

Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
APRIL 20, 2016

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:20 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:15 and 6:00 PM

Nursery

Sunday
10:50 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:45 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 11:00 AM

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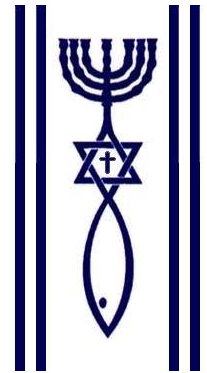
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
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A New Heaven and a New Earth

Our lessons during the Easter Season touch our deepest longings and our highest hopes. And what on earth can touch both those places but the assurance that by raising Jesus from death, God affirms Jesus' life and teaching to be the way for all people to know life in all its fullness, life in its very essence? All the stories of the Gospels, the parts of John's Revelation we are reading, the stories of the Early Church, point to Jesus' example of love in which judging and resenting and fear are so absent as to make clear the only path to Salvation.



The coming two weeks are full of such stories of acceptance forming the life and the spirit of the Early Church. "Even Gentiles" were being taken into the faith! In those days, that would have been an anathema. People outside the faith of Israel were unclean, worshiped other gods, had no ethical codes that would compare with the one God had given Israel. Gentiles were not only aliens of culture, faith, and nationality, but had been, century after century, the enemies and conquerors of Israel. To worship with them would have been unthinkable and against God's mandates. But God gave Peter a vision, and his story convinced the Church. "Then God gave *even to the Gentiles* the repentance that leads to life," they said in wonder (Acts 11:18). Who can doubt the power of the Holy Spirit? Accepting the Gentiles into the Church led to more and more journeys into Gentile territory, and more and more people coming into and making their own the forgiving love of God (Acts 16:9-15).

Surely, this story brings into our hearts the sorrow and guilt we feel in the divisions, however shallow or deep, among the peoples of the earth, the peoples of our country, the peoples of our families, today. A new heaven and a new earth, God promised John. When? At the end of time? Do we have to wait? Or has it already begun? Our longings must be God's longings, too, and they must be in the ground of God's promises. Can we help to bring in the new heaven and new earth? Of course we can!

Who of us hasn't experienced or shared grief so poignant we knew the scar would always be there? That the tears would come again, even as time passed? Grief and sorrow are perhaps our deepest and longest-lasting experiences within our relationships and as we contemplate the daily realities of our sisters

and brothers in our city and on the other side of the world. And so this Easter Season we'll read God's promise: "In the new heaven and the new earth God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4). In this time in between God's promise and its consummation we are to comfort one another, to share each other's burdens, to give the love that God gives us that will allow us to forgive and not to lose hope. The love that will convince all people, as Peter's vision convinced the Early Church, that the only way through pain is in the other side of forgiving. God promises: "To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6).

In the twenty-first chapter of Revelation we find that there is no temple! The center of the world has given way to its essence: God. There are no walls to keep anyone out. No fences to separate, no desire for people to be divided by their gods. These things all seem so trite, don't they, when we break it all down? Forms of worship, music, styles of architecture, walls and fences and property lines: silly issues to fight about. Not anymore, in the new heaven and the new earth. No light is needed for day or night, for the glory of God—understood to be God's righteousness—is the light. The righteousness of the Creator that longs for unity, not division. For all people to be loving and forgiving, to know all the joy life is meant to bring.

And then in John's Gospel there is the story of healing (John 5:1-9). Set among our readings from Revelation, the story gives us a glimpse of life in the new heaven and the new earth. The wounds and afflictions, the diseases and brokenness, will be healed. Not just made well, but healed to perfect a life of fullness with no hindrance or complication, no impediment. Can we even dream of a time when this will come about?

So this Easter Season, read carefully and with faith the visions of John and the stories of reconciliation and inclusion. Dream of what the world would look like, feel like, be like for each person in that time. Imagine what it would take to arrive in that time and find our hearts lifted and free. Imagine a God who is able to make all this possible. Dream of things, large and small, that we can do to bring the day closer and perhaps to glimpse it for a time each day in our own day.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

I guess that's what heaven means, when God can finally say, "Now it's my turn, and I'm going to turn all of your crucifixions into an eternal resurrection." That's called Christian hope.

Richard Rohr

Sunday School, Church Tours, and the Makers Fair



A huge thank-you to all who volunteered Saturday in the church and booth at the Makers Fair. Many people told us that they had always wanted to come inside the church to see how beautiful it is, and to learn about its ministry and history.

By selling water and soft drinks at the Holy Cross booth, we made a start on a fund to buy course materials and supplies for our Sunday School and Nursery. Thank you for giving your time. If you were not able to participate, please watch for the next opportunity. The next Makers Fair will be in November 12th. Don't miss the fun!



Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016

*Acts 11:1-18 & Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6 & John 13:31-35*

(John 13:31-35) The newness of the commandment is not that love has never before been commanded (Lev. 19:18). The newness is in the source that feeds this love: the humility of the Almighty as revealed through Christ's death, the transformation of the meaning of glory from worldly renown to Godly compassion. We are not simply to use words to tell people about the meaning of the cross and resurrection; we are to love one another as a way of embodying the truth that Christ reveals through his death and resurrection.

Thomas H. Troeger

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016

*Acts 16:9-15 & Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 & John 5:1-9*

(Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5) Of note is the absence of the temple in this Jerusalem. The focal point for faithful generations, the temple was considered the dwelling place of God. However, now God has become the dwelling place—the permanent, central fixture in this new city. Because that is so, the city is a place of life, healing, and hope.

Joyce Hollyday

Calendar for the Easter Season

Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Practice	9:45 AM	Nave
	Nursery	9:45 AM-12:15 PM	Education Building
	Sunday School	11:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist I	5:00 PM	Chapel
Tuesdays	Supper, Eucharist, video and discussion	6:00 PM	Undercroft
Wednesday, April 27	Vestry Meeting	5:30 PM	Undercroft

Sunday, May 1st there will be no Continuing Feast. We will celebrate instead the Feast of Pentecost on May 15th.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 15	Pentecost Picnic Whitsuntide Organ Concert	after the 11:00 service 2:00 PM	Undercroft and patio Nave
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Prayer List

Dean Adkins	Ron Dean	Kenneth Jordan	Ila Riggs	Charlotte Webb
Bill Alexander	Jean Dooley	Flo Little	Linda Robinson	Bill Wright
Wanda Allen	Elizabeth Eglin	George Love	Sandra Robinson	Larry Wright
Warren Bankston	Shirley Enani	Kenneth Lowe	Brady Session	Mary Wright
Jim Boyd	Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar	Chris Lowery	Sandra Sipulvido	
Michael Breedlove	Lady Martha Garner	Lisa Martin	Tommy Simrall	
Jay Colvin	Austin Gleason	Mim McCoy	Robert Todd	
Evelyn Corley	Stephen Hazel	Paige McCrainie	Cliff Townsend	
Amy Crone	Thomas Hennigan	Melody Mhyre	Mattie Washington	

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 Caddo Council on Aging; for all who are homeless or hungry; for the people of Mexico, South and Central America, the Middle East, and all places where there is war and fear; for migrants in Africa and Europe; and for all who seek peace; for the people of Equator and Japan; for immigrants seeking acceptance and safety; 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; for candidates running for office this year, 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 Leonidas Polk Memorial, Leesville, the Rev. Alina Williams (Jared); and for Trinity, DeRidder, the Rev. James Lueckenhoff (Linda).

O Holy One of Israel, guide your Church toward truer expressions of devotion to you, toward becoming a community of love that never tires in doing justice. *Amen.*

Say Ministries

The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector: Stephanie Hamblin
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Nathaniel Means
Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond
Eucharistic Ministers: JoAnn Horton, Herschel Richard
Acolytes: Steve Snodgrass, Herschel Richard, Aaron Horton
Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Bill Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector: Stephanie Hamblin
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Maggie Fowle, Herschel Richard
Prayers of the People: Reece Middleton
Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Ogunyemi, Ginger Paul
Acolytes: Audrey Roberts, Hannah Wallace, Patrick Raymond
Ushers: Christine Hennigan, Tom Hennigan
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Jo Ann Horton, June Kirkland

Service Music

The Fifth Sunday of Easter: April 24

Mass: Proulx and Hurd
Canticle: *Pascha nostrum—Christ our Passover*, metrical setting; Diademata
Psalm 148: responsorial
Anthem: *The spacious firmament on high*, J. Haydn; arr. B. Power
Hymns: 457 St. James, 455 Dunedin, 487 The call, 432 Laudate Dominum
Organ: *Resurrection*, L. King; *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*, Wyton; *Sortie*, Tournemire

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 1

Mass: Proulx and Hurd
Canticle: *Dignus es—A Song to the Lamb*, metrical setting; St. Magnus
Psalm 67, metrical setting; *Old 100th*
Anthem: *A Hymn of Thanksgiving* David H. Williams
Hymns: 376 *Hymn to Joy*, 567 St. Matthew, 538 *Lucerna Laudoniae*, 493 Azmon
Organ *Rhythm of Easter*, Bingham, *Carillon-Sortie*, Mulet



Pentecost Picnic and Organ Concert: Sunday, May 15



Instead of the usual *Continuing Feast* on First Sunday, we'll celebrate Pentecost with a picnic of burgers and hot dogs, cooked by the Holy Cross Grill team, and we'll also have plenty of chips and ice cream

Soft drinks and beer will be for sale, and the proceeds will be given to our fast-growing Sunday School and nursery to cover the cost of supplies and materials. Look for more details in the next issue of crossings.

This year there will be an additional treat! At 2:00, after the picnic, organist Bruce Power will give a Whitsuntide organ concert on our magnificent Skinner organ.

Bring your friends and your appetite, and please provide a donation of \$4.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal. So we'll know how many to cook for, please call the church office to make reservations. And don't forget to wear red—the color of Pentecost!

The mission continues . . .



What does \$10 do? It purchases gas for the St. Luke's mobile clinic to travel into communities to provide care. It covers the co-pay for a prescription, maybe even two. It provides supplies to perform a blood glucose and cholesterol test. It pays staff to follow up with a client who needs a mammogram.

On Tuesday, May 3, St. Luke's will participate in the *Give for Good* campaign of northwest Louisiana. This is a 24-hour online giving campaign to encourage people to learn about various non-profit organizations and to give them financial support. More information about the campaign is available on our Facebook page. This is a great opportunity for you to share in what the ministry of St. Luke's is all about. Please forward the information to your friends, and encourage them to make a donation. If we all spread the word about doing good, our lives and our community will be all the better for it.



To make a donation, or to learn more about St. Luke's and *Give for Good 2016*, please go to <https://giveforgoodnla.org/npo/st-lukes-episcopal-mobile-medical-ministry>

Flyers are also available in the Narthex.

St. Luke's is in need of some specific items:

A file cabinet. Old and used will match our current décor!

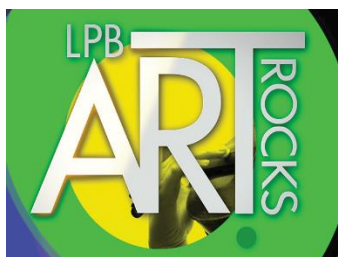
A desk. Again, the basic Goodwill style will go well in our office.

Donations to purchase tetanus vaccine. We have seventeen clients in need of the vaccine, and the cost of each is \$40.

Thank you for all you do to support St. Luke's.

Betty Johnson
Executive Director

Holy Cross on LPB's *Art Rocks!*



Art Rocks!, hosted by James Fox-Smith, publisher of *Country Roads Magazine*, is a weekly series on LPB that explores the broad spectrum of art. It spotlights artists, performance, culture, literature, history, and the impact of art in our world. *Art Rocks!* features Louisiana stories as well as segments from across the country.

Each week, the *Louisiana Arts Calendar* highlights current events throughout our state, and *Louisiana Treasures* offers a glimpse of items, styles, and themes that are unique to our state. The series aims to capture your imagination, introduce you to new artists, and offer close-up views from communities around the country and in our own back yard—places where art truly rocks! Programs air weekly on Saturdays at 5:30 PM, with encores on Sundays at 4:00 PM.

Last fall a group of people filming for *Art Rocks!* came to Holy Cross and asked if they could include us in the series. They see our building as the Louisiana Treasure it surely is. The program will air on LPB Channel 24 at the following times:

Saturday, May 7, 5:30 PM

Sunday, May 8, 4:00 PM

Visit the *Art Rocks!* website to see previous programs, including some made in and about Shreveport:

http://www.lpb.org/index.php/programs/artrocks/art_rocks

Herschel Richard Receives a Prestigious Award



Everyone at Holy Cross knows Herschel Richard, not only as the spouse of our Rector, but as one who serves Holy Cross in countless ways: as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher and yes, Acolyte. Those of us who have shared a table with him at the *Continuing Feast* also know him as a delightful conversationalist with a wry sense of humor, and those who work with him respect him as a man of high principles and commitment to his community who represents the very best of the legal profession.

Last month Herschel was recognized for his contributions to this profession, when the Louisiana Bar Foundation selected him as the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Attorney Award. The announcement by his law firm, Cook, Yancey, King and Galloway states that “[t]his recognition is given to individuals who have distinguished themselves in their legal career and have brought credit and honor to the legal profession” (condensed and adapted from the Cook Yancey website, www.cookyancey.com).

About the Louisiana Bar Foundation

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is a non-profit entity that is the largest state funder of legal aid in Louisiana. It supports service organizations throughout the state that provide free, civil legal representation to the indigent, and it also provides law-related education to the public, and administration of justice projects. Since 1989, the LBF has distributed nearly \$60 million to hundreds of Louisiana non-profit organizations to meet these goals.



Each year, the LBF awards grants to more than seventy non-profit organizations that administer legal assistance to Louisiana’s low-income citizens. Through grants, it assists women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their homes, disaster victims, and many others by providing services that go to the very heart of the health, safety, and security of many of Louisiana’s citizens and their families (condensed and adapted from the LBF website, www.raisingthebar.org).

When you see Herschel, please congratulate him on this great honor from an organization that represents everything that Holy Cross holds dear. He’s so modest that he probably won’t like the applause, but applaud him anyway!

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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 April and May, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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