

Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JULY 19, 2017

Holy Eucharist

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

Book Study and Eucharist

Wednesday: 11:00 AM

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
Shirley Enani
Maggie Fowle
Jo Ann Horton
John Hughes
Meredith Lucius
Ginger Paul

Monty Walford, Treasurer
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Deadline

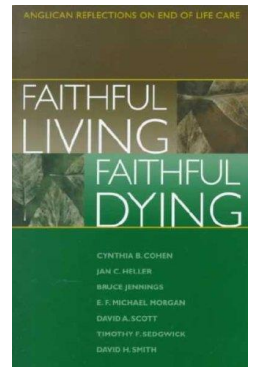
Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

Please send to

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Faithful Living, Faithful Dying

I have used the title of a book to name our next course of study at Holy Cross. Often the issues that can arise at the end of our earthly life are termed “end of life issues.” However, our faith understands our mortal life to be part of a whole with our eternal life; thus, “end of life” is not strictly accurate. Eternal life begins here and now, as we accept God’s unconditional and forgiving love each day in our life on earth. The end of our earthly voyage is a part of our eternal life with God. As we seek to live faithfully, so we seek to die faithfully.



The 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church created a task force “to study what faithful living and faithful dying mean today.” The study was done by the Hastings Institute of Hasting-on-Hudson, New York, and their reflections are published in *Faithful Living, Faithful Dying: Anglican Reflections on End of Life Care*. The purpose of the study, and thus the purpose of the book, is to explore and illuminate our Church’s teaching about life in its wholeness, to help us approach the end of our lives on earth from a position of wholeness, and to equip us to address faithfully the issues that may arise as life on earth comes to an end.

Our time lived in our mortal bodies presents us with often conflicting impressions and emotions about the relationship of mortal and eternal life. As we look toward the end of our earthly lives, the conflicts of faith, human nature, and the teachings and statements of various forums in the popular and religious cultures may create unease in us. And then, we are faced with decisions that will affect how the end of our mortal lives may evolve. As our faith guides us in daily life, the Church’s teaching can guide us in making these decisions.

The book is technical in some parts. I have used it in group study and recommend it highly for personal or corporate study. If there is interest, we can read it together in a class. In the meantime, we offer two workshops to deal with the practicalities of making decisions related to the end of earthly life:

On **Wednesday, July 26**, The Rev. Deacon Lois Maberry will address the medical decisions we might prepare for. She will have documents

you can complete at home and file with your doctor, relatives, whomever you desire to know your wishes. We will begin with supper at 6:00 in the Undercroft. If you plan to attend, **please make a reservation through the church office (222-3325)** to help us prepare.

In **August** we will have another class on a Wednesday evening to cover the legal issues that can be addressed. During one of these classes, or in a third class if necessary, I will talk about the Church's teaching and have available forms to be placed in Holy Cross' files so we may honor your wishes for burial.

Deacon Lois Maberry



I do recommend *Faithful Living, Faithful Dying* (ISBN-10: 0818218308) if you would like to delve further into our church's teaching about mortal and eternal life and the issues that can arise as we leave our earthly life. The book can be ordered from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com> (\$14.59 paperback or \$9.99 Kindle), or from Cokesbury: <https://www.churchpublishing.org> (\$18.00 paperback).

Preparing for Medical Issues at the End of Earthly Life

**Wednesday, July 26
6:00 PM in the Undercroft
Supper and Workshop
Deacon Lois Maberry, Presenter**

The Rev. Mary Richard

Every moment and every event of every person's life on earth plants something in her or his soul. For just as the wind carries thousands of winged seeds, so each moment brings with it germs of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of men and women. Most of these unnumbered seeds perish and are lost, for such seeds as these cannot spring up anywhere except in the good soil of freedom, spontaneity, and love.

Thomas Merton, New Seeds of Contemplation

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 11: July 23, 2017**

*Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

(Romans 8:12-25) Suffering and hope hold no contradiction, for they are deeply connected in Christ, the One whose glory we have seen, the One who gives this creation life.

Karen Chakoian

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 12: July 30, 2017**

*Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

(Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52) In the kingdom of heaven lies the mustard seed, which invades the cultivated soil of our certainties and our boundaries and creates out of it all something new—"the better of the deal." Hidden within what we think we see so clearly, it is subversive and grows up in unexpected ways until what we thought we knew is transformed and redeemed by our surprising, invasive God.

Theodore J. Wardlaw

Calendar for July, August, and September

Saturdays	Holy Eucharist II	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
Wednesday, July 26	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
	Preparing for Medical End-of-Life Issues Supper, followed by presentation by Deacon Lois Maberry	6:00 PM	Undercroft
Sunday, August 6	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Wednesdays in August	Book Study: <i>The Episcopal Way</i> Supper, Eucharist	6:00 PM	Undercroft
Sunday, September 10	Bishop's Visitation, Eucharist, and Confirmation	11:00 AM	Nave
	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
	Evensong celebrating Holy Cross' Name Day	2:00 PM	Nave

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Debbie Atwood
Michael Atwood
Michael Breedlove
Tommy Breedlove
Cary Rhea Brooks
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean
Shirley Enani

Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Ann Fellers
Luke Fry
Lady Martha Garner
Charles Griffith
Christine Hennigan
Kenneth Jordan
Lisa Martin
George Markiel

Mim McCoy
Pat McCoy
Paige McCranie
Allison Moncia
Bob Morris
Reed Nations
Mark Skeesick
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall

Jack Theurkauf
Sonny Thomas
Robert Todd
Mattie Washington
Bill Wright
Larry 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 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 Leonidas Polk Memorial, Leesville, the Rev. William Phillips (Lynn); and for Trinity, DeRidder, the Rev. James Lueckenhoff (Linda).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Osun North East (Ibadan, Nigeria), the Rt. Rev. Humpherey Olumakaiye; for Pennsylvania (III, The Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel; and for Pittsburgh (III, The Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell).

God, help us to see beyond what's material. Help us to see what you see. God, help us to advocate for life, from our communities to our capitals.

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Say Ministries

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2017

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

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Maggie Fowle, Reece Middleton

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Nathaniel Means, Ginger Paul

Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Steve Snodgrass, Jo Bob Evanson

Ushers: Herschel Richard, Gerry Brooks

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

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

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2017

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

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Steve Snodgrass, David Richard

Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Monty Walford

Acolyte: Herschel Richard

Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks

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

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: June Kirkland, Ginger Paul



Service Music

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: July 23

Mass 421, Decius, Proulx, and Hurd

Psalm 139:1-11 chant tune: Robert Knox Kennedy

Hymn-Anthem: *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* Harold W. Friedell

Hymns 372 Leoni; 533 Lyons; 9 (1-3) *Morning Song*; 623 *O quanta qualia*

Organ Psalm-Prelude 139:11, Howells; A Meditation on *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* G. Hancock

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: July 30

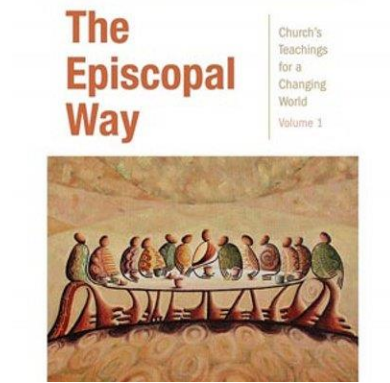
Mass 421, Decius, Proulx, and Hurd

Psalm 105:1-5, 8-11, 45b Robert Knox Kennedy

Hymn-Anthem *Let all the world in every corner sing* Harwood; arr. Power

Hymns 447 St. Magnus; 613 St. Cecilia; 652 (1-3) Rest; 527 Ton-y-Botel

Organ *Communion in F, Pastorale in C, and Sortie in Gm* Lefébure-Wély; *Diapason Movement* Harwood



Book Study Continues in August

Our study of Volume 1 in *The Church's Teachings for a Changing World* will continue into August. Please join us. If you missed the first two classes you can easily catch up, so don't let that keep you from coming. The book offers the Episcopal Church's teaching of "the way" Jesus showed us—drawing on the understanding of the earliest followers of Jesus, "followers of the Way," even before they were called "Christians," before the Church was formally formed. Please do come and add to the study and discussions!

**Wednesday Evenings, August 9,16,(no meeting 23),30
6:00 supper followed by
Holy Eucharist and
Book study: *The Episcopal Way*
Please make a reservation by calling the church office, 222-3325**

The Rev. Mary Richard

SNEAK PEEK at the new St. Luke's van!



After nearly ten years of hard and faithful service, the St. Luke's van was starting to show signs of old age. Thanks to the generous support of donors, and to a successful fundraiser, a new van has been purchased. It's bigger, more spacious, and well-equipped as a medical unit. There are still some "bugs" to be worked out, and the graphics have not been added yet, but it has already been on several missions. More news and pictures to follow!

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



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ph.D.
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, Ph.D., D. D.
The Rev. Mary B. Richard
The Rev. Sally M. Fox
The Rev. Kenneth W. Paul
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