



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
APRIL 25, 2018

Holy Eucharist

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

Book Study and Eucharist

Wednesdays: 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 am – 12:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 10:00 am

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The Wind of the Spirit

April has been a windy month! Hardly a day has come when we have not felt a breeze, or more often, gusts of wind, or sustained wind, in our faces. At times, we've had to bow into the wind, walk against it, to make our way. We've had two storms, and the wind in them has been destructive, even deadly. But the days between have been beautiful.



More aware of the wind this year, I've been more aware of the movement of the Holy Spirit. Usually, I think of the Spirit as a gentle wind, but this year I've thought more about the power of the wind and the power of the Spirit. The gentle wind whispers, insistent in its gentleness; the mighty wind blusters and blows, impatient in its power.

Our Easter Season stories in the Acts of the Apostles put me in mind of the mighty wind. The first-century world of Palestine was a world of many boundaries, fences, forbidden associations. Lines drawn between the powerful and the powerless, the privileged and the disadvantaged, the wealthy and the impoverished. Human nature does not change. Somehow, the security we find by drawing lines persists, even as we know deep in our hearts it is a false security.

But God made us for a true security, a confidence we find only in God's love. And within that love God made us for community, not for separateness.

The first indication we have of the power of God's Spirit comes early in Acts, as Jesus' disciples are purged of their fear of the world's powers that will work against them. Jesus breathes gently on them in the upper room, and they receive the Holy Spirit. They begin to know who they are and to Whom they belong.



Peter preaches with such conviction and power that thousands of people come to be baptized. God's love is far more powerful than the might of Rome or the religious authorities. The disciples begin to look outward. Peter and John walk openly to the

temple to pray. A man lame from birth is healed in the name of Jesus Christ. And Peter proclaims loudly to the religious powers his conviction in God's power.

The lessons coming this week and next week tell us that the uncontrollable Spirit is now blowing into places that had been closed, forbidden in faithful Jewish society. This week a eunuch will be accepted into the ever-widening circle of Believers. Next week the Jewish Believers will be "astounded" as the Holy Spirit is "poured out even on the Gentiles!" Lines are being wiped away; boundaries are being torn down. It's all happening very fast! A mighty wind is blowing.

Two questions persist in these lessons: The eunuch hears the Word of God and asks "Look! Here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" (Acts 8). And later, Peter asks, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these [Gentiles] who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" (Acts 10). ...prevent...withhold.... The wind blows where it will; the Spirit crosses lines and boundaries, moves into forbidden territory to touch all who will receive her.

What is to prevent . . . ? Can anyone withhold . . . ? We might ask today, What is to prevent every person on God's earth from knowing the love of God, with all its implications? Can anyone withhold the knowledge of God's grace from any person on any account? The Holy Spirit is always at work breaking down the boundaries, blotting out the lines that separate us. Each of us is called to join the work of the Spirit. The more we align ourselves with the Spirit's work, the sooner God's kingdom will be known on earth.

What human constructions of race, prejudice, gender, sexual identification, prevent the fullness of God's love being shared among all people? Who is to join the Spirit, blowing away those constructions? Can anyone withhold the fullness of life from another? Paradoxically, are there ways we withhold fullness of life from ourselves as we remain within our falsely secure boundaries, behind our lines drawn in shifting sand?

As the winds of Easter continue, feel the Holy Spirit blowing in them. Imagine the lines and boundaries and barriers the Spirit challenges us to break and cross. What is to prevent our blowing along with the Spirit? Who can withhold fullness of life? Only we, and only from ourselves.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.

Mother Teresa

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

Acts 8:26-40 ✎ *1 John 4:7-21*
John 15:1-8 ✎ *Psalms 22:24-30*

(Psalm 22:24-30) This psalm gives us the opportunity to see the practical definition of deliverance in action, and to see the role of the congregation in that experience. Here deliverance is simply defined as moving through pain to praise. Here the congregation functions powerfully as an agent of deliverance, as it provides "space" for the authentic deliverance of the one in pain to take place. The congregation is truly "sanctuary," a safe place for people who are brought together by pain, hoping for—yearning for—praise. The congregation of God keeps calling us to gather together through all life's experiences—including adversity, death, illness, and the troubling times in the world.

Gary V. Simpson

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018

Acts 10:44-48 ✎ *1 John 5:1-6*
John 15:9-17 ✎ *Psalms 98*

(Acts 10:44-48) This is an important text for the Church today. Not only do the wounds of exclusion run deep in our culture and in the Church; the realities of uncrossed boundaries still exist. Neither society nor the Church has overcome racism, sexism, classism, ageism, nationalism, heterosexism, and other prejudices. We continue to propagate segregation in many forms as we hold firm to the visible and invisible boundaries between "us" and "them."

Jeffrey D. Peterson-Davis

Ascension Day
Thursday, May 10, 2018

Acts 1:1-11 ∞ *Ephesians 1:15-23*
John 15:9-17 ∞ *Psalm 98*

(Acts 1:1-11) Artists who have portrayed this story in paintings and woodcuts have not only pictured Jesus' feet disappearing into the clouds. Many of them have also shown us something else. If you look closely at these paintings and woodcuts—not up in the clouds, but down on the ground—you will see footprints on the earth. Some artists have painted indentations in the rock. Others have etched black and white footprints on the ground not far from where the disciples are standing with their mouths open. Perhaps the artists simply have been imagining details that are not in the text. Or, perhaps, they keep pressing us with the question asked long ago: “Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?”

Barbara K. Lundblad

Prayer List

Wanda Allen	Ron Dean	Penny Jensen	Tommy Simrall
Debbie Atwood	Shirley Enani	Kenneth Jordan	Jack Theurkauf
Michael Atwood	Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar	Mim McCoy	Robert Todd
Michael Breedlove	Ed Finuf	Jim McCranie	Sara Townsend
Tommy Breedlove	Maggie Fowle	Allison Moncla	Bill Wright
Cary Rhea Brooks	Jackie Free	Buddy Morehead family	Larry Wright
Mikey Carlisle	Brynn Godfrey	Jim Santa Ana	Mary Wright
Evelyn Corley	Christine Hennigan	Julie Scott	Sheryl Wright
Hugh Coyle	Hoyo	Brady Sessions	
Sara Lou Coyle Brackman	Barbara Hughes	Erik Showalter	

We pray for those who serve and are served by Holy Cross Villas and Holy Cross Villas West;

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 teachers, parents and children everywhere, that our homes and schools may be places of safety;

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 as we wrestle with solutions to violence and injustice.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Trinity, Cheneyville, Holy Comforter, Lecompte,
and the Rev. Deacon André Bordelon (Rose).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, The Most Rev. Suheil Dawani, Archbishop, Jerusalem and the Middle East and Archbishop in Jerusalem;

and for The Anglican Church of Kenya, The Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of all Kenya.

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives in you and for one another, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. *Amen.*

Lay Ministries

The Fifth Sunday of Easter **April 29, 2018**

Sun. 11:00 am:

Lectors: Nathaniel Means, Melissa Fowle

Prayers of the People: Steve Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Reece Middleton

Acolyte: Herschel Richard

Ushers: Bill Richard, Mike Wilkerson

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 pm: Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 am: Becky Snodgrass, Anna Grace Madden

The Sixth Sunday of Easter **May 6, 2018**

Sun. 11:00 am:

Lectors: Hannah Wallace, Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Hunter, Herschel Richard

Acolyte: Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Bill Richard, Mike Wilkerson

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 pm: Margaret Heacock

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 am: Ginger Paul

Service Music

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 29

Mass: Proulx and Hurd
Canticle: *Christ our Passover* tune: Diadamata text: Christopher L. Webber
Psalm 22:24-30: Robert Knox Kennedy
Anthem: *The Call* R. Vaughan Williams
Hymns: 457 St. James 513 Bridegroom 379 Abbot's Leigh 448 Deus tuorum militum
Organ: *Alleluia! Praise our God* Scheidemann *Prelude and Fugue in A, BWV 536* J. S. Bach
 Selected Voluntaries S. Wesley

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6 with Steve Snodgrass, violin

Canticle: *Christ our Passover* tune: Diadamata text: Christopher L. Webber
Mass: Proulx and Hurd
Psalm 98: Responsorial Tone VIII.2; BP
Anthem: *Love is all our joy* anon. 16th cent. English; arr. Malcom Archer
Hymns: 411 St. Thomas (Williams) 413 Rendez à Dieu 581 Cheshire 344 Sicilian Mariners
Violin/Harpsichord: *Sonata in F* C. A. Branche
Violin/Organ: *Sonata in G: Gigue* Dornel
Organ: *Prelude, Op. 31, Book I* Vierne *Carillon-Sortie* Mulet



Violinist, Steve Snodgrass

Calendar for April and May

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
Wednesdays	Book study and Eucharist	11:00 am	Undercroft
Thursdays	Art and Bible Study	1:30 pm	Fairmont Apartments community room
Tuesday, May 1	St. Luke's <i>Give for Good</i> fundraiser	24 hrs. starting 12:00 am	Online
Sunday, May 6	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Wednesday, May 16	Vestry meeting	5:30 pm	Undercroft
Sunday, May 20	<i>Pentecost Picnic</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft and patio

Neighborhood News

The neighborhood is getting busier, and all sorts of good things are happening or are about to happen. Here are some of them:

☞ **Donna Earnest** has plans for a fundraiser for **Hope House**. A project that has never been undertaken in our area, it's tiny in size, but huge in terms of fun and fundraising. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

☞ **Laura Wilkerson, Kay Hunter, and Mary** have started an **Art and Bible Study** on Thursdays in the Fairmont Apartments. They meet in the community room at 1:30 and do collage for about an hour and fifteen minutes. It's fun, and it's interesting to see what the women who come create. Join us for a class or more if you get drawn in.

☞ A group has started **walking in the neighborhood** for about thirty minutes a couple of mornings each week. Currently, we meet at the front door of the Fairmont at 8:00 am, and return to Holy Cross for coffee. When the prayer garden is completed, we may finish up with some meditation. Stay tuned for definite days and times to walk—good health and good fellowship are the goals of this group.

☞ More people are working in the **Community Garden**. This is an important part of our neighborhood. Our neighbors benefit by keeping up the garden and gathering healthy vegetables. Plans are in the works to put in a watering system to make the work easier. Stay tuned for details on this, too.

Our Bishop likes to ask, "If your church closed its doors tomorrow, would you be missed in your neighborhood?" We can say, honestly: **YES!** Like the early evangelists, we reference the power of God, who working in us makes all these things possible. Please continue to pray for the ministry of Holy Cross and our neighborhood.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GIVE FOR GOOD FUNDRAISER ON TUESDAY, MAY 1!
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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 **April** and **May**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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