



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JULY 15, 2015

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:15 and 6:00 PM

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:45 AM

The Vestry

Ginger Paul, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Becky Snodgrass, Secretary
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
Please send to
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A Pastoral Letter from Our Bishop Monday, July 6, 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

On June 26 the Supreme Court ruled that the right to enter into a civil marriage applies equally to everyone: opposite-sex and same-sex couples. At our General Convention the Episcopal Church authorized trial rites that may be used for same-sex couples.

Reactions to the Court's ruling and the General Convention's actions range from jubilation to outrage. There has been no shortage of news stories, blog posts, and social media comments on the subject. Unfortunately, much of this talk has resulted in more confusion than clarity. Some commentators seem more interested in fueling anger than in providing clear, rational explanations.

One effective way to get at the truth and regain emotional self-control is to ask a clear question. That question is this: What do the Supreme Court ruling and the actions of General Convention mean in the Diocese of Western Louisiana?

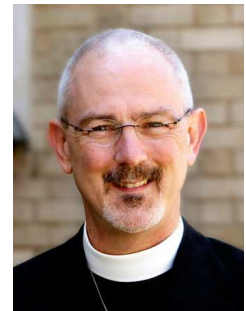


We are a majority-traditionalist diocese. And we are also a gracious diocese. There is a place at the table for minority points of view. No congregation, no priest, will ever be forced to perform same-sex marriages. However, we recognize an array of opinions about marriage and make a space for progressive voices.

Before the Supreme Court ruled and the General Convention voted, two of our congregations requested permission to use trial liturgies for same-sex blessings. I granted that permission with the clear understanding that there is no expectation of any other congregation to do so.

Just as I have asked traditionalists to respect the brothers and sisters with whom they may disagree, I have urged our progressive congregations to embody that same respect. Staying together in disagreement is difficult work. But it is holy work.

Bishop Jake



General Convention provided liturgies and made canonical changes to make it possible for progressive congregations to perform same-sex marriage and for traditionalist congregations to refrain from doing so. The canon we passed contains the provision that no clergy person can be coerced to preside at a same-sex marriage.

At the same time, the new canon requires that each bishop make some provision for access to these liturgies for couples seeking them. The congregations that already have permission to make use of the previous trial liturgies have permission to use the newly authorized ones. So, as a diocese we are in compliance with canon law, and no additional congregations are required to make use of these liturgies.

We do not all agree. Living together amid our differences is our vocation. We are one in our belief in the risen Christ and in the Triune God. On these two doctrines we do not and cannot waver. However, there are matters—weighty matters—on which we can disagree while retaining our unity.

The House of Bishops recognized this. As a result, we issued a Mind of the House resolution. In that resolution we acknowledged our love and respect for one another in our differences. We stated clearly our need for one another and urged that we all move forward together in the one Christ.

I urge us in Western Louisiana to yield to that same spirit. The Holy Spirit is guiding us through a season of sometimes turbulent social and cultural changes. By his guidance we are groping our way forward. Together.

As we move forward together, stay focused on Jesus. It is he that binds us together. His love for us and our love for him binds us together into a communion not of our own choosing.

I will close by reminding you how deeply I love you and how grateful I am to serve as your bishop. Let's use this time of differences as an opportunity to show the world what real love looks like. Let's embrace each other and move forward together. The world will know that we are Christians by our love.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD
IV Bishop of Western Louisiana

The Bible has been used as a way of making us accept our situation, and not to bring enlightenment to the poor.

Rigoberta Menchú

THURSDAY LUNCH AT HOPE HOUSE: Being able regularly to serve lunch on Thursdays is a great addition to the Hope House week! It would be wonderful to have Holy Cross members volunteer to do that. Please volunteer to bring a very large casserole-type dish to serve forty to sixty people. Here are some examples of meals:

- Spaghetti with meat sauce and Parmesan cheese
- Red beans, rice, cornbread
- Tuna-noodle casserole
- Cold cuts, sliced cheese, mayo, mustard, pickles, bread
- Chips, cookies, or any other meal of your choice

Jugs of iced tea or other beverages are optional but always welcome. Hope House supplies plates, cups, napkins, plastic flatware, and water.

Meals can be taken to Hope House early Thursday mornings, or possibly even the day before. Call House Manager Donna Earnest at 318-220-7649 to make arrangements.

SUCH LUNCH MEALS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY HOPE HOUSE CLIENTS!

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 19

*Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

(*Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*) Two fundamental questions emerge from the welter of global religious striving: (1) How does your God view the world?—the basic theological question; and (2) How does your God ask you to view the world?—the basic ethical question. . . . This passage of Scripture contains, in its briefest and most contextually pertinent form, the answer that Christians give—or ought to give!—to this two-sided question. It is stated with extraordinary forthrightness in one key verse: “he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd” (v 34). The term “compassion” is explicitly used of Jesus’ attitude toward human beings in at least eight Gospel references, and it is implicit in the entire witness to his life, including his healing ministry that is prominent also in this text. Since for Christians Jesus, supremely, is revelatory of God and indeed God’s unique representative in history, compassion must be said to be of that essence of the One who created us and before whom all life is lived.

Douglas John Hall

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 26

*2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21*

(*2 Kings 4:42-44*) What we fail to see is that Elisha is being prudent as well [as extravagant]. He too is carefully measuring the resources before him when he instructs the servant to feed one hundred people with twenty loaves. He views another element in the equation that we often overlook. Elisha is able to recognize the presence and will of God as a resource upon which we can draw to respond to the needs of the people of God. Of course it is a specific gift of the prophet to see when and where God’s blessing will come to bear. But we are challenged to put on the eyes of the prophet. We are called to reach beyond the common sense measurements of the world. We are given the opportunity to recognize how God’s abundant blessings are at work in the world, or could be, and how we can participate in them. If we bring our first fruits before the Lord, recognize the needs of the people, and keep a close watch on God’s movements in our midst, who knows what will happen? God’s abundant blessings just might burst in upon us, bringing more before us than we ever previously imagined possible.

Douglas T. King

Calendar for Summer

Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)	12:15 PM	Chapel
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM	Hope House Back Yard
	<i>Yum-Yum, La-La, Doodle</i>	11:30 AM	Undercroft, Educ. Bldg.
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Practice	9:45 AM	Church
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Church
Sunday, August 2	<i>The Continuing Feast*</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft

***Please see notice on last page**

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Margaret Boudreaux
Charlie Campbell
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Lady Martha Garner

Austin Gleason
Elizabeth Joyce
George Love
Mim McCoy
Paige McCranie
Betty McDonald
Anna Philen
Laura Rhoades
Brady Sessions
Sandra Robinson
Lonnie Smith

Jack Theurerkauf
Gary Thomas
Jane Thompson
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Charlotte Webb
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

If you would like to request an addition to the prayer list, please call the church office, 222-3325. Our practice is to keep names on the list for six weeks. If we have an update at that time that we continue to pray for them, we leave the name on the list. If not, we remove it, and you can always call and add it again.

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Philadelphia Center;
for all who are homeless or hungry; for the people of Mexico, the Middle East and Ukraine;
for people in all the places where there are war and tension; for all who seek peace;
for the people of our country, that we may find together the way of compassion and peace from our prejudices
and racial tensions; for law enforcement officers and the people they serve;
and for our President and Congress, that they may work together to pass legislation to lessen the danger of
violence and injustice in our country and provide for the needs of the most vulnerable.
In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Shreveport, and the Rev. Paul Martin (Christine).

God, make us bold enough to question tyranny, impassioned enough to submit ourselves to good teachers, and discerning enough to know when it is our turn to lead. *Amen.*

Adapted from Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Say Ministries

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Jeremiah 23:1-6 ☞ Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22 ☞ Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lector: Reid Raymond
Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Monty Walford
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace
Ushers: Lynn Walford, Bill Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Becky Snodgrass, Tommie Sue Brooks

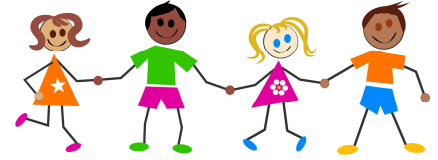
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Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Jo Ann Horton, June Kirkland

If you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Laurie, 222-3325, and tell her. This is a beautiful way to contribute to the beauty of our worship and give to the glory of God!

Yum-Yum, La-La, Doodle!

The first two weeks of our Thursday adventure with the children of our neighborhood have been good. While the age span of 4-8 years old can be a challenge at times, the children are enjoying the three hours on Thursdays and are benefitting as they learn about healthy eating and help make and then eat a good lunch, and from the music and art connected with a lesson. Last week three new girls came with their grandmother!



We could still use more help, if you would like to come and help with the art projects. If you can help with the cost of this venture, please send a check to Holy Cross, marked "Yum-Yum La-La Doodle" or "Thursday Class." And please remember to pray for the children of our neighborhood and their parents and grandparents, most of whom are struggling.

Camp is held on **Thursdays, approximately 11:30 - 2:30 in the Undercroft and Education Building.** Children ages 4-8 are invited, and older children are welcome to help. We need adults and older children to help with the camp. **If you would like to help, please call the church office, 222-3325.**

Good News and Bad News *from our Organist and Choirmaster, Bruce Power*

Mozart



This time, the bad news comes first. In the last issue of *Crossings* there was an article about our beautiful late nineteenth-century pump organ, and an invitation to hear Bruce play it at the 11:00 service on July 5.

Unfortunately, that was the day the air conditioning decided to go into a coma, and the service had to be moved to the (slightly) cooler

Education Building. Bruce promises, however, that there will be another opportunity for you to hear him play—stay tuned to *Crossings* for information.

The good news is that this Sunday, July 19, you'll have the opportunity to hear our own Steve Snodgrass perform two movements from Mozart's Violin Sonata in G, KV 9. The A/C has come out of its coma and is healthy again, so please join us for

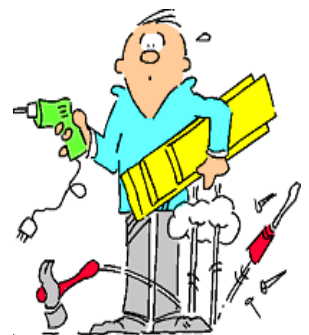
Summer Mozart by Snodgrass *Sunday, July 19* *11:00 AM Eucharist*

Steve



***Still no Kitchen for the Continuing Feast!**

Thanks to all who at our last *Continuing Feast* put up with the anticipated inconvenience of no kitchen, and the unanticipated one of no air conditioning. The A/C has been repaired, but the kitchen will be unavailable for several more weeks, so until further notice please keep bringing **cold dishes** (salads, sandwiches, cold cuts, veggies, desserts) Also, please plan to wash your serving dishes at home or bring disposable dishes, since the sink as well as the stove will be out of commission. **The next *Continuing Feast* will be Sunday, August 2.**



The kitchen crew understands that this is a great inconvenience, and we ask your patience. You'll see that the results will make the sacrifice worthwhile! Thank goodness it's summer, and cold dishes are in order!

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Hope House: There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent, disposable razors, and personal size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.). Donations can be taken to 762 Austin Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Forward Day by Day for August- October, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.

If you cannot get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit at your residence or the hospital, please call the church office at 222-3325, and Communion will be brought to you.

Crossings is now also available via email. Simply send or call in your email address to the office.



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