



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JUNE 1, 2016

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

Sunday School

Sunday: 11:00 AM

The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Christine Hennigan, Secretary
Melissa Fowle
Jo Ann Horton
John Hughes
Meredith Lucius
Kendall Raymond

Monty Walford, Treasurer
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
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Being a Prophetic Church

You probably remember that the Episcopal Church Lectionary provides a choice each year of lessons to be read during the long Season of Pentecost. The two lectionaries have the “original” names of Track 1 and Track 2. This year we are following Track 1. The choices are with the first lessons, drawn from the Hebrew Scriptures, and the Psalms, which should be a response to the First Lesson. I especially love Track 1 because it involves the prophets and presents us with the opportunity to explore the ways we might hear the prophets’ words in our culture and lives today. Probably one of the most challenging ventures of faith.

We began last Sunday with one of the Elijah stories, and we will continue with Elijah for two more weeks. These stories are so great. They are among Israel’s most dramatic—and really, isn’t Israel’s journey with Yahweh earth-shattering in its drama and insight? We are fortunate that these stories, told and retold over hundreds of years by hundreds and thousands of people, were finally written down for us to learn.

Israel doesn’t mince words. We see the joys and the failures of people who never claimed to be anything but fallible human beings; people who found their name in another fallible human being and their identity in the God they worshiped and imaged. In the courageous words of the prophets we see the wisdom and boldness only God can impart; we see the stubbornness, the “stiff-necked” obstinacy of human nature, and the hope of the human heart in God’s faithfulness and promises. In the cultures in which the prophets lived and preached we see ourselves and our culture; in the words of the prophets we cannot avoid looking into our own hearts. The prophets spoke the words Israel most dreaded and most yearned for: the truth of God’s judgment and the promise of God’s love, God’s salvation, for the people God had made and called and formed and revealed God’s self to.

So this summer, as we read Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, I ask us all to do this: Listen to the words of the prophets. Take them into your

The ravens feeding Elijah



Elijah and the chariots of fire



hearts. Let their fire enlighten our perception of the world around us and their thunder open our ears to what God is saying to us. Our world falls so short of the dream God has for God's Creation and the vision we hold for it. There are so many prophetic words waiting to be spoken, so many people waiting for hope to come to them.

The prophets spoke the truth they believed to be the very word of God. That truth cannot be denied, but it is usually hard to hear. The prophets are also the ones who spoke hope to Israel: hope in God's faithful and constant love; hope even in our very nature that brings us into disappointment in the human strivings; the hope that finally peaked in the promise of a messiah who would forgive and redeem Israel from her failings.

God calls God's Church to be prophetic in its words and actions and faith. This summer, let us ask: Where do we find failure in our society? Where are we challenged to join with God to move out of sin and failure? Where do we resist? Where do we find hope in God's Salvation: that with God we can be more than we can be alone? This summer let us take Israel's prophets into our hearts. Let us learn from them and gain inspiration and courage and hope from them.

The Rev. Maty B. Richard

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



The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 5, June 5, 2016

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

(Galatians 1:11-24) It is not simply that the church has a mission in the world. Rather, the God of mission has a church in the world. It is not the church's mission. It is not only God's call; it is God's mission too, in which God's people are invited to participate.

Heidi Husted Armstrong

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 6, June 12, 2016

1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14); 15:21a; Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

(1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14), 15-21a) The Holy One stands against all systems that commodify and destroy the lives of human beings. Because God is merciful, empires founded on blood and exploitation are doomed. The story of Ahab's greed offers eloquent testimony to God's mandate that believers practice compassion and justice in their economic dealings.

Carolyn J. Sharp

Most "heroics" are not enacted in public places where others can see and make examples of us. Rather, they occur in the depths of the human heart—where souls are mightily moved toward God, toward justice and peace for all others—and a great fire is lit.

H. King Oehmig

Calendar for Pentecost, Summer

Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Rehearsal	9:45 AM	Nave
	Nursery	9:30 AM – noon	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sunday, June 5	The Continuing Feast	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
	Summer Music Festival 40th Anniversary Opening Concert	3:00 PM	Nave

Prayer List

Dean Adkins
Bill Alexander
Wanda Allen
Warren
Bankston
Jim Boyd
Michael
Breedlove
Tyrone Braden
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Janice Crawford
Amy Crone
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley

Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Floyd “Buzzy”
Farrar
Lady Martha
Garner
Austin Gleason
J. M. Hardwick
Stephen Hazel
Thomas
Hennigan
Kenneth Jordan
Flo Little
George Love
Kenneth Lowe

Chris Lowery
Lisa Martin
Mim McCoy
Paige McCranie
Melody Mhyre
Doug Mishell
Ila Riggs
Bob Robinson
Linda Robinson
Sandra
Robinson
Heather
Sepulvado
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall

Allyn Stroud
Ansel “Buddy”
Stroud
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie
Washington
Charlotte Webb
Molly Wilkinson
Roger Wilkinson
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 Hope House; 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 all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety; for the people of our country, that we may find together the way of compassion and peace; for law enforcement officers and the people they serve; for candidates seeking 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 St. Thomas’, Monroe, the Rev. Dawnell Stodghill (Whit), Archdeacon Bette J. Kauffman; for St. Patrick’s, West Monroe, the Rev. Robert Dandridge (Evelyn); and for St. Alban’s, Monroe, the Rev. Whit Stodghill (Dawnell)

Lord, you are the creator and lover of every single person. Awaken to us the dignity of every person we encounter. *Amen.*

Lay Ministries

The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 5, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Trish Peyton
Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Maggie Fowle, Steve Snodgrass
Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Jo Ann Horton

Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Hannah Wallace, Audrey Roberts

Ushers: Gerry Brooks, Tommie Sue Brooks

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock

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

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 12, 2016: Morning Prayer

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Trish Peyton
Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Reece Middleton

Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Joe Bob Evanson

Ushers: Herschel Richard, Lynn Walford

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

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

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!



Service Music

The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 5

Mass: Mathias and Hurd

Psalm 146 Responsorial, Tone 8.2

Anthem *Let all the world in every corner sing* Basil Harwood

Canticle S 231 *A song of praise-Benedictus es, Domine* Plainsong, Tone 8

Hymns: 410 *Lauda anima* 691 *Olivet* 664 *Resignation* 390 *Lobe den Herren*

Organ *Suite Evocatrice* Tournemire *Fugue in E Flat, BWV 552* J. S. Bach

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 12: Morning Prayer

Canticles *Venite* S 35 *A song of praise-Benedictus es, Domine* S 231 *The First Song of Isaiah*, 679

Anthem *A hymn of thanksgiving* David H. Williams

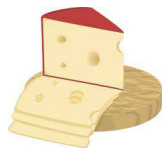
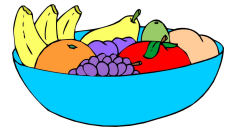
Hymns 432 *Laudate Dominum* 597 *Jerusalem* 573 *Langham*

Organ *Chanson de Matin, Vesper Voluntary, and Imperial March* Edward Elgar

This Sunday: *The Continuing Feast*



This Sunday, June 5, after the 11:00 service we will celebrate *The Continuing Feast* in the Undercroft. Our members, guests, and neighbors will get together to eat delicious food and catch up with each other on what we've all been doing since the last feast. Please bring an appetizer, main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. If you don't cook, store-bought items are welcome as well.



Since the summer season is here and the weather is getting warmer, think about bringing cold dishes such as salads, fruit, veggies, cheese, or cold cuts—they were a hit last summer when the kitchen was being remodeled, and several people have said they'd like to make them a summer tradition. See you on Sunday!



. . . and after the Feast, another treat is in store . . .



SHREVEPORT
SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Keeping Live Music Alive!

Grand Opening Concert

celebrating the Summer Music Festival's Fortieth Anniversary

Sunday, June 5, 3:00 PM in the Nave

Featuring the premiere performance of Kermit Poling's *Guitar Concerto*

Giovanni De Chiaro, guitarist
Leonard Kacenjar and Kermit Poling, conductors

Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted



Kermit Poling



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

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



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