



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
MARCH 15, 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

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Steve Snodgrass, Secretary
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Deadline

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

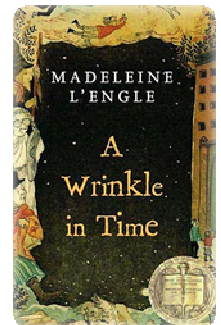
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Lent's Lessons

In her book *A Wrinkle in Time* Madeline L'Engle's Aunt Beast says, "You humans are limited so by your eyes." We know our eyes to be one of our greatest blessings, and those of us who have sight cannot bear to think of living without our eyes. How can it be that they limit us?

The lessons during Lent help us to understand what L'Engle is teaching us:



Lent 1: The Genesis story of Adam and Eve in the garden reminds us of our purpose within the Creation God has given into our care. We take the earth so for granted that we seem to look *through* its beauty, to take what it offers us and to forget that we are called to tend and preserve it, that God has given God's Creation to us to enjoy, and that in our care for it we have to draw the line between exploiting it as it serves us and preserving it as we serve as God's stewards.

Lent 2: The story of Abraham becoming a wanderer, leaving all he had known in his life and striking out into territory entirely new to him, opens him to the vulnerability to hear God's voice in a new way in a new place. In the Gospel story Jesus impresses upon Nicodemus the necessity of letting the wind of the Spirit blow through him and remove all his presuppositions: what he had seen to be true he would see as untrue, and a new Truth would take its place.

Lent 3: Israel is learning that even though their eyes tell them that all around them is wasteland, Yahweh is still caring for them and providing all they need; that in their "fasting" from all that had been known to them in life in Egypt they will perceive and know God in new ways (Exodus 17:1-7). At noon, when the light shines brightest, Jesus accepts a Samaritan woman unconditionally and challenges her to see the truth of her life in a new way. As she sees in a new light, she finds the essence of God's love and runs to bring others also to know that love in Jesus' teaching (John 4:5-42).

Lent 4: As Samuel is sent to anoint a new king of Israel, we read God's words whose truth we know so well: But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I

rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:1-13). There is no clearer directive for us than this, to look to the heart, as God does, and not be deceived by our old perceptions or by what our culture insists is true and acceptable. After healing the man blind from birth (John 9:1-41), Jesus teaches that those who think they have all the answers are really the blind ones, while those who seem to be blind, trusting their faith in God, are the ones who see.

We are so dependent on our eyes, one of our greatest blessings. But we can become overly dependent, and our eyes can then deceive us. It's easy and fast to look only on the surface of things and people. Here "seeing" becomes the metaphor for all we "know" as human beings. The clichés of our culture are persistent and seductive: "Homeless people have created their own homelessness." "Everyone has an equal chance to succeed in our country." "We should not have to provide health care for those who can't provide for themselves." And on and on.

Lent's disciplines, prayers, fasting, and giving alms, aim to change our physical lives and perceptions enough to impact our spiritual lives and actions. We come to know more deeply our complete dependence on God. Our trust in God is strengthened as we let go of more and more of our dependence on worldly "necessities" and grasp more clearly the Truth God so wants us to know. We can become a people more compassionate, willing to give more of ourselves and our resources so others can have the good life God intends for all people, so that the reconciliation of all Creation can move closer to its reality. And all we have belongs not to us but to God.

Please pray for me in my Lenten journey, as I pray for you, that our spirituality and the life of Holy Cross will grow to new levels as we open ourselves and our ministry more to God's words and actions. God has put great trust in us, calling us to care for Creation and to give ourselves and our resources for the wellbeing of others. The Church provides times and disciplines to bring us to know God and God's mission, which God has entrusted to us, more deeply. I pray that Lent will be for us a time to grow and respond ever more joyfully to God's calling in our time and place.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Third Sunday in Lent, Year A March 19, 2017

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

(Psalm 95) If that is not enough to warrant our praise, then the psalmist reminds us that God also made us. Without God we would never have had the chance to get it right and get it wrong. We are alive because God allowed that it was a good thing to be. So come, give thanks and praise to the One who has made all these things possible.

David M. Burns

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year A March 26, 2017

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

This gift of presence is especially meaningful for modern people who find authentic presence with one another an increasingly scarce commodity. More and more, it seems that our busy lives are pulling us away from family meals, from leisurely phone conversations, from long walks with very good friends.

We find that human interactions of all sorts, from commerce to courting, are being increasingly facilitated by electronics. All the while, the ability to listen is being corroded, and the experience of being truly heard has become more significant than ever. If we learn from our walk with the shepherd just how healing it is to receive such presence, perhaps we will in turn offer it to others.

Robert W. Fisher

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Resources for Lent in the Narthex

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 daily devotionals from ERD.



From The **Episcopal Public Policy Network**: a letter about the Affordable Health Care Act.



From **The Episcopal News Service**: information on a call from the Presiding Bishop and other Episcopal leaders for President Trump to maintain refugee resettlement efforts.



From **Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry**: Ash Wednesday letter.



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
Sundays, March 19, 26, April 2	Inquirers' Classes	9:15 AM	Education Building
Sundays, March 19, 26, April 9	Lunch and <i>Gospel Memories</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Wednesdays, March 22, 29, April 5	Soup Days	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Undercroft

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani

Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Christine Hennigan
Kenneth Jordan
Mim McCoy
Pat McCoy

Paige McCranie
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall
Mark Skeesick
Robert Todd

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 Northwest Louisiana Interfaith Pharmacy;
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. Timothy's, Alexandria, the Very Rev. Rich Snow (Nikki);
and for St. Paul's, Winnfield, the Rev. Richard Taylor (Mele), and the Rev. Frank Fuller.

Be with us, God, as we travel, await guests, become someone's guest, or spend time alone. Give us safety, rest, and peace. Holy Spirit, we pray that your fruit will be in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and faithfulness.

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Say Ministries

The Third Sunday in Lent March 19, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Hannah Wallace, Josh Boyte
Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Monty Walford
Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Aaron Horton, Joe Bob Evanson
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Lynn Walford
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Jo Ann Horton

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Maggie Fowle, Reid Raymond
Prayers of the People: David Richard
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Aaron Horton
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If you would like to give an Easter lily to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved one, please call or email the church office no later than Friday, April 7. The cost of each lily plant is \$16.50. Please mail or take your donation to the church office.

Service Music

The Third Sunday in Lent

Mass: Merbecke and Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens

Psalm 95:1-7 S 35 Jack Noble White

Anthem: *Never weather-beaten sail* Charles Wood

Hymns: 699 Aberystwyth 148 Uffingham 149 *Old 124th*

Organ: *Chorale in B minor* C. Franck *Elevation II, Op. 32* and *Lamento* Dupré

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mass: Merbecke and Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens

Psalm 23 Metrical setting, *St. Columba* Hymn 645

Anthem *Bread of the world* Bourgeois, arr. C. Young

Solo *He that is down needs fear no fall* anon. 17th century melody *The Scottish Psalter*

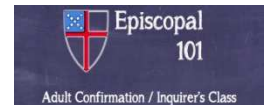
Hymns: 493 Azmon 490 Houston 646 Dominus regit me

Organ: *Prelude on Psalm 23:4* Howells *Laetare: Communion (L'Orgue Mystique)* Tournemire
Fugue in C minor Durufé

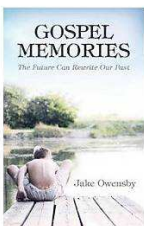
Inquirers' Classes, taught by the Rev. Sally Fox

Sundays, 9:15 AM in the Education Building

March 19 Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation
March 26 Sacraments: Eucharist, Marriage, Ordination, Reconciliation, Unction
April 2 How the Church Runs: Polity and governance



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 when we see them help within Gospel promise. Bishop Owensby pairs 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. 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. Please call the church office, 222-3325, during the week before each class so we can know how much food to order.

Socks and Shoes for Our Neighbors



Again this Season of Lent the churches of our convocation are collecting socks and money to buy shoes for our neighbors. At the Eucharist, foot washing and lunch on Maundy Thursday each of our neighbors will receive a pair of new shoes and white cotton socks. Please put donations of socks in the bins in the Nave. If you would like to contribute to the shoe fund, please bring or send your check to Holy Cross, marked "shoes." Our neighbors look forward to this every year. Thank you!



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



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