
The CATHEDRAL TIMES

The weekly newsletter of the Cathedral of St. Philip · Serving Atlanta and the World · March 22, 2026

THE LORICA OF SAINT PATRICK

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

Yes, there are fun ways to celebrate the folk stories about Saint Patrick, whose feast day in the church really was March 17, and who really was a saint. However, if you are beyond simply drinking green beer to remember Patrick, I offer you these words, a prayer attributed to him. In the Irish tradition, a “lorica” is a “protection prayer.” This familiar version was translated by Cecil Frances Alexander, whose husband was the Archbishop of Armagh. She also wrote the popular hymns, “Once in Royal David’s City,” and “All Things Bright and Beautiful!”

I bind unto myself today
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith, Christ’s Incarnation;
his baptism in the Jordan river;
his death on cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom:
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power
of the great love of cherubim;
the sweet “Well done” in judgement hour;
the service of the seraphim;
confessors’ faith, apostles’ word,
the patriarchs’ prayers, the prophets’ scrolls;
all good deeds done unto the Lord,
and purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun’s life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind’s tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea,
around the old eternal rocks.

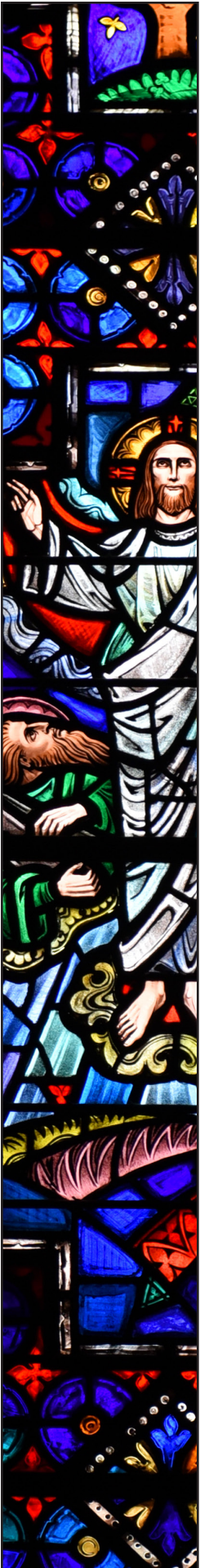
I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

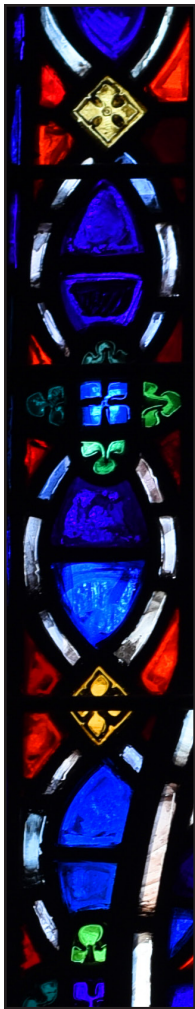
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

(attributed to Saint Patrick, died circa 461 A.D.)

Sam Candler





This SUNDAY

MARCH 22, 2026 • The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year A

Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 130 • Romans 8:6-11 • John 11:1-45

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 David Boyd

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon George Maxwell

Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

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

Thomas Morley (1557/58-1602), *Out of the deep*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876), *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace*

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, CATHEDRAL

Officiant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Cathedral Schola:

Oscar Osicki, *The Trisagion* (premiere performance)

Commissioned for the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta,

in memory of the Rev. Kirk Lee by Friends of Cathedral Music

Käthe Wright Kaufman (b. 1993), *Preces & Responses*

Alec Roth (b. 1948), *Hatfield Service*

Francis Pott (b. 1957), *As Joseph was a-walking*

Paul Edwards (b. 1955), *God be in my head*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS

PETER DUBOIS, ORGAN
Third Presbyterian Church
Rochester, NY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22— 3:15 P.M.

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE AT CATHEDRALATL.ORG/RECITALS

Louis Vierne (1870 -1937), *Deuxième Symphonie*, Op. 20

Newcomers Tour

This Sunday, March 22
10:10 a.m. | Gould Room

Are you new to the Cathedral? Or newish?
Join us this Sunday, March 22 for a tour!

We're Glad You're Here!

Episcopal Church Women

Spring Fling

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) SPRING FLING:
A TIME TO PLANT, PLUCK, AND PERUSE

Thursday, April 23

5:30-7:30 p.m., *Cathedral Atrium*

"For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." —Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Grab a friend, bring a snack or beverage to share and come out to our first ECW-wide social event of the year! We are planning an Earth Day themed event, including some great local vendors for shopping, just in time for Easter and Mother's Day. This is a fun way to connect with other women in the Cathedral. All women of the Cathedral are welcome and encouraged!

Please RSVP at cathedralATL.org/ECWSpringFling.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

This Lent, spend Wednesday evenings with your Cathedral community. Through March 25, we'll start with dinner in Child Hall at 5:30 p.m., followed by a variety of options from 6–7 p.m. to nourish your soul and mind. Dinner will change each week. Adults are \$15, and children's buttered noodles and applesauce are free. Registration and payment in advance online is preferred by Sunday each week so we can order food accurately. You can do this by the week or all at once. Walk-ups are welcome with cashless payment available onsite. **Learn more and RSVP for dinner at cathedralATL.org/lentenseries.**

HOLY SMALL TALK!

Child Hall

So much of what draws us to church is community in the name of God and shared faith—we love being together! Join us for small group discussions about wilderness, spiritual practices, temptation, and grace. Come once, come every time, just come and be together. Canon Ashley Carr leads this group with others.

WRITER'S GROUP

Room 240

If you enjoy writing and sharing what you've written with others, this group is for you! Whether it is a poem, letter, short story, novel or memoir, or maybe nonfiction or a cookbook, even a grocery shopping list for a unique menu, share your enjoyment of writing. Everyone will have their own primary project. The chief scribe will be parishioner Ken Brownlee.

FOR KIDS: JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Room 316

Children ages 3-5th grade will journey with Jesus into Jerusalem. We will hear the story of Jesus' arrival into the city as well as prepare banners that we will carry during the Palm Sunday parade on Sunday, March 29. Join us each week as we hear the story of Jesus' journey and prepare the way for his arrival.

THE CHOSEN: VIEWERS DISCUSSION GROUP

Lanier House. Please note this class starts at 5 p.m.

The Chosen series dramatizes Bible stories about Jesus and his first disciples. It's been energizing viewers worldwide, including our own Cathedral members for the past three years. Join us to view the next episode in our discussions. We bring snacks, and family and friends are also welcome. For questions, contact the Rev. Dr. Thee Smith at 404-365-1093 or tsmith@cathedralATL.org.

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Walthour Library

What we believe about heaven, judgment, and resurrection is the grammar of the Christian life. It quietly governs what we think the world is for, how we understand justice and mercy, and why the life of faith matters. This five-week course examines how our resurrection hope shapes imagination, ethics, and daily life, asking what it means to live faithfully now if God intends not to abandon the world but to redeem and restore it. Join Canon David Boyd as we explore how Easter gives shape to Christian hope and practice.

THE YOUTH TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT.

Ages 0-3: Nurturing Center is open.

The CATHEDRAL of ST. PHILIP

The Very Rev. Samuel G. Candler, *Dean*

Dale Adelman, Ph.D., *Canon for Music*

The Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir,

Canon for Liturgy and Ecumenism

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. Deacon Linda Rosengren

The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval,

Deacon for Hispanic Ministries and Pastoral Care

The Rev. Theophus "Thee" Smith, Ph.D., *Priest Associate*

Haven Long, *Senior Warden*

Mary Hall Perrin, *Junior Warden*

CATHEDRAL TIMES SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

FOR THE SUNDAY, MARCH 29, ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**. FOR THE SUNDAY, APRIL 5 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**.

TO RECEIVE THE TIMES BY EMAIL:

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STEWARDSHIP

HOW THE CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS THE GROUNDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Did you know that the care, maintenance, and improvements to the Cathedral grounds and landscaping are largely funded because of the kindness and forethought of a Cathedral family? Thanks to substantial gifts given in the life of the donor, additional contributions over the years, and the prudent management of the funds over time, the Grounds Endowment now underwrites the weekly maintenance of the grounds, seasonal care and pruning of the Cathedral's tree canopy, installation of seasonal flowers, and more! We give thanks to the benefactors of the Grounds Fund and their long-term stewardship of the Cathedral campus. Please contact David Rocchio at drocchio@cathedralATL.org or 404-365-1033 if you would like to learn more about the Grounds Fund and/or the Cathedral Endowment.

SPIRITUALITY

SACRED PAUSE – A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE IN LENT

Mondays, March 23 and March 30

7-8 p.m., Cathedral

Be still and know that I am God. —Psalm 46:10

Silence is God's first language; everything else is a poor translation. —Thomas Keating

Looking for a spiritual practice during Lent? Join us Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m., March 23 and March 30 in the St. Luke's Chapel (Andrews Transept of the Cathedral) where we will gather in silent community followed by brief readings and reflection.

Come early if you would like to learn more about the method of Centering Prayer, The Prayer of Consent. Facilitators, Wyman Davis and Sandra Carey will be available from 6:30-7 p.m. to answer questions and provide brief guidelines for the practice of Centering Prayer.

PASTORAL Care

SENIOR LIVING AND CARE 101

An offering from Respite Care Atlanta, a joint ministry of the Cathedral and other area churches

Friday, March 20, 10-11:30 a.m.

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Ryland Knight Room

Already navigating care? We're here to help you plan the next steps.

An advisor from Senior Provisions will explain how care needs change over time, what types of care to consider, and how to make informed decisions at the right moment.

Join us to learn:

- The different types of senior care and when each is needed
- What Medicare and Medicaid actually cover
- How to layer benefits to meet care needs
- Which legal documents matter
- Veteran's benefits overview

Register at respitecareatlanta@spdl.org. This workshop is open to the public and is great for both caregivers and anyone who might have questions about their own senior living options.

RESILIENCE BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP: DISCOVERING YOUR STRENGTH THROUGH GRIEF

Saturday, April 11

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

Please join Hospice Atlanta for their fourth annual RESILIENCE Bereavement Workshop on Saturday, April 11, 1:30-5:30 p.m. in Child Hall. This half-day event will help you discover the resilience within as you work through the grief of losing a loved one. The event features speakers sharing personal stories of resilience in grief, and loss-specific group breakout sessions facilitated by bereavement professionals.

This is a free event, open to all adults working through the death of a loved one. Pre-registration by April 4 is requested.

For questions and to register for Resilience 2026, contact Paulette Slawson, Bereavement Coordinator, Hospice Atlanta at 404-527-6558 or Paulette.Slawson@vnhs.org

SIGN UP TO JOIN A FOYERS GROUP

Sunday, April 19, 6 p.m., Child Hall

Sign up by Monday, April 6

The Cathedral Foyers offers small group dinner opportunities for adults. Members of each group take turns hosting/providing food for monthly get-togethers throughout the April thru September session. This is a great way to get to know a handful of people without feeling overwhelmed. Groups are intentionally intergenerational and eclectic. The Super Foyers dinner – where all groups convene to kick off the Spring/Summer session – will be Sunday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in Child Hall. To sign up for a Foyers group for this session, please go to cathedralATL.org/foyers by Monday, April 6.

MUSIC

A MEDITATION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST, *with Carols*



Sunday, March 29
4:00 p.m.

*Sung by the Cathedral Schola
at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta*

One of the most profound Sunday 4 o'clock choral services of the year, A Meditation on the Passion of Christ, with Carols, employs lessons and carols, spirituals, anthems, motets, and congregational hymns to illuminate the Passion of Christ, which is retold using biblical narratives from Mark, Matthew, and John, sung to some of the most ancient plainchant known to the Church. It is a deeply meaningful way to step back from the hectic pace of life and enter into Holy Week. The service begins at 4:00 p.m. **Sunday, March 29**, with prelude music beginning at 3:40 p.m.



THE CHOIR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Friday, April 24

7:30 p.m., Cathedral Nave

The Choir of Westminster Abbey is renowned worldwide as one of the finest choirs of its type. Comprising up to thirty boys and twelve professional adult singers, the choir's wide-ranging performing activities are rooted in centuries-old tradition, and its repertoire ranges from plainsong and Tudor polyphony to 20th-century masterpieces and new commissions. The choir's primary purpose is the singing of the Abbey's daily services. In addition, it plays a central role in the many royal, state, and national occasions which take place there. The choir also pursues a varied program of recordings, concerts and tours, traveling in recent years to Australia, the Far East, the United States, Russia, Hungary, Italy, Spain and Germany. In the UK, the choir presents an annual concert program in the Abbey, and has performed at many leading venues and festivals, including the BBC Proms and the London Festival of Baroque Music. Tickets are available at cathedralATL.org/westminsterabbey.

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WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?
LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FUTURE PLANS!



TELL US MORE AT CATHEDRALATL.ORG/2026GRADUATES

CHILDREN'S *Ministry*



REGISTER FOR WEEK OF WONDER!

Vacation Bible School at the Cathedral of St. Philip is known as Week of Wonder. Join us for a week of fun in June as we wonder together at God's creation and All Creatures Great and Small. Camp is for children ages 3-5th grade from June 1-5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Register at cathedralATL.org/WeekofWonder.

CHILL ON THE HILL

APRIL 26

IN THE CATHEDRAL PARKING LOT

Join us Sunday, April 26 for an evening of singing and dancing. Dean Sam Candler will start the show, playing his favorite songs on the piano, and then The Placeholders 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!



the PLACEHOLDERS

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

We will once again have beautiful floral arrangements and decorations in our sacred spaces this Easter, with your help! Donations received on or before Sunday, March 29 will be listed in the Easter service leaflet. Those received after that date will be listed online. Your donation can be made in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one. A minimum of \$150 per printed line is suggested, but any gift will be appreciated. Please do not let financial constraints prevent you from remembering your loved ones.

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Fill out the form below and include a check payable to The Cathedral of St. Philip (Easter Flowers).



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DATE: _____

Please include a check with your request, made payable to The Cathedral of St. Philip (Easter Flowers). Checks and forms should be sent to the Cathedral. You may also make arrangements by contacting Hillary Jones, 404-365-1038 or hjones@cathedralATL.org.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Max Ferguson

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Zane Jay Darnell • Beverly Ann Hurd • Beverly Loper • John William Mills



SAVE THE DATE

Join us as we rejoice in one year of serving our unhoused neighbors together through Buckhead Cares, a groundbreaking interfaith and nonprofit partnership. Enjoy refreshments, be inspired as you learn about our collective impact, and witness exciting announcements about the year ahead.

Buckhead Cares One-Year Celebration
Thursday, March 26, 11:00 a.m.
Peachtree Road United Methodist Church Resource Center



THIS SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Mikell Chapel

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Cathedral

10:10 a.m. Newcomers Tour
Gould Room

10:10 a.m. Old Fashioned Sunday School
Child Hall

10:10 a.m. Living Faith
Room 239

10:10 a.m. YP Sunday School
Room 120

10:10 a.m. Godly Play Parents
Room 368

10:10 a.m. Youth Sunday School
Room 382

10:10 a.m. Godly Play
3rd Floor above the Atrium

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Cathedral

11:15 a.m. La Santa Eucaristía
Mikell Chapel

1:15 p.m. Enjoy Biblical Greek!
Room 239 and online

3:15 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Recital:
Peter Dubois
Cathedral

4 p.m. Choral Evensong
Cathedral

6 p.m. EYC for Middle and High School
Room 382



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The Joy of Giving

A conversation with former Home Depot CEO Frank Blake
and former Woodruff Foundation President Russ Hardin

Moderated by Canon George Maxwell

Thursday, April 16, 2026

6:30 p.m., The Cathedral of St. Philip



Please join us:
RSVP at cathedralATL.org/JoyOfGiving