

The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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GRATITUDE AND PREPARATION AND IMPROVISATION!

by the Very Rev. Sam Candler, Dean of the Cathedral

Thank you! And thank you again! And thank you over there, too!

Holy Week and Easter 2025, were tremendous and glorious at the Cathedral Parish of St. Philip this year. And they were glorious because you were prepared! Thank you!

Each year, I remind the Cathedral parish—and especially the staff!—to practice doing the routine things well, and especially doing routine things well around Holy Week. Because, there will always be something unexpected that happens during the traditional holy times of the year. Around Christmas, for sure. And around Easter, even more.

Inside the subconscious of pretty much everyone, something decides to get both spiritual and religious around Holy Week. People decide that now is the right time to ask that hard spiritual question of their companion, or to make that first meeting with whatever religious figure they have been meaning to engage for months. Now seems to be the time. Sometimes we act out without even realizing we are acting out.

Other things happen, too. They just do, and they always seem to happen around Holy Week. Our liturgies and prayers and sermons and anthems and pastoral visits are always complicated; but they become even more complex around Holy Week. That is actually fine! That is how it should be! Thus, I advise friends to have things prepared! The better you have the routine things down, the better you can handle the non-routine things that happen!

So it was, for instance, that the Cathedral Parish of St. Philip assembled one of our most beautiful funerals of the year, on the Monday of Holy Week. Those of you who know, know that funerals are Easter services! We do them well at the Cathedral, and we rejoice in them. We conducted the funeral of one of our most devoted and admired parishioners on the Monday of Holy Week! We had to change things! We had to write and sing and re-vest and re-assemble and turn Palm Sunday into Easter in one day! And we did it! It was a beautiful service. Thank you! We could do it because you—YOU!—were prepared.

The rest of the week went similarly. On Tuesday, we hosted around 180 ordained and lay persons, of one ilk or another—and many Lutherans, too—for a diocesan renewal of vows service. We prepared and improvised there, too! Good improvisation, by the way, utterly depends upon practice and preparation. Just ask our organists! They do it well.

We developed creative children's services for Holy Week. We found new readers for some of our most important services. By the time the Easter Vigil started—at 6:00 am on Easter morning!—we had excelled even more at improvisation. At 5:15 am, the altar guild had hastily re-configured dogwood branches for the baptismal asperges.

But, the best. THE BEST! Yes, I am giving an award this year for the best improvisation of Holy Week 2025. And I do not like to give awards for the best, because we are all the best. Just read my Easter sermon! (Being first does not matter in the kingdom of heaven, but being last just might!) Yes, I give the improvisation award of the week, and maybe of the year, to the Cathedral Sexton staff!

Those of you who—like me!—enjoy and adore the 6:00 am Easter Vigil service, with its great fire and darkness and water and light and love and life—you know, that we love having the church in complete darkness as we arrive. All our devoted ushers and acolytes and musicians and staff know that all lights must by OFF by 5:30 am. That way, the devoted parishioners and people of God approach the Cathedral in real darkness, and the only light we see is the Great New Fire of Easter, the bonfire, down in the Horseshoe Drive.



This SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025 • The Second Sunday of Easter, Year C Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 • Revelation 1:4-8 • John 20:19-31

8:45 A.M., 11:15 A.M. AND 4 P.M.: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE CATHEDRALATL.ORG / THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP APP / FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE

7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, MIKELL CHAPEL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

8:45 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, CATHEDRAL

8:45 Celebrant: The Very Rev. Sam Candler / 11:15 Celebrant: The Rev. Salmoon Bashir

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

8:45 a.m. Cathedral Singers / 11:15 a.m. Cathedral Choir:

Craig Phillips (b. 1961), We walk by faith and not by sight Luca Marenzio (1553-1599), Quia vidisti me, Thoma

11:15 A.M. LA SANTA EUCARISTÍA (SPANISH), MIKELL CHAPEL

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG, CATHEDRAL

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon George Maxwell Cathedral Schola:

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012), Preces & Responses

George Dyson (b. 1953) in D

Craig Phillips (b. 1961), We walk by faith and not by sight

Howard Helvey (b. 1968), Awake, arise!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS

EDWARD HUGHES, ORGAN

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Brooklyn, New York

SUNDAY, APRIL 27—3:15 P.M.

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE AT CATHEDRALATL.ORG/RECITALS

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), Fantasia in F minor, K. 608

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968),

O Filii et Filiae from Twelve Choral Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8

Pierre Cochereau (1924-1984), transcr. Frédéric Blanc, Berceuse à la mémoire de Louis Vierne

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939), transcr. M. Duruflé, Choral-Improvisation sur le Victimæ paschali

PASTORAL Care

RESILIENCE: BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP Saturday, May 17

1:30 p.m.-5 p.m., Child Hall

Hospice Atlanta is hosting its 3rd Annual Resilience Bereavement Workshop on Saturday, May 17, from 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m. in Child Hall. This half-day event will help you discover the resilience within as you work through grief following the loss of a loved one. The event features speakers sharing personal stories of resilience in grief, and loss-specific group breakout session facilitated by trained bereavement professionals.

This is a free event, open to all adults working through the death of a loved one.

For questions and to register for Resilience 2025, please contact Paulette Slawson, Bereavement Coordinator at Hospice Atlanta: 404-527-6558 or Paulette.Slawson@vnhs.org.

Cathedral **BOOKSTORE**



The Cathedral Bookstore is looking for a second Assistant Manager. The ideal candidate will have prior retail and management experience. Knowledge of the Episcopal church and church supplies is a plus, but willingness to learn is a must. This is a part-time, on-site position consisting of 20 set hours, 5 days per week—with flexibility to work more hours during holidays, events, and as needed. This is an hourly non-exempt position without benefits. To apply, please send cover letter and resume to: info@cathedralbookstore.org. We will send the full position description in return.

*Please note that due to the high volume of interest, we will only contact those candidates whose experience best align with the requirements above.



Free Skin Cancer Screenings May 3

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING AT THE CATHEDRAL FARMERS MARKET

As part of skin cancer awareness month, visit the Cathedral Farmers Market on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. to receive a free skin cancer screening from a group of board-certified dermatologists. In addition to screenings, the Atlanta Association for Dermatology and and Dermatologic Surgery will be offering information about how to protect your skin this summer. No insurance or registration necessary.

The CATHEDRAL of ST. PHILIP

The Very Rev. Samuel G. Candler, Dean Dale Adelmann, Ph.D., Canon for Music The Rev. Canon David E. Boyd III, Canon for Pastoral Care The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr, Canon for Parish Life The Rev. Canon George M. Maxwell, Jr., Vicar The Rev. Canon Julia B. Mitchener, Canon for Mission The Rev. Salmoon Bashir, Curate for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations The Rev. Deacon Linda Rosengren The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval, Deacon for Hispanic Ministries and Pastoral Care The Rev. Theophus "Thee" Smith, Ph.D., Priest Associate

Geoff DeLong, Senior Warden

Mary Hall Perrin, Junior Warden

CATHEDRAL TIMES SUBMISSION DEADLINES: FOR THE SUNDAY, MAY 4 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23. FOR THE SUNDAY, MAY 11 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.

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WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m.

Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the world participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and shared appreciation of the labyrinth experience. On this 17th annual World Labyrinth Day, as in previous years, many will walk a labyrinth at 1:00 p.m. creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe. Please join us at the Cathedral as we walk the sacred labyrinth on May 3.



FAITHFUL Politics



THE SPACE BETWEEN US

How Jesus Teaches Us to Live Together When Politics and Religion Pull Us Apart ~ An Evening with Sarah Bauer Anderson Thursday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Cathedral Bookstore and Georgia Braver Angels

In our polarizing times, faith, politics, and the media seem to be leading more to rage than actual change. But our faith calls us to be in relationship with one another! Sarah's book outlines many routes for navigating the space between us without abandoning our values.

A native of the greater Washington, D.C. area and a current resident of the Bible Belt, Sarah has spent her entire life learning to live in the tension both politics and religion create, and striving to learn how to best navigate the complicated issues and emotional conversations around these weightier topics. She is a writer and speaker, and currently lives in Roswell, Georgia with her husband and two boys.

Join us for this timely conversation on Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral, followed by a book signing. The book may be purchased at the Cathedral Bookstore in advance and will also be available for purchase that night. Please register at cathedral ATL.org/faithfulpolitics. There is no cost to attend, but we want to have enough chairs ready!

ADULT Education

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Old Fashioned Sunday School

What Do We Believe?

10:10 a.m., Child Hall

In this series, Canon Maxwell will lead a conversation about the central elements of Christian faith as set forth in the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. Using Rowan Williams' book, *Tokens of Trust*, Canon Maxwell will address questions like: What does it mean to believe in God? Can God possibly be almighty in the midst of so much evil and suffering? How am I to understand the meaning of Jesus Christ's ministry and resurrection? To what purpose is the church called? And what does it mean to follow Christ in today's broken world? Join us. We look forward to seeing you. Contact the Rev. Canon George Maxwell, gmaxwell@cathedralATL.org for more information.

Living Faith

10:10 a.m., Room 239

Through the end of May, we'll be grounding our conversations in Jonathan Haidt's New York Times bestseller *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.* Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or simply someone concerned about the welfare of others, you will find yourself engaged and challenged by the questions Haidt poses about the health of our society. A particular focus will be on what we, as a community of faith, can do to better support one another in our quest for less anxious, more joyful, living. The book is available for purchase in the Cathedral Bookstore. Contact the Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener, julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org, for more information.

Young Professionals Sunday School

10:10 a.m., Room 368

Join the Young Professionals (adults in their 20s and 30s) as we share conversation exploring relevant topics about Christianity, our lives in faith, and spirituality in today's culture. Each week's class is supported by Canon Ashley Carr and members of the group. For questions, please contact the Rev. Canon Ashley Carr, ashley.carr@cathedralATL.org.

Godly Play Parents (GPP)

10:10 a.m., Room 316

Join fellow Godly Play parents the Rev. Canon David Boyd, and Deacon Linda Rosengren weekly for fellowship and conversation as we explore how we might engage in the stories and lessons of the Bible alongside our children. Contact Lynn Wilmoth, lwilmoth@cathedralATL.org, for more information.

Enjoy Biblical Greek!

1:15 p.m., Room 239 and on Zoom

Open to beginners, this class includes long-term members who translate using grammar aids, lexicons and commentaries, enjoying how the Greek text reveals nuance and depth in scripture. First-time visitors can drop-in and need no previous knowledge of Greek. Newcomer classes begin with alphabet and pronunciation practice prior to translation. Contact the Rev. Dr. Thee Smith, tsmith@cathedralATL.org, for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION DURING THE WEEK

The Dean's Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Chapter Room, 7–8 a.m. Led by Dean Sam Candler

The Dean's Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, Chapter Room, 10:45–11:45 a.m. Led by Dean Sam Candler

Early Morning Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Room 239, 7 a.m. Led by the Rev. Canon David Boyd

Eat Your Word Bible Study Wednesdays, Room 239, 12 p.m. Led by the Rev. Salmoon Bashir



PRAYER List

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Curt Allen • Stephen Chaussinand • Sarah Maples • Rick Willett

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

LONG TERM PRAYERS: R. Huntley Allen • Lucy Baker • Catalina Barragan • Placido Barragan • Ed Black • Ann and Frank Blackistone, Jr. • Lawrence Booker • Cheryl Bryant • The Bryant Family • Melanie Contreras • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Debbie Dewees • Mary Wayne Dixon • Phoebe Forio • Tom Frolik • Susan Gavalis • Jenny Ham • Tory Hartness • Gena Inman • Jane Jones • Bennie King • Randi King • Lisa Krysiak • Bonnie Lamberth • Virginia LaMon • Liza Lanier • Ralph Lewis • Robert Lewis • Stewart Long, Jr. • Jill Mahaffey • Kit Mason • Tommy Mason • Floyd McRae • Sally Menning • Terry Morris • Graham Mulling • Susan Myers • Jim Myrick • Charlie Neal • Lori Hegwood Owens • Marian Palmore • Jim Powell • Nancy Qarmout • Buddy Redd • Rubye Reid • Lorraine Reynolds • Barbara Rice • Bob Riggins • Agnes Elizabeth Robertson • Bill Roth • Kay Sanders • Nancy Sanders • Emmierose Scates • Louis "Skip" Schueddig • Tommy Truesdale • Len Wagner

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Carolyn and Franklin Adams • Josephine Rose Adams • Kenya Anders • Steve Baker • Annette Bechtold • Ray and Pat Bell • Jason Borland • Darrell Boyette • Jason Brady • Trip Bray • Dennis and Robin Bridges • Saint Legend Brown • Chaz Brownfield • Beverly Brownlee • William Brownlee • Anne Bumbak • Lila Jo Callaway • JoAnn Carrin • Roanne Chandraratna • Anna Clifford • Georgia Collier • Linda Connelly • Ava Corroon • Marshall Cox • Andre DeBussey • Mary Kent Ellis • Marilyn Epstein • Adam Freeman • Kyle Garcia • David Garlock • Ann George • Terry Gilliam • Nikki Greenaway • Kerry Gresham • Ted Hackett • Harold Ham • Ryan Hamilton • Joanne Dopp Hamlyn • Carole Ann Harris • Davis Hatcher • Shirley Helmke • Lisa Hoybach • Jane Hunnicutt • Beth Ingle • William Irwin • Farley Jenkins, Sr. • Curtis Jones • Rustin Jones • Delores and Lee Josephs • Mary Weston Klein • Nilda Lebrón • Charles Lewis • Pete Livezey • David Lowry • Carolyn R. Lusk • Lauren Makhlouf • Hampton Maxim • Elaine Metcalf • Iris Miller • Jon Moravec • Melanie Myers • Tom Myer • Fred Neuschel • Linus Nickel • Alfredo Paniagua • Stephen Pararo • David Raj • Hugh Ripps • Terri Robertson • Einar Sagstuen • Joe Salas • James Sands • Patricia Schooley • Sandra Schrauf • Coley Sheats • Lelia Sinclair • Alice Smith-Mather • Don Smith • Michael and Kathryn Snider • Izzy Straus • John and Cleary Tanner • Pierson Thames • Anthony Torre • Leopoldo Velita • Pat Volpicella • Suzette Walling • Thomas Watford • Jay Whitten • John Wilmer • Christie Woodfin • Cutler Woodfin • Hollis Youngner

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Suzanne Craig Allen • Stephen Bath • Joan Gilbert • Mervyn Williamson Randall • Clydine P. Stone





EASTER at the Cathedral









CHILL ON THE HILL



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Sunday, May 4 | 5:30 p.m., Cathedral Parking Lot
Join us for an evening of singing and dancing! Dean Sam
Candler will start the show on the piano, and then Yuppie
Scum will take the stage with rock, dance, and party tunes.
Bring your friends, your dinner, and favorite beverages and
join the fun! We hope to see you there! Tickets are \$25 per
person or \$200 to reserve a table for 8. For questions, please
contact Liz Aull, laull@cathedralATL.org.

Get tickets at cathedral ATL.org/chillonthehill.

Every year, our incredibly brilliant sexton staff excels in making sure the various lights of our campus, and our city, are out. In the past two years, we have had to make sure the city didn't have its new Peachtree Road light glaring at us. (However, a few weeks ago, a car hit that pole, and the city just didn't replace that light yet. Thank you!) This year, they had been making sure that our new Good Faith Chapel construction lights would all be out. Thank you!

Well, this year, there was still another new challenge. Remember, there will always, always, be an unexpected challenge! Somehow or another, a new city light had emerged, on the Andrews Drive side of the Cathedral Nave, actually on our property, that was casting a huge glow into the Cathedral Nave at 5:30 am. It is not supposed to be light in there! What to do?

The Cathedral Sexton Staff rose to the occasion. They were the great signs of rising up—of resurrection!—on Easter morning. I will not show you the particulars of what they did. You have to see it to believe it! Like Resurrection, actually. Ask someone at the Cathedral about it! Spread good gossip! Get someone to show you how the sextons prepared the way for new life and resurrection. They get it. They know how to be prepared. They know how to improvise. They showed us the creative power of resurrection! I give overwhelming thanks for them, and for all of YOU who show the world new life and love. Alleluia!

The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Dean of the Cathedral





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STEWARDSHIP



BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Spring flowers and Easter remind us of the magnificent example of generosity afforded to us through the Flower Endowment. This endowment supports the flower guild as they decorate the altar and other areas of the Cathedral each week. Flowers and greenery have always been a mainstay of the Cathedral and a symbol of our grace, excellence, and hospitality. While wedding fees offset some costs of the flowers, the flower guild continually works hard to control costs by often using simpler arrangements and by using flowers from the Cathedral campus and members' own gardens. The flower guild has nearly 100 members, and each of them is vitally important. New volunteers are trained by long-time members, and the guild often hosts trainings that are open to everyone. You can help support the flower guild and contribute to the beauty of the Cathedral flowers by committing to the Flower Endowment. Contact David Rocchio at drocchio@cathedralATL.org or by phone at 404-365-1033 for more information.