
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

**An article from the *Cathedral Times*
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What a glorious Easter you celebrated this past Sunday! After the care and solemnity of Palm Sunday, and Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday; after the preliminary arrangements and rehearsals of Holy Saturday; Easter Sunday burst into Atlanta with energy and hope.

I cannot thank each person individually for what happened on Sunday. But I can surely thank each one of you for responding. It is your response which gratified me so much.

When this church needs volunteers and participants, you do respond. You set out flowers. You laid out water and attended baptism classes. You rehearsed and prayed. You came back to Atlanta early from Spring Breaks. You made your pledge before you left town. You contributed generously to our special Easter appeal, even though you were away.

You got up by 6:00 a.m., early, in the dark, on a chilly Sunday morning, for the Easter Vigil and Great Fire. You got your family and guests to the 8:45 service. You welcomed all our visitors at the 11:15 service. You came to the 2:00 service, the 4:00 service, the 7:00 service. You rang bells and cheered. You listened. You smiled and laughed.

It was a great Easter Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Philip, and I thank you for it. Many of you have responded since Sunday, sending me e-mails and messages about the glory and wonder of Sunday. I thank you for taking the time to do that, too. When you take the time to respond, I know something is connecting.

So, thank you for responding. God calls to us each day. Sometimes we respond, and sometimes we do not. This Sunday, I saw the Cathedral respond with gusto and vigor. And that energized me, too.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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