



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 7, 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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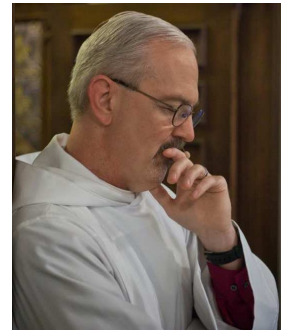
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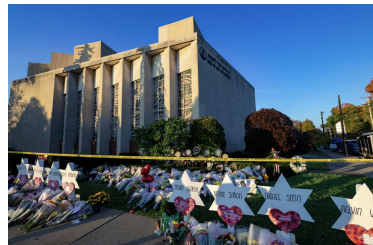
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A Letter from Our Bishop

Our Bishop sent the letter below last Sunday morning. Please use these prayers to guide you as you hold our Jewish sisters and brothers, and all people, especially those who are persecuted for the sake of their faith, in prayer each day. Copies of Bishop Owensby's letter are on the yellow sheets in the Narthex. His letter reads:



The sorrow and horror I feel at yesterday's murders at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh have left me disoriented and inarticulate. But those events have also strengthened my resolve to act for justice and peace in our land and beyond.



I urge you to join me in resisting hate, prejudice, injustice, and violence in the voting booth, on social media, and in our ordinary speech. Speak love. Join the struggle for equality, respect, and freedom for all. Strive for peace and insist on respect for the dignity of every human being.

As a start, I offer these prayer resources for use in your houses of worship, your homes, or wherever you find yourselves this day and beyond. May your hands and feet be animated and guided by these prayers.

The Right Reverend Jacob Owensby

A Prayer for the Departed

God filled with mercy, dwelling in the heaven's heights, bring proper rest beneath the wings of your Divine Presence, amid the ranks of the holy and the pure, illuminating like the brilliance of the skies the souls of our beloved and our blameless who went to their eternal place of rest. May You who are the source of mercy shelter them beneath Your wings eternally, and bind their souls among the living, that they may rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

El Maleh Rachamim

A Prayer for Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 260

A Prayer for the Whole Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

A Prayer for Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 823

Giving out of Our Poverty

The widow and her mite



Our Gospel lessons the coming two Sundays focus on the eternal versus the temporal. It is true that God created the earth and the heavens full of beauty and pleasures for us. God gave human beings the ability to live within Creation as we decide to do, with complete freedom, albeit with consequences to our benefit and our detriment built into the decisions. The intelligence God endows us with allows us to anticipate, in many cases, the immediate and long-term outcomes of our decisions and to learn from them. Ultimately, it comes down to the range of our vision:

Do we take the short view, immediate gratification? Or do we take the long view, the possibilities, sometimes requiring a degree of sacrifice? Do we place our trust, energy, hope in the temporal or in the eternal?

Deep questions. And they require, most times, more than a hasty thought. As Aunt Beast observed (Madeline L'Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time*), we humans rely so heavily on our eyes, what we can see. And our eyes can hardly ever, if ever, see the long view. What we can see, and what we want, is limited. Unless we step back and seek the long view.

The widow (Mark 12:38-44) may not have known where her next meal would come from. She gave for the good of others everything she had, all she had to live on; two small copper coins worth only a penny. She gave out of her poverty. She took the long view and chose to store her treasure in heaven. We can infer that she gave out of gratitude for the life God had given her.

On the other hand, Jesus observes that the rich people who gave large sums of money out of their abundance had given less than the poor widow. They had given what they could “spare” after providing for their own needs, desires, and displays of abundance. Their vision was limited to their surroundings, what they thought of themselves, and what temporal things would adorn their lives with the images they desired. What they contributed for the benefit of others came from the surplus of what they owned.

Destruction of Solomon's Temple



Next week's Gospel (Mark 13:1-8) expands on the folly of letting the temporal shape our vision. It's clear that Jesus' followers are still not "getting" all he was trying to teach. They admired the beauty of Solomon's temple, and so much of their trust was placed there that they were deluded to believe its structure, its presence, would last forever. They had not imagined that their temple, the seat of their God, would ever fall. Jesus tells them, though, that nothing temporal will last forever. The world as we see it is no place to put our ultimate trust: nothing we can see, nothing we can imagine, nothing we can create or earn is worthy, for even mountains, the sea, rock and stone—nothing is beyond being destroyed. Who would have thought the Twin Towers would crumble? The sea leap from its home to destroy land and hills, cities and people? Solomon's temple be leveled to leave one remaining wall?

Only one thing remains forever; only one place is worthy of our ultimate trust: God and God's realm of the eternal. Our psalm instructs us: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. (Psalm 146:2). Only God and the life God calls us into are eternal. We are called to take the long view.

You will be receiving my stewardship letter and pledge card for 2019 in the mail. Please pray about your commitment to God's mission in the coming year. The work God calls us to do is of eternal value and life. The world is passing away, even as we watch. But God and the good that God has created within us and within the world are forever. We hasten God's mission as we give of our resources and of ourselves to increase the good in the world for the good of the world. Our community needs your love.

Jesus uses metaphors that are inexact but more true than they appear. God does not call us to give one hundred percent of our earnings. God calls us first to give one hundred percent of ourselves, our commitment to God and to good for God's world. When we strive to give all of ourselves, in gratitude for all God has given us, we are led to give generously for the good of the world. And the treasure we store up is not in the bank but in heaven, as Jesus says elsewhere.

Giving out of our poverty means knowing that without God we have nothing to give. That God has endowed us with the ability to make a good life for ourselves and to help our neighbors who are unable to provide their own basic necessities. We could so easily be in their shoes. God is the only constant on whom we can depend. Giving from the knowledge of our poverty, like the widow, builds our treasure in heaven and increases our gratitude, knowing only God and God's goodness are eternal.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

For centuries the church has confronted the human community with role models of greatness. We call them saints when what we really often mean to say is "icon," "star," "hero," ones so possessed by an internal vision of divine goodness that they give us a glimpse of the face of God in the center of the human. They give us a taste of the possibilities of greatness in ourselves.

Joan D. Chittister, in A Passion for Life

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 and from our Bishop by signing up on the diocesan website. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage. Under "Keep in Touch," click "Sign up to receive the diocesan newsletter."

<http://www.epiwl.org/homepage.htm/>

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Year B, Proper 27, Track 2 November 11, 2018

1 Kings 17:8-16 ✨ Psalm 146 ✨ Hebrews 9:24-28 ✨ Mark 12:38-44

(Mark 12:38-44) Reflection alone is not enough. Reflection must lead to specific and sustained action by engaging spiritual practices that challenge political and economic systems in the church, the nation, and the world. Feeding the hungry and providing clothing are important spiritual practices, but the church must come to view these practices as more than programs. The church must come to understand these practices as the very life flowing out of its worship.

Rodger Y. Nishioka

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Year B, Proper 28, Track 2 November 18, 2018

Daniel 12:1-3 ✨ Psalm 16 ✨ Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 ✨ Mark 13:1-8

(Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25) Let us enter into and experience God's presence fully, honestly, authentically—knowing we are wholly clean and pure and accepted and even desired (v. 22). Let us luxuriate in God's loving, accepting presence, soaking it up. But let us not get stuck there. . . . Let us believe and exercise our faith boldly, following the example of Christ, who will be faithful to his promises (v. 23). . . . Let us be creative in provoking and encouraging and pushing and pulling all those in our family of faith to "love and good deeds" (v. 24). This is all about participating in the body of Christ, working with and for and through others in the family of faith. This point speaks more directly to the gospel of Christ as our model and mentor. We are not mere spectators of God's work or simple recipients of God's grace: we are active participants in the saving work of God in the world, as we follow Christ's ultimate example of sacrificial giving, serving, and loving, until the very end.

Peter M. Wallace

Calendar for 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
Thursdays	Art and Bible Study	1:30 pm	Fairmont Apartments
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

****Please note: We will not celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Saturday November 10.***

The city will have the street blocked for the Makers' Fair.

I do not like to cancel church services, but we have found this to be a necessity.

The Wednesday study class and Eucharist will not meet in November and December.

They will resume in January 2019.

Coming up! Soup Days on Wednesdays during Advent: December 5, 12, 19.

Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Margaret Boudreaux
Marie Boudreaux
Cary Rhea Brooks
Mikey Carlisle
Georgia Cook
Hugh Coyle
Sara Lou Coyle

Ron Dean
Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Ed Finuf
Maggie Fowle
Christine Hennigan
Anne Higdon
Barbara Hughes

Camille Jackson
Steven King
Maureen Locke
Lindsey Marshall
Mim McCoy
Reed Nations
Jim Santa Ana
Brady Sessions

Mary Ann Shemwell
Jack Theurkauf
Robert Todd
Sara Townsend
Barbie Nations Tyler
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Philadelphia Center; for our Jewish sisters and brothers, and for all people persecuted for the sake of their faith; for the people of Puerto Rico, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Indonesia as they suffer the destruction and death of hurricanes; for refugees fleeing disaster, war, abuse, and famine and hoping for a new life, especially those at our borders; 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 people in all places where there is war and fear, and for those who seek peace and justice; and for our leaders as we seek solutions to violence and injustice.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Christ Church, St. Joseph, the Rev. Gregg Riley (Carlene).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; the Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, for Suffragen Bishop of Cuba, the Rt. Rev. Ulises Prendes; and for Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury); the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Dill.

If you wish to honor or remember your loved ones with greenery for the High Altar, all four Sundays in Advent are available (December 2, 9, 16, and 23). Please contact the church office to reserve a date.

Say Ministries

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost: November 11

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Steve Snodgrass

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Anna Grace Madden, Herschel Richard

Acolyte: Herschel Richard

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, Sr. Anna Grace Madden

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost: November 18

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Sr. Anna Grace Madden, David Richard

Prayers of the People: David Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Monty Walford

Acolyte: Steven Snodgrass

Ushers: Laura Wilkerson, Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

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

Altar Guild Sunday 11:00 am: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

Service Music

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost: November 11 Daily Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Steve Snodgrass, violin

- Canticles:** *Venite* S 35 679 *The First Song of Isaiah—Ecce, Deus* Thomas Merton
Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (II)—tune: Azmon, text: Webber
- Mass:** Proulx and Hurd
- Anthem:** *O breath of life* anon. English tune: arr. A. Bullard
- Hymns:** 427 *Laudes Domini* 656 Franconia 475 Tysk
- Violin and Organ:** *Sonata in Bm, Book II, No. II* Jean-Marie Leclair (the Elder)
Aria, Op. 4 Bononcini
- Organ:** *March, Op. 27* Dupré



The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost: November 18

- Mass:** Powell and Hurd
- Psalm 16:** Responsorial Plainsong: Robert Knox Kennedy
- Hymns:** 632 Munich 598 *Mit Freuden zart* 288 Dix 290 St. George's Windsor
- Anthem:** *Now thank we all our God* Cruger; arr. J. S. Bach (Cantata 79)
- Organ:** *Prelude and Fugue in G* Mendelssohn *Now thank we all our God* G. F. Kauffmann and Karg-Elert

Help us conserve the resources of the earth . . . and of our church!

The long arm of higher tariffs has reached us! With tariffs being raised on goods imported to the United States, our paper goods are going up in price—10% now and 25% on January 1. We are trying to cut down on the amount we use, and we ask:

- that you re-use our biodegradable cups and plates whenever possible;
- that you bring a cup from home to use here, and either leave or take it home to wash;
- that you use the church's washable cups and leave them to be washed in the dishwasher;
- that you consider donating your extra cups or mugs to Holy Cross.

THANK YOU!

A Challenge for November: Stock the St. Luke's Van



In November, St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry is having a drive to stock the van with supplies that are used weekly and even daily for people who come to the clinics, and sometimes to their offices in the Education Building at Holy Cross. All the Episcopal churches of our convocation will participate. While supplies of any kind are welcome, Holy Cross has been asked to collect **elastic (Ace) bandages, cold medicine, and sinus medicine.**

"Stocking the Van" is an important and vital way we can all, individually, support the ministry of St. Luke's and reach out both to our neighbors and to the people served as far away as Minden, Mansfield, and Ringgold. Please, when you visit the pharmacy or the grocery, remember St. Luke's. **THANK YOU!**

The kitchen crew will be out of town on Sunday, December 2, the day of the next Continuing Feast. Two kind people have volunteered to help serve, but more help is needed. If you're willing, please let Monty or Lynn Walford know. Thank you!

Some nights it is as round and bright as a headlight; other nights it is thinner than the sickle hanging in my garage. Some nights it is high in the sky, and other nights low over the mountains. Some nights it is altogether gone, leaving a vast web of stars that are brighter in its absence. All in all, the moon is a truer mirror for my soul than the sun that looks the same way every day.

Barbara Brown Taylor

Fall Festival is coming soon, and the ECW needs your help!

Saturday, November 17, will be the annual Fall Festival, sponsored and organized by the Holy Cross ECW. Now is the time to think about items you can donate to the festival. Some things the ECW will be collecting this year include **Christmas decorations, fine china and crystal, pictures, vintage cookbooks, gently used purses, new and old jewelry, old clocks, baking dishes and casseroles, picture frames, and miscellaneous other items such as hardcover and paperback novels in good condition.**



You may take your items to the church office Tuesdays through Fridays 8:45 am - 3:00 pm, through November 14.

Vegetable beef Soup Lunch and Dessert are \$5.00.

Holy Cross Pickles are now on sale: \$6 a jar, or \$72 a case. Get them now, before they run out!

And please remember that all proceeds go to support the ministries of the ECW.

The Children and Young Adults of Holy Cross: Hannah Wallace



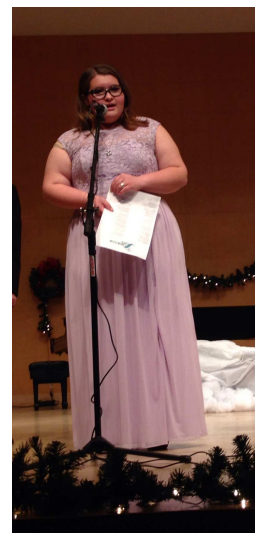
If you haven't seen **Hannah Wallace** at church, you haven't been paying attention! She is one of the most active of our young people, and plays a number of roles in the service. She is an Acolyte and Crucifer, and also helps train new acolytes. She is also a Lector and occasionally helps in our nursery.

Hannah is the granddaughter of longtime church members **Reece and Marshall Middleton**. She is a freshman at Caddo Magnet High, where she studies Physical Science, French, World Geography, English, Algebra, Concert Choir, and Talented Arts Vocal. In addition to this heavy academic load, she is currently a member of the cast of *The Boyfriend*, a musical comedy production, belongs to the Drama Club and Choir club, and performs with "Songbook South."



As if this weren't enough, Hanna is also a Power Lifter! She qualified for the Junior Olympics this year, but unfortunately suffered an injury and wasn't able to compete this time.

Hannah hopes to attend Northwestern State University, and plans for a double major in Musical Theatre/Drama and Psychology/Counseling. Her goal is to become a psychologist and/or youth counselor. We're all very proud of Hannah, both for her accomplishments and for her kind, sweet nature.



If you would like to share news of other children and young people of Holy Cross, please contact the editor, Lynn Walford. Otherwise, she might just contact you!

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



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