
The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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AN INVITATION TO LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

by the Rev. Canon David Boyd, *Canon for Pastoral Care*

“We who are many are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ.”

If you have been to a Sunday morning service at the Cathedral and stayed through the end of the service, you may have said these words. They are spoken by the whole congregation when Lay Eucharistic Ministers are being sent, commissioned even, to carry Christ’s presence forth from the nave to a member of this community who could not be present for worship.

There are many reasons one might find Sunday morning worship at the Cathedral out of reach: the joyful disruption of a new baby; an important surgery and many slow weeks of recovery; a season of caregiving that leaves little room for anything else; a shift in mobility that makes navigating the Cathedral challenging. Some of these seasons are marked by joy, others by hardship, and many by both at once. What they all share is this: they do not diminish your place in this community, and they do not put you beyond the reach of God’s grace.

Allow me to share one example of this in action.

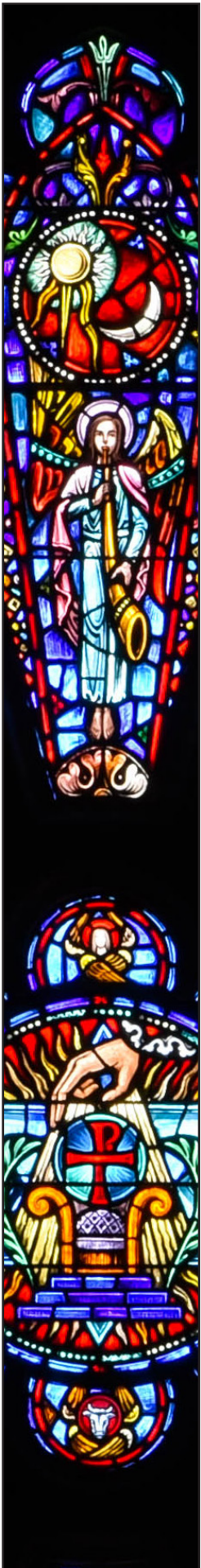
For years, a family in this congregation shared a pew with another couple, Sunday after Sunday, singing and praying together, and before long they were friends. Then, suddenly, there was a gap in the pew; the wife had suffered a stroke, and the couple could no longer make it to church on Sundays. But the friendship didn’t end. The family became Lay Eucharistic Ministers and began bringing them communion at home, worshiping with them in their living room.

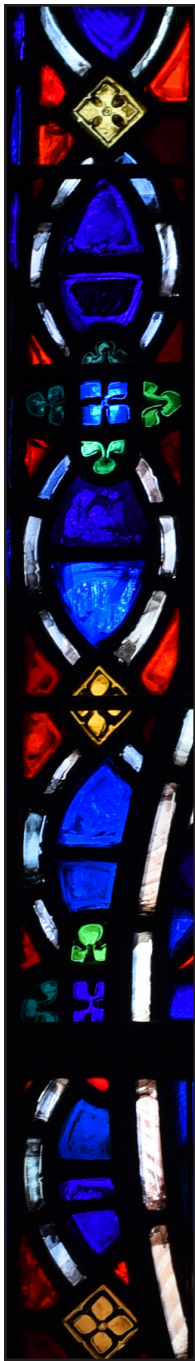
One Sunday, they arrived at the house to find that the husband had died that very morning. Through their shock, they stayed; they sat with his widow, prayed with her, and gave her communion. In that moment, she was joined not only to the congregation gathered at the Cathedral earlier that morning but to her husband, and to the whole communion of saints, those who worship with us now and those who have gone before us into glory. They continued to visit her faithfully with communion until she died about a year later.

I offer this story because it provides a powerful example of the church being the church. The ministry of eucharistic visitation reminds us that the spiritual life is not a solitary pursuit; we experience the grace of God in community, in communion, through a shared life in the Body of Christ, a body which includes all of us, wherever we are, whatever season of life we are in. As Psalm 139 reminds us, there is nowhere we can go that is beyond the reach of God’s presence. From the heavens to the depths, the Holy Spirit is there. When our Lay Eucharistic Ministers carry blessed bread and wine from the altar to a parishioner who cannot be with us, they carry that conviction with them out into the world.

We have a devoted group of Lay Eucharistic Ministers doing this work and perhaps you are being called to join them! If you feel called to serve in this way, I would love to talk with you. The commitment is real but manageable, and this ministry will guide you to some of the holiest moments you have experienced. And if you or someone you love would welcome visits, please reach out. Asking for a visit is not an admission of weakness or an imposition on this community. You will not be bothering anyone. You will be giving us the gift of being what we say we are.

To request visits or learn more about serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, contact me, the Rev. Canon David Boyd, at david.boyd@cathedralATL.org.





This SUNDAY

JUNE 7, 2026 • The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 5, Year A
Hosea 5:15-6:6 • Psalm 50:7-15 • Romans 4:13-25 • Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon David Boyd

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir

Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Cathedral Choir:

Joel Martinson (b. 1960), *The Invitation*

David Hurd (b. 1950), *Love bade me welcome*

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith

Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

7 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG, CATHEDRAL

Officiant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Cathedral Schola:

Prelude 6:40 p.m.:

Rachel Laurin (1961-2023), *Ubi Caritas et Amor*, Op. 110

Chase Loomer (b. 1996), *Nocturne no. 1: Constellations*

Noel Da Costa (1929-2002), *Spiritual: Round about the Mountain*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), *Impromptu from 24 Pièces de fantaisie*, Op. 54, No. 2

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012), *Improvisation on "St. Clement"*

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

Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974), *New College, Oxford*

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

Annabel Rooney (b. 1973), *Round me falls the night*

Closing Voluntary:

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984), "Everyone Dance" from *Five Dances for Organ*

EVENSONG FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN MUSICIANS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This Sunday, June 7

7 p.m., Cathedral

The Cathedral will offer a special service of Choral Evensong this 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!

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Alexander Collins Astrop

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 • Barbara Maples • 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 Rowe • 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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Josephine Rose Adams • Frank Armstrong • Savannah Biven • Walter Boleman • Brenda Bootle • Marianna Bortner • Jason Brady • Trip Bray • Dennis and Robin Bridges • Saint Legend Brown • Beverly Brownlee • Geneveive Brownlee • Anne Bumbak • Grace Burnias • Lila Jo Callaway • Anna Clifford • Andrea Cody • Sally Coleman • Beatrice “Bea” Comstock • Linda Connelly • Inaam Copty • Ava Corroon • Barbara Daniel • Henry “Hank” Diversi • Marty Dunn • Nancy Ehringer • Mary Kent Ellis • Marilyn Epstein • Martha Flory • Pete Fonash • JT Foster • Kyle Garcia • Laura Gardner • Ann George • Emily Giesen • Alexis Grace • Nikki Greenaway • Thomas E. Glynn • Dub Gully • Ted Hackett • Nicholas Hadden • Harold Ham • McKee Hamilton • Josh Hargraves • Shirley Helmke • Keith Hinze • Lisa Hoybach • Jane Hunnicutt • Cherish Huntley • Wayne Huerth • Beth Ingle • William Irwin • Richard Jacobson • Dilini Jayawardena • Rhett Jayne • Farley Jenkins, Sr. • Margaret Maples Jones • Woody Jones • Delores and Lee Josephs • Patricia Kasm • Carol Kelley • Christopher Keltz • Mary Weston Klein • Gary Laney • Doris Little • Pete Livezey • Henry Long • Lauren Makhlof • Dawn and David Mayers • Stephen McCain • Hailey McKeefry • Barry Miller • Iris Miller • Jon Moravec • Larry Mortimer • Tom Myer • Augusta Horsey Nash • Fred Neuschel • Linus Nickel • Ramona O’Neill • Jeff Pace • Alfredo Paniagua • Stephen Pararo • Anna Lilia Diaz Parra • Kari Pekar • Jacquelin Bennett Phillips • Kevin Race • Lisa Randall • Paul Reeves • Hugh Ripps • Charlie Roberts • Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe • Einar Sagstuen • Don Saliers • Ernest Sandoval • Krista Sandoval • Patricia Schooley • Lelia Sinclair • Alice Smith-Mather • Michael and Kathryn Snider • Laura Snyder • Peter and Rebekah Stafford • Doug Stapp • Kimberly Still • Izzy Straus • Dan Sullivan • Jan Swanson • Ted Tarantino • Pierson Thames • Cliff Thompson • Charles Vaughan • Angel Vega • Leopoldo Velita • Pat Volpicella • Dan Walls • Ron Winston • Cutler Woodfin • Sylvia Wright • Gordy Grayson Wyatt • Hollis Youngner

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*

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FOR THE **SUNDAY, JUNE 14** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**. FOR THE **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**, ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**.

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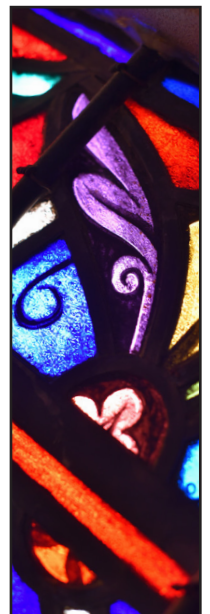
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With the Thrift House closing in September after 77 incredible years, we want to make these last few months a true celebration, and we'd love your help to go out with a bang!



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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Adult EDUCATION

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 7

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.

STEWARDSHIP



GOOD FAITH CHAPEL UPDATE

The fences are down, temporary walls have been removed, and it looks like a chapel! From the rich blue carpet with a labyrinth design inset to the gorgeous landscaping and hardscaping to the stunning light from the oculus and windows, the chapel has come together so beautifully. We look forward to the quiet and contemplative sacred space that the chapel will provide on a daily basis for prayer, contemplation, and worship.

In addition, the Cathedral will begin renovating the bathrooms in the Atrium and near Child Hall over the summer. The work will be phased so that a bathroom will always be available on the main level. After 25 years of faithful service, expect refreshed bathrooms by the start of the fall!

We are so grateful to the more than 120 households that have responded to the matching gift invitation. With less than \$100,000 to go and a \$1,000 match for each new gift from a generous Cathedral family, we can do this! If you have not yet made a pledge to the Good Faith Chapel, now is the time! We can absolutely finish fundraising this month! To make your pledge, visit cathedralATL.org/goodfaithchapel. Contact David Rocchio, drocchio@cathedralATL.org, or 404-365-1033, for questions.

OUTREACH



CAN YOU HELP THE HUNGRY?

Join your fellow parishioners in meaningful outreach to our neighbors facing food insecurity and/or loneliness. Recent studies show that more Americans are facing hunger now than during the height of the pandemic in 2020.

Through a new weekly offering called "Lunch Together," the Cathedral will provide a free nutritious meal to our neighbors each Friday. Volunteers are needed to serve plates in the buffet line as well as to refill drinks, assist with setup and cleanup, and show hospitality to our friends from the wider community.

Youth ages 11 and up are welcome to take part, as are children ages 8 and up when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Lunch Together will occur in the parking lot near the picnic tables each Friday from 12-2 p.m. through August 14.

Please sign up to volunteer at cathedralATL.org/lunchtogether and contact the Rev. Julia Mitchener, Canon for Mission, with any questions, julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org.