! Holy Week is possibly the most meaningful week of the Christian year as we walk toward the cross and glorious resurrection of our Lord. This Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, Fr. David will bring a special presentation of "None other than the way of life and peace." - An Introduction to the Liturgies of Holy Week. This presentation promises to be a beautiful introduction to each day of the week. You will not want to miss it! Breakfast is at 9:00, Fr. David will begin at 9:15. Bring a friend!

**Coffee Talks** - The Coffee Talks Sunday school class meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Gen von Ende room. Participants watch a carefully selected video followed by a discussion. Video topics are diverse, but inevitably lead to rich conversations about authentic and intellectually honest Christian living. These conversations are typically facilitated by Mark Waters, with a variety of other facilitators when Mark is away. We invite anyone aged 18 or older. The intergenerational nature of the group adds to the variety, insight, and depth of the interactions. To date, participant ages have ranged broadly from 19 to early 80's.

**Downtown Stations of the Cross** - All ages are welcome to take part in the Station of the Cross prayer service in downtown Abilene on Friday, April 18, at 5 pm. We will meet in the parking lot of St. Paul United Methodist Church (525 Beech Street). It's an opportunity to join our downtown church friends from First Central Presbyterian and St. Paul United Methodist Church as we trace Jesus's path of the cross on Good Friday. Invite your friends for this unforgettable experience. Contact Father David at [dromanik@heavenlyrestabilene.org](mailto:dromanik@heavenlyrestabilene.org) for more information.

**Easter Egg Hunt Needs** - On Easter Sunday at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm we will have our annual egg hunts for our morning and afternoon congregations. We fill about 1500 eggs, so that each child may get 10-12. We need stickers, small toys, and other items that will fit in the eggs, in addition to individually wrapped candy. (Please, NO CHOCOLATE, since the weather is often quite warm on Easter.) There is a box in the Cloister for donations. We do NOT need eggs or cartons this year, since most were turned back in last year - YAY!

**Vacation Bible School, June 2-4** - Family Vacation Bible School for all ages, children through adults, is scheduled for June 2-4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our team is planning Scripture, Bible stories, recreation, crafts, snacks, music, and more for the whole family to enjoy together alongside other families. Registration is now open for families, groups, and helpers. For more information and to register, use the QR code or go to <https://heavenlyrestabilene.churchcenter.com/registrations>. Questions? Contact Carol Ann at [cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org](mailto:cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org) or Amanda Harbaugh at [astokes414@gmail.com](mailto:astokes414@gmail.com).

**Anniversary Blessings, April 27** - Anniversary blessings for the month of April have been moved to Sunday, April 27.



## PRAYERS

### THANKSGIVINGS

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Amanda Harbaugh, Ann Hollandsworth, Thomas Madrid, Deanna Thomas, Kymberlee Williams

### INTERCESSIONS

Barbara Morris, CJ Smothermon, Lynn Boyd, Trey Blackmore, Mary Elizabeth Snelson, Jerry Gulley, Evelyn Niblo, Rusty Plocheck, Hubert Smith, Barbara Brock, Freddie Maxwell, Eugene Ritter, Cynthia Akin, Jeff Holland, Jeannie and John Best, Kathy Hale, Fred Ostrow, Anne Melcher, Glen Messemer, Barbara Edwards, Pete Mendez, Freda Kennedy, Gretchen Herman, Ron Rathbun, BJ Madrid, Lynn Boyd, Bill Thompson, Hunter Thomas, Scott Riedel, Scooter Hall, Mary Self, Marisa Alonso, Gary and Debbie West, Charles Fairchilds, Alan Sweeton, Peggy Valentine, Tessa & Elena, Larry and Leta Bell, John Davison, Fabiola Mulanda, Chris Thomas, Andrew Hubbard, Bob and Susan Miller, Cathy Hautala, Doug Lampkin, Keith Boyd, Jeffy Herman, Daron Brown, Christopher Choate, Tommy Lindley, Shane Jones, Amanda Sellers, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alembo, Zach Hackel

**For deployed military and first responders:** Sam Choate, Michael Paisley, David Broyles, Jr., Health Care Workers, Members of the Abilene Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

**For the recently departed:** Mary Lou Robertson, Eugene Ritter, Janet Jergins



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# Holy Week

April 13th - April 20th

**4/13/2025**

## **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. - Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist (service begins in the Courtyard)

1:00 p.m. - Worship in Swahili

**4/14/2025**

## **Monday in Holy Week**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

*Lunch served after the service in Gerhart Hall. A to-go option will be available.*

**4/15/2025**

## **Tuesday in Holy Week**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

*Lunch served after the service in Gerhart Hall. A to-go option will be available.*

**4/16/2025**

## **Wednesday in Holy Week**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

*Lunch served after the service in Gerhart Hall. A to-go option will be available.*

6:00 p.m. - Agape Supper and Holy Week Experience (Gerhart Hall and Nave)

**4/17/2025**

## **Maundy Thursday**

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar

*The Nave will remain open for meditation and prayer until midnight.*

**4/18/2025**

## **Good Friday**

8:30 a.m. - Liturgy of Good Friday with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

12:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Veneration of the Cross

5:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Downtown Abilene - service begins at St. Paul United Methodist Church)

**4/19/2025**

## **Holy Saturday**

8:30 a.m. - Holy Saturday Liturgy

8:00 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter (service begins in the Courtyard)

**4/20/2025**

## **Easter Day**

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

9:15 a.m. - Easter Brunch (Gerhart Hall)

10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt (Playground and East Lawn)

10:30 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist with Flowering of the Cross

1:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist in Swahili with Flowering of the Cross

3:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt (Playground and East Lawn)

*Unless otherwise noted, all Holy Week services will take place in the Nave.*



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