



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 10, 2016

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
(Wednesday services are
suspended during the summer)

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
(non-vestry)

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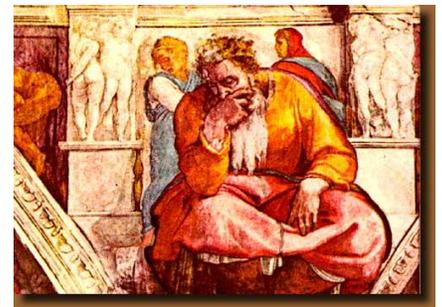
Material for *Crossings* must be
received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

Please send to

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Jeremiah

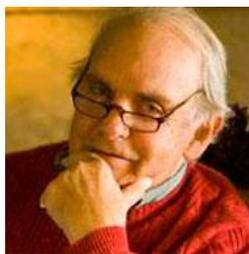
Jeremiah, by Michelangelo



Frederick Buechner writes about Jeremiah:

The word *jeremiad* means a doleful and thunderous denunciation, and its derivation is no mystery. There was nothing in need of denunciation that Jeremiah didn't denounce. He denounced the king and the clergy. . . . He denounced the rich for exploiting the poor, and he denounced the poor for deserving no better. He denounced the way every new god that came sniffing around had them all after him . . . and right at the very gates of the Temple he told them that if they thought God was impressed by all the mumbo jumbo that went on there, they ought to have their heads examined.

Frederick Buechner



When some of them took to indulging in a little human sacrifice on the side, he appeared with a clay pot which he smashed to smithereens to show them what God planned to do with them as soon as he got around to it. He even denounced God himself for saddling him with the job of trying to reform such a pack of hyenas, degenerates, ninnies. "You have deceived me," he said, shaking his fist. You are "like a deceitful brook, like

waters that fail" (Jeremiah 15:18), and God took it. . . .

At his lowest ebb he cursed the day he was born like Job, and you can hardly blame him. He had spent his life telling them to shape up with the result that they were in just about as miserable shape as they'd have been if he'd never bothered, and urging them to submit to Bablylon as the judgment of God when all their patriotic instincts made that sound like the worst kind of defeatism and treachery.

He also told them that, Babylonian occupation or no Babylonian occupation, they should stick around so that someday they could rise up and be a new nation again; but the first chance they got, a bunch of them beat it over the border into Egypt. What's even worse, they dragged old Jeremiah, kicking and

screaming, along with them, which seems the final irony: that he, who had fought so long and hard against all forms of idolatry—the Nation as idol, the Temple as idol, the King as idol—should at last have been tucked into their baggage as a kind of rabbit’s foot or charm against the evil eye or idol himself.

What became of him in Egypt afterward is not known, but the tradition is that his own people finally got so exasperated with him there that they stoned him to death. If that is true, nothing could be less surprising.

But the people didn’t. When he told them that the Babylonians were going to come in and rip them to shreds as they richly deserved, they worked him over and threw him in jail. When the Babylonians did come in and not only ripped them to shreds but tore down their precious Temple and ran off with all the expensive hardware, he told them that since it was God’s judgment upon them, they’d better submit to it or else; whereupon they threw him into an open cistern that happened to be handy. Luckily the cistern had no water in it, but Jeremiah sank in the muck up to his armpits and stayed there till an Ethiopian eunuch pulled him out with a rope.

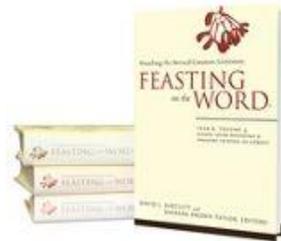
*Frederick Buechner, **Peculiar Treasures: A Who’s Who.** San Francisco: Harper, 1979*

I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and protest. Sometimes I've been closer to him for that reason.

Elie Wiesel

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15, August 14, 2016

*Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56*

(Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19) A comparison between us and the divine vinegrower can yield only good news: Where we have failed in our own gardening, God, the master gardener and grafter, will not. Where we have forgotten to weed or feed our gardens and plants, God will not. Where we have been lacking, God is full of that knowledge and power needed to bring every plant to fullness of life and fruitfulness of being.

Quinn G. Caldwell

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16, August 21, 2016

*Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17*

(Jeremiah 1:4-10) Openness to what God has to say through us is more important than our own facility to come up with clever or inspiring words. Openness, discernment, willingness to be sent mean more than the personal qualities or skills of the prophetic speaker.

Bruce C. Birch

Calendar for August

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
	Sunday School	11:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Warren Bankston
Michael Breedlove
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Janice Crawford
Tricia Davis
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Ed Finuf
Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar

Lady Martha Garner
J. M. Hardwick
Christine Hennigan
Thomas Hennigan
Mary Hill
Terry Hutchinson
Kenneth Jordan
Flo Little
George Love
Kenneth Lowe
Sherry Lowe
Chris Lowery

Mim McCoy
Paige McCranie
Melody Mhyre
Doug Meshell
Ila Riggs
Bob Robinson
Linda Robinson
Sandra Robinson
Jenni Scarce
Brady Sessions
Mary Ann Shemwell
Tommy Simrall

Allyn Stroud
Jack Theuerkauf
Jennifer Theuerkauf
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
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 The Caddo Council on Aging;
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 the people living in places torn by racial strife; for the people of Mexico, South and Central America, the Middle East, and all places where there is war and fear, and for all who seek peace;
for migrants in Africa and Europe, for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety;
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 Christ Church, St. Joseph.

Lord, open our eyes to see our circumstances—and to see others—with grace and wisdom. Bless our daily encounters with opportunities to find common ground. *Amen.*

Lay Ministries

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2016: Morning Prayer**

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: David Richard, Melissa Fowle

Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond

Acolytes: Joe Bob Evanson, Patrick Raymond

Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: June Kirkland

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

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2016**

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Stephanie Hamblin

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Reid Raymond, Greg Criddle

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Ogunyemi, Reece Middleton

Acolytes: Audrey Roberts, Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Lynn Walford, Monty Walford

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: June Kirkland

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

Service Music

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15, August 14: Morning Prayer**

Canticles: *Venite* S 35 *A Song of Praise: Benedictus es, Domine* S 231 *The First Song of Isaiah* 679

Anthem: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Bevan; arr. B. Power

Hymns: 595 Mannheim 596 *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens* 637 Lyons

Organ: *Celtic Melody* O'Connor *Novelette* Purvis

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 16, August 21**

Mass: Mathias and Hurd

Psalm 71:1-6 Robert Knox Kennedy

Choir Hymn: *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* Freidell

Hymns: 414 Stuttgart 623 *O quanta qualia* 524 St. Thomas (Williams) 359 Toulon

Organ: *Aria and Meditation on "Draw us in the Spirit's tether"* G. Hancock *Cantabile* Friedell



*If you wish to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one,
please call Laurie, 222-3325, and tell her the date you prefer.*

*This is a beautiful way to contribute to the beauty of our worship
and give to the Glory of God!*

From the Episcopal Public Policy Network:

Support Protections for Children



Children in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala are fleeing their homes to escape deadly violence and extreme poverty. Often traveling alone, they are seeking protection in neighboring countries, including the U.S. The UN Refugee Agency reports that at least 58% of those unaccompanied children who seek asylum in the U.S. are likely to qualify for international protection.

In order to uphold international law and human rights standards, the U.S. must employ careful and lawful screening processes for children seeking asylum. Unfortunately, this is not the reality. Many of these children face trial without representation and a clear understanding of the asylum process. The Fair Day in

Court for Kids Act of 2016 (S. 2540 and H.R. 4646) is a bill that would address this issue by ensuring access to counsel, legal orientation programs, and post-release services for children and other vulnerable individuals while they are in immigration court proceedings.

As people of faith, we are called on to strive for justice and peace, and Episcopal policy passed by General Convention calls on Episcopalians to advocate for a just system of asylum for persecuted persons. The Fair Day in Court for Kids Act would ensure justice for children who have been forced from their homes and are seeking safety and opportunity.



Contact your members of Congress today to tell them to support S. 2540 and H.R. 4646!
<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=232053>



*Congratulations to our Parish Administrator, Laurie Connell,
on the birth of her granddaughter, Nadie Clara!*



More Angels Explained by Children

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter.
Unknown child

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead.
Daniel, age 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.
Vicki, age 8

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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 **August and September**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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