



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
MARCH 14, 2018

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm

Book Study and Eucharist

Tuesdays during Lent: 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
Ginger Paul, Jr. Warden
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary
Tommie Sue Brooks
Shirley Enani
Maggie Fowle
John Hughes
Anna Grace Madden
Sara Townsend
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Deadline

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

Please send to

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The Way of the Cross

From the Episcopal Church website:

Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross) . . .



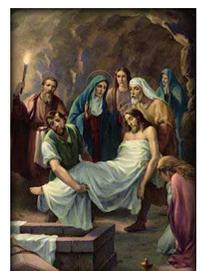
. . . is a devotion to the Passion of Christ which recalls a series of events at the end of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial. The Way of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. The first stations outside Palestine were built in Bologna in the fifth century. This devotion was encouraged by the Franciscans, and it became common in the fifteenth century.



The number of stations for prayer and meditation in the Way of the Cross has varied, but it typically includes fourteen stations. Each station may have a cross and an artistic representation of the scene. The stations may be erected inside a church or outdoors. The Book of Occasional Services includes the following stations in the Way of the Cross: 1) Jesus is condemned to death; 2) Jesus takes up his cross; 3) Jesus falls the first time; 4) Jesus meets his afflicted mother; 5) the cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene; 6) a woman wipes the face of Jesus; 7) Jesus falls a second time; 8) Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem; 9) Jesus falls a third time; 10) Jesus is stripped of his garments; 11) Jesus is nailed to the cross; 12) Jesus dies on the cross; 13) the body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother; 14) Jesus is laid in the tomb.



The Book of Occasional Services notes that eight of the stations are based on events that are recorded in the gospels. The remaining six (3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 13) are based on inferences from the



gospels or pious legends. The book allows these six stations to be omitted from the Way of the Cross.

The Book of Occasional Services provides opening devotions and the Lord's Prayer. There is a versicle and response, a reading, a prayer, and a collect for each of the fourteen stations. Concluding prayers before the altar follow the fourteenth station in the BOS service.

The hymn *Stabat Mater* has been associated with the Way of the Cross. The Way of the Cross is a popular devotion that is often done on Fridays during Lent. However, it should not displace the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday. Some have questioned its disassociation of Jesus' death from his resurrection.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/way-cross-stations-cross>

*On Thursday, March 22, at 6:00 pm, we will walk the spiritual journey "The Way of the Cross" for the third time this year at Holy Cross. This ancient series of meditations, lasting 20 – 30 minutes, is one of the most meaningful of Lent's devotions. **The Forward Movement** provides a short liturgy of scripture, responses, and prayer relating to the story of each station. Please join us.*

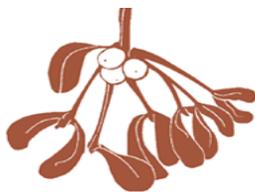
The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Self-sacrifice, self-denial, and self-giving are the hallmarks of our true selves, the men and women that God means us to be. This is the abundant life to which Jesus calls us, compared with which worldly success, fame, and fortune are tawdry baubles which will end with our bodies in the grave. But a life lived in the spirit of Christ will never die. It has a quality that is eternal.

*William Nell, in **The Difficult Sayings of Jesus***

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18, 2018

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ✎ *Hebrews 5:5-10*
John 12:20-33 ✎ *Psalms 119:9-16*

(Jeremiah 31:31-34) Presumably this text invites us to confess and repent boldly, because of the already-and-not-yet promise that God remembers our sins no more. Perhaps it also invites us to confess that the covenantal calculus, our *quid pro quo* approach to God, does not always hold. This deep into Lent, the shadow of the cross falls over everything—a reminder that, even for God's most faithful one, there is no path around the darkness. Yet there lingers also the hope, the already-and-not-yet promise, that the days are surely coming when even the cross gives way to life.

Richard Floyd

The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

Isaiah 50:4-9a ✎ *Philippians 2:5-11*
Mark 14:1-15:47 ✎ *Psalms 31:9-16*

(Psalms 31:9-16) From the perspective of the passion, we know that suffering ends in death, but death is not the end. The psalmist's prayer—Jesus' prayer—becomes the prayer of all the faithful. Jesus' suffering and his appeal to God declare in letters writ large that the Messiah understands the very worst of human suffering. There is no pain that the Christ has not endured.

Audrey West

Calendar for March

Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 pm	Chapel
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 am	Rose Garden or Chapel
	Nursery	9:30 am – 12:15 pm	Education Building
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 am	Nave
Tuesday, March 20	Book study and Eucharist	11:00 am	Undercroft
Wednesday, March 21	Last Soup Day in Lent	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Undercroft
	Vestry meeting	5:30 pm	Undercroft
Thursday, March 22	VOA Eucharist	10:00 am	Nave
	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm	Rose Garden or Nave
Saturday, March 24	March for Our Lives	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Caddo Parish Courthouse
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist, and lunch	12:00 noon	Undercroft
	Holy Eucharist and divesting of altar	5:00 pm	Nave
	Good Friday Liturgy	12:00 noon	Nave

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Debbie Atwood
Michael Atwood
Michael Breedlove
Tommy Breedlove
Cary Rhea Brooks
Evelyn Corley
Hugh Coyle
Sara Lou Coyle
Brackman

Ron Dean
Shirley Enani
Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar
Ed Finuf
Peter Flowers
Maggie Fowle
Brinn Godfrey
Christine Hennigan
Barbara Hughes
Kenneth Jordan

Flo Little
Mim McCoy
Jim McCranie
Allison Moncla
Buddy Morehead family
Jim Santa Ana
Brady Sessions
Erik Showalter
Tommy Simrall

Jack Theurkauf
Robert Todd
Sara Townsend
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright
Sheryl Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by the Philadelphia Center;
For refugees fleeing disaster, war and famine and hoping for a new life;
For all who grieve, especially those who have lost loved ones through violence;
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 and justice; and for the leaders and the people of our country, that we may break the bonds of prejudice and
politics and money and enact laws that serve those who are most vulnerable.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Paul’s, Abbeville, the Rev. Deacon Madge McLain;
and for St. James, Alexandria, the Rev. Deborah Heathcock.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Most Rev. Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong
Kong Sheng Kung Hui and Bishop of Hong Kong Island; and for the peace of Jerusalem: All glory, laud, and honor, To Thee,
Redeemer King, To Whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring,
the Most Rev. Suheil Dawani, Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and Archbishop in Jerusalem.

All-knowing God, we acknowledge that you know us better than we know ourselves. Held by your infinite love and grace,
we enjoy the comfort of your presence as we turn to you in prayer. Grant us the wisdom and discipline to make prayer our
lifeline. *Amen.*

Say Ministries

The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18, 2018

Sun. 11:00 am:
Lectors: Edward Cloyd-Baldwin, Reece Middleton
Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Monty Walford
Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass
Ushers: Anna Grace Madden, Herschel Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 pm: Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 am: Ginger Paul

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

Sun. 11:00 am:
Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Reid Raymond
Prayers of the People: David Richard
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Joe Bob Evanson
Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 pm: Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 am: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

Maundy Thursday March 22, 2018

5:00 pm:
Lectors: David Richard, Reece Middleton
Prayers of the People: JoAnne Horton
Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard
Acolyte: Hannah Wallace
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks
Altar Guild: Ginger Paul



Service Music

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 18

Mass: Merbecke S 153 *Christ our Passover* Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens
Psalm 119:9-16: Metrical setting
Anthem: *I heard the voice of Jesus say* Thomas Tallis, arr. William Withrup
Hymns: 603 St. Botolph 641 Southwell 495 In Babilone
Organ: *Lamento Dupré Elevation III, Op. 32 Dupré Ciacona Buxtehude*

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday; March 25 Liturgy of the Palms with the Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Sung prose at the Liturgy of the Palms

Mass: Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens, adapt. and Merbecke
Psalm 31:9-16: Responsorial *Horsley*, adapt. B. Power
Offertory Prose: *Improperium expectavit cor meum*
Anthem: *Ah Holy Jesus* J. Cruger, arr. Richard Shephard
Solo: *O vos omnes* C. Franck
Hymns: 154 Valet will ich der geben 164 Bangor 474 Rockingham
168 Passion Chorale
Organ: *Hossana to the son of David* and *In manus tuas* Demessieux *The Palms* Langlais

Holy Week at Holy Cross

We begin the week of Jesus' Passion on **Palm Sunday** with the Liturgy of the Palms, recalling Jesus' journey into Jerusalem as he was welcomed by crowds of people praising him and waving palm branches. After the Opening Hymn, however, the mood begins to change as the Liturgy of the Word progresses into the week. Mark's Gospel follows Jesus and his disciples into Bethany and back into Jerusalem for the Passover dinner, the Crucifixion, and his death.



On **Maundy Thursday** ("Command" Thursday) we read John's account of Jesus' last supper with his friends. He models the life of the servant when he washes their feet, and he gives one more command: that they (and we) serve one another. We bring that last evening into the present (*anamnesis*) and into our own calling as we celebrate the Eucharist on Thursday of Holy Week. The altars and worship spaces are divested of ornaments, linens, candles, and flowers. In this ancient custom of the Church, stripping of the altar and removing all signs of life and beauty, parallels Jesus' life being stripped from him. The almost-bare worship space reminds us of the bareness of life without the hope of Christ in his resurrection (from www.buildingfaith.org, a ministry of Virginia Theological Seminary).



Good Friday is a day of quiet, meditating, remembering. We gather at noon to read together John's account, beginning in Gethsemane as Jesus prays and is betrayed, and leading through his trial, his walk to Golgotha, his crucifixion and burial.



Holy Saturday is a second day of quiet, as we observe the full day Jesus lay in the tomb. These days of the Passion are solemn, necessary in our preparation for Easter Day, whose full joy and promise for us cannot be realized until we know and feel the powers that God has defeated for us.



Please plan your Holy week around our services. The music of Holy Week is as powerful as the liturgies. We hope you will come to worship and remember with us.

Maundy Thursday with Our Neighbors



In addition to divesting the altar in the evening, we celebrate Maundy Thursday at noon by remembering Jesus' last supper with his friends, when he washed their feet as an example of the servanthood he called them to live out. It has been our tradition to wash our neighbors' feet and to give each person a new pair of socks and shoes. Please help us collect enough socks by bringing some to the church and placing them in the baskets in the Narthex. If you wish to make a monetary donation to the fund that will buy the shoes, please make your check out to St. Luke's Medical Ministry and mark it "Shoes."

Our neighbors will appreciate your help. Many of them ask from time to time all year round when we will be having the foot washing. We will have lunch after the service, and we'd love to have you help serve. Please come celebrate with the churches of the Shreveport Convocation and our neighbors. This is one of our most memorable and moving times, and a precious tradition.



There's only one more Soup Day in Lent



Come to the Undercroft to enjoy a delicious lunch of vegetable beef soup, crackers, homemade dessert, and water—all for the bargain price of \$5.00. All proceeds go to the various community ministries sponsored by the ECW.

You can make vegetable beef soup to add to the pot, or you can donate homemade pies or cakes. If cooking and baking aren't your forte, please consider helping serve our guests. **Wednesday, March 21, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Easter Day and the *Continuing Feast*

As you know, we traditionally celebrate *The Continuing Feast* on the first Sunday of each month. This year, Easter Day falls on April 1, so let's express our joy in this glorious time by sharing a feast that's better than ever. We invite you to bring **a dish that's part of the Easter tradition in your family or community**. It can be an appetizer, main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert—and it can come from any region or culture. The kitchen crew asks that if you bring a hot dish, you bring it already cooked. We have facilities to keep things warm, but not to cook dishes at different temperatures. Also, please let the crew know if there are any special instructions: for example, if your dish should be served hot, cold, or at room temperature. We don't want to spoil something you've worked so hard to prepare!



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When you come to our Easter Day Feast you'll experience something brand new to Holy Cross: **biodegradable tableware**. News stories describing the amount of plastic in our landfills and, most disturbingly, in our oceans, have been prominent lately. Our Parish Administrator Laurie Connell found a company that sells products made of plants. They do not have to be recycled; they will break down naturally with other trash. They are substantial (even the flatware, made of biodegradable plastic derived from renewable resources such as cornstarch or sugar cane rather than petroleum), and they are about the same price as the plastic and foam we've been using. We will order the products as we use up what we already have. For now, we have plates made of sugar cane stalks and wheat stalk fiber, and beverage cups made of paper, lined with a corn derivative instead of wax! You can read about the company and its products at www.bgreentoday.com. Thank you, Laurie!

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES: SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER

Saturday, March 24, 2018
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Caddo Parish Courthouse
501 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71101

“Change is not an option; it's a requirement!”

On Saturday, March 24, the kids and families of *March for Our Lives* will take to the streets of Washington, DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools. People throughout the country will be marching in their own communities.

Louisiana will march with them here in Shreveport. On March 24, the collective voices of the *March for Our Lives* movement will be heard.

Hosts include NWLA High School Students, Moms Demand Action SBC, PACE, Women's Democratic Club of NWLA, SB Indivisible, Women's March Organizers SB.

Note: We are in the process of obtaining the proper permits; location is subject to change. For more information email March4Ourlives@gmail.com, or go to Facebook:

March for Our Lives Shreveport-Bossier.



*Remember/honor loved ones with
Easter Lilies*

Please complete forms in the next two Sunday's service leaflets, or call in to the office to give names of loved ones you would like to honor or remember on Easter Sunday with our beautiful Easter lilies.

Welcome, Braylon Huddleston!

On Sunday, March 4, Holy Cross celebrated the baptism of Braylon Huddleston. Braylon's mom and dad are Maddie and Cameron Huddleston, and his big brother is Aiden. His grandparents are Kendall and Reid Raymond, and his aunt and uncles are Katie, Will, and Patrick.

After the service Braylon's family and friends, along with Holy Cross members, friends, and neighbors, gathered to admire the new baby, snap pictures, and enjoy the *Continuing Feast*.



Braylon with mom, dad, and big bro Aiden



The Raymond family with their newest member



**Braylon with godparents
Vickie Huddleston and Will Raymond**



Braylon's cake was delicious

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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.). Please take your donations 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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