
Easter is Here!

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by Dean Sam Candler**

Yes, I know we had a glorious Easter celebration here at the Cathedral. Thank you! Thank you for helping us, no matter what your part was, in celebrating Resurrection and New Life here at the Cathedral. With all the ways that people celebrate New Year's observances these days, I believe Easter should be one of our great New Year's celebrations. Happy New Year! Christ is risen, and the world is changed!

And Easter continues! Join us this week for our continuing celebration of Easter!

This Sunday, **Sam Candler will preach at the 8:45 service, on the Second Sunday of Easter.** That day always features St. Thomas in the gospel reading – Thomas, the unfortunate disciple who missed the first meeting, and who said, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” (John 20:25) – Thomas, who would later say, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

Then, **at the Dean's Forum this Sunday, at 10:10, we will welcome a special guest, Gary Shilling, the founder and president of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation.** Come hear him speak about he was inspired to devote time and resources to the advancement of preaching in the Episcopal Church. He sponsors several conferences a year, for new preachers in the Episcopal Church. Our own parishioner, Everett Puri, is on that board of directors. [See here](#) for more information.

Then (still in the morning!), **we will celebrate confirmations at the 11:15 service! Bishop Don Wimberly will be with us at that service only, to confirm and to preach.** We have over fifty young people and adults who have been preparing for confirmation this year. Pray for them and welcome them into mature commitment to the Christian faith.

Well, the season of Easter is officially fifty days long, too. For the next six Sundays (the Easter season contains seven Sundays in all), we will be celebrating. One Sunday will be Youth Sunday. On another Sunday, we will hear about next year's beneficiary of the Cathedral Antiques Show. On another Sunday, we will present checks from the Thrift House Follies, and from the Antiques Show itself.

Christ is risen, and alive, at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Come help us celebrate new life!



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