



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
APRIL 25, 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  
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Steve Snodgrass, Secretary  
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## Deadline

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

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**The followers of Jesus "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).**

What is the mission of the Church? Our Catechism on page 855 of the Prayer Book answers this question and fleshes it out a bit:

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?

A. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.



If we remove the provisions that depend on God, Christ, worship, and the Gospel, we can say that some of the Church's functions duplicate, or at least intersect with, those of service and justice agencies. As members of the



Church we are fully grounded, as are all people who work for justice and peace, in our belief in the dignity of all people and the right of all people to enjoy equally the blessings of life, peace, and the earth's bounty. The difference



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is that our motivation, if we might call it that, depends on a different source: the deep love of God and one another. As people of the New Covenant our dedication has its source in God's love for all people and the new life promised to all who step aside from their own desires and live to serve others the way Jesus taught us to serve.

Motivation, whether of "secular" origin or of faith, must be fed to be sustained. The beautiful world that surrounds us offers temptation every day to stray

from the path of faith. Living for others is not the easy path; followed rightly, it requires sacrifice. There are the side roads of materialism—they may be the easiest to spot and reject. You don't have to live long to realize that material things are like the Turkish delight offered by the White Witch of C. S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*: enjoyment that is only temporary and leads only to a craving for more.

The side roads of personal desires are harder to spot; they are internal and lure us into subtle traps. Holding on to anger and resentments, competing for status, yielding to sharp words or taunting, laughing at or telling jokes that hurt another person or demean a group of people, anything that gains or flaunts power over others. And that word "power" may be a key to internal, as well as external, motivations. Once we name it, though, it's like the ancient gods: knowing its name gives us power over the temptation.

Not easy, sacrificing our need to win, to have power in any area, however innocent it may appear. What we may not see readily is that assuming power in these ways separates us from one another, from God, and ultimately from ourselves. Isn't this the way we define sin? The attraction to sinning, to separating ourselves from God, another person, ourselves, comes anew every day, perhaps every hour. We need a Power beyond ourselves to face and turn from the paths of sin that come before us. And we need to grow more and more into that Power.

This is the purpose of the vows we make and renew in our Baptismal Covenant: to devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer, just as the members of the Early Church did faithfully. In these practices Jesus' followers were not only worshiping and learning; they were opening themselves more and more to the Holy Spirit's power within them. And the power was always devoted to the good of the world. This can be true for us, too.

The paradox here is that we think we're sacrificing material things or power that brings acceptability and confidence in the world. But we find that the more we live into the new life that comes first in glimpses and more and more in a new *way* of life, that we have gained acceptability to ourselves and to one another and confidence in our capacity to embody God's action within us.

Study of Scripture and Church teaching. Fellowship with one another within the "incubator" of the Body of Christ. Sharing the bread and wine of worship and communion with God and one another. Praying regularly, individually and corporately. Notice how much of the practices within the Church are embodied in being together. The opportunity to fulfill this commitment is on Sunday at the church. Come, share in Communion and prayer and fellowship. Come! Renew and grow in new life!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

What the world expects of Christians is that they should speak out, loud and clear; that they should voice their convictions in such a way that not even the slightest doubt could arise in the heart of the simplest person. And more: that they should get away from words and abstractions and confront in their deeds the bloodstained face of history.

*Albert Camus*

## Sunday, May 7: A Very Special Continuing Feast



At the May 7 Continuing Feast we'll honor the women of the Holy Cross ECW (Episcopal Church Women). During Soup Days—that is, every Wednesday throughout Lent and Advent—they prepare and serve a delicious lunch of homemade vegetable beef soup, and homemade pies and cakes. More than 100 people come each Wednesday—so you can imagine the immense effort it takes for them to make Soup Days so successful. All the proceeds from Soup Days go to different community outreach programs sponsored by Holy Cross. Let's show them our appreciation at the Feast!

# Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



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## The Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*  
*1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35*

(*Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*) The psalmist responds with *public* thanksgiving to God and with *public* fulfillment of responsibilities to God offered within the gathered faith community. What a marvelous and *challenging* vision of the faithful life!

**Jeff Paschal**

What thanks to God can you offer today? What commitments can you make with your faith community to live into God's vision?

With the psalmist I ask, what shall I return to you for all your generosity in my life? *Amen.*

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

*Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23*  
*1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10*

(*Acts 2:42-47*) There are now many ways to pray, but to be "devoted" to it, individuals and communities must pursue prayer intentionally and with energy. God's grace causes growth, but these are ways of nourishing the plant.

**Gary Neal Hansen**

Notice how you experience Christian community this week when you pray and when you break bread with someone.

God of pauses, slow me down so that I may devote moments of quiet wherever I am to being in prayer, speaking and waiting for you. *Amen.*

## Calendar for May

Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
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
Sunday, May 7	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Wednesdays beginning May 3	Book study: <i>Gospel Memories</i> and Communion	11:00 am	Undercroft

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate altar flowers to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved one, June 25 and July 16 are open. Of course, you are welcome to donate flowers on later dates as well. Please call the church, 222-3325 to make your donation or for more information.



## Gospel Memories continues....

Our discussions during Lent of chapters in our Bishop's second book, Gospel Memories, were inspiring! Bishop Owensby's vulnerability in his memories opened in us a willingness to share that can take months to build sometimes. Each chapter stands on its own; it's not necessary either to prepare by reading before the class or even to own the book. Come join us! After the study we will celebrate the Eucharist in the room where we're meeting, sitting at a table together.

If you should want to buy the book, you can order it at Barnes and Noble or Amazon.

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen  
Cary Rhea Brooks  
Evelyn Corley  
Ron Dean  
Elizabeth Eglin  
Shirley Enani

Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar  
Ann Fellers  
Luke Fry  
Lady Martha Garner  
Christine Hennigan  
Kenneth Jordan

Mim McCoy  
Pat McCoy  
Paige McCranie  
Brady Sessions  
Tommy Simrall  
Jack Theurkauf

Robert Todd  
Mattie Washington  
Bill Wright  
Mary Wright

***We have recently updated our prayer list.*** If you or someone you know wants to request prayers, please call the church office, 222-3325. Your request will remain on the list for six weeks, unless you indicate that you would like it to remain longer.

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Philadelphia Center; for the people of our country, that we may 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 a spirit of hospitality and respect for all people may lead us to work for the common good.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Trinity, Cheneyville, and Holy Comforter, Lecompte;  
and for the Rev. Ella Breckenridge

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Muranga South (Kenya), the Rt. Rev. Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru, and for Nandial (South India), the Rt. Rev. Eggoni Pushpalalitha.

God, grant us anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation for people, so that we may convert that energy into love, justice, freedom, and peace for all.

*Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer*

## Say Ministries

### The Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Mary Richard  
Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: Hannah Wallace, Reece Middleton  
Prayers of the People: David Richard  
Eucharistic Ministers: Nathaniel Means, Kendall Raymond  
Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass  
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Herschel Richard  
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock  
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: June Kirkland, Ginger Paul

### The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright  
Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: Maggie Fowle, Nathaniel Means  
Prayers of the People: Melissa Fowle  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Aaron Horton  
Acolyte: Herschel Richard  
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Bill Richard  
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock  
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Jo Ann Horton, June Kirkland

# Service Music

## The Third Sunday of Easter

**Mass** *Christ our Passover* (metrical setting), Proulx, and Hurd

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17** metrical setting

**Anthem** *This joyful Eastertide* anon. 17<sup>th</sup> cent. Dutch; A. Somervell arr.

**Hymns** 212 Richmond 174 Salzburg 305 Rosedale 492 Finnian

**Organ** *Two Preludes Candlyn; An Easter Prelude on "Darwall"; Offertory on "Victimae paschali"* J.-M. Plum  
*Chorale-improvisation on "Victimae paschali"* Tournemire; Duruflé, trans.

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter:

**Mass:** *Christ our Passover* (metrical setting), Proulx and Hurd

**Psalm 23** Robert Knox Kennedy

**Anthems:** *Brother James' Air* J. Gibson, arr.; *Loving Shepherd of thy sheep* Lenel, arr.

**Hymns:** 377 Old 100<sup>th</sup> 708 Sicilian Mariners 164 Dominus regit me 391 Winchester New

**Organ:** *Trio Sonata in C: mov. 1 and III and Allabreve* J. S. Bach; *The Good Shepherd*, Benoit

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## Our Biggest Easter Egg Hunt Yet!

Many, many thanks to Meredith Lucius and her children Mason, Malayna, and Mark, for gifting us with another wonderful Easter egg hunt on Easter Day. Meredith's family and friends filled and hid three hundred eggs and were ready when the doors opened and fifteen children joined the hunt. All "our" children were here, and we had some new faces too, who dropped in for the fun. THANK YOU, Meredith and Team Easter! You provided the children with a morning of fun and memories.



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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.



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ph.D.  
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