

CATHEDRAL TIMES

The Weekly Newsletter of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Serving Atlanta and the World

August 3, 2014

A Text Message from the 4th Century

Have you ever thought about the fact that, after the Bible itself, our hymnal is the richest collection of Christian texts we have at our disposal?

We have no greater anthology of Christian poetry for use in worship. Whether you sing or not, I encourage you to open the hymnal—as you await the beginning of the service, and during worship—to read the texts we are singing. Our hymnal is an astonishing treasure-trove of Divine revelation in verse—from the simplest truths to the most profound mysteries—through the musings, admonitions, prayers, and praises of nearly every generation of Christians who have gone before us, as well as our own.



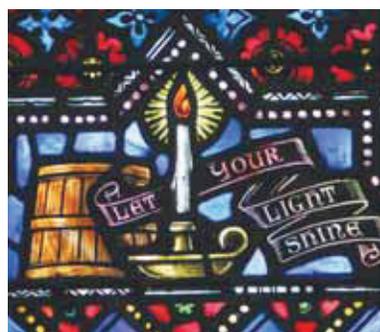
Music aside, if you check out the fine print underneath every hymn, you may be surprised to notice that, for instance, the text we are currently singing at the breaking of the eucharistic bread is attributed to Thomas Aquinas. And that some of the Christmas carols you love most have been sung by Christians for 200, or 500, or 1700 years. *The Hymnal 1982* contains words penned by some of history's greatest poets, even one hymn by a living Pulitzer Prize winner. Did you know that the texts to several of your favorite Easter hymns have been sung by Christians (albeit in Latin, and obviously to other music) for 1500 years? We live in the only age in history that has ready access to the profound poetry and hymnody of every previous generation. We also live in a time when newly composed hymnody, both texts and tunes, has flourished as it has in only a very few other generations before us. Those two facts provide immense potential for our spiritual enrichment, and they also pose significant challenges for the Church.

It is a fundamental tenet of my own life pilgrimage that, like life itself, a vibrant faith should always be dynamic rather than static. This core belief also governs my approach to music, to text, and to music-making. I have been working full-time with the “new” Episcopal hymnal for several decades, yet rarely a week goes by that I do not discover something profound that seems “new” to me. If there is wisdom to be gleaned from that realization, I suspect it is that none of us will live so long that the Holy Spirit will run out of unexpected words and music to inspire us, or the ability and will to open our eyes and ears to something more of “the beauty of holiness.” The question might be, will we be open to receive it?

Of course I hope you will read *and* sing the hymns, whether you think you have much of a voice or not. Why? Well, the answer to that would fill books, but one of the many reasons we sing is because singing texts helps us to remember them. I enjoy a great preacher as much as anyone, but as the old quip goes, when was the last time you left church humming the sermon? Throughout Judeo-Christian history, singing holy texts has been one of the ways that people who seek God have learned and internalized their faith. God's self can be revealed in more ways than we can begin to name or imagine, and one of those ways (interestingly, in nearly every religion known to humankind) has always been through singing sacred words.

I invite you to discover the hymnal. Where else are you likely to receive a 1500-year-old text message?

Dale Adelman
Canon for Music



Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

From this week's lectionary



2014 CHAPTER

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PROGRAMS DURING THE WEEK

TUESDAYS

The Dean's Men's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others. *From June through August the group studies lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday.*

Early Morning Women's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Walthour Library. *This group will resume meeting in September.*

St. Veronica's Guild: The guild offers fellowship as members give time, raise funds, and collect goods to support Church of the Common Ground, Holy Comforter Church, Crossroads Community Ministries, Emmaus House, and Rainbow Village. Periodic guild fundraisers benefit other charities in our community and beyond. The guild meets on **second Tuesdays, September -May, at 10:30 a.m. in Lanier House.** Contact Lane Barnum, 678-713-9112, lbarnum6@yahoo.com.

St. Monica's Guild: The guild meets the **second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Gould Room** and focuses on support for and fellowship among mothers of school-age children and younger. Contact Mary Caroline Cravens, 404-869-5686 or marycarolined@cs.com. *This group will resume meeting in September.*

Daughters of the King: The group meets the **second Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. in Mikell Chapel** to offer the Daughters of the King (DOK) daily prayers. After prayers we have a light supper in room 239 or at a local restaurant. All women are welcome. The DOK is a group of Episcopal women who focus on prayer, service, and evangelism. Contact Cathy Hutcheson at 770-451-0907 or jchutcheson@juno.com. *This group will resume meeting on September 9.*

WEDNESDAYS

The Dean's Women's Bible Study: 10:45-11:45 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others. *From June through August the group studies lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday.*

Eat Your Word Bible Study: Noon, Room 239. Canon Wallace Marsh leads this bible study. This summer we will be studying the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

St. Elizabeth's Guild: The guild meets at **noon on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 381.** We volunteer in the Cathedral Archives, support the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, and we help with the Cathedral Antiques Show. Contact Carol Clark at 404-233-1591 or caroljclark@bellsouth.net or Lida Askew, 770-435-2455.

Centering Prayer: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Jeannie Mahood at jmahood@sphilipscathedral.org.

THURSDAYS

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Ann Hickman, mannick@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

St. Clare's Guild: We welcome all mothers of school-age children (elementary, middle, and high school) to join our guild for outreach both as a group and as an activity with our kids. A schedule is posted at sphilipscathedral.org/stclares. Contact Leah Wilkerson at slwilkerson@comcast.net or 404-603-8574. *This group will resume meeting in September.*



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CHAPTER

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 3, 2014 / Pentecost 8: Proper 13A

Liturgy of the Word

Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
Canon Wallace Marsh

8:30 a.m. Nurturing Center opens

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: The Rev. Ricardo Bailey
Preacher: Canon Todd Smelser

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
Canon Wallace Marsh

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: Canon Carolynne Williams
Preacher: Canon Todd Smelser

1:30 p.m. La Santa Eucaristia, Mikell Chapel
Preacher: The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

The Nurturing Center opens at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday for children age four and younger.

Children's Chapel: During the 8:45 a.m. service, an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word is offered in St. Mary's Chapel for children in first through fifth grades and in the Children's Chapel for children three years through kindergarten. Children attending either of these chapel services will process into the Nave at the Offertory to join their parents for Holy Communion.

MUSIC

Sunday, August 3, 2014 / Proper 13A

8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist / Cathedral Choir (Decani)

Percy Whitlock, *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*
Ned Rorem, *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

WORSHIP MONDAY-SATURDAY

Daily Office, Year Two

Morning Prayer: 8:45 a.m., Monday-Saturday, Mikell Chapel.

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 p.m., Monday-Friday (Healing on Friday), St. Mary's Chapel.

Evening Prayer: 5:45 p.m., first, second and fourth Thursday, Mikell Chapel.

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Thursday and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Lanier House Chapel.

Labyrinths: Indoor, 3-8 p.m., most Mondays and Fridays, Child Hall. Call 404-365-1000 to confirm availability. Outdoor, in front of the Lanier House, open daily.

Taizé Service: 8 p.m., third Monday of the month, Mikell Chapel. Labyrinth available at 7 p.m. in Child Hall.

SUNDAY CLASSES AT 10:10 A.M.

ESSENTIAL BIBLE STORIES (CHILD HALL)

This summer we're focusing on the stories of the Bible. Join us as we look at a different story each week and consider why it is fundamental to the faith and essential to our life in the world today. Each session will be led by a different speaker. On **August 3**, Tom Creely will lead the discussion on "Exceeding One's Grasp – Exodus 16 and Matthew 6." The full schedule can be found at stphilipscathedral.org/ofss.

OUTREACH

HELP ST. ANNE'S GUILD STOCK BUCKHEAD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY'S PANTRY

August is Food Drive Month at the Cathedral



as St. Anne's Guild reaches out to you for donations of food and/or checks of \$20 or more in support of Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM). We ask your special help this month to ensure that BCM has plenty of food on hand for anyone who needs our support. Please stop by our table in the Atrium each Sunday in August for a list of food items and a grocery bag or two, or simply write a check for \$20 or more (the equivalency of a well-stocked grocery bag) to the Cathedral of St. Philip, with BCM in the memo line.

A NOTE FROM BETH KNOWLTON



To my Cathedral Family,

I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful send off you have given me and my family in recent weeks. The celebration in Child Hall on July 6 felt like a wonderful culmination of so many shared moments through the past eight years. I am grateful to have been called to serve among you. I am grateful for the many friendships and special moments we have shared. I am awed by your faith and commitment to the church and one another. I have grown deeply in my understanding of what it means to be the Body of Christ and have grown closer to God in knowing you. Thank you for the generous purse and the many cards and gifts. Most of all, thank you for the gift of time you have given me these past eight years.

Peace, Beth

PRAYERS

For those who are ill or recovering:

Priscilla and Sterling Beale
Lawrence Cowart
Bettie Driver
Matilda Dobbs
Terry Dornbush
Mary Elrod
Pat Glomb
Jane Knight
John Miner
Ruth Swanson
Julia Alston
Rodger Beatty
Sara Beebe

Meredith, Adam and Leo Bugenske
Andrew Clark
Barbara Daniel
Samuel Dedonatis
Miguel Gatins
Bob Hillegas
Judith Klauba
Pat Krebs
Lisa Krysiak
Margaret Winders Kuhn
Chen Ying Liang
Jack Lyle
Jan and Dan McPherson
Michael McRae
Robert Ethan Myers

Linda O'Hara
John Thompson
Esther, Ted, Katherine and Ben Williams
Stephen Williamson

For those who have died
Lorraine Chambers
Abby Hinson

For all those serving their country away from home, for their safe return, and for their families who wait for them

For all expectant parents



SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE CATHEDRAL

On the menu: sausage biscuits (\$2.50), muffins (\$2), cinnamon rolls (\$2), danishes (\$1.50), bagels (\$1.50), seasonal fruits (50 cents) and orange or apple juices (50 cents).

7-9 a.m. in Child Hall

THE CATHEDRAL THRIFT HOUSE IS ON THE MOVE

The Cathedral Thrift House will move a block north to **1893 Piedmont Road** in August. Your patience is appreciated as parking at the current location is a challenge right now. Your donations are appreciated as well; please keep them coming!

The Thrift House is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Donations are accepted until 4 p.m. daily. Current location: 1837 Piedmont Road | 404-876-5440



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CATHEDRAL TIMES SUBMISSION DEADLINES: For the **Sunday, August 10** issue, the deadline is **Wednesday, July 30**. For the **Sunday, August 17** issue, the deadline is **Wednesday, August 6**. Please email announcement requests to the editor, Dan Murphy at dmurphy@stphilipscathedral.org. Learn more about upcoming events, download sermons, and access contact information at stphilipscathedral.org.

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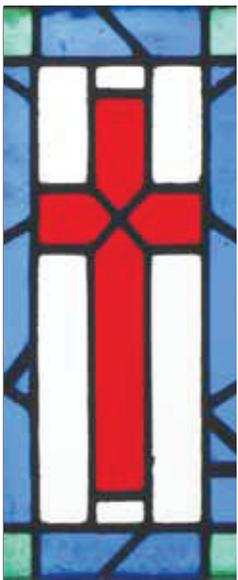
LAAMISTAD VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our partnership with LaAmistad, afterschool tutoring and mentoring for first-generation American students from Garden Hills Elementary School, will continue to grow this fall. We will offer a full Godly Play session to the children on Mondays from 2:45–3:45 p.m. and an opportunity to integrate the Biblical narrative into their everyday lives through a book study on Wednesdays from 2:45–3:45 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry beginning in mid-August, contact Mary Hunter Rouse at mrouse@stphilipscathedral.org for details. Ideally the volunteers who participate in this portion of our LaAmistad program would be trained in Godly Play, though that is not a requirement. We are also recruiting tutors for the academic portion of the program to volunteer on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 3:30–5 p.m.

2014 SENIOR EYC RAFTING RETREAT: "OUT OF THE WATER"

The Cathedral "Senior EYC," that is 9th-12th grade Episcopal Youth Community, is going rafting **August 23-24!** Before school and sports get too crazy, join your friends for a weekend rafting down the Ocoee River, horseback riding or ropes course, a bonfire and s'mores, relaxation and games, in Tennessee. Come explore what God is speaking to you for the new school year.

Get all the details and the registration form on the Cathedral youth website: www.stphilipscathedral.org/youth. Cost is \$135. Scholarships are available. Registration deadline is **Sunday, August 10**.



JOIN THE WEDDING GUILD

The Wedding Guild is looking for new members! Members of the guild work with brides before the rehearsal, assist the clergy with the rehearsal, and coordinate preparations prior to the wedding ceremony. The guild is the welcoming committee—not only for the couple being married at the Cathedral, but also for their families and guests, many of whom are first-time visitors to our sacred space. Our hope is that everyone associated with every wedding will leave saying what a beautiful experience they had. To learn more about our ministry:

- come to our next guild meeting on **Wednesday, August 13** at 6 p.m. in room 239; or
- visit the Wedding Guild table at Homecoming on **August 17**; or
- call one of the Wedding Guild Co-Chairs:

Sherri Musgrove at 404-641-9657 or Joan Gilbert at 404-310-2791.