



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 10, 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

The Vestry

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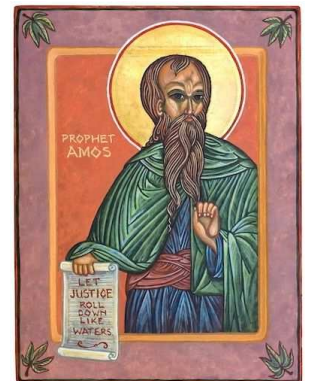
Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

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The Shepherd of Tekoa

We don't like to be preached to by Amos. After all, he was just a shepherd and a trimmer of sycamore-fig trees from the Southern Kingdom of Judah in the eighth century before Jesus. Not an important person in his day, not a leader in the community, not even educated—far from the type God might call into prophecy! He did not claim to be a prophet nor the son of a prophet; yet he burst into the Northern Kingdom of Israel, where King Jeroboam reigned in a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. Why would he presume to cross the border and disturb the king's peace? Why should we listen to him?



Well, he crossed the border in his time and place because God sent him. Amos took seriously the laws God had given Israel. He saw clearly that God's laws were being cast aside in favor of prosperity for the strong at the expense of the weak. The gap between the very wealthy and the very poor was continuing to grow. This was not how God had intended the people to live.

Amos' work reveals a picture of eighth-century BCE Israel. As communities find themselves free of the threat of outside invaders, their concerns turn to survival within. The pattern of human progress has been that the strong, the advantaged, grow in prosperity while the weak, the disadvantaged, supply the human resources. Inevitably, the gap widens as wealth is not shared. Eventually, the stronger are taking advantage of the weaker.

Amos' well-known words

Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of Israel

and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;

because they sell the righteous for silver,

and the needy for a pair of sandals—

they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth,

and push the afflicted out of the way. . . . (Amos 2:6,7)

say it all. We do not have to look deeply into any culture of our time to see their truth. We do not have to look far in our own society to see the truth of his

prophecy. This is why the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures disturb us. This is God's intention.

Social justice is the theme of Amos' prophecy. Social justice has been, from the beginning, the concern of all three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. On paper, at least, and in intent.

Yes, intent. I believe the human heart, in its image of God, holds dearly the intent that all people be treated fairly, that all people prosper, that no person or group of people take advantage of another. But somehow we lose perspective. If we're not mindful of God's teaching, we can begin to grasp, to believe that "just a little more" will be enough, to find reasons for neglecting, even disregarding, those who are weak or without the advantages some can take for granted. This is the story of Amos' time and of all times.

God calls us again and again to return in the knowledge that true life is not realized when we are not living into the promise that all people can have a good life. The very discontent that tells us that just a little more, at any expense, will be enough, is the dis-ease that deprives us of contentment. Sorrow and guilt for greed come into the mix. Jesus assures us that God's intent is that we live without guilt.

And so we look around, and we see, almost 3,000 years later, the same disparity Amos saw. And in it the not-so-visible social divisions between races, economic classes, ages, and even women and men. We all suffer in the disparity. But we can all hope in the ways that bring fullness of life to all people.

Amos began with God's law. Jesus dug deeper, into the human heart. He died because he knew that the heart is the key: that only by desiring good for all people can we know fullness of life, true life, contentment, gratitude. Look around. Where does what you see pull at your heart?

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

If we do not keep our own Bibles open, our own hearts unlocked, our own minds ready for God's deft sword, we may miss that liberating moment when the dis-ease of our life is cut away by the healing wisdom of a living word.

Susan R. Andrews

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: Year B, Proper 23, Track 2 October 14, 2018

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 ✨ *Psalms 90:12-17* ✨ *Hebrews 4:12-16* ✨ *Mark 10:17-31*

(Hebrews 4:12-16) The Bible is the Word of God—not because it is correct in every historical or scientific detail, but rather because it witnesses to what God has done and continues to do in Christ. In John Calvin's famous analogy, the Scriptures are like spectacles for weak, failing eyes. Without Scripture, we see only a world in chaos, driven by human ambition and failure. God's plans and purposes are blurry and hardly detectable. But if we put on the Scriptures and really look through them, allowing them to refocus our vision, God's saving work in Christ becomes crystal clear. We no longer see a world abandoned to its own devices, but see, rather, God's transforming love, which brings good out of evil and hope out of despair.

John P. Burgess

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost: Year B, Proper 24, Track 2 October 21, 2018

Isaiah 53:4-12 ✨ *Psalms 91:9-16* ✨ *Hebrews 5:1-10* ✨ *Mark 10:35-45*

(Mark 10:35-45) Maybe Jesus' ominous predictions of his passion have become clear to [James and John]. Maybe they do understand what lies ahead. And being afraid, they seek the promise of a secure future. James and John may not just be power hungry; they may rather be acting quite naturally on their fears.

Charles L. Campbell

KEEP UP WITH NEWS IN THE DIOCESE!

We will no longer receive printed copies of ALIVE! Instead, updates and notices will be sent by email every Thursday to everyone who subscribes. Please keep abreast of important news of the diocese by signing up on the diocesan website. Scroll to the bottom of the home page; under “Keep in Touch,” click “Sign up to receive the diocesan newsletter.”

The diocesan website is: <http://www.epiwa.org/homepage.htm/>

Calendar for October and November

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	10:30 am	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 am	Nave
Tuesdays through Fridays	Daily Office of Morning Prayer	8:15 am	Chapel
Wednesdays	NO Study of Luke’s Gospel in October; they will resume in November	11:00 am	Undercroft
Thursdays	Art and Bible Study	1:30 pm	Fairmont Apartments
Wednesdays in October	<i>Engaging Aging</i> Study/Workshop	11:00 am	St. Matthias’
Wednesday, October 17	Vestry meeting	5:30 pm	Undercroft
Saturday, November 3	Diocesan Convention	8:00 am–5:00 pm	Country Inn, Pineville
Saturday, November 17	ECW Fall Festival and Soup Lunch!	10:00 am–1:00 pm	Undercroft
Wednesday, November 21	Vestry meeting	5:30 pm	Undercroft
Saturday, November 24	Garrett Boyte’s Ordination to the Diaconate	10:00 am	St. James’, Alexandria

Prayer List

Wanda Allen	Ron Dean	Maureen Locke	Robert Todd
Margaret Boudreaux	Shirley Enani	Rita Lotspeich	Sara Townsend
Mary Boudreaux	Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar	Mim McCoy	Barbie Nations Tyler
Cary Rhea Brooks	Ed Finuf	Reed Nations	Larry Wright
Mikey Carlisle	Maggie Fowle	Jim Santa Ana	Mary Wright
Georgia Cook	Christine Hennigan	Brady Sessions	
Hugh Coyle	Hoyo	Mary Ann Shemwell	
Sara Lou Coyle	Barbara Hughes	Jack Theurkauf	

We pray for those who serve and are served by Martin Luther King Health Center; for the people of North Carolina and Indonesia as they suffer from hurricanes; for refugees fleeing disaster, war, abuse, and famine and hoping for a new life; for families separated at our border, that they may find compassion and be reunited; for all who grieve or suffer in any way, and for those who care for them; for teachers, parents and children, that our homes and schools may be places of learning and safety; for the people of our country, that we may work in unity to overcome our fears and prejudices; for first responders 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 seek solutions to violence and injustice.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Epiphany, Opelousas, the Rev. Annie Etheredge (Jim);
and for St. Luke’s, Grambling, Dr. Lemmy Akoma.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Church in Wales, the Most Rev. John Davies, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swanson and Brecon; and for The Church of the Province of West Africa, the Most Rev. Daniel Sarfo, Primate and Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal Province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi.

On October 14 the Flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Melissa Fowle and Maggie Fowle, and in memory of their parents, Harry Fowle, III, and Joan Wallace Fowle, by Helen Richard.

On October 21 the Flowers on the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory and thanksgiving for W. R. and Carrie Brooks, Burgess and Mary Page McCranie, Judith McCranie, Sarah Page McCranie, and James Broussard McCranie, by Tommie Sue and Gerry Brooks.

Lay Ministries

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: October 14

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: JoAnn Horton, David Richard

Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Kay Hunter

Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass

Ushers: Edward Cloyd-Baldwin, Bill Richard

Altar Guild Saturday 5:00 pm: Margaret Heacock, Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Altar Guild Sunday 11:00 am: Becky Snodgrass, Sara Townsend

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost: October 21

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Reid Raymond, Hannah Wallace

Prayers of the People: Melissa Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Walford, Sr. Anna Grace Madden

Acolytes: Hannah Wallace, Addylaide Evanson, Lydia Boudreaux

Ushers: Mike Wilkerson and Laura Wilkerson

Altar Guild Saturday 5:00 pm: Margaret Heacock, Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Altar Guild Sunday 11:00 am: Kay Hunter, Sr. Anna Grace Madden

Service Music

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: October 14

Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Canticles: *Jubilate* Hymn 377 *Old 100th* *Benedictus es, Domine* S231 Plainsong
679 *The First Song of Isaiah—Ecce, Deus* Thomas Merton

Mass: Proulx and Hurd

Anthem: *All people that on earth do dwell* G. Young

Hymns: 518 Westminster Abbey 488 Slane 388 Hanover

Organ: *Matins* Willan *Mass in the 8th Tone (excerpts)* G. Corrette *Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541* J. S. Bach

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost: October 21

Mass: Powell and Hurd

Psalm 91:9-16: Responsorial adapted by B. Power

Anthem: *Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him!* C. Beaudrot

Hymns: 375 *Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ* 610 Blaenhafen 614 *Christus Rex* 477 Engelberg

Organ: *Communion, Andantino, Andante Religioso* and *Toccata* Gigout

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ON FOUR WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

3 OCTOBER @ 11 A.M.

HEALTHY AGING *reduce illness and improve health*

facilitated by local television personality Bob Griffin, *Living the Good Life* on KTBS

Brain Health with Tamara Crane, MA, CDF, Bossier Council on Aging
Physical Therapy with Eric Weatherly, DPT, owner of Independent Therapy Solution
Diet and Nutrition with Julie Hartley, RD, CHC, LDN, Wellness Dietician & Lifestyle Medicine Specialist

10 October @ 11 A.M.

AGING WITH GRACE *explore wisdom*

facilitated by the executive director of Bossier Council on Aging Tamara Crane, MA, CDF

Spiritual Side of Aging with the Rev'd Bryan McDowell, 1st Presbyterian Senior Adults Minister, *Retired*
Using our Gifts with Susan Campbell, PhD, Community Foundation Asst Dir of Community Investment
Valuing Senior Survivors with Bob Griffin

17 October @ 11 A.M.

CHALLENGES *find resources that work*

facilitated by Stacey B. Hand, MA, CVT, of Alzheimer's Agency of Shreveport Bossier

Technology with Seniors with John Bogan, Donor & Media Manager, Caddo Council on Aging
Loss and Grief with Kathy Brooks Daniel, PhD, RN, CPHQ, Grief Ministry Coordinator
Money Matters with Diana DeCharles, MBA, CFP, Owner of SagePoint Financial

24 October @ 11 A.M.

VISION FOR LAST CHAPTER *plan for peace*

facilitated by local television personality Bob Griffin, *Living the Good Life* on KTBS

Prayer and Transformation with Alan Prater, Retired Hospice Chaplain for Christus' Grace Home
Telling Your Story and Obituary Writing with Harriet Dagget, Author and Educator for Seniors
Pre-Planning for Funeral with Donna Valentine, Family Service Counselor



I believe that human beings are God's vessels of mystery and beauty.

—Mr. Rogers.

Welcome to the Holy Cross family, Ron Youngblood!



At the Bishop's visitation on Sunday, September 16, our neighbor Ron Youngblood was confirmed and became the newest member of Holy Cross. He's a very modest man who doesn't like to talk about himself, but said that the first time he walked into Holy Cross he felt as if he had come home, and wanted to be part of such a warm, welcoming community. When you see Ron at church or at the next *Continuing Feast*, please let him know how happy we are that he chose Holy Cross.

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



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