

# Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church



*The Three Women at the tomb* Duccio di Buoninsegna 1308-11  
Tempera on wood Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena

***Easter I, April 19, 2009***

St. Stephen's is a traditional Anglican presence in Athens, Texas witnessing God's love through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS LET US INCLUDE

### The Catholic Church and all Anglicans

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

### Our parish

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servants gone before who laid a firm foundation for the growth of thy Church here in Athens. Renew in us the gifts of thy mercy; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlighten our understanding, enlarge our charity, and make us ready to serve thee. Raise up, we beseech thee, others in our midst, that our parish of thy Church may grow and prosper to proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Those serving in our nation's armed forces

**O** LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*

### Our nation and our world

**O** LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we live in disturbing days. Throughout the world prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Lord God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive thy gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found. We especially commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to The President of the United States, the Governor of our state and to all in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.**

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Especially

Diocese of Missouri Valley      **St. George, Bentonville, AR**

**St. Luke, Colorado Springs, CO**

**St. Francis, Estes Park, CO**

**St. Clare, Longmont, CO**

**St. John, Quincy, IL**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago IL**

TAC      **Nippon Kinsuto Sei Ko Kai (Japan)**

**Anglican Catholic Church of Australia**

**Church of Torres Strait**

ALL Religious Orders...Especially

**The Order of St. Augustine**

**St. Benedict's Abbey**

WE beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Especially

**Barack, our President**

**Rick, our Governor**

**The Legislatures and Courts of our land.**

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. Especially

**Stephen, Missouri Valley**

**Jack of Fort Worth**

**Louis, Anglican Church in America**

**James of Dallas**

**John, Traditional Anglican Communion**

**Kirill of Moscow**

**John-David of San Joachin**

**Ignatius of Antioch**

**Robert of Pittsburgh**

**Rowan of Canterbury**

**Bartholomew of Constantinople**

**Benedict of Rome**

AND to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Especially

**Anne Cromwell**

**Elmer, Gina & Russell Byrum**

**Robert & Mary Corder**

**Yvonne Crumpton**

**Vicki Epps**

**The HAIMES family**

**Christian Hancock**

**Hazel Hunt**

**Cheryl Freudenrich**

**The HURT Family**

Those in the Military

**John**

**AJ**

**Richard**

**Jerry+**

**Bill**

**Courtney**

**Tracey Sue**

**Samantha**

**Lauren**

**Sharon**

**Tim**

**Robert**

**TJ**

**Charlie**

**Simone**

**Jared**

**Ralph**

**Dallas**

**Joe**

**Jerry L.**

**Justin**

**Our troops in harms way, their leaders and their families.**

AND we most humbly beseech thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Especially

**Rialann**

**Walter**

**Ann & Marshall**

**Diana, Don, Ann**

**John**

**The Jerry Irvin family**

**Anne**

**Nola Robertson & family**

**Valerie**

**The HOWARD Family**

**Chuck & Sr. Mary Anne**

**Linda & Family**

**Fr. Richard & Marsha**

**Fr. Vincent & Fr. Joseph**

**Fr. Mack**

**Sr. Mary Michael**

**Joseph**

**Elizabeth**

**Ed & Margaret**

**Galen & Michelle**

**Caitlyn & Aiden**

**Vicki Haimes**

**Katy**

**Karen**

**Vern**

**Sandy & Family**

**Jenny**

**Alecia & Family**

**Melvin**

**Lorraine**

**Miriam & Family**

**Shirley Anne**

**Frances**

**The Holt Family**

**Sr. Emily Ann**

**Camille & James**

**Kris**

**Fr. Walter Wilson**

**Pam**

**Gladys**

**Luke**

**Raymond**

AND we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Especially **Dwayne Hurt**

**Wilfred Armstrong**

**Mary Tarrance**

**Olivia Harris**

**Bob Hardin+**

**James Kirby**

**David Thompson**

**John Updike**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord.* (Psalm 122:1)

All of us at St. Stephen's are so glad to see familiar faces and those who are visiting with us today. Welcome to the Lord's House! We pray you'll feel instantly at home in the warm and personal fellowship of our Risen Lord here in St. Stephen's and will return to share with us again, soon.

Our parish, part of the Anglican Church in America, is a traditional church, worshipping in the ancient fashion passed down to us directly from our Faith's earliest beginnings over 20 centuries ago. We worship our Lord using Anglican liturgy. Beautiful and Scriptural, its simple elegance comes to us from the worship used originally by the Hebrews in the temple and developed by the undivided church for some 15 centuries.

Our Book of Common Prayer, the basis of our worship, was translated and arranged by Anglican divines some four and a half centuries ago. Well over 72 million Anglicans are worshipping in like fashion all over the world. We pray it blesses you!

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**OUR MINISTERS are** All Baptized Christians at St. Stephen's including  
Mr. Kenneth Nash, Esq., Director of Music and Sr. Warden  
Mr. Christian Hancock, Jr. Warden  
Ms. Cecelia Holland Kling, RN, GNP, Parish Nurse and Treasurer  
Ms. Yvonne Crumpton, Director of Outreach Ministry and Clerk of Parish  
Ms. Gina Byrum, Director of Communication  
Ms. Patricia Rainwater, Altar Guild Director  
Mr. Briton Tarrance, Sacristan and Web Administrator  
Sr. Monica, F/OSA, Parish Administrator  
Mr. AJ & Dawn Kirby, Sextons  
Father Jerry C. Pardue, MDiv., Rector  
The Very Rev. Clayton Holland, Dean of the Southwestern Deanery  
The Rt. Rev. Stephen Strawn, Bishop, Diocese of the Missouri Valley  
The Most Rev. Louis Falk, President Bishop, Anglican Church America  
The Most Rev. John Hepworth, Primate, Traditional Anglican Communion

### ***April Birthdays***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Christian Hancock 4<sup>th</sup> Sandy Thomas  
5<sup>th</sup> Ken Nash 21<sup>st</sup> Jared Strawn**

## **Easter Lilies are given to the glory of God and His holy church by**

DiAnn Bartholow In memory of Richard Bartholow,

Yvonne Crumpton In Memory of her departed sisters  
Lorene Dick, Loucille Shelton, Wanda Strain,  
Katherine Schexnayder, and Maudie Thompson

Vicki Epps In Memory of Robert & Elizabeth Davis,  
Garnett & Freddie Epps and All Our Members gone before us  
In Honor of Fr. Vincent Anthony, OSA, Fr. Jerry C. Pardue,  
Ken Nash and John & Sam Epps  
In Thanksgiving for the Life and Death of  
Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Christian Hancock In Memory of Josiah & Bill

AJ and Dawn Kirby In Memory of James Kirby

Vern and Cele Kling In Memory of their brothers and sisters  
Arlene, Barbara, Catherine, Clifford and Jean

Sr. Mary Michael In Memory of her father, The Ven. Archdeacon  
Sydney R. Pratt, her mother Irene, her brothers,  
the Rev. Frs. Sydney W. Pratt and John R. Pratt  
and her husband, W. Frank Reum

Vernon and Patty Rainwater In memory of Harless,  
Lucille, Alvis, Dee, Doris, and Shelia  
In thanksgiving for Misty, Travis, Jared,  
Patrick, Vernon, Patty, Edwina and Kehyler

Margaret and Briton Tarrence In Memory of  
Delha Melany Craddock and Mary Tarrence

The Rector In Memory of Jesse Galloway, Dee Plotz,  
Lucille Strawn, Richard & Jewel Doty,  
Richard Bartholow, Olivia Harris, Jean Heiskel,  
David Thompson and Bobbie Nan Bennett

# Easter, April 12, 2009

8 am Low Mass

12 noon Prayer Book Holy Communion

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY		BCP	179
THE EPISTLE	St John 5:4	BCP	179
THE GOSPEL	St John 20:19	BCP	180

10:00 am MORNING PRAYER

Christ Our Passover Easter Canticle in place of the Venite  
 Psalm: 103 BCP 466  
 Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-12  
 Canticle: *Benedictus*

SUNG MASS

Welcome Bishop Stephen Strawn

PRELUDE : *Introductory Voluntary* Francis Linley  
 PROCESSIONAL HYMN insert (King's Weston)

1 "Wel-come, hap-py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:  
 2 Earth her joy con-fess-es, cloth-ing her for spring,  
 3 Months in due suc-ces-sion, days of length-nung light,  
 4 Ma-ker and Ra-dee-mer, life and health of all,

Hell to-day is van-quished, heav'n is won to-day!  
 All fresh gifts re-turned with her re-turn-ing King:  
 Hours and pas-sing mo-ments praise thee in their flight,  
 Thou from heav'n be-hold-ing hu-man ra-ture's fall,

Lo! the dead is liv-ing God for ev-er-more!  
 Bloom in ev-ry mea-dow, leaves on ev-ry bough,  
 Bright-ness of the mor-ning, sky and fields and sea,  
 Of the Fa-ther's God-head true and on-ly Son,

Him, their true Cre-a-tor, all his works a-dore!  
 Speak his sor-row and-ed, hail his tri-ump now,  
 Van-quist-er of dark-ness, bring their praise to thee,  
 Man-hood to de-li-ver, man-hood didst put on.

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SEQUENCE HYMN 96 (Ellacombe)  
*The Day of Resurrection*  
 OFFERTORY HYMN 98 (Puer nobis) *That Easter Day*  
 If you're visiting us please place a visitor card in the offering plate.  
 We are pleased and blessed you are worshipping with us!  
 COMMUNION HYMN 99 (O filii et filiae)  
*O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing*  
 RECESSIONAL HYMN 89 (Salzburg)  
*At the Lambs High Feast*

~~~~~NEXT SUNDAY'S HYMNS~~~~~  
 PRO # 247 (Sicilian Mariners) *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
 SEQ # 450 (Martyrdom) *As Pants the Hart*  
 OFF # 279 (Praise to the Lord) *Praise to the Lord*  
 COM # 345 (St. Columba) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
 REC # 431 (Nyland) *In Heavenly Love Abiding*

**THIS PARISH IS NOT ENDOWED**, but depends entirely upon our tithes and offerings to the glory of God. We pray those presently not doing so will come to know the great blessing of offering the Biblical Tithes (10%) of our time, talent, and treasure.

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| TOTAL INCOME          | \$ 13,527.37 |
| DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE | 13,451.20    |

*All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*  
 1 Chronicles xxix. 14.