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Church of the Holy Cross ✠ Episcopal
875 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
May 8, 2026

Services

Holy Eucharist

Sunday 9 a.m. (Chapel)
Sunday 11 a.m. (Church)
Wednesday Noon (Quire)

Daily Office

Tuesday 10 a.m. (Chapel)
Thursday
9 a.m. (Hope House)
Monday-Saturday
6 p.m. (Online)

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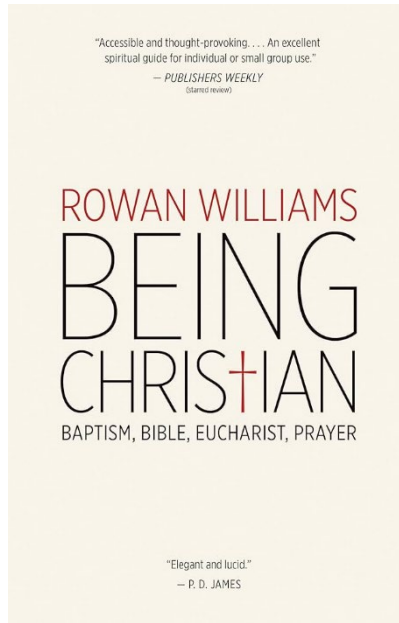
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The Eucharistic Feast



Rowan Williams writes in *Being Christian* that to be a Christian means that we are a people who understand we are always guests. When we come to the table for Holy Eucharist, nothing can be clearer than that we are guests of God's infinite goodness and mercy. Because God has provided this means of grace, this way in which we are able to participate in his divine life, he's made allowance for our sin and has repaid it with welcome. The Holy Eucharist is just that, the Holy Thanksgiving, where we offer God our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for his making a way for even us to join him eternally. The Eucharist, therefore, is a great gift given to us not because we are such good and holy folk, but because God

knows we need it. As Williams says, we do not receive the Eucharist as a reward for doing well, but as a means to a better life because we are doing badly. It is therefore incumbent upon us to recognize this grace, to live into this grace, and to become a new people by the power of this holy food and holy drink.

But what is the Eucharist? From the earliest days of the Church, it was the central aspect of worship. St. Paul writes about it and how it is to be observed in his letters. He offers a rubric of sorts and a warning. The word Eucharist, as mentioned earlier, comes from the Greek word for Thanksgiving. It's also known as Holy Communion or in other circles as the Lord's Supper.

In the Eucharist, we are made one body with Christ, and he with us (1 Cor 10:17). The Eucharist, some believe, started out as an actual feast. But over the millennia, it's been boiled down to these central aspects of bread and wine. We in the Episcopal Church most often celebrate this feast by partaking in the bread, usually a wafer, and a sip of wine, usually red. What we need to celebrate the Eucharist are the elements, bread and wine, a priest, a people, Scripture and that's about it.

But what we should remember is that in the Eucharist, we are making the King of Universe present, so it's not uncommon to accompany this coming of the King with ostentation. The cup is gold or silver. The plate is gold or silver. The priest is clothed with ecclesial garb. Hymns are sung. Prayers are read. Banners are unfurled. And this often can take place in beautiful and glorious structures like cathedrals. We fill the churches with art and beauty and grandeur because this thing that is happening is a big deal that demands we marshal forth all the beauty we can to accompany the beauty God is giving us.



The Eucharist finds its prefiguration in the Old Testament story of the first Passover when Moses led the Hebrew people out of Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. This prefiguration is most obvious in Matthew's Gospel, where we read about the new Moses, Christ, leading us out of our own Egypt, our own slavery to sin through the waters of Baptism. In the Passover story, we hear about God's command to the Hebrews to sacrifice a lamb, to use its blood to paint its doorposts so that the Destroyer will not enter their homes on the night when God would smite Egypt. The blood of the lamb protects those who partake in it from death so that they can participate in the grand vision God has for his people. Does any of this sound familiar? In the New Testament, the foundation of the Eucharist is located in the narrative of the Last Supper. Jesus is sitting with his disciples on the night he would be betrayed and handed over to suffering and death. He takes the bread. He takes the wine. He pronounces that these are his body and blood. They eat and drink. Earlier I mentioned that the Eucharist was not a reward for the holy, and that cannot be expressed more clearly than in the fact that Judas ate and drank. God offers his grace to everyone, but not all are willing to receive it. But for those of us who are willing, there is something we should beware of beforehand.

As St. Paul warns us, so too does the prayerbook remind us in the Exhortation (p. 316) about how we are to rightly receive this gift. "For as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord." When we receive the Eucharist with malice in our heart, we are eating and drinking our own damnation. This is greater than life or death. This is a matter of transcendent righteousness and eternal glory. It should not be taken lightly, but neither should we be afraid to approach to the point that we never receive the grace Holy Eucharist gives us. We've been made worthy to receive, but we are not given carte blanche to do whatever we want without consequence. What I mean is that this matters. This isn't some mere repetitive ritual we do every week. This is us approaching the eternal which has broken into time, consuming the infinite that is contained in that tiny white host.

As N.T. Wright has said, "How can you live with the terrifying thought that the hurricane has become human, that fire has become flesh, that life itself became life and walked in our midst? Christianity either means that, or it means nothing. It is either the most devastating disclosure of the deepest reality of the world, or it is a sham, a nonsense, a bit of deceitful playacting." This is to say, that without the resurrection, there is no Eucharist. Without the resurrection, there is no Christianity. And, because, in the Eucharist we find ourselves participating in the divine life of the risen Christ, therefore, we should approach this Sacrament reverently. That doesn't mean we must be unjoyful or morbid, but that we should be of a sober mind and repentant of our wrongdoing. There is always plenty of room for a playful God in a reverent Church.

- Fr. Garrett

Diocese to Host Discernment Retreat

Have you been discerning a call to serve God and the Church in a new way? Do you have questions about your faith and ministry that you would like to explore? Please consider joining the members of the Commission on Ministry and Bishop Owensby to explore both lay and ordained paths of living into your Baptismal Covenant. The retreat will be held at Wesley Retreat Center located in Woodworth, LA.

Each participant will stay in a private room with a bath in an on-site lodge. Registration begins at 4:00pm on Friday, June 26, 2026 and the retreat will end at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 27. There will be no cost for your room and board. Your response is required by May 26, 2026. Questions? Contact Canon Suzanne Wolfenbarger at canonsuzanne@epiwl.org



Organ Recital and Summer Music Festival in June

As the program year winds down, we will begin the summer with two consecutive music events! Our final organ recital of this year's series will be on Sunday June 7, after Continuing Feast. The half-hour program at 1:30 p.m. consists of works for Eastertide, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday by women composers, some of whom are still active.

On the following Sunday, June 14, the Shreveport Summer Music Festival will hold its opening concert at the church at 3:00 p.m. This is the 50th anniversary of the Summer Music Festival, and the program will include works by American composers in celebration of the nation's semi-quintennial.

Camp Hardtner Invites Congregations to Celebrate Camp Sunday May 10, 2026

Camp Sunday is an opportunity to invite your congregation to celebrate the life-changing work of Jesus Christ that takes place through our summer camp ministry. As spiritual leaders, your encouragement plays a vital role in helping families say "yes" to camp, and to the growth, belonging, and faith formation that happen here.

This year, we are designating May 10, 2026 as Camp Sunday! On that day, we ask you to invite your congregation to give generously in support of the Joe Bordelon Camp Scholarship Fund. As Fr. Joe often reminded us, "money should never be the reason a camper does not come to camp." This fund exists to make that vision a reality.

In 2025, the scholarship fund made it possible for 75 campers—the most ever—to attend Camp Hardtner through partial or full scholarships. That's 75 young people who experienced Christian community, heard the Word of Christ, walked the Way of Love, and encountered God's presence in meaningful ways. Your congregation can help make that possible again this summer.

Miguelina Howell Consecrated 10th Bishop of Western Massachusetts



The Diocese of Western Massachusetts ordained and consecrated the Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell as its 10th bishop on April 25 at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Howell, who formerly was dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut, succeeds Bishop Doug Fisher.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe was the chief consecrator. He was joined by the Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, former presiding bishop, Chicago Bishop Paula E. Clark, former Connecticut Bishop Ian T. Douglas, Newark Bishop Carlye Hughes,

former Dominican Republic Bishop Julio C. Holguin Khoury, Dominican Republic Bishop Moisés Quezada Mota, former El Camino Real Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves, and the Rev. Nathan D. Piphon, bishop of the New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Musical Tribute to Bishop Gene Robinson Makes Indiana Debut

A choral piece honoring the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, the first openly gay bishop elected in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, made its Indiana debut May 3 at Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Indianapolis during a special morning worship service. The cathedral's Chancel Choir performed and Robinson presided.

"This is the honor of a lifetime," Robinson said in an April 29 press release posted by Christ Church Cathedral. "The words and uplifting music of this remarkable composition point to something the world needs to hear, especially right now – that the most important assertion of faith is that we are all welcomed, cherished and loved by God – yes, beyond our wildest imagining."

The piece, "Our Wildest Imagining," by Dominic DiOrio, includes a four-part chorus, organ and brass quintet. Variations include arrangements for men's chorus and solo voice. Its libretto features snippets of sermons, stories and sayings by Robinson, who served as bishop of New Hampshire from 2004 until his 2013 retirement. The libretto also includes quotations from Psalm 27. The piece debuted in 2025 and has been performed at several church venues, including the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York, All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California, and Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.



The Diocese of Te Waipounamu Elects the First Female Bishop, Susan Wallace

The Venerable Susan Wallace has been elected Bishop of Te Hui Amorangi ki te Waipounamu, the Māori Anglican Church in the South Island of Aotearoa, New Zealand. She will be the first woman to have been appointed to the role.

Bishop-elect Susan Wallace, who is currently Vicar General and Registrar General Manager of Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Waipounamu, will become the first woman to lead the diocese and only the second Indigenous woman to be elected bishop in the whole of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

Bishop-elect Susan will lead Te Hāhi Mihinare across the South Island of Aotearoa, New Zealand, where Māori Anglican churches serve in communities across Whakatū (Nelson) Te Arapai, Motueka, Ōtautahi (Christchurch), Te Toko Toru Tapu at Arowhenua, Ōtepoti (Dunedin) and Murihiku (Invercargill).

The Archbishop of Canterbury Meets and Prays with Pope Leo XIV During Four Day Pilgrimage to Rome



Archbishop Sarah had a private meeting with the Pope, after which the Pope and Archbishop each gave an address. Archbishop Sarah also introduced the Pope to her delegation and exchanged gifts with His Holiness.

The meeting with Pope Leo was part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's four-day pilgrimage which began on Saturday April 25. The purpose of the visit is to strengthen Anglican–Roman Catholic relations through prayer, personal encounter, and formal theological dialogue. It aims to deepen bonds of communion, affirm a shared witness, and encourage ongoing collaboration at both global and local levels.

Archbishop Sarah was joined at the papal audience by the Most Revd Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster; the Rt Revd Anthony Ball, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome; the Revd Dr Matthias Grebe, National Adviser for Ecumenical Relations; and Canon Margaret Cave, Director for Episcopal Ministry.

Diocese of Kajo-Keji Shares Hope About Cross-Border Refugee Ministry

The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji is at the centre of a growing network of cross-border peacebuilding, refugee ministry and community development spanning South Sudan and Uganda — drawing the attention of international partners and academics alike.

The impact of conflict and tension in South Sudan has displaced thousands of people over the last few years. The Diocese of Kajo-Keji is very active in supporting displaced people and refugee camps between South Sudan and Uganda.

Calendar of Events

Sundays	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	9:00 a.m.	Chapel
	Rector's Forum	9:45 a.m.	Undercroft
	Parish Choir rehearsal	9:45 a.m.	Nave
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	11:00 a.m.	Nave
Tuesdays	Morning Prayer, Rite II	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Mondays, Tuesdays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 p.m.	Online
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	12:00 p.m.	Quire
Thursdays	Morning Prayer, Rite II	9:00 a.m.	Hope House
Thursdays, Fridays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 p.m.	Online
Saturdays	Compline	6:00 p.m.	Online
Wednesday, May 20	Vestry Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Library
Sunday, June 7	Continuing Feast	12:00 p.m.	Undercroft
Sunday, June 7	Organ Recital	1:30 p.m.	Nave
Sunday, June 14	Summer Music Festival	12:00 p.m.	Undercroft

Prayer List

Alex and Betty
 Suzanne Barber
 Gerald Bates
 Ellen Dunlop Belote
 Burton Bible
 Rhonda Blount
 Margaret Boudreaux
 Gerry and Tommie Sue Brooks
 Martha Brotherton
 Tommy and Thena Carville
 Jack Carlisle
 Mike-y Carlisle
 Pia Conte
 Frank Dodson
 Jean Dooley
 Aaron Elliott
 Anne Fellers
 Julie Folse
 Patricia Forrest
 Deb Garre
 Wes Gearhart
 John August Gianforte
 John Joseph Gianforte
 Albert Gladney

Georgie Gleason
 Austin Gleason
 Betty Gunter
 Richard and Sandra Hadwin
 Kaylee Hampton
 Connie Harmon
 Zoe, Ryan, Jackie, Gus, and
 Charlie Hathaway
 Dick Hatch
 Bill Henley
 Andrew Hoover
 Bob Jacob
 Fred Jenks
 Peggy Maddox
 Terry Mahlen
 Carolyn Mahlen
 Robert Matthews
 Suzanne Mazdra
 Bill and Cheryl McBride
 Della McCranie
 Katie McCranie
 Catherine McDamiel
 Barbara Middleton
 Reece D. Middleton

Lindsey Middleton
 Susan Mileff
 Frances Penton
 Scott Porter
 Josie Rogers
 Denise Rhodes
 Sierra Ryan
 Steve Sasser
 Mr. Stoma
 James Susla
 Robert Todd
 Sara Townsend
 Will Vance
 Louis Wallace
 Robert Willis
 Mary Wright
 Sheryl Wright
 Bill Wright
 Victims of War
 Survivors of Gun Violence

Service Music and Hymns



The Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 10, 2026

Mass: Mathias, Phillips *Festival Eucharist*, and James

Psalm 66: Response: MOSCOW; verses: Plainsong, tone I.ii

Hymns: 204, 456, 405, 512, VF107, 292, 412

Organ: Impressions on KINGSFOLD – R. Laurin

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day – May 17, 2026

Mass: Mathias, Phillips *Festival Eucharist*, and James

Psalm 68: Anglican chant – D. Hurd

Anthem: King of glory, King of peace – R. Martin

Hymns: 214, 218 (LASST UNS ERFREUEN), 481 (DARWALL'S 148TH), 617, 460

Organ: *Allein Gott* – J. Pachelbel; Postlude on MILES LANE – P.L. Wright

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday – May 24, 2026

Mass: Mathias, Phillips *Festival Eucharist*, and James

Psalm 104: Response: VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS; verses: Plainsong, Tonus peregrinus

Anthem: Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost – M. Archer

Hymns: 516, 511, 507, LEVAS119, 521

Organ: *Consolateur*, Op. 6, No. 5 – J. Demessieux; *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist*, BuxWV 208-209 – D. Buxtehude; Toccata on *Veni Creator Spiritus* – J. Demessieux

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday – May 31, 2026

Mass: Powell and Hampton

Psalm 8: Metrical setting – St. Magnus

Anthem: *Te Deum laudamus* – Plainsong, *Te Deum* tone (simple form)

Hymns: 370, 371, 366, 580, 362

Organ: Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552.ii, “St. Anne” – J.S. Bach; *Te Deum*, Op. 5, No. 3 – J. Langlais

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Mission Statement: *To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. -Catechism BCP, 855*



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Forward Day by Day in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.

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