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FREDDY FROM GERMANY AND A MIGHTY GOOD MEAL

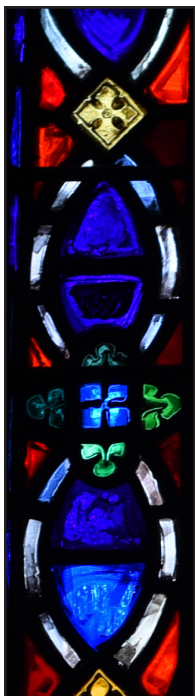
by the Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener, *Canon for Mission*

I don't know about you, but I am loving the World Cup. It's not so much the sport that's got me hooked, it's the fans. It's Scotland's "Tartan Army" drinking Boston bars dry one day and raising money for a children's hospital the next. It's Japanese tourists staying behind for hours following each game, cleaning up stadiums as a sign of respect. It's people from Cape Verde pouring into the streets of Atlanta after witnessing their tiny nation, in its first World Cup match ever, hold the mighty Spanish team at bay.

It's also this German guy named Freddy. Freddy has been traveling across the U.S. for the past couple of weeks watching soccer, yes, but also eating a lot and writing restaurant reviews. His social media posts have attracted a huge following after his visits to Waffle House (10/10, we will be coming back!) and various establishments in New Orleans (Jambalaya and drinks are fantastic, but why does everyone throw plastic beads?). Clearly, Freddy has been impressed by his culinary road trip. Most of all, though, he seems delighted by the community he's found along the way. This is the real gift of his posts, to my mind: their reminder of the value of sitting down with our fellow human beings and breaking bread, especially during these acrimonious times in which we live. It's hard to think the worst of someone with whom you're sharing world's best Philly cheesesteak. It's tough to cling to biases when a complete stranger has just introduced you to the wonder of fries dipped in a thick chocolate shake.

This will come as no surprise to anyone who's ever supped at the table of Jesus. The context may be different, but the vibes are much the same. Across the globe each week, people of varying nationalities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and political persuasion come together to break bread with God. To stretch out our hands in a mixture of hope, longing, joy, despair, faith, doubt, cynicism, and awe—to stretch out our hands to receive what at first may not look like much of a spread but one that serves up all the love and healing and nourishment this broken and troubled world will ever need. We come to stretch out our hands to Jesus; we come to stretch out our hands to each other, too. To walk up the chancel steps with someone we envy. To kneel shoulder to shoulder with a spouse, sibling, or friend with whom we've been at odds. To receive the Bread of Life from a priest who has disappointed us. To drink from the cup of a chalice bearer we argued bitterly with last week. To glance down the altar rail and see the face of someone who, growing up, we were taught to distrust simply because of the color of their skin. We come to stretch out our hands to Jesus but also to each other, and in doing so, not only to "taste and see that the Lord is good" but to taste and see that we are good as well. That's right, we are good! Our community is good—not perfect, but good. Each of us has been created in the image of God and bears that image in this world. There is room in the Body of Christ for all, even, and perhaps especially, for people we might be tempted to revile—our adversaries, those who have hurt us, those whom we perceive as the Other, and those parts of ourselves from which we have become estranged but which are loved and held tenderly by God.

This is the miracle of the table of our Lord. In the bread and in the wine, in communion with our friends and with our foes, we are knit together into a mystical fellowship that transcends boundaries of space, time, affinity, and affection. Which makes for a mighty good meal.



This SUNDAY

JUNE 28, 2026 • The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8, Year A
Jeremiah 28:5-9 • Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 • Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42

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 George Maxwell

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Preacher: The Rev. Canon George Maxwell

Cathedral Choir (Decani):

Herbert Howells (1892-1983), *Jubilate Deo (Collegium Regale)*

Roland Martin (b. 1955), *Love bade me welcome*

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval



A CONCERT IN CELEBRATION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Friday, July 3, 7:30 p.m., Cathedral

The Chenault Duo

Chase Loomer & Nolan Anthony, organists

Revel in a night of American and patriotic music with performances by world-renowned organists The Chenault Duo, along with master improviser Chase Loomer and Cathedral organ intern Nolan Anthony. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Program:

John Philip Sousa, *arr.* the Chenaults,

The Stars & Stripes Forever

Charles Callahan, *Patriotic Medley*

I. *From the Halls of Montezuma*

II. *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

III. *Simple Gifts*

IV. *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

V. *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Charles Ives, *Variations on "America"*

Nicholas White, *Shenandoah*

And more!

WORSHIP



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Wednesday, July 22

6 p.m., Good Faith Chapel

On July 22, the Cathedral will host a contemplative service of Evening Prayer honoring the life and ministry of St. Mary Magdalene. Known as the "Apostle to the Apostles," Mary was entrusted to bring the news of Jesus' resurrection to the other disciples and to share her experience of meeting the risen Christ outside the tomb.

We will gather in the Good Faith Chapel at 6 p.m. If you would like, wear red, and feel free to bring a friend. Afterwards, on the patio outside the chapel, we will enjoy fellowship over spice cakes and tea. Have questions? Please contact the Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener, julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Mercy Elyon • Pam and Mike Shannon

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 • Alex Cann • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Jean Davis • Laura Demo-Anderson • Debbie Dewees • Sharon Douglas • Lucy Draper • Janet Harrison Estes • Max Ferguson • David Fishburn • 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 • Bronnie Smith • Fair Sutherland • Richard Swanson • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Jim Wilson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Frank Adams • 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 Copt • 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 • Peter Grandell • Nikki Greenaway • Thomas E. Glynn • Dub Gulley • Ted Hackett • Nicholas Hadden • Harold Ham • McKee Hamilton • Josh Hargraves • Victoria Leigh Hartness • 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 • 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 • Jacquelin Bennett Phillips • Kevin Race • 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 • 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: Kathie Mahaffey • Michael Sittig • Marilyn Hughes Stone

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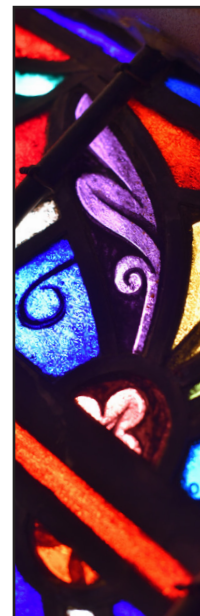
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A SPECIAL DEAN'S FORUM THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday at 10:10 a.m. in Child Hall, architect Bill Halter with Cooper Carry will talk about taking the Good Faith Chapel from dream to reality! Bill will walk through the last three years of development, from unique design challenges to the chapel that is nearly finished. (The Good Faith Chapel is on schedule to be completed this month, but we have already begun praying in it. Join us!)

PARDON OUR PROGRESS: PARKING LOT SEALING & BATHROOMS

As construction of the Good Faith Chapel wraps up, the Cathedral will be undertaking additional improvement projects over the summer and early fall. **During the week of June 29**, the parking lot will be sealed and striped. Access to the Cathedral, offices, and the rest of the building will be maintained throughout the week, but parts of the parking lot will be coned off on some days. In early July, the Atrium bathrooms will be closed for renovation for approximately one month. Upon completion of the Atrium restrooms, the Child Hall bathrooms will be reconfigured and renovated. All other bathrooms on campus will be available during these renovations. Please contact David Rocchio at drocchio@cathedralATL.org with any questions.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The CATHEDRAL of ST PHILIP

This 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.



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WHY I GIVE: CATHIE KELLY

Community is the first word that comes to mind when I think of the Cathedral. When my family joined the church in 2002 we quickly became involved in various programs and activities that gave us a deep connection to the church. But sometimes, our lives can take an unexpected turn and our journey takes a different course. When this happened to me a year and a half ago, I experienced church community in a very real and different way.



My husband Bill passed away unexpectedly in January 2025, and suddenly I was a widow. Texts, emails, cards, food and flowers poured in from my friends in Altar Guild, the Dean's Bible Study, Old Fashioned Sunday School and Lenten Retreats. My sister was staying with me during this time. After several days of witnessing this outpouring of love, my sister commented to me "I can see that you have a real community at church. I don't go to church now, but this makes me want to join a church." And she was right; our church is my community and that is what has sustained me over the past year and a half.

Even now, parishioners, priests and church staff continue to reach out to me (sometimes as simple as a hug or question about my well-being). The Choral Requiem for the Departed in November and Blue Christmas Service gave me great comfort. Guidance from counselors at the Cathedral Counseling Center have also helped me on this journey. Bill and his mother are interred in the Memorial Garden. When the time comes, I will be interred there as well.

This level of support and sense of community bears witness to what a unique place our church is. It is what makes St. Philip's so special to me. I cannot imagine a life apart from the church or not pledging to a church that has sustained me in so many ways through the years. This is why I give to the Cathedral.

To join Cathie in pledging to the Cathedral, please visit cathedralATL.org/pledge or contact David Rocchio, david.rocchio@cathedralATL.org with questions.