

Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 2, 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
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Deadline

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

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Holy Buildings and Holy Ground

A few years ago I was listening to someone give her account of a mission trip to Africa. She described the

vitality, the energy that characterized the worship services there. She said that everything seemed to be a natural response to scripture, music, preaching, prayer; authentic within the culture, enthusiastic, spontaneous, inspired by liturgy but not bound by it. I asked what, besides cultural contrasts, accounted for the differences between worship there and worship as most of us know it. She responded, "First of all, there were no walls. There was a shelter overhead, but the perimeters were completely open." People came and went, in and out. The service was visible to all who passed and open to all. Implicitly, everyone was attracted and invited in.

Maudy Thursday service in front of Hope House



Service outside Hope House



Open to all. A picture is worth a thousand words; in this case, a place, a setting, is worth a thousand invitations. "Join us for worship! All are welcome!" No words needed.

We are devoted to our church buildings and to everything that happens within them—and well we should be. Not only are our buildings beautiful, they are safe places for us, places where we have encountered God and one another. We have shared tears and laughter here; prayers and grace; baptisms and burials, or perhaps we might say, life and death. We have found God and one another here. Our history of worship, of being our branch of the Body of Christ, is held within the walls of our church and to some extent imaged by them. In some churches, within and outside the walls, generations of loved ones are buried. Much of our time, talent and treasure is devoted to maintaining the place so dear to us.

Aunt Beast, in Madeline L'Engle's book *A Wrinkle in Time*, lives on a planet where all the inhabitants are blind. She says to Meg: "We do not know what things look like. We know what things *are* like. It must be a very limiting thing, this seeing."

While our eyes are blessings from God, given to us in order that we appreciate the beauty of the earth and the amazing creations of God and of humankind, Aunt Beast suggests that we consider the limitations that our sight—indeed, the limitations that any blessing—can offer us. The beauty of church architecture, which is without a doubt as compelling as any human creation, presents us with the possibility of idolatry. When we leave, do we leave our awe and God's commission to us, to go into all the world carrying the truth of the Gospel to all people, within the walls of the church?

We see the magnetism of enclosed space set aside to be holy in the story of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountaintop in the presence of Peter, James, and John. As Jesus prayed and the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white, Moses and Elijah appeared with him. It's quite natural that Peter wanted to memorialize for generations to come to the place where the Son of God and Israel's two great prophets had met. But Matthew and Mark report that Jesus instructed the disciples not to say anything about the experience, and Luke writes that they did not tell anyone. We can only speculate on the several reasons for this; the dangers of creating a shrine may have been one.

Outdoor service



The implication is that we human beings may be drawn to certain places as holy, forgetting that everything, every place created by God is sacred and radiates the possibility of holy thoughts and actions. Scripture witnesses many times the presence of God in all heaven and earth, one well-known passage being Solomon's declaration: "But who is able to build a temple for him, since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him?" (2 Chronicles 2:6). The irony is that Solomon went on to build a temple whose splendor, magnificence, structure and appointments were known far and wide and are still revered with pathos in our world today.

The responsibility for balance rests with us: that we practice looking for God and finding God's presence in every place and situation. Yes, in our beautiful and well-loved places of worship. And just as brilliantly on the sidewalk and streets and grounds surrounding the church; on the street leading away from the church and in our neighborhoods where God's people dwell; at our computers and in our conference rooms where decisions are made; at our dinner tables and celebrations as we discuss, argue, listen to one another; as well as in the mission fields as far away as the other side of the world and as near to us as our neighbors.

All places are holy as created and inhabited by God and as visited and inhabited by our sisters and brothers. In all places where we encounter one another we are presented the opportunity to interact with one another and with God. And honoring this holiness, we open our lives and our relationships to becoming more and more holy. This is how God's mission for the Church, the reconciliation of all Creation, is accomplished.

A church without walls. The vision of that worship place in Africa does not preclude our having places of worship within the walls of our beloved churches. The vision presents us with a powerful realization: that we are called not to leave our worship and God's commission to us inside the walls of the church, but that we continue to worship as we go out into the world, into every place and time. All of life is worship; all relationships are holy; all places, as Jacob found far from home and alone in the wilderness, are "Beth-el," the house of God.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Why else would [Jesus] talk about heaven in terms of farmers and fields and women baking bread and merchants buying and selling things and fishermen sorting fish, unless he meant somehow to be telling us that the kingdom of heaven has to do with these things, that our treasure is buried not in some exotic far-off place that requires a special map, but that "X" marks the spot right here, right now, in all the ordinary people and places and activities in our lives?

Barbara Brown Taylor

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



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The Transfiguration of our Savior Jesus Christ August 6, 2017

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:13-21 Luke 9:28-36

(*Psalm 99*) The Transfiguration story is as much about human transformation as it is about Jesus' transfiguration. In this liturgical context, Psalm 99 invites us to reflect on how God's own justice and equity challenge us to live in a new way. . . . To proclaim God's reign today means that we must reevaluate our own loyalties and practices and make decisions with the needs of all of God's people in mind.

Elizabeth L. Hinson-Hasty

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14: August 13, 2017

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

(*Romans 10:5-15*) For these questioning Christians, it is important to understand that neither private piety nor street-corner sermons will do. What the apostle is urging is a life of interior and exterior authenticity, a life based on faith. We may not be able to change anything, but faith can change everything.

Martha C. Highsmith

Calendar for 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
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 23, 30	Book Study: <i>The Episcopal Way</i> Supper, Eucharist	6:00 PM	Undercroft
Sunday, August 6	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Thursday, August 10	Meeting of the Daughters of the King	5:30 PM	Undercroft
Wednesday, August 16	Vestry Meeting	5:30 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

Please note: There will be NO *Continuing Feast* on Sunday, September 3rd

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
Doris Lewis
Lisa Martin
George Markiel
Mim McCoy

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

Sonny Thomas
Kim Tobin
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 Hope House; 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 enact laws that serve the common good.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Andrews, Mer Rouge, Redeemer, Oak Ridge, and the Rev. Geoff Schmitt; and for Trinity, Tallulah, Grace, Lake Providence, and the Rev. William Echol (Linda).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Puerto Rico (XI, The Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos Orench; and for Remo (Lagos, Nigeria), the Rt. Rev. Michael Fape.

Motivate us, God, to consistently seek knowledge of the lives of others, people who are different from us, whose experiences don't entirely match our own. Free us from habits that dishonor the land, and teach us to revel in its bounty with gratitude.

The Book of Common Prayer

Say Ministries

The Transfiguration of Our Savior Jesus Christ August 6, 2017

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

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Aaron Horton

Prayers of the People: David Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard

Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Aaron Horton, Joe Bob Evanson

Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks

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

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

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2017

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

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Jo Ann Horton, Nathaniel Means

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Reece Middleton, Aaron Horton

Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass

Ushers: Herschel Richard, Bill Richard

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

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

Service Music

The Transfiguration of our Savior Jesus Christ: August 6

Introit: Tone VIII.2

Mass: 421, Decius, Proulx, and Hurd

Psalm 99:5-9: Responsorial, Tone VIII.2

Anthem: *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* Rachel Arons

Hymn-Anthem: *O Light of Light* C. Ratcliff

Hymns: 542 St. Joan 129 Mowsley 383 St. Elizabeth 137 Wareham

Organ: *Sonata II* Mendelssohn *The Transfiguration* Benoit *Prelude in E* Lübeck

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: August 13 Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Canticle: *Jubilate* Hymn 377 *A Song of Praise-Benedictus es, Domine* S 231 *Te Deum* Hymn 366 (1-4)

Mass: Proulx and Hurd

Anthem: *Now thank we all our God* Cruger; arr. J. S. Bach

Hymns: 390 Lobe den Herren 709, Dundee (1-3) 699 Aberstwyth

Organ: *Fanfare, Fidelis, Folk Tune, and Andante tranquillo* Whitlock



A Midsummer's Guitar Blast

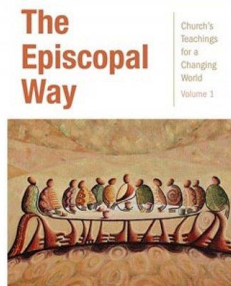
Sunday, August 20, 3:00 PM

Join guitarist Giovanni de Chiaro and composer Kermit Poling for an afternoon of guitar music and a special preview of their upcoming CD with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Free admission

Donations Welcome

For more information: 318-626-7996 or www.ShreveportSummerMusicFestival.com



Book Study Continues in August

Our study of Volume 1 in *The Church's Teachings for a Changing World* will continue in August. Please join us. If you missed the first 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 2, 9, 23, 30 (no meeting on the 16th)
6:00 supper followed by**

Holy Eucharist and Book study: *The Episcopal Way*

Please make a reservation by calling the church office, 222-3325



Update on the *Bread or Stones* Campaign

Is there anyone among you who if a child asks for bread will give a stone? (Matthew 7:9)

Our Vestry has given approval for Holy Cross to be a covenant partner in the Louisiana Interchurch Conference's *Bread or Stones* campaign. We are committed to take actions for the good of the children of our community. **Jo Ann Horton**, in her ministry as a Vestry member and as a Daughter of the King, has committed to work with me on our evangelism plans. We have attended meetings of Step Forward and the Volunteers of America in search of ministries we of Holy Cross can enter into. These organizations have presented us with opportunities in homes and in schools during or after school.

The need this month is **school supplies**. Below is the list the VOA has given us. They will collect and distribute the supplies to the schools where they have placed volunteers with the VOA LightHouse Afterschool Program: Forest Hill, J. S. Clark and University Elementary Schools, and Fair Park and Broadmoor Middle Schools. Please help us collect supplies for the children. You may bring them to the church office, or on Sundays you may leave them in the baskets at the entrance to the Nave.

If you would like to **donate money for school supplies**, we welcome that too. We will either shop for them or give the funds to the VOA. Make checks payable to the Volunteers of America, and mark them "school supplies." Thank you for making the children of our community a priority for our future and for today.

VOA's List of School Supplies

crayons
pencil cases
pencils (mechanical and wooden)
folders
colored pencils
coloring books
watercolors
white cardstock
craft supplies
correction tape
A4 copy paper

paper envelopes
electric pencil sharpeners (1 per classroom) staplers
markers
paper towels
erasers
Lysol wipes
dry erase markers
facial tissues
dry erase board cleaners
backpacks

Ways to Help Hope House: *Rooftop Rescue*, T-shirts, Coffee



Donna Earnest, Executive Director of Hope House, has made *Rooftop Rescue* an annual event. Donna spends the day on the roof of Hope House, rain or shine, heat or cold, until she meets the goal. She began it two years ago with the goal of raising \$2015 for Hope House—and through the generosity of Holy Cross members and people in the community, she raised much

more than that. Last year's goal of \$2016 was exceeded also, and we know that this year's goal will be too. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to help out in whatever way you can, by volunteering or donating. *Rooftop Rescue* will be **October 22**, so watch this space for more information! If you'd like to get ahead of the game and donate now, please go to <http://www.gofundme.com/help-donna-raise-the-roof>.



Summer T-shirts with Hope House's new "brand"/logo are on sale in the church office in sizes L, XL, and 2XL, for \$15.00. If you want another size, we may be able to order it for you. Purchase or reserve your T-shirt now—this is a great way to support our ministry in the neighborhood and help spread Hope House's name around town!



Coffee is a daily need at Hope House. Our neighbors are waiting each morning when Donna, Larry, and Hoyo arrive, and they enjoy coffee and fellowship all morning until supplies run out. This is an important time for them to talk, get to know one another, and address needs and news. **Please remember Hope House when you are in the grocery store, and bring a gift of coffee.** Baskets are always at the entrance to the Nave, ready to receive coffee for our neighbors.



The Continuing Feast

This Sunday after the 11:00 service. Bring a dish, bring your appetite, and enjoy good food and good fellowship!

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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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