
The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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JESUS THE GARDENER

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

I was honored in the early Easter morning rain this year, when someone said that the white hat I was wearing looked like a gardener's hat! Yes! I want to be a good gardener! When Mary came to the tomb on that first Easter morning, she spoke with Jesus without recognizing him, "supposing him to be the gardener" (John 20:15).

Two of my favorite paintings of the resurrection are one by Rembrandt, and one by Fontana, which show this very scene. There is Mary, weeping in the early dawn. And there is someone with her, but it doesn't look like the Jesus we usually see in religious paintings. When I have shown slides of those paintings to my classes, out of the blue, it is very rare that someone identifies that other person in the paintings as Jesus.

They don't recognize Jesus because he is wearing a large broad-brimmed gardener's hat! And he is clearly carrying some sort of shovel, a gardening spade. He looks like a common ordinary gardener in the paintings, just as Mary Magdalene is said to have spotted him.

Yes, Mary mistook Jesus for the gardener on that first Easter. How could she have made that mistake? She had travelled and ministered with him, maybe for three years. She had witnessed Jesus' behavior in both hard times and easy times.

She had admired Jesus tenderly picking up children just like ... well, just as tenderly as he might be coaxing a young seedling from the ground. She had listened to Jesus carefully explain some stories just like ...well, just like he might be tilling and preparing good soil. In fact, many of Jesus' stories were about the soil, and seeds, and vines and weeds and rocks.

Yes, that has to be the reason Mary saw a gardener before her! She had witnessed Jesus being a gardener throughout his ministry! Mary had seen Jesus tear into people, especially the Pharisees, just like a gardener might tear into some overgrown thicket, cutting away the old growth. Mary had seen Jesus cut into new growth, too, training and trimming the branches that were his disciples.

Mary thought Jesus was the gardener, because Jesus *is* a gardener!

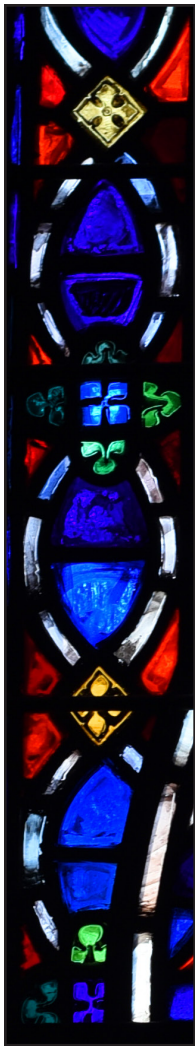


I also think of gardeners this week as I remember the death of Walter Reeves. I did not know Walter Reeves; but I was sure one of his admirers, when I used to read his gardening articles in the newspaper, and when he broadcast Saturday radio shows from Pike Nurseries, "playing in the dirt again." He was a good gardener.

I hope all of us are good gardeners this time of year! I hope we are learning with Jesus how to till the soil, how to enjoy good dirt, how to plant, how to grow, how to delight in the freshness of new life. Alleluia! He is risen!

Sam Candler





This SUNDAY

APRIL 19, 2026 • The Third Sunday of Easter, Year A
Acts 2:14a,22-32 • Psalm 16 • 1 Peter 1:3-9 • 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 Salmoon Bashir

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener

Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

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

Craig Phillips (b. 1961), *The Lord is risen indeed*

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946), *Be still, my soul*

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ANSELM, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, CATHEDRAL

Officiant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Cathedral Schola:

Jessica French, *Preces & Responses*

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988), *Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961), *The Lord is risen indeed*

David Briggs (b. 1962), *O Lord, support us*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS

ROBERT GALLAGHER, ORGAN
Richmond, Virginia

SUNDAY, APRIL 19— 3:15 P.M.

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE AT CATHEDRALATL.ORG/RECITALS

Guy Weitz (1883-1970),
Benedicamus Domino: Grand-Choeur

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)
Hommage à Langlais: Song of Peace in a Time of War

César Franck (1822-1890),
Choral No. 2 in B minor

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933),
Symphonic Chorale on "Ach bleib mit deine Gnade"

OUTREACH



VOLUNTEER WITH LAAMISTAD

LaAmistad is in need of several volunteers to assist our young students in finishing the school year. This is a busy testing time for the children and extra tutors would be most welcome. Volunteer hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. To volunteer please contact the Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval, jsandoval@cathedralATL.org or the Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener, julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Marty Dunn • Melonnye Puckett

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

LONG TERM PRAYERS: Randy Allen • R. Huntley Allen • Betsy Bacon • Lucy Baker • Sandra Baldwin • Benjamin Bao • Ann and Frank Blackistone, Jr. • Larry Boggs • Stacy Boyd • The Bryant Family • Don Cameron • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Jean Davis • Debbie Dewees • Sharon Douglas • Lucy Draper • Janet Harrison Estes • Phoebe Forio • Brad Foresythe • Susan Gavalis • Jenny Ham • Heather Huber • Melanie Johnson • Bennie King • Karen Klein • Lisa Krysiak • Bonnie Lamberth • Charles Lane • Jill Mahaffey • Tommy Mason • Clyde May • Wynetta McNeill • Floyd McRae • Sally Menning • Glenn Miller • Graham Mullin • Jim Myrick • Charlie Neal • Leo Ortiz • Lori Hegwood Owens • Marian Palmore • Patti Parker • Brenda Pruitt • Rubye Reid • Lorraine Reynolds • Barbara Rice • Lisa Rowe • Lisa Staats • Louis “Skip” Schueddig • Roberta Shields • Bronnie Smith • Fair Sutherlin • Richard Swanson • Martin Tilson, Jr. • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Jim Wilson

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sam Buckmaster, Jr. • Geoffrey Walter Norman

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, APRIL 26, ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15. FOR THE SUNDAY, MAY 3 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

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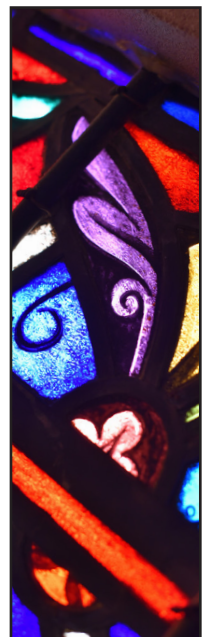
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SPIRITUALITY



LABYRINTH WALK AND TAIZÉ PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Monday, April 20

7 p.m., Child Hall

Enrich your 50 Days of Easter with a contemplative Third Monday of April. We'll begin in Child Hall for an hour of walking the sacred labyrinth path starting at 7 p.m. Or come a few minutes early for a brief introduction if you are new to the labyrinth.

Then, come to Mikell Chapel at 8 p.m. for Taizé Prayers for Peace. Originating in Taizé, France, this simple service of scripture, music, silence, and candlelight will bring a beautiful and prayerful close to your Monday.

The facilitated Labyrinth walk and Taizé service take place every third Monday at the Cathedral. Come to one, or both—and bring a friend! Questions? Contact Jeannie Mahood, jmahood@cathedralATL.org or 404-365-1031.

SACRED PAUSE: MONDAY EVENING CENTERING PRAYER

First, Second, and Fourth Mondays of the Month

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 weekly spiritual practice? Join us Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. in the St. Luke's Chapel (Andrews Transept of the Cathedral) where we 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.

Note: We will not meet on the third Monday each month, when all are invited to join our monthly Labyrinth Walk and Taizé Prayers instead.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ELIZABETH OLDFIELD AT THE 17TH ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 17

Elizabeth Oldfield is a writer, public speaker, and coach, fascinated by how we build lives and organizations which reflect the values of connection, clarity and courage. Her Substack (morefullyalive@substack.com) is a bestseller in philosophy. Her podcast, *The Sacred*, creates space for a wide range of guests to reflect on their deepest values. She endeavors to model courageous conversations across difference and contribute to a growth in empathy. She's also the author of the book *Fully Alive: Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times* (which was studied in Old Fashioned Sunday School last year). Through the lens of the seven deadly sins, she considers how we become people who are resilient, kind, open, generous, and brave.

The conference will be 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. We offer a range of price points, and your registration fee includes lunch. Watch for more information about the conference and registration over the summer. Meanwhile, mark October 17 on your calendar!

PARISH *Life*

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.

MUSIC



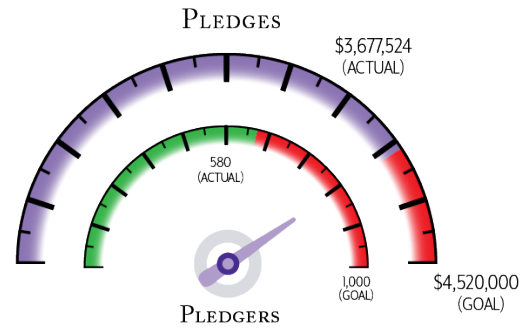
THE CHOIR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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.

STEWARDSHIP



2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pledgers: 580

Pledges: \$3,677,524

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign continues to make steady progress with more than \$200,000 pledged in the past few weeks. Pledges received to-date represent an almost \$300,000 increase in pledges over the past year from the same families. With roughly \$800,000 to go to meet the annual goal, please make your pledge today (if you haven't already!). Pledging is easy and can be made at cathedralATL.org/pledge. Thank you!

HOSPITALITY DRIVE FOR CHURCH OF THE COMMON GROUND

Church of the Common Ground (CCG) is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta that serves as a "church without walls" at 1 p.m. on Sundays, and 10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Woodruff Park located in downtown Atlanta. The congregation at CCG welcomes any and all neighbors to worship with them, many of whom don't often feel they belong at other services. At every service, Church of the Common Ground provides coffee to their parishioners to foster a sense of fellowship and community as part of their sacred ministry.

The Cathedral is joining their coffee drive to help them continue this tradition of hospitality. The next time you are grocery shopping, please consider buying an extra canister of coffee, creamer, or bag of sugar to donate to Church of the Common Ground, then drop it off at the Cathedral on Sundays, through May 3 in the bin in the Atrium. CCG has offered the following as guidance for what to purchase:

Coffee: A 26 oz. canister of coffee is a good size for our ministry. Our community prefers a strong, robust flavor! **Creamer:** Two 56 oz. canisters provide enough creamer for one week of ministry. We prefer canisters of powdered creamer over individual creamer pods. **Sugar:** We use 6 lbs. of sugar each week, but the joy on our parishioners faces is worth it. Please limit size of bags donated to 10 lbs. max.



The CATHEDRAL thrift house

A FAREWELL TO THE CATHEDRAL THRIFT HOUSE

by the Rev. Canon George Maxwell, *Vicar*

For more than seventy-five years, the Cathedral Thrift House has been a vital expression of our ministry to the city of Atlanta. Founded in 1949, the shop that grew to the store we now visit at 1893 Piedmont Road has offered something rare: a place where generosity and commerce meet, where a donor's unneeded treasure becomes another person's necessity or delight, and where the Cathedral's commitment to serving the wider community has taken tangible, everyday form.

Over its long history, the Thrift House has returned more than \$1.1 million to nonprofit charities in Atlanta, a testimony to what faithful stewardship, practiced consistently over decades, can accomplish.


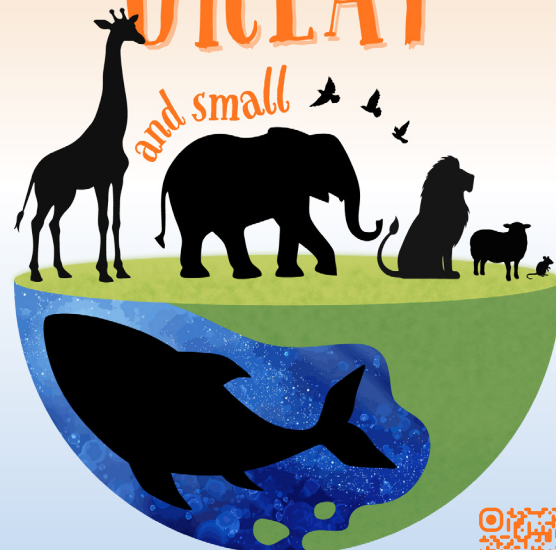
None of that would have been possible without the extraordinary people who have given their time, talent, and care to this ministry. Managers and staff across the years have shaped the Thrift House into something more than a store. Nellie Holleman, the beloved manager of the store, once described it: "a touchstone of acknowledgement, the first hello of the day."

Nellie's leadership has embodied what the Thrift House has always been at its best. Alongside her, faithful volunteers have sorted donations, staffed the floor, advised customers, and built friendships that have made the store a community within a community. We are grateful for every one of them.

After prayerful deliberation, the Thrift House Board of Directors voted unanimously to close the store at the end of September. Between now and then, we hope you will visit. Come to the store to browse or come simply to be present in a place that has meant so much to so many. Whatever you find on the racks or the shelves, you will also find something harder to name — the accumulated goodwill of seventy-five years of ministry, still very much alive.

We will miss it.

Week of Wonder
ALL CREATURES
GREAT
and small



June 1-5
Vacation Bible School for children ages 3-5th grade

Bring donations for the
Cathedral Thrift House

GARDEN SALE

Spring Cleaning? Please bring your gently used gardening gear to the Cathedral Thrift House for their upcoming garden sale on Saturday, May 2, and give your items a new life!

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
TUESDAY - SATURDAY
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**



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

Cathedral **GIVING** by **DESIGN**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF 2026 CATHEDRAL GIVING BY DESIGN

Sunday, May 3

8:45 a.m and 11:15 a.m., Cathedral

Building on the Cathedral's strong legacy of supporting Atlanta through philanthropy, we're excited to mark the tremendous success of the 2026 Cathedral Giving By Design event. This year's work will be highlighted by a special check presentation to our beneficiary, Global Village Project (GVP)—the only middle school in the country devoted exclusively to refugee girls—at worship services on **Sunday, May 3**, at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

The generosity of our parishioners, design circle members, and corporate partners has made it possible for funds from Cathedral Giving By Design to help Furnish the Future at GVP's new campus opening fall 2026. These contributions will specifically provide essential resources for three core facilities: an auditorium, library, and cafeteria. Each space is set to foster confidence, creativity, and a sense of community among the students.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the dedicated 2026 Cathedral Giving By Design Committee, honorary chairs Nancy Beane, Sara Chapman, Cheryl Mullins, and Mary Semmes Wright, the devoted staff of the Cathedral, the outstanding team at Global Village Project, and all the volunteers whose efforts ensured this event's wonderful outcome.

With preparations already underway for the 2027 Cathedral Giving By Design, we look forward to sharing more soon. We hope you'll join us for what comes next!

Pam Melton and Jane Griffin, Co-Chairs





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THIS SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Mikell Chapel

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Cathedral

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

10:10 a.m. Living Faith
Child Hall

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:
Robert Gallagher
Cathedral

4 p.m. Choral Evensong
Cathedral

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



KANUGA PARISH RETREAT

May 22-24, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Parishioners of all ages are invited to a joyful weekend away at Kanuga, a beautiful Episcopal camp and conference center in Hendersonville, NC. (Kanuga means “gathering place.”)

Spend your days as you like: relax by the lake; go canoeing, swimming, fishing, or hiking; join in games like mahjong or pickleball; or take part in engaging programs for adults and fun activities for children and youth. Evenings bring campfires, worship, and plenty of time to connect with one another.

Stay in cozy cabins (perfect for sharing with another family) or enjoy the comfort of the hotel-style inn. All meals are provided, with drinks and snacks served each evening. Come for rest, fun, and community—you won’t want to miss it. Register at cathedralATL.org/kanuga.