
The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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WHAT WE SHARE!

A brief stop, and lasting memory

by the Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir, *Canon for Liturgy and Ecumenism*

Last week, our family took a few days away for vacation in South Carolina. Although, with a fourteen-month-old, calling it a vacation might be a bit of a stretch. As any parent knows, traveling with a toddler mostly means parenting in a different location. We spent a few days at Lake Murray and then headed to Hartsville for a friend's wedding. It was a great trip, but the part I remember the most happened at a gas station along the way.

As we were driving, Damian started crying. And not the kind of crying that can be fixed with a snack, a toy, or random objects from the glove box. We tried everything. Nothing worked! So, we pulled off the road and stopped at a gas station, not because we needed gas, but because we all needed a break.

When we walked into the convenience store, Mari picked up a few things while I wandered the aisles with Damian, trying to distract him and calm him down. That's when I heard something that immediately caught my attention. Two people were speaking Punjabi. Hearing Punjabi in a rural South Carolina gas station was the last thing I expected that day.

Punjab was once one region before it was divided between India and Pakistan in 1947. Today we speak of Indian Punjab and Pakistani Punjab, but language, culture, food, memories, and family stories still connect people on both sides of the border.

When I heard them speaking my mother tongue, I joined the conversation by greeting them in Punjabi. The woman over the aisle looked at me with surprise, and almost immediately her eyes filled with tears. A simple greeting in Punjabi opened the door to a conversation neither of us expected.

The owner of the gas station was from Indian Punjab. As we talked, we discovered that his father had lived only about thirty miles from where my family lives today in Lahore, Pakistan. After partition, his family moved to the Indian side of Punjab.

Soon we were talking about places we knew, stories we had heard growing up, and of course our favorite food. For about ten minutes, that little convenience store felt less like a gas station and more like someone's living room. We talked about family, history, and the places that shaped us.

Meanwhile, the woman working there had completely adopted Damian. She kept bringing him treats, talking, and entertaining him. Before long, she was inviting our family to come to their home for dinner.

When the owner learned that Mari had already bought a few things, he seemed genuinely upset and said he should not have let us pay. He kept encouraging us to take drinks and anything else we wanted. After several rounds of friendly disagreement, I finally convinced him we were fine. We exchanged hugs, said our goodbyes, and promised that if we were ever back in that part of South Carolina, we would come and share a meal with them.

When I got back to the car, I had tears in my eyes because of the kindness we had just experienced.

For a few minutes, things that often divide people, borders, politics, religion, and difficult history between our two countries, faded into the background. Two families who had never met before connected through language, memories, and hospitality.

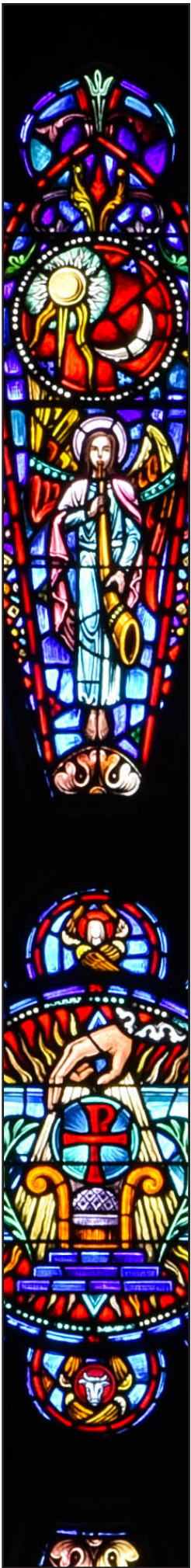
When you meet someone face to face, not on social media, not from the news and not through a screen, those divisions don't seem quite as important. You are no longer talking about groups of people or ideas. You are talking to a real person. You see the tears in their eyes. You feel the emotion in their voice. You hear about the memories that still live in their heart.

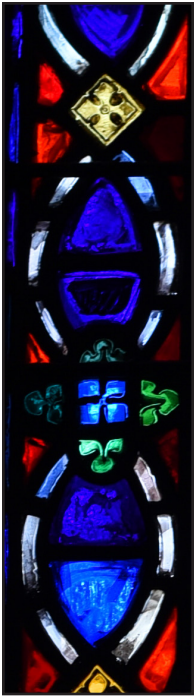
Standing in that gas station, we were not thinking about which side of the border our families ended up on after partition. We were talking about home. We were remembering places, sharing stories, and finding connections we never expected to find.

And what about Damian? While I was having an emotional conversation about Punjab, history, and home, Damian was busy collecting snacks and enjoying all the attention. After causing the emergency stop, he was completely fine.

As we move into summer, many of us will travel, welcome visitors, and spend time with family and friends. May we remain open to unexpected encounters along the way. Sometimes a simple conversation or a small act of kindness can stay with us longer than we imagined.

After all, you never know what can happen when a crying toddler makes you stop at a gas station.





This SUNDAY

JUNE 14, 2026 • The Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 6, Year A

Exodus 19:2-8a • Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon George Maxwell

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener

Cathedral Choir:

Paul Caldwell (b. 1963) & Sean Ivory (b. 1969), *Ain't no grave can hold me down*

Ēriks Ešēvalds (b. 1977), *Amazing grace*

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Inaki Guevara-Cuence

Cathedral **GIVING by DESIGN**

FROM OUR 2026 BENEFICIARY, GLOBAL VILLAGE PROJECT:

We did it... Global Village Project has officially reached our \$8 million capital campaign goal. Thank you! Thank you!



With full hearts, we are overwhelmed with gratitude as we celebrate this incredible milestone alongside the community that made it possible.

Designed by architect Rosalie Ezekiel and renovated by SG Contracting, Inc., the renovations, which began last September, are almost complete. Classrooms have taken shape, gathering spaces are coming to life, and every week brings us closer to opening the doors to a new chapter for GVP students and families. We will be moving into our new campus at the end of June, ready to welcome students in August.

Thank you for believing in refugee girls, in this mission, and in what education can make possible.

We are deeply grateful to have you as part of this story and look forward to sharing more as we prepare for this exciting next chapter. In the meantime, watch the story [at cathedralATL.org/GVP] showcasing how far this project has come. Next up? The Ribbon Cutting. Stay tuned!

With gratitude and excitement,
The GVP Team

SPIRITUALITY



THIRD MONDAY FACILITATED LABYRINTH WALK AND TAIZÉ PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Monday, June 15

7 p.m., Child Hall

Start your summer with a contemplative Third Monday of June. 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! Centering Prayer takes place on the other Mondays at 7 p.m. in the St. Luke's Chapel area in the Cathedral Nave. Questions? Contact Jeannie Mahood, jmahood@cathedralATL.org, or 404-365-1031.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Debbie Dewees • Peter Grandell • Jim Myrick

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

LONG TERM PRAYERS: Randy Allen • R. Huntley Allen • Lucy Baker • Benjamin Bao • Ann and 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 • 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 • 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 • Bronnie Smith • Fair Sutherlin • Richard Swanson • Martin Tilson, Jr. • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Jim Wilson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Josephine Rose Adams • Frank Armstrong • Alexander Collins Astrop • 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 Gulley • 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 Makhoul • 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 • 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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Rita Burnat • Mary Coggins • Eve Eckardt

FOR THOSE WHO WERE BORN: Walter Rhodes Harbin, son of Susanna and Hamilton Harbin

The CATHEDRAL *of* ST. PHILIP

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

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FOR THE **SUNDAY, JUNE 21** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**. FOR THE **SUNDAY, JUNE 28**, ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**.

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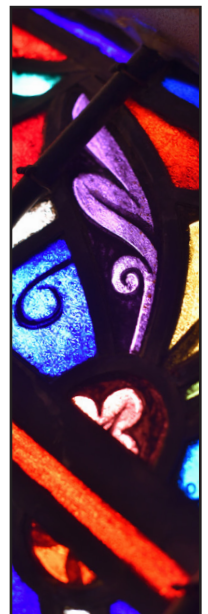
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STEWARDSHIP



LESS THAN 10% TO GO FOR ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN!

Pledgers: 678

Dollars: \$4,088,985

The Cathedral community continues to respond positively to the financial needs of the church. So many wonderful things are happening at the Cathedral—from a great (and wet!) weekend at Kanuga to a fun Week of Wonder to an extraordinary Evensong service hosted for the Association of Anglican Musicians Conference! Your financial support helps support this incredible work. We are now less than \$450,000 from our budgeted amount for annual pledges and will work very hard to close that gap over the next few weeks. Thanks to the almost 700 households that have already made a pledge! And if you haven't yet, please visit cathedralATL.org/pledge.



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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!

Cathedral FARMERS MARKET

SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL FARMERS MARKET

With your help, the Cathedral Farmers Market can receive up to \$11,000 in grant funds from the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia (ECF). The ECF will double match every dollar (up to \$5,500) that is donated to the farmers market by June 30. The funding will help promote the Rescued Crops to Feed Our Neighbor program and emphasize the Cathedral's outreach efforts to address food insecurity through the farmers market.



Rescued Crops to Feed Our Neighbor Program

The Cathedral Farmers Market buys unsold produce from farmers at the end of market and donates it to the pantry at Intown Cares. This provides access to local, fresh fruits and veggies to supplement shelf-stable groceries received at the food pantry. It also supports local, small-scale farmers with additional income and cuts food waste by keeping unsold crops out of the compost bin. Over the past three years, the market purchased \$115,000 worth of fresh fruits and veggies (that's 55,000 pounds!) from 14 farmers to feed our neighbors. You can help the market reach their goal by visiting cathedralATL.org/marketmatch.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN


The CATHEDRAL of ST PHILIP

Sunday June 28, 1:00 p.m.

Mister O1 Extraordinary Pizza Buckhead
3699 Lenox Rd NE, Ste 2

Join us to celebrate Pride 2026 with All God's Children, the Cathedral of St. Philip's ministry to support LGBTQ+ people and allies. Feel free to attend the 11:15 a.m. service then come to lunch after for fun and fellowship!

Please RSVP at cathedralATL.org/2026Pride.