



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
MARCH 16, 2016

Holy Eucharist

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

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 11:00 AM

The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Christine Hennigan, Secretary
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

Please send to

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The Last Week of Lent

The services of Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday and ending on Holy Saturday, are our final preparation for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day. These services are not simply the retelling of history; rather, they call us into the mystery of making present now what has happened before. Our worship on these holy days provides a way of reliving the past in the present; a way to allow ourselves to be transformed and to claim the new life made possible through Jesus' death and resurrection. As we move into Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we consider the ways our liturgies allow us to participate in the significant events surrounding our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection.

Palm Sunday begins with the Liturgy of the Palms, including a procession and hymn of celebration. We observe the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, attended by crowds of worshippers observing the Passover, waving palm branches and proclaiming him as the messianic king. The Gospel tells us that Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, enacting the prophecy of Zechariah and embodying the humility that is characteristic of the kingdom he proclaimed.



The mood of the liturgy quickly changes when we read the story of Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion. We are reminded that the same crowds who welcomed Jesus as king would five days later call for his execution. This is a sobering reminder of our human tendency to want to define God in our own terms. The somber tone that ends our Palm Sunday worship will continue throughout Holy Week as we reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross, the mystery of his sacrifice, and the holiness of his sacrificial love.



Thursday of Holy Week is known as **Maundy Thursday**.

The term *maundy* comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (from which the English word *mandate* is derived) meaning "to command" or "to order." The Gospel of John tells us that on the Thursday night before his crucifixion, Jesus gathered with his disciples for a final meal. He washed the disciples' feet to embody for them the humility and the spirit of servanthood that they were to live. And he also gave them a

new commandment (mandate) that they were to love one another as he had loved them. By that love, everyone would know them to be his disciples.

In the course of this meal, Jesus instructed his disciples to share bread and wine whenever they gathered and to know that through that act he would be among them. His actions in that Last Supper, and the words used by St. Paul as he wrote to the Church in Corinth (1 Cor. 11:23-26) form the ground for the Church's institution of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. All these events are remembered and re-created in our Maundy Thursday liturgy.



Later that night, after his last meal with his disciples and Judas' departure, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. There, he was arrested and taken to the High Priest, where he was accused of blasphemy by the religious authorities. As a visual reminder of Jesus' betrayal and abandonment, all decoration and all consecrated bread and wine are removed from the sanctuary. The altar remains bare and the tabernacle empty until Easter morning. The service ends in silence.



Friday of Holy Week has traditionally been called **Good Friday** or **Holy Friday**. On this day, the church commemorates Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and burial. The church is bare of any ornamentation in reverence for the solemnity of the day. The story of Jesus' suffering is told in hymns and in the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John. The Stations of the Cross may be observed, using images representing events in the story of Jesus' journey to Golgotha and the tomb, as depicted in the gospels. The service ends in silence.

Holy Saturday is the day Jesus rested in the tomb. It's a day of waiting and of quiet meditation for Christians to contemplate the darkness of a world without hope or God's grace. Tradition holds that on this day Jesus visited the place of the dead and promised that they also would rise in glory. A sermon from the first century says:

Truly [Jesus] goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. . . . The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. . . . And Christ says to Adam, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. I have not made you to be prisoner in the underworld. Arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven."



The Rev. Betty B. Hudson

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



Palm Sunday
The Sunday of the Passion
March 20, 2016

Isaiah 50:4-9a ☞ *Psalm 31:9-16*
Philippians 2:5-11 ☞ *Luke 22:14-23:56*

(*Luke 22:14-23:56*) From the cross came two prayers: a prayer for forgiveness: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (23:34), and a prayer of relinquishment: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (23:46). These are the two most important prayers we can offer when crosses come.

H. Stephen Shoemaker

Easter Day
March 27, 2016

Isaiah 65:17-25 ☞ *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*
Acts 10:34-43 ☞ *John 20:1-18*

(*Acts 10:34-43*) Through his abject pacifism on the cross, Jesus restored peace between God and God's creatures. It is that peace between God and people that makes possible peace between and among people. This is one thing that Jesus' resurrection means. Suddenly, what seemed absurd before Easter is now a real possibility. This church—the early Church with which Peter was concerned, and our Church today—can become a community of active peacemaking . . . of radical reconciliation between men and women, rich and poor, Jew and Gentile.

Lauren F. Warner

Schedule of Services for Holy Week and Easter Day

March 20-26

Monday, March 21 through Wednesday, March 23

Holy Eucharist
12:15 PM in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 24

Holy Eucharist and Foot-washing
11:30 AM with our neighbors in the parking lot across the street from Holy Cross

Holy Eucharist and Divesting of the Altar
6:00 PM in the Nave of the Church

Good Friday, March 25

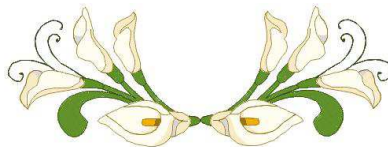
Good Friday Liturgy with Hymns at Noon in the Nave of the Church

Holy Saturday, March 26

Easter Eucharist
5:00 PM in the Chapel

Easter Day, March 27

Easter Eucharist
9:20 AM in the Garden
11:00 AM in the Nave of the Church



Sunday School: Palm Sunday and Easter Day

On *Palm Sunday* our children will come first into church to process with the choir and clergy, carrying palm leaves. Following the procession they will continue to the Education Building with Greg and David to learn the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On *Easter Day* we will begin with our traditional Easter egg hunt in the Rose Garden (weather permitting). Meredith Lucius and her children, Mark, Malayna, and Mason, will plan and carry out the hunt in their usual generous and gracious way! There will be *no Sunday School on Easter Day*; however, we will have a nursery. All children are welcome in church for the entire service. At the Offertory the children will bring their Hope Chests to the altar. Children whose parents want them to stay in the nursery will be brought into church for Communion.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER THE FASTING FUND FOR LENT

Baskets are in the Narthex, the Chapel, and on the Chancel steps

The Good Friday Offering

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, the Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts, which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican traditions, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education, and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

To make a donation to the Good Friday Offering, please write a check payable to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, write "Good Friday Offering" on the memo line, and mail to:

DFMS—Protestant Episcopal Church US
P.O. Box 958983
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

CONTACT: *The Rev. Canon Robert Edmunds*, Middle East Partnership Officer

Holy Cross' Good Friday Offering is always sent to support ministry in the Province of Jerusalem. The Church there is suffering from the strife that continues in the area; individual Christians endure discrimination and the effects of violence. Please remember the Church of Jerusalem in your prayers, and make a donation either on Good Friday or by mail to add to the Good Friday Offering. Thank you!

Calendar for Lent and Easter Day

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	5:00 PM	Chapel
Wednesday, March 16	Vestry Meeting	5:30 PM	Undercroft
Holy Week			
Palm Sunday, March 20	Holy Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM	Nave
<i>At 11:00 children come first into church to walk in the Palm Sunday procession, and from there to Sunday School.</i>			
Holy Monday-Holy Wednesday March 21-23	Holy Eucharist	12:15 PM	Chapel
Maundy Thursday, March 24	Holy Eucharist, foot-washing	11:30 AM	Parking lot in front of church, weather permitting
	Holy Eucharist, divesting of the altar	6:00 PM	Nave
Good Friday, March 25	Good Friday liturgy and hymns	noon	Nave
Holy Saturday, March 26	Easter Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Easter Day, March 27	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 AM	Rose Garden
	Easter Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden
	Easter Eucharist	11:00 AM	Nave
March 30-May 8	Wednesday supper and study	6:00 PM	Undercroft
April 3,10,17,14,May 1,8	Inquirers/Confirmation Classes	9:45 AM	Education Building

Prayer List

Dean Adkins	Amy Crone	Mim McCoy	Cliff Townsend
Bill Alexander	Ron Dean	Paige McCranie	Mattie Washington
Wanda Allen	Jean Dooley	Melodie Mhyre	Charlotte Webb
Warren Bankston	Elizabeth Eglin	Ila Riggs	Bill Wright
Jim Boyd	Shirley Enani	Linda Robinson	Larry Wright
Barbara Campbell	Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar	Sandra Robinson	Mary Wright
Jay Colvin	Lady Martha Garner	Brady Sessions	
Laurie Connell	Austin Gleason	Heather Sipulvido	
Evelyn Corley	George Love	Tommy Simrall	
	Chris Lowery	Robert Todd	

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 St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry; for all who are homeless, hungry or suffering from floods; for the people of Mexico, the Middle East, and all places where there are war, oppression and fear; for migrants in Africa and Europe; and for all who seek peace; for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety, that our country may be a safe place for all people; 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 Ascension, Lafayette, the Rev. Joseph Daly (Angie), the Rev. Duane Petersen (Mirinda), the Rev. Brandt Montgomery; and for St. Barnabas, Lafayette, the Very Rev. John Bedingfield (Donna), the Rev. Mitzi George (Kevin), the Rev. John Clark (Phyllis).

As the sabbath comes, loosen our grip on our priorities, O God. Free us to be still, to share, and to open ourselves to each person you bring us, without distinction.

Say Ministries

Palm Sunday **March 20**

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector: Trish Peyton

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Reece Middleton

Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Herschel Richard, Ginger Paul

Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Hannah Wallace, Audrey Roberts

Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Christine Hennigan, Becky Snodgrass

Easter Day **March 27**

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector: Larry Wright

Sun: 11:00 AM:

Lector: Ginger Paul

Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Nathaniel Means, Herschel Richard

Acolytes: Steve Snodgrass, Aaron Horton, Patrick Raymond

Ushers: Christine Hennigan, Tom Hennigan

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Tommie Sue Brooks, Christine Hennigan



Easter Lilies

Easter lilies make our church even more beautiful during the Easter Season and on Easter Day. Giving lilies in honor or memory of people who have been significant in your life is a lovely tradition. If you would like to contribute to the "lily fund," please send your donation to the church or put it in the offering plate, clearly marked "easter lilies," and please include the names of those you are remembering.



Walking Three Days with Jesus

A silent retreat for those who want to walk the Way of the Cross at the Triduum
March 24-26, 2016

Hardtner Camp and Conference Center, Pollock, Louisiana

Leader: The Very Rev. Ronald Clingenpeel

Cost includes rooms and meals; some scholarship aid may be available

Single occupancy room: \$225; double occupancy room: \$185

Registration forms are available in the church office and in the Narthex

Or call or email Camp Hardtner: 318-765-3794, office@camphardtner.org

Service Music

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday: March 20

Mass: Merbecke, *Christ Our Passover* Ambrosian Chant; Martens, adapt.

Psalm 31:9-16 responsorial

Offertory Prose: *Improperium expectavit* Plainsong

Anthem: *Ab, Holy Jesus* R. Shephard

Solo: *O vos omnes* C. Franck

Hymns: 154 *Valet will ich der geben* 164 Bangor 474 Rockingham 168 *Passion Chorale*

Organ: *Hosanna Filio David* Desmessieux *The Palms* Langlais

Easter Day: March 27

Mass: Mathias Hurd

Psalm 118:1, 2, 14-24 responsorial

Anthem: *Christ Our Passover* R. N. Roth *Easter Carol* Fedak

Hymns: 207 *Easter Hymn* 210 Ellacombe 193 Salzburg 180 *Unser Herrscher*

Organ and Trumpet: *Sonata in D* Purcell *Contempora Suite* G. Young

Organ: *Symphony V: Toccata* Widor



Music Donation for Easter Day

On Easter Day, in addition to music for choir and organ, we will hear music for trumpet performed by **Adam Hudlow**. Thanks to a generous gift from **Maggie Fowle**, our Holy Cross Easter Day will include triumphal music for trumpet on our hymns, trumpet with the choir, and trumpet and organ voluntaries. Maggie's gift to Holy Cross is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Shields.

Adam Hudlow

Adam Hudlow currently serves as adjunct instructor of music theory at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. A Shreveport native, he attended Northwestern State for his Bachelor of Music degree, where he studied trumpet with Galindo Rodríguez. He then went on to earn a Master of Music in music theory from the University of Houston, and a Ph.D. in music theory from Louisiana State University. Adam performs throughout the north Louisiana area, and has performed with the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra.



Socks for Our Neighbors

REMINDER: During Lent we are collecting socks for our neighbors, to be given to them on Maundy Thursday, March 24, during the Eucharist and foot-washing. Men's "tube" socks are recommended, but any *new* socks are good. Please remember to pick up a package or two and place them in the Hope House baskets in the Narthex.



All You Need is Love—and a Picture ID

As the St. Luke's van travels throughout our community, our staff and volunteers have the opportunity to minister to people who often feel the greatest degree of disconnect from acceptance into society. Imagine having no job, no place to sleep, no place to say "this is mine." Many of our clients find themselves lost in a complicated maze of bureaucracy, and they lack the resources to free themselves from the maze. For those who need medications for chronic health issues, there are two local free pharmacies that St. Luke's works closely with, but even so, necessary paperwork must be processed. When you and I are asked to produce a form of identification, a tax statement, or some other document, we do so with little thought. But for the homeless this can be an insurmountable challenge—simply getting to the Social Security office or the DMV is complicated. I share this with you only to let you know that the ministry of St. Luke's extends well beyond the van. The clinics allow us to make contact with those in need—it is an entry point into the system. The after-work—case management, support, and problem-solving—extends well beyond the clinic visits. We work with and walk beside many of our clients for months, sometimes years. It's love in action; a simple hand up, a bus pass, accompany on a visit to the disability office—little things that can have a huge impact. That's what your ministry of St. Luke's is about.



*Betty Johnson, Executive Director
St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry
(Condensed and adapted)*

Coming in the Easter Season Inquirers' Classes and Wednesday Study

Do you want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Become a member of Holy Cross? Brush up on your "Church knowledge? Be confirmed at Holy Cross? If so, we have just the classes for you! The Rev. Sally Fox will lead classes on Church history, sacraments, and our Book of Common Prayer for approximately six weeks in the Easter Season, on Sunday mornings: April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1 and 8. Bishop Owensby will confirm new Episcopalians and bless the Renewal and Reaffirmation of vows on his yearly Visitation on Sunday, September 11.

Wednesday supper and study will resume March 30th at 6:00 in the Undercroft.

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

Forward Day by Day for **February** and **March**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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