
The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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WE LOST KANUGA — AND FOUND EACH OTHER

by the Rev. Canon George Maxwell, *Vicar*

I have been going to Kanuga all my life. First as a child with my parents. Then as a young parishioner still figuring out what faith felt like from the inside. Then as your priest, which is to say someone paid to notice things. I know every trail. I know the silence of the fishing dock at dawn — hours spent with the kids tying on lures, freeing fish, untangling line, talking about everything and nothing. One of the better kinds of prayer.

The script was familiar and beloved: fried chicken on the lawn, bonfires, square dancing in the parking lot, swimming to the dam and back. Bluegrass music. These were not merely activities. They were liturgy.

Not this year.

The lake had been drained to repair the dam. Rain moved in like a bad houseguest and refused to leave. No fishing. No canoeing. No swimming. No trails. No bonfire. No dancing. The whole beloved script torn away, page by page, until what remained looked an awful lot like nothing.

And then — something older than our plans moved in.

Someone produced a board game. Then another. A poker game appeared in which the object was not to win but to figure out together what winning even meant. A talent show broke out — unscheduled, unpolished, and exactly right. Bald eagles circled the empty lake. The Dean found a barn swallow feeding her chicks in a nest of mud tucked under an eave — full of hungry, wide-open life.

The Cathedral Olympics convened in the gym. A donut-on-a-string relay race descended into passionate theological dispute: must one consume the donut entirely, or merely liberate it from the string? The canon lawyers were unavailable.

Coming out of the gym, we passed a mud puddle where several of our smallest parishioners had gathered for what I can only describe as a baptism — wearing no more than Pentecost requires, completely at home in the world.

Later — and this is the moment the whole weekend revealed itself to me — some children collected rocks and filled water balloons to build a small pond in the mud, so the frogs would have somewhere to live. Nobody asked them to. Nobody suggested it was holy. But it was.

We lost the Kanuga we knew. We lost the lake, the trails, the bonfire, the script. And in losing it, we found ourselves in a place the disciples knew well — the upper room, the plan collapsed, the future uncertain, wondering what came next.

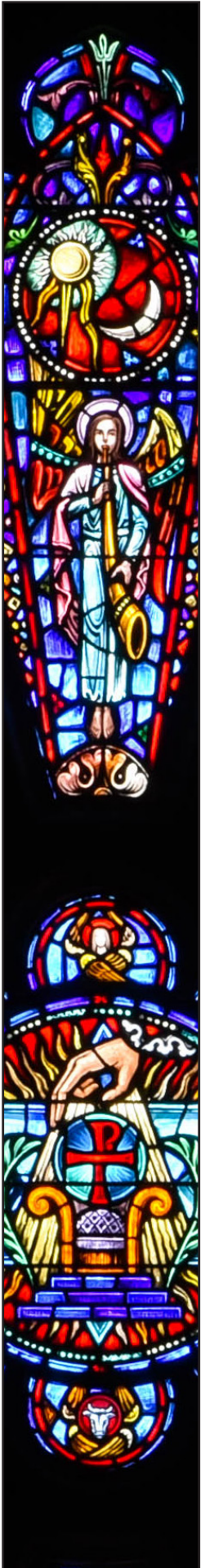
And then the Spirit moved.

Not in fire and rushing wind, but in mud and laughter, in donut arguments and unscheduled talent, in eagles overhead and a swallow's nest built from the very mud we were mourning. In small hands laying stones so that small creatures might live. In all those words across all those hours — the kind that only happen when people are simply together, with nowhere else to be.

We didn't just find each other. We became what we are always being called to become: the Body of Christ. Every tongue loosened. Every ear opened. Each one hearing the same word spoken into the chaos:

This. Here. Us. Now.

The Spirit does not live in our itineraries. We came to Kanuga looking for the place we remembered. We left having become the place God has been building all along.





This SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2026 • The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday, Year A

Genesis 1:1-2:4a • Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

8:45 A.M., 11:15 A.M., AND 4:00 P.M.: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
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7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, MIKELL CHAPEL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon David Boyd

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Cathedral Choir:

Craig Phillips (b. 1961), *Hymn to the Trinity*

Larry King (1932-1990), *A Canticle of Praise*

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

4 P.M. DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION, CATHEDRAL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Rev. Robert Wright

Sung by the choir of Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur, GA

Will Butthod, director

MUSIC

**EVENSONG FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN
MUSICIANS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Next Sunday, June 7

7 p.m., Cathedral

The Cathedral will offer a special service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m. to kick off the 60th anniversary conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) in Atlanta, June 7-11. Dean Sam Candler will officiate and preach, observing the feast of St. Philip, Deacon & Evangelist; the Cathedral Schola will sing; and Chase Loomer will offer an extended prelude to the service beginning at 6:40 p.m.

AAM is an organization comprised principally of professional musicians who serve the Episcopal Church. More than 300 of its members nationwide will attend AAM Atlanta 2026. The Cathedral will also host the conference's closing Choral Eucharist on Thursday, June 11, at 4:00 p.m. If you have never heard hundreds of musicians singing hymns, it is an experience you never forget! These two worship services for AAM are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend!

Adult EDUCATION

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 31

Living Faith, 10:10 a.m., Room 239

Join us as we learn what it means to live out our faith through conversation with scripture and tradition, contemporary books, and, most importantly, one another.

Godly Play Parents, 10:10 a.m., Treehouse Playground

Sunday School in the Shade! During the summer, join Godly Play Parents and their children on the Treehouse playground! The Treehouse playground is on the first floor, to the right of the elevators off of the Well.

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.

DURING THE WEEK

Eat Your Word Bible Study

Wednesdays, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., Room 239 and on Zoom

All are welcome to this weekly Bible study, led by the Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir. You are welcome to bring your lunch and come ready for a lively conversation!

For more information, please contact Canon Bashir at sbashir@cathedralATL.org.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Barbara Maples • Barry Miller • Lisa Rowe • Ernest Sandoval • Krista Sandoval • Peter and Rebekah Stafford

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

LONG TERM PRAYERS: Randy Allen • R. Huntley Allen • Lucy Baker • Benjamin Bao • Ann & Frank Blackistone, Jr. • Larry Boggs • Ian Bond • Stacy Boyd • The Bryant Family • Don Cameron • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Jean Davis • Laura Demo-Anderson • Debbie Dewees • Sharon Douglas • Lucy Draper • Janet Harrison Estes • Max Ferguson • 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 • Marlene Matthews-Muniz • Clyde May • Wynetta McNeill • Floyd McRae • Sally Menning • Glenn Miller • Susannah Morgan • Graham Mulling • Jim Myrick • Charlie Neal • Leo Ortiz • Lori Hegwood Owens • Marian Palmore • Patti Parker • Brenda Pruitt • Rubye Reid • Lorraine Reynolds • Barbara Rice • Lisa Staats • Louis “Skip” Schueddig • Taylor Shailendra • Roberta Shields • Bill Shropshire • Bronnie Smith • Fair Sutherlin • Richard Swanson • Martin Tilson, Jr. • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Jim Wilson

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Gatra Mallard • Pittman Moore • Rebecca “Becky” Spotts

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN: Gavin Locke Otwell, grandson of Dianne and Vern Otwell

The CATHEDRAL *of* ST. PHILIP

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FOR THE **SUNDAY, JUNE 7** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**. FOR THE **SUNDAY, JUNE 14**, ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**.

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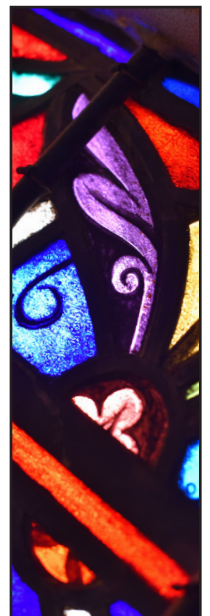
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With the Thrift House closing in September after 77 incredible years, we want to make these last few months a true celebration, and we'd love your help to go out with a bang!



Come on in to find a final treasure, or consider donating those special items you no longer need. We're still gratefully accepting fine jewelry, clothing, bags, china, and all sorts of other odds and ends until June 30. Donation drop-off hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thank you for making the Thrift House such a blessing to the community for all these years!



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The Cathedral continues to be a vibrant, growing parish, with numerous small groups. These small groups are one of the best ways to engage with others. From liturgical to spiritual to educational to social, there is a place for everyone here. Working through our small groups, pledge participation increases almost 20% simply by one, two, or a few more members of that group raising their hand and saying "I want to financially support the Cathedral!" This year almost all of our small groups have over 50% participation and eleven small groups are above 90%! We encourage you to help your small groups reach greater participation! No amount is too small, and all contributions support our groups at the Cathedral. We are a better, more dynamic parish because of these small groups and YOU! To pledge, please visit cathedralATL.org/pledge or contact David Rocchio at drocchio@cathedralATL.org or 404-365-1033.

The CATHEDRAL of ST. PHILIP CATHEDRAL SINGERS

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a lovely June evening's respite amid the glow of stained glass, basking in music to soothe the soul and delight the senses!

Featuring spirituals arranged by Caldwell & Ivory, Carl Haywood, and works by Ivo Antognini, J.S. Bach, William Byrd, Ēriks Ešēvalds, and Lucy Walker, this concert is presented by the professional core of the Cathedral Choir & Schola and our magnificent organists.

Tickets at cathedralATL.org/concerts

CALLING ALL GODLY
PLAY FAMILIES!

Sunday School in the Shade

RESUMES MAY 31

TREEHOUSE PLAYGROUND

10:10 a.m.

ATTENTION YOUTH ACOLYTES!

If you would like to acolyte during the summer, we encourage you to serve and you can earn service hours as well! You can sign up at cathedralATL.org/summeracolyte. For questions, please contact Keith Dumke, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at kdumke@cathedralATL.org.