



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 7, 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
Monty Walford, Treasurer
Melissa Fowle
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
Please send to
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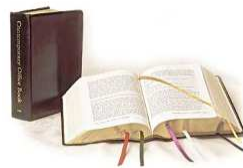
Hope House: The Item of the Month is COFFEE



Please remember Hope House when you go to the store. Pick up any of the supplies listed on the back of Crossings—they are ongoing daily needs. But especially remember to buy some coffee for our neighbors. Coffee is served every morning until it runs out, usually around noon, and our offerings greatly help! Coffee and all other supplies may be taken directly to Hope House, 762 Austen Place, or they may be brought to Holy Cross and placed in the baskets in the Narthex.
Thank you!



This Sunday: Morning Prayer



Praying the Divine Hours is a tradition so ancient that we don't know its origin. King David mentioned that morning, evening, and noon were "fitting" hours for prayer; one psalmist even wrote of seven hours to pray. Later, Daniel opened his windows three times each day toward Jerusalem. In the New Testament we see notes of people going up to the Temple "at the hour of prayer" in Jesus' day, and we can assume that praying at certain times was a long-established custom. Other references in the New Testament refer to an hour of prayer at the ninth hour and to people going up to pray at the sixth hour.

It was natural that early Christian worship would be modeled on Jewish worship. The Psalter has been called "the hymnbook of the Jews." Psalms were central in worship in the synagogues, and when the Christian community left the Temple and the synagogues, the Psalter remained the anchor of worship, along with the reading of scripture and epistles from the missionaries. And so the Psalter became the first hymnbook of the Christian Church.

In the beginning, praying at designated hours may have been voluntary. But as communities of monks were formed, monastic orders found a fixed rule to be

beneficial, and praying at fixed times became mandatory. From seven, the ancient number of perfection, the hours of Matins, Prime, Tierce, Sext, Nones, Vespers, and Compline were chosen as the hours to give praise and thanks to God. This was the beginning of the Daily Office.

Thomas Cranmer



But by the sixteenth century, the Offices had become so long as to be cumbersome. They were written and said in Latin, which the people did not understand. In addition, praying formally seven times each day was next to impossible. Composing the first Book of Common Prayer, Thomas Cranmer had two goals: to condense the book of liturgies into one book to be used in all of England, and to write it in the language of the people. The first English Prayer Book was born in 1549, and even though it has been revised several times, its purposes have held.

A uniquely Anglican piece of Cranmer's liturgies is found in the Daily Offices. Originally, he combined the seven hours of prayer into Morning Prayer and Evensong. Our current Prayer Book adds Noonday Prayer and Compline, two lovely services.

Another change that came in 1979 is that Holy Communion has been moved to the center of our worship life. Strictly speaking, the "Daily" Offices are to be said daily, corporately or in private devotion. It took several years for many Episcopal churches to move the "main service" on Sunday from Morning Prayer to the Eucharist. Celebrating and sharing Eucharist is still central to our worship. However, except in very large parishes, the Offices are never used, and very few people form their daily hours around the reading of the Offices.

We don't want to lose the historic beauty and meaning of Morning Prayer! The canticles and prayers bear the words of scripture; the music that carries them in a sung service is beautiful. Beginning this Sunday, we will celebrate Morning Prayer once each month, on the second Sunday of the month at the 11:00 service..

Two other points are worth mentioning as benefits of the Daily Offices: Unlike the Eucharist, they can be led by a lay person. This is a great advantage as we encourage more and more lay people to take roles of leadership in the church and in the liturgies. Secondly, Morning Prayer may be read as the "ante communion," or the Liturgy of the Word that precedes the Peace and the Eucharistic Prayer.

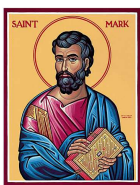
Sally and I are planning a training course for lay people to lead Morning Prayer. It will be more extensive than we envisioned at first, because it is one of the licensed ministries that require a depth of learning. I encourage you to consider whether you might like to be trained as a Worship Leader. I encourage you also to come and enjoy the beauty of praising God in the Office of Morning Prayer

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.

Albert Camus

Two Courses for Wednesday Night Classes!



Don't give up! The kitchen is coming along. The ECW are using it now to make their famous Holy Cross Pickles. It's not quite ready for general use, but it will be soon and we'll be able to start up our Wednesday night suppers, Eucharist, and study.

For the first three weeks this fall we are planning two studies: Bible study of the Gospel of Mark, and a study of the report on marriage to General Convention by the Liturgy and Music Commission. This report gives a comprehensive description of the history of marriage, the Church's theology of marriage, and more. It's interesting and informative for everyone, whether married for many years, planning to marry, or just having an "inquiring mind." We'll begin with both classes together in the Undercroft at 6:00 with supper and Eucharist, and after roughly an hour divide into two groups for study.

Come join us! Please let us know of your interest, and we'll keep you posted as to the date we'll begin. Stay tuned!

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B
Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23, October 11

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

(Hebrews 4:12-16) If we do not keep our own Bibles open, our own hearts unlocked, our own minds ready for God's deft sword, we may miss that liberating moment when the dis-ease of our life is cut away by the healing wisdom of a living word.

Susan R. Andrews

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 24, October 18

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

(Hebrews 5:1-10) The earthly reality pales in the light of who God is and what God does on humanity's behalf. What happens here on earth is never "just as" what happens in heaven.

Michael G. Hegeman

Calendar for October

Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)	12:15 PM	Chapel
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM	Hope House Back Yard
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
Second Sunday each month	Morning Prayer	11:00 AM	Church
October 23-24	Diocesan Convention		Sulphur, Louisiana

Please watch for the date when Wednesday Night upper, Eucharist and study will resume.

Northern and Central Interfaith
Annual Fundraiser
A Taste of Interfaith
Gourmet Experience and Silent Auction
Highland Center
October 18, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Featuring local church bands
Tickets \$25

To purchase tickets or for more information, please call the church office

Prayer List

Bill Alexander
Wanda Allen
Margaret Boudreaux
Charlie Campbell
Jay Colvin
Patricia Conly
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar

Jackie Free
Lady Martha Garner
Austin Gleason
Kenneth Jordan
Elizabeth Joyce
George Love
Mim McCoy
Paige McCranie
Marie Nanco
Trish Peyton
Ila Riggs
Laura Rhoades

Sandra Robinson
Brady Sessions
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 requesting that we continue to pray for the person, we will leave the name on the list. If not, we will remove it. You can always call if you would like us to add it again.

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Fuller Center for Housing;
for all who are homeless or hungry;
for the people of Mexico, the Middle East and Ukraine and for migrants in Africa and Europe;
for people in all the places where there are war and tension and 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 the Widows of Clergy of our Diocese.

Lord, may your Holy Spirit dwell within us and among us that we might remember to hope in your word,
to heed your instruction, and to delight in your statutes. Grant us humility to obey everything you have
commanded us. *Amen.*

Say Ministries

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM:

Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Steve Snodgrass

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Reece Middleton, Kendall Raymond

Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Lynn Walford, Bill Richard

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Ginger Paul, Jo Ann Horton

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM:

Lector, Trish Peyton; Eucharistic Minister, Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Lynn Walford

Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Monty Walford

Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Becky Snodgrass, Tommie Sue Brooks

If you wish 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!



Fall Festival is Just around the Corner!

Every year our ECW coordinates and hosts the Holy Cross Fall Festival. For only \$4.00 you can enjoy a delicious lunch of soup, crackers, dessert, and coffee, and have the opportunity to shop for holiday goodies and maybe get some of your Christmas shopping done before the rush. Items for sale include:

- Homemade cookies, cakes, and bread
- Vintage jewelry, crystal, and china
- Vintage clothing (new or almost new)
- Collectible cookbooks from the past
- Christmas ornaments
- Holy Cross Cookbooks (gift-wrapped for only \$5.00)

If you would like to donate an item, please take it to the church on November 11 or 12 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The festival itself will be held on **Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** We look forward to seeing you there!



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Mission Statement: *The Church of the Holy Cross, Shreveport, Louisiana, strives to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond, through worship of Almighty God, open inquiry, sharing fellowship, valued diversity, genuine inclusiveness, and servant leadership—encouraging all to exercise God’s gifts and calling as we share the Gospel of Hope in programs, to serve without regard for religious affiliation, race, or economic status.*

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 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Forward Day by Day for **October and November**, 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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The Rev. Mary B. Richard
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