



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:20 and 11:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm

Book Study and Eucharist

Thursdays during Lent: 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 am – 12:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 10:30 am

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The Servant Songs of Isaiah

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah is believed to be three books: First Isaiah is the writings of the early sixth-century prophet of Jerusalem who was active just before the Babylonians conquered Israel and drove all the leaders and educated people away into exile in Babylon; Second Isaiah is probably one or more followers of Isaiah or students in his school of prophecy, active forty years or so later, around 545-540 BCE, just before Cyrus of Persia conquered Babylon in 539 BCE and allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem; Third Isaiah, writings of the school of prophesy, followed in the early years of their return. Each prophet had a unique purpose, that of Second Isaiah being to encourage Israel in their exile by defining their place in God's plan, promising their suffering to be for God's purpose, ending in reward.

Chapters 40-55 of the Book of Isaiah, and a few other chapters scattered throughout the book, are attributed to Second Isaiah. Within these writings we find four poems known as the Servant Songs: Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; and 52:13-53:12. Some see a fifth Servant Song in Isaiah 61:1-4, in some ways the song most familiar to us, as Jesus read this passage in the synagogue in Nazareth.

In each *Crossings* during Lent one of the Songs will be printed. They are excellent material for meditation. We remember that Jesus' teaching on the night he was betrayed was of the necessity for each of us to be a servant to all. This is hard. We are not practiced in this kind of humility, putting the needs of others before our own. Not being doormats, but servants who give ourselves in love; it is a high calling that is worth a lifetime of seeking to grow in order to answer.

*A bruised reed
He will
not break
Isaiah 42:3*

In the first Servant Song (Isaiah 42:1-9) we are introduced to the Servant of YHWH. God has chosen this servant; God delights in the servant; God's Spirit resides in the servant. The temptation is to project the poem forward to refer to Jesus. Resist this because it is not the intent or the vision

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on you.
Isaiah 42:1*

of the prophet. (More on that next week.) As you study the poem, keep the servant's identity vague. Although the servant seems to be an individual, meditate on the image as being corporate or composite, as well as individual. Concentrate on the servant's attributes, God's calling:

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
This says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

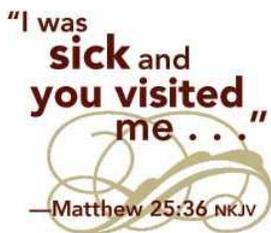
How do you hear God's call to the servant? Do you see the servant as individual or corporate? Is God's call to you in there somewhere?

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Being open is a prerequisite for spiritual growth. In order for God to enter our lives fully, we must be ready to receive. . . . God needs openings in our lives in order to "get through to us," to communicate with us, to nourish us, to stretch us toward greater growth, to revitalize and renew us with love.

Joyce Rupp, in The Cup of Our Life

Eucharistic Visitors: A Vital Ministry of the Church Orientation March 24, after the 11:00 service



Each week we pray for those in our parish and for others who for one reason or another cannot be in church with us. These people are those who are sick or who have experienced an accident, but there are also those who for other reasons remain at home or in another place in town. All members of Holy Cross are Communicants of Holy Cross, and the very word implies that they share the Communion of the church. An important part of this definition is that the Body and Blood of Christ be given to them, as to those in church for worship, directly from the altar of Holy Cross.

The Church provides for the licensing of **Eucharistic Visitors**: lay people who, as well as clergy, visit and share Communion with those who cannot come to church. This is a vitally important ministry!

We had to cancel the training scheduled for February 24. If you would like to be a **Eucharistic Visitor**, please stay after the 11:00 service on **March 24** for a short training session. If you have questions, or if the date and time aren't convenient for you, please call Mary at the church office: 222-3325.



LENTEN MEDITATIONS 2019

Two forms of Lenten meditations are available to us this year from Episcopal Relief and Development:

In the Narthex, and on the table in the Undercroft, you will find “hard copies” of the booklets of meditations. ERD provides these to us free of charge, and they are excellent. Please take one home and use the writings in your private or family meditations.

ERD also offers an email series. Each day during Lent you will receive a daily reflection, co-authored by a group of faith leaders from across the Church.

During this season of reflection on our Christian faith, the writings of ERD’s series will enhance your spiritual journey as they both inspire and challenge you. Sign up to receive our Daily Lenten Meditations by email:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent>

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



FEASTING
on the WORD™

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C

March 3, 2019

Exodus 34:29-35 ✎ *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2* ✎ *Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]* ✎ *Psalm 99*

(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 First Sunday in Lent, Year C

March 10, 2019

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 ✎ *Romans 10:8b-13* ✎ *Luke 4:1-13* ✎ *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*

(Deuteronomy 26:1-11) Lent is a time to take stock of our life and that of the community, to remember the unmerited good that has come our way and to repent of the wrongs we have done. In this way we express gratitude by opening our lives to examination, purification, and correction. We express gratitude by seeking to live in right relationship with God, world, and self. Developing and expressing the attitude of gratitude, then, can become a spiritual discipline.

Archie Smith, Jr.

Calendar for March

Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 pm	Chapel
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 am	Rose Garden or Chapel
	Nursery	9:45 am–12:15 pm	Education Building
	Sunday School	10:30 am	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 am	Nave
Thursdays	Art and Bible Study	1:30 pm	Fairmont Apartments
Wednesdays during Lent	Soup Days	11:00 am–1:00 pm	Undercroft
Thursdays during Lent	Study class and Holy Eucharist	11:00 am	Undercroft
Fridays during Lent	Stations of the Cross	12:00 noon	Nave or Garden
Sunday, March 3	The Continuing Feast	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Tuesday, March 5	Shrove Tuesday Gumbo Supper	6:00 pm	Undercroft
Wednesday March 6	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	12:00 noon 5:00 pm	Chapel Nave
Wednesday, March 20	Vestry meeting	5:30 pm	Undercroft

Prayer List

Wanda Allen	Jean Dooley	Bari Hochwald	Jack Theurkauf
Margaret Boudreaux	Donna Earnest	Barbara Hughes	Robert Todd
Patti Brabham	Shirley Enani	Maureen Locke	Sara Townsend
Cary Rhea Brooks	Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar	Eleanor Mangum	Barbie Nations Tyler
Mikey Carlisle	Ed Finuf	Mim McCoy	David Walsh
Georgia Cook	Robin Foster	Rosemary McKinney	Jimmy Wise
Hugh Coyle	Maggie Fowle	Evelyn Powell	Larry Wright
Sara Lou Coyle	Betty Gossom	Jim Santa Ana	Mary Wright
Ron Dean	Christine Hennigan	Brady Sessions	

We pray for those who serve and are served by the Caddo Council on Aging;
for refugees fleeing disaster, war, abuse, and famine and hoping for a new life, especially those at our borders;
for families separated, 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; for those who seek peace and justice;
and for our leaders as we seek solutions to violence, injustice and peace among the nations.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD (Joy), the Bishop’s staff: the Rev. Canon John Bedingfield (Donna), Katie Chapman (Daniel), Holly Davis, the Rev. Annie Etheredge (Jim), the Rev. Christie Fleming (Scott), the Rev. George Gennuso (Grace), Joy Owensby (+Jake), Kathy Richey (David); Deacons Bette Jo Kauffman, Archdeacon; Polly Anderson, Brooks Boylan, Garrett Boyte, Lee Jefferson (Rita), Meg Lovejoy (Gary Clevenger), Lois Maberry (Ron), Kay Hunter, Don Leger (Jeannette), Diane Moore, Belle Rollins; the Standing Committee; the Diocesan Council. We pray also for Postulants Andrew Armond, Laurent De Prins, Michael Parham, Paul White.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, the Most Rev. Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz, Bishop of Santiago and Primate; and for the Province de L’Eglise Anglicane du Congo, the Most Rev. Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of the Congo and Bishop of Kindu.

Rabbi Zusya, when he was an old man, said, “In the coming world, they will not ask me: ‘Why were you not Moses?’ They will ask me, ‘Why were you not Zusya?’”

Quoted by Parker Palmer

Lay Ministries

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany: March 3

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Hannah Wallace, David Richard

Prayers of the People: Sr. Anna Grace Madden

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Herschel Richard

Acolytes: Addylaide Evanson, Hannah Wallace, Joe Bob Evanson

Ushers: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson

Altar Guild Saturday 5:00 pm: Edward Cloyd-Baldwin

Altar Guild Sunday 11:00 am: Sr. Anna Grace Madden, Sara Townsend

Ash Wednesday: March 6, 5:00 pm

Lectors: Ginger Paul, Reid Raymond

Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Kay Hunter, Sr. Anna Grace Madden

Acolytes: Herschel Richard

Altar Guild: Tommie Sue Brooks, Ginger Paul

The First Sunday in Lent: March 10

Sunday 11:00 am:

Lectors: Melissa Fowle, Steve Snodgrass

Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond

Eucharistic Ministers: Kendall Raymond, Monty Walford

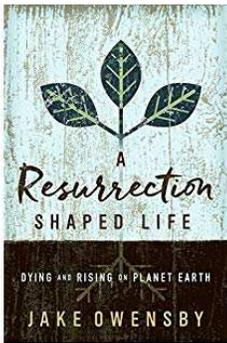
Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass

Ushers: Bill Richard, Herschel Richard

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

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

Study Class and Eucharist



During Lent our study class will move from Wednesdays to **Thursdays**. We will meet at 11:00 in the Undercroft, **beginning March 7**, to read our Bishop's new book, ***A Resurrection Shaped Life: Dying and Rising on Planet Earth***. It is available on Amazon.com in hard copy (\$12.46) or as a Kindle e-book (\$9.99).

In the book "Bishop Owensby leads us through a re-examination of the biblical concept of resurrection and explains how we can begin to experience resurrection in our ordinary life on earth through honest reflection, repentance, and forgiveness to a new life of self-acceptance."

The study/discussion is followed by a Eucharist at noon, and **everyone is invited**, whether or not you attend the study group. If you would like a mid-week Eucharist, I encourage you to come.

Altar Flowers: a beautiful way to share your love for someone. Several weeks in March are open for giving flowers for the high altar. If you would like to remember or honor someone, or offer thanksgiving, or glorify God in a visible and beautiful way, please call the church office, 222-3325. The cost for the two arrangements is \$100. Often we are able to enjoy the flowers for two or even three weeks!



Service Music

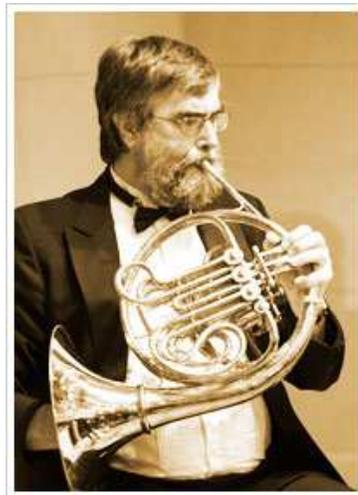
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany: March 3

With Thomas Hundemer, French Horn

Introit:	<i>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe</i> —Tone VIII.2
Mass:	421 <i>Allein Gott in der Höh</i> , Proulx and Hurd
Psalm 99:	Responsorial—plainsong Tone VIII.2
Hymns:	135 Salzburg 129 Mowsley 137 (1-3) Wareham 618 <i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i>
Anthems:	<i>Christ, whose glory fills the skies</i> —R. Aarons <i>O Light of Light</i> —Plainsong, Mode II
French Horn and Organ:	<i>Horn Concerto in E flat, KV 447: Romance, Larghetto and Allegro</i> —Mozart
French Horn:	<i>Wondrous love</i> —Gryc
Organ:	<i>Prelude and Fugue in B, Op. 7</i> —Dupré

The First Sunday in Lent: March 10

Mass:	Merbecke, S 153 <i>Christ our Passover</i> Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Martens
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16:	Responsorial <i>Erhalt, uns Herr</i> , arr. B. Power
Hymns:	150 <i>Aus der Tiefe rufe ich</i> 142 St. Flavian 143 <i>Erhalt uns, Herr</i>
Anthem:	<i>Lord, who throughout these forty days</i> —anon. English, arr. R. Shepherd
Solo:	<i>This is our accepted time</i> —Vulpius, arr. Nieland
Organ:	<i>Prière</i> —Franck <i>Meditation (Symphony I); Prelude (Symphony III)</i> --Widor



Thomas Hundemer, principal horn of the Shreveport Symphony since 1983, has performed with many orchestras in the U.S. and Mexico. He is principal horn with the orchestras of Longview, Marshall, Texarkana, and South Arkansas, and is third horn with the Cabrillo Music Festival in Santa Cruz, California, and the Des Moines Metro Opera Orchestra. Mr. Hundemer is also Director of the Hurley Music Library, Lecturer in Horn at Centenary College, and Lecturer in Horn at Bossier Parish Community College. In 1997 he was the recipient of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Artist Fellowship in music, and received individual artist grants in 1999 and 2001.

Mr. Hundemer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in composition from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Arts degree in horn performance from the University of Iowa.

As a composer, Mr. Hundemer has had performances and commissions of works for chamber ensembles and choir, including pieces performed and recorded by the Shreveport Symphony. Three of his arrangements for the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band's appearance with the Shreveport Symphony were performed in 1999.

More love notes to Holy Cross: What do you love about Holy Cross? Why do you come every Sunday? What do you value about Holy Cross' ministry? Here are a few of the things we value:

- ☞ Service to the community.
- ☞ The open and loving congregation.
- ☞ The great clergy.
- ☞ The beauty of the church itself.
- ☞ The feeling of God's presence—this is a holy place!
- ☞ The dedication of our Sunday School teachers

Shrove Tuesday Gumbo Supper!



Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us, and enjoy a delicious supper of gumbo, salad, garlic bread, and king cake. Feel free to wear your Mardi Gras finery if you like! Suggested donations are \$4.00 per person to cover the cost of the food. Please call the office to make a reservation so the Holy Cross chefs will know how many to cook for.



Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 pm in the Undercroft

Ash Wednesday, March 6
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Noon in the Chapel, 5:00 in the Nave

Soup Days
Wednesdays during Lent
11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Undercroft
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent, 12:00 noon
March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12



News of the Fire

Holy Cross has two new heroes: Margaret Heacock and Charles Alford!

We are all so grateful to Margaret, Charles, and the firefighters who responded quickly and prevented what could have been a catastrophic fire in the Vesting Room. Just before the 5:00 Eucharist on February 9, Margaret smelled smoke and saw it pouring from beneath the door between the Vesting Room and Sacristy. Charles ran in with the fire extinguisher and put out the fire that had started with one of the space heaters. A close call!!

After three days of cleaning floor to ceiling, the vestment cabinet has been repaired, and the room is being painted. Books and other things that were in the Sacristy have been cleaned, and are temporarily stored in boxes in the Nave. They will be unpacked when the painting and floor repairs are finished. The vestments are being cleaned and purged of smoke, and the two electric heaters will be replaced with an energy-efficient window unit that will provide both heat and air conditioning for the room.

Junior Warden Ginger Paul and Office Administrator Laurie Connell have stayed on top of repairs, and have been in communication with the insurance company. We are hoping that most, if not all, the damage will be covered by insurance. *Thank you, Reid Raymond and Ginger Paul, who came to the church immediately; and Margaret and Charles!*

**Many, many thanks to Margaret and Charles for their quick actions,
and for their love of 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 **March** and **April**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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