



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
MARCH 1, 2017

## Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM  
Saturday: 5:00 PM

## Nursery

Sunday  
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

## Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 AM

## Sunday School

Sunday: 10:00 AM

## The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden  
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden  
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary  
Greg Criddle  
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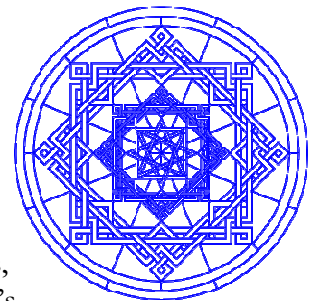
Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

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## The Gospel According to Shug

I've been re-reading Alice Walker's books, having been too young and oblivious to understand much of her message when I read them years ago. One of the more colorful characters—and there are many—in *The Color Purple* is Shug, a singer in bars who is shunned by the respectable people of the community. Her “translation” of Jesus’ teachings, with additions of her own experiences, is one of the chapters in *The Temple of My Familiar*, Walker’s book that continues the lives of some of the people in *The Color Purple*. Each “HELPED” is good material for reflection. I suggest choosing one each day or every two or three days or one each week for Lenten meditation and prayer.



HELPED are those who are enemies of their own racism; they shall live in harmony with the citizens of this world, and not with those of their ancestors, which have passed away, and which they shall never see again.

HELPED are those born from love: . . . for they shall be those—numbers of whom will be called “illegitimate”—whose spirits shall know no boundaries, even between heaven and earth, and whose eyes shall reveal the spark of the love that was their own creation. They shall know joy equal to their suffering and they will lead multitudes into dancing and Peace.

HELPED are those too busy living to respond when they are wrongfully attacked: on their walks they shall find mysteries so intriguing as to distract them from every blow.

HELPED are those who find something in Creation to admire each and every hour. Their days will overflow with beauty and the darkest dungeon will offer gifts.

HELPED are those who receive only to give; always in their houses will be the circular energy of generosity; and in their hearts a beginning of new age on Earth: when no keys will be needed to unlock the heart and no locks will be needed on the doors.

HELPED are those who love the stranger; in this they reflect the heart of the Creator and that of the Mother.

HELPED are those who are content to be themselves; they will never lack mystery in their lives and the joys of self-discovery will be constant.

HELPED are those who love the entire cosmos rather than their own tiny country, city, or farm, for to them will be shown the unbroken web of life and the meaning of infinity.

HELPED are those who live in quietness, knowing neither brand name nor fad; they shall live every day as if in eternity, and each moment shall be as full as it is long.

HELPED are those who love others unsplit off from their faults; to them will be given clarity of vision.

HELPED are those who create anything at all, for they shall relive the thrill of their own conception, and realize a partnership in the creation of the Universe that keeps them responsible and cheerful.

HELPED are those who love the Earth, their mother, and who willingly suffer that she may not die; in their grief over her pain they will weep rivers of blood, and in their joy in her lively response to love, they will converse with trees.

HELPED are those whose every act is a prayer for harmony in the Universe, for they are the restorers of balance to our planet. To them will be given the insight that every good act done anywhere in the cosmos welcomes the life of an animal or a child.

HELPED are those who risk themselves for others' sakes; to them will be given increasing opportunities for ever greater risks. Theirs will be a vision of the world in which no one's gift is despised or lost.

HELPED are those who strive to give up their anger; their reward will be that in any confrontation their first thoughts will never be of violence or war.

HELPED are those whose every act is a prayer for peace; on them depends the future of this world.

HELPED are those who forgive; their reward shall be forgetfulness of every evil done to them. It will be in their power, therefore, to envision the new Earth.

HELPED are those who are shown the existence of the Creator's magic in the Universe, they shall experience delight and astonishment without ceasing.

HELPED are those who laugh with a pure heart; theirs will be the company of the jolly righteous.

HELPED are those who love all the colors of all the human beings, as they love all the colors of animals and plants; none of their children, nor any of their ancestors, nor any parts of themselves, shall be hidden from them.

HELPED are those who love the lesbian, the gay, and the straight, as they love the sun, the moon, and the stars. None of their children, nor any of their ancestors, nor any parts of themselves, shall be forbidden to them.

HELPED are those who love the broken and the whole; none of their children, nor any of their ancestors, nor any of themselves shall be despised.

HELPED are those who do not join mobs; theirs shall be the understanding that to attack in anger is to murder in confusion.

HELPED are those who find the courage to do at least one small thing each day to help the existence of another—a plant, animal, river, or other human being. They shall be joined by a multitude of the timid.

HELPED are those who lose their fear of death; theirs is the power to envision the future in a blade of grass.

HELPED are those who love and actively support the diversity of life; they shall be secure in their differentness.

HELPED are those who *know*.

*Alice Walker. The Temple of My Familiar. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989*

# A New Altar for Communion in the Garden!

Easter Day three years ago we began a new ministry in our Rose Garden: Holy Eucharist at 9:20 on Sunday mornings. Our neighbors, some regular and some new every week, come at 9:00 for coffee and donuts on the sidewalk, and some stay and move into the Garden for worship. On any given Sunday we will have from one to fifteen Communicants, some living in the neighborhood and some who are parishioners of Holy Cross. We use a liturgy written in *Common Cathedral*, a ministry of the cathedral in Boston. I don't have to say that the service is beautiful and very moving as we pray together and share God's peace and the Body and Blood of Jesus.



Until now we have celebrated on a card table. Bishop Owensby and Father Bill Bryant have made it possible for Holy Cross to receive the altar that was in the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vidalia, which was closed last year. It's a beautiful piece of brown onyx. Matt Parker of St. James' here in Shreveport made a lovely iron base for the table. The altar is just stunning—appropriate in the garden setting and lending grace to the life of Holy Cross and our neighbors.

We are so grateful to Bishop Owensby and Father Bryant for this lovely gift to Holy Cross and our friends!



**Lent** . . . is a Christian season consisting of forty days and forty nights, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Eve, during which time we pray, fast, and give alms in commemoration of the forty days and nights our Lord spent in the wilderness.

*The Rev. Louis F. Martin*

Pray . . . fast . . . give alms. . . . These are the traditional Lenten disciplines that we have been taught from childhood to observe. We take on a new discipline of study or prayer or fasting. We turn away from something we have depended on. We learn; we grow. We are restored. Our knowledge of our dependence on God is heightened. We can become compassionate in new and deeper ways.

Lenten observances are largely individual; we make our own decisions and commitments, and we strive to keep them every day. Not always easy. The church helps and encourages us in different ways: in worship, in a quieter, more solemn liturgy; in suggestions of ways we might consider praying, fasting, giving alms.

## Here are a few resources:

You will find in the Narthex materials from **Episcopal Relief and Development**: booklets and brochures suggesting ways we might fast and give for the benefit of people who are in need; also, there are booklets of Lenten meditations from ERD. Our children will be putting money into boxes called Hope Chests to bring to the altar on Easter Day and give to ERD's ministry.

**The Gospel According to Shug**, included in this issue of *Crossings*, is excellent material for Lenten reflection, meditation, and prayer.

The prayers in our **Book of Common Prayer** teach us to pray for ourselves and beyond ourselves and strengthen our faith in God's life and work in the world and God's ability to heal in every situation. Prayer, along with helping others, heightens our awareness of the task God has given us to share and continue with God the work of creation.

The Sermon on the Mount is nothing more or less than the manifesto of the reckless love of God. It is a cloudburst of blessing. It washes away our sins and our need to judge ourselves or others. It opens up a new standard of living, a new way to calculate our profits and losses. It offers us a vision of a new landscape washed clean, made green and glorious by the rain of God.

*Ronald Goetz*

## ***Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A***

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



### **The First Sunday in Lent, Year A March 5, 2017**

*Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

*(Matthew 4:1-11)* Lenten penitence engages the dark places in our lives that we may come face to face with them, name them, understand them, and seek forgiveness for them. It is not about guilt. It is about freedom from the control that our fears and insecurities have over us all, about the amendment of life and new beginnings.

*Maryetta Anschutz*

### **The Second Sunday in Lent, Year A March 12, 2017**

*Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*

*(Romans 4:1-5, 13-17)* The wellspring of doxology is discovered when we realize we stand before God incapable of earning God's grace and are instead worthy of that grace simply by God's blessed choice.

*Laird J. Stuart*

## **Calendar for Lent**

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	10:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Wednesday, March 1	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	Noon 6:00 PM	Chapel Nave
Sunday, March 5	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Sundays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2	Inquirers' Classes	9:15 AM	Education Building
Sundays, March 12, 19, 26, April 9	Lunch and <i>Gospel Memories</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5	Soup Days	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Undercroft

# Prayer List

Wanda Allen  
Debbie Atwood  
Michael Breedlove  
Evelyn Corley  
Janice Crawford  
Tricia Davis  
Ron Dean  
Jean Dooley  
Elizabeth Eglin  
Shirley Enani  
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar  
Ed Finuf

Reggie Gant  
Lady Martha Garner  
Ken George  
J. M. Hardwick  
Christine Hennigan  
Mary Hill  
Terry Hutchinson  
Kenneth Jordan  
George Love  
Kenneth Lowe  
Sherry Lowe  
Chris Lowery

Mim McCoy  
Paige McCranie  
Melody Mhyre  
Doug Meshell  
Suzy Nelson  
Randy Piedrahita  
Hazel Richards  
Ila Riggs  
Warren Riggs  
Linda Robinson  
Jenni Scarce  
Brady Sessions

Tommy Simrall  
Jack Theuerkauf  
Jennifer Theuerkauf  
Robert Todd  
Cliff Townsend  
Mattie Washington  
Molly Wilkinson  
Roger Wilkinson  
Bill Wright  
Larry Wright  
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry; for the people of our country, that we may listen with compassion to those who feel forgotten and work with renewed purpose to overcome our fears and prejudices; for law enforcement officers and the people they serve; for people in all places where there is war and fear, and for those who seek peace; for migrants in Africa and Europe, for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety; and for the leaders and the people of our country, that our spirit of hospitality and respect for all people may thrive and grow.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Abbeville, the Rev. R. Christopher Heying (Cindy); and for St. Paul's, Winnfield, the Rev. Richard Taylor (Mele), and the Rev. Frank Fuller (Jane).

Lord, motivate those of us who have much to give to give freely to those in need. Inspire us to give not just tangible goods, but also friendship. *Amen.*

## Lay Ministries

### The First Sunday in Lent March 5, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Hannah Wallace, Greg Criddle

Prayers of the People: Jo Ann Horton

Eucharistic Ministers: Reece Middleton, Aaron Horton

Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Patrick Raymond, Joe Bob Evanson

Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass

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

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

### The Second Sunday in Lent March 12, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Aaron Horton, Ginger Paul

Prayers of the People: Josh Boyte

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Nathaniel Means

Acolyte: Herschel Richard

Ushers: Bill Richard, Herschel Richard

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Tommie Sue Brooks

# Service Music

## The First Sunday in Lent

**Mass:** Merbecke and Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens

**Psalm 32** Responsorial

**Anthem** *Lord, who throughout these forty days* anon. English; arr. Shephard

**Solo** *This is our accepted time* Vulpius; arr. Nieland

**Hymns** 142 St. Flavian 150 *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich* (1-3) 143 *Erhalt uns, Herr*

**Organ** *Prière*, Franck *Meditation (Symphony I) and Prelude (Symphony III)*, Widor

## The Second Sunday in Lent

**Mass** Merbecke and Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens

**Psalm 121** Metrical setting, Hymn 668

**Anthem** *Wondrous Love* anon. British tune, pre-1701; arr. A. Clarke

**Hymns** 489 Tallis' Ordinal 313 *Jesus, meine Zuversicht* 149 *Old 124<sup>th</sup>*

**Organ** *Aria (Symphony IV)* Vierne *Elevation I, Op. 32* Dupré *Ciacona*, Buxtehude

## Inquirers' Classes

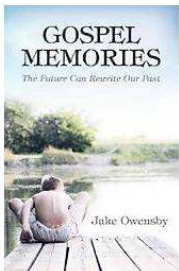
Inquirers' classes are offered to everyone—the more in the class, the more interesting the questions and discussions. Long-time Episcopalians might want a “refresher” course; non-Episcopalians might want to know more about the Episcopal Church; people, younger and older, desiring to be confirmed members of the church come to “learn the basics.” The schedule for the classes is:



March 12	How We Pray and Worship: The 1979 Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal 1982
March 19	Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation
March 26	Sacraments: Eucharist, Marriage, Ordination, Reconciliation, Unction
April 2	How the Church Runs: Polity and governance

Classes meet on Sundays at 9:15 in the Education Building and are taught by The Rev. Sally Fox. There is no obligation to “join the church,” except for those interested in being confirmed when the Bishop comes for his Visitation and Confirmation in September. Please call the church office, 222-3325, if you would like more information. All are welcome!

## During Lent: Lunch and Gospel Memories



Our Bishop's latest book, *Gospel Memories*, is a look at how the times of our lives help to mold us. Each time of sadness or success offers us a choice. Held alone, they might shape us to be bitter or fearful, or overly confident in ourselves. Offered to God, God, with us, can determine how they will shape us. Often, it's only as we look back that we see God's hand in our lives.

Bishop Owensby pairs each of his own stories of his life with a story from Scripture to show how, given to God, every time, good or bad, joyful or sad, can form us to be the people God made us to be. In the Bishop's life we can find our lives and the great blessing of knowing that all times are in God's hands.

We will read and discuss selected stories from *Gospel Memories* on Sundays during Lent. Come join us after the 11:00 service for sandwiches and discussion. If you would like to buy the book, you can order it from Amazon. Each chapter stands alone, so don't let having to miss one or two classes keep you from coming. We ask that you call the church office, 222-3325, during the week before each class to let you know you will be there and allow us to order enough food.

## *It's good to know where our Church stands . . .*

The **Episcopal Church Policy network** is a grassroots network of Episcopalians across the country dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to “strive for justice and peace” through the active ministry of public policy advocacy.



The EPPN is a part of the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations in Washington, DC. The actions, programs, and ministry of the Office of Government relations are based entirely on policies approved by the Church meeting in General Convention or by the Executive Council.

Subscribing to the EPPN enables us to be current in our knowledge of the concerns of our church, policies adopted in resolutions in General Convention, and avenues available to us as we seek to be faithful to the covenant we all make with God in our Baptism. The EPPN makes it easy with links to information, addresses of people to write, petitions to sign. I encourage you to go the website and join the network: <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/>.

Another valuable resource is the **Episcopal News Service**. Current news from every part of our church, from the Presiding Bishop's statements and letters, to news in the dioceses of our country, to the church's ministry in all parts of the world, is emailed regularly, with links to articles providing more background and information. Please register with the ENS through the website: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/>.



As we seek to be informed about actions and pending actions of our elected Representatives and Senators in the US Congress, you can find daily information about bill texts, calendars and schedules, committee reports, roll call votes and the latest legislative activity , as well as links and addresses for voicing our opinions and thoughts to our Congress people and leaders through the website: <http://www.congress.gov/>.

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## Socks for Hope House

As in the past two years on Maundy Thursday our Bishop will celebrate a Eucharist and foot-washing with our neighbors and parishioners and clergy from the churches of our convocation, either at Hope House of in our Undercroft. Medical people from St. Luke's and the community will be here to examine and treat foot problems, and each person will receive a pair of new socks and shoes.

If you would like to donate to the fund to buy shoes, please make your check out to Holy Cross, marked “shoes,” and bring or send it to the church. If you want to contribute socks, please put them in the baskets at the entrance to the church.

Thank you! These are great gifts for our neighbors, who need them very much!



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This Sunday, March 5  
*The Continuing Feast*  
in the Undercroft after the 11:00 service  
Come hungry, my friends!



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



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