

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are well and enjoying the summer in lieu of the changes we have had regarding the COVID quarantine. It has been wonderful to see so many friends returning to the Cathedral during the week and on Sundays. We are busy “rebuilding” our programs and staffing to meet the greater amount of activity that we are sharing post-pandemic.

We have returned to our week-end service schedule of Eucharist in the Chapel on Friday evenings at 5:30pm, followed by Sunday services at 8:00am, 10:30am, and 6:00pm. Our Choral Evensong is on hiatus while we bring our new Cathedral organist and choirmaster, Derrick Meador, on board over the summer. I hope that you will take a moment to say hello to Derrick in the coming weeks.



Rev. Alston B. Johnson
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In the past I have served parishes that have offered two pastorally focused Eucharists that I find very helpful and moving. The Episcopal Recovery community is a group of Christians who gather for mutual support around issues involving addiction, alcoholism, drug use, and other issues associated with the 12 step program initiated by Alcoholics Anonymous. Many Episcopalians are unaware that AA was profoundly influenced by an Episcopal minister named Sam Shoemaker from Baltimore. Bill Wilson, one of the founders of AA, had this to say about The Reverend Shoemaker, crediting Sam Shoemaker as a key source of the ideas underpinning Alcoholics Anonymous:

“It was from Sam Shoemaker that we absorbed most of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, steps that express the heart of AA’s way of life. Dr. (William) Silkworth gave us the needed

knowledge of our illness, but Sam Shoemaker had given us the concrete knowledge of what we could do about it, he passed on the spiritual keys by which we were liberated. The early AA got its ideas of self-examination, acknowledgment of character defects, restitution for harm done, and working with others straight from the Oxford Group and directly from Sam Shoemaker, their former leader in America, and from nowhere else.”

Read more here:

Alcoholics Anonymous: A Biography of Sam Shoemaker

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/a-biography-of-sam-shoemaker

A number of years ago, Episcopalians conversant with the 12-step program, its goals and process, adapted Eucharistic Prayers from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer to interweave the 12 steps into the liturgy. Each of the 12 steps are read

at points throughout the liturgy as we worship through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Usually there is a moment for prayers for healing and anointing. I have always found it a moving service, and I have found that it offers support and consolation for friends whose lives and faith have been strengthened by their commitment to recovery. And I imagine that like some of you, a few of the most gifted and generous Christians that I have known in the past have spent a season in recovery, or walking with others who are in the midst of recovery.

This Recovery Eucharist will be held at 6:00pm, once a month, on a regular basis. I have not settled on which Sunday of the month to have it, perhaps the first Sunday of each month, and will be visiting with the Altar Guild and Clergy about what seems best. If you are interested in this

service, and Recovery Ministries within the Episcopal Church, please be in touch with me.

*Many Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson – Dean, St Mark’s*



*I wait
by the door...*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm
Sunday Holy Eucharist

JUNE 6, 2021

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Psalm 130 Mark 3:20-35

JUNE 13, 2021

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 20, 2021

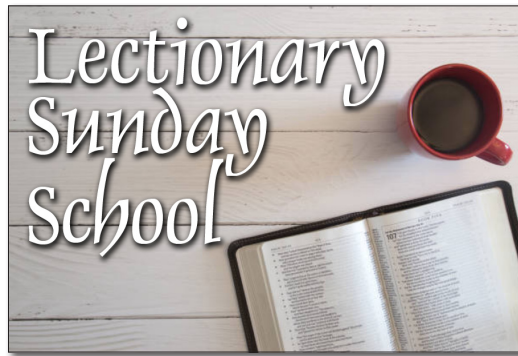
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Mark 4:35-41

JUNE 27, 2021

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Psalm 30 Mark 5:21-43



Lecternary Sunday School

Dean Johnson and other Cathedral clergy will be facilitating a Sunday morning class and discussion following our Sunday Eucharistic Lectionary Readings. We hope that you will grab a cup

of coffee and join us in The Garden Room for this gathering and scriptural study. We will begin **June 13th at 9:30am.**

If you are going through a difficult time...

...one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Rowena White by email: Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Wednesdays

7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Chapel

Fridays 5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
in the Chapel
(The 5:30 service is an option for those who cannot attend Sunday worship.)



St. Mark's Physical Training Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral

meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.

Birthday Card Ministry

This year, we launched a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ewing** at 550-1743 or lauren.ewing@me.com.





Rebecca Bryant, Marybeth McVie, and Carol Peterson

Altar Guild Celebration



Outgoing Altar Guild Directress Marybeth McVie was honored last month at a reception at the home of Lennis Elston. Altar Guild members provided a delicious array of food for the event and musical entertainment was provided by Joy Ratcliff and Theresa Johnson. We are grateful for Marybeth's many years of service to the Altar Guild of St. Mark's.

Rebecca Bryant and Carol Peterson will be taking over the duties of Altar Guild Directresses for 2021-22.

Confirmation Sunday • May 2021

For Confirmation

Caroline Elizabeth Bartle
Ella Camille Bylsma
Stokes Christian Bylsma
Colquit Michael Cooper
Kathleen Michele Davis
Lila Grace Demech

Ella Avery Eagles
George Patton Fritze
Julie Claire Guthrie
Camille Ava Hannigan
Catherine Ellen McElroy
Malloy Katherine McInnis
Eleanor Rees Pringle

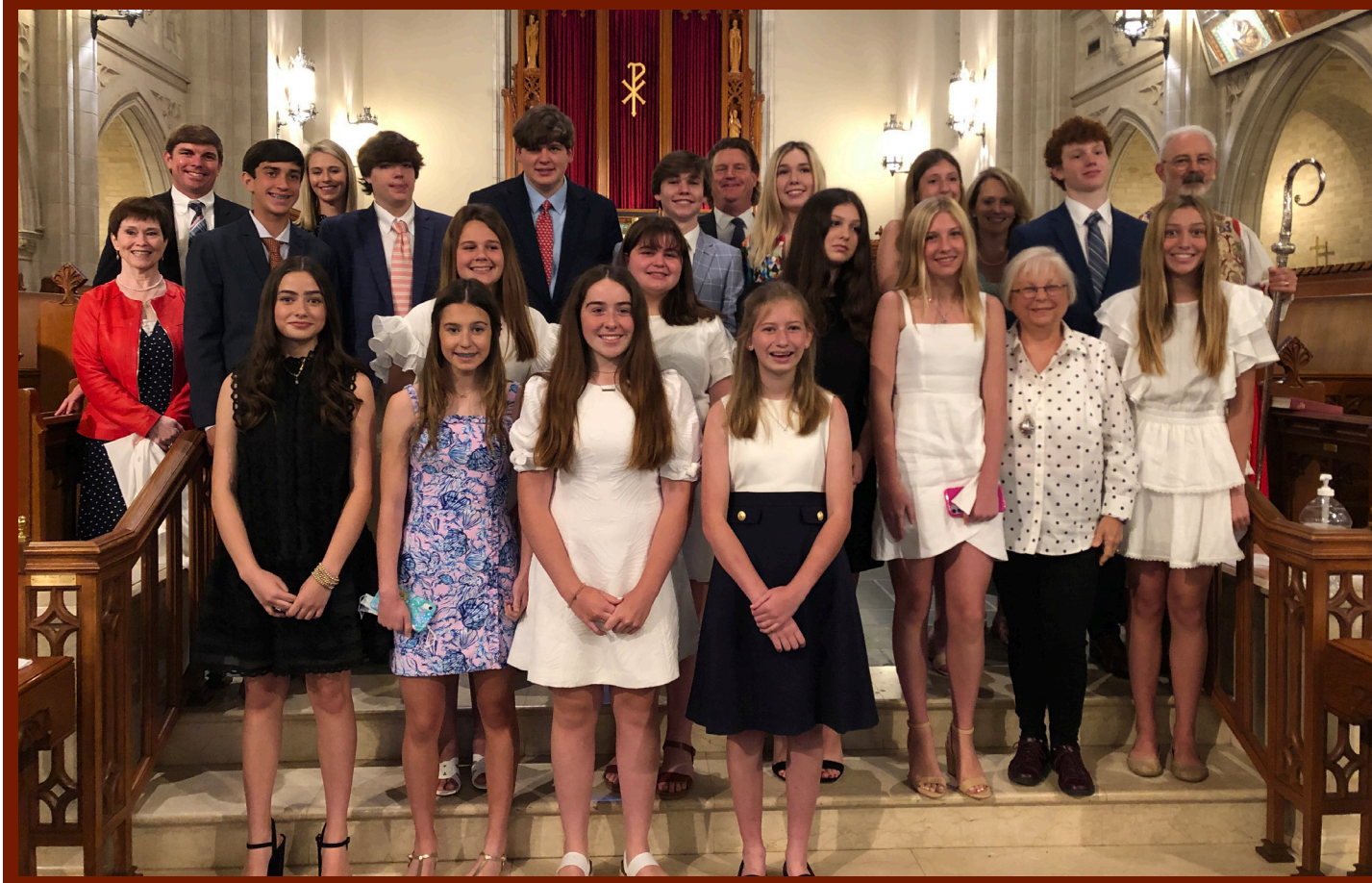
Caroline Colby Sample
Alexander James Schoonover
Weldon Cage Van Norman
Rodney Ethan Varnadore
Jason Wayne Waltman
Kristy McGee Waltman

For Reception

Charlotte Michel Scott Fritze
Priscilla Hughes Trenado

For Reaffirmation

Joy Fair Ratcliff



Music & Worship

Meet Our New Organist & Choirmaster!

Derrick Meador is an organist and conductor based in Laurel, Mississippi. He has been heard in many leading recital venues across the United States and Europe including the Świnoujście International Music Festival (Poland), National City Christian Church (Washington, D.C.), St. James Cathedral (Toronto, Ontario), and recent performances in Houston, Seattle, and Syracuse, among others. A champion of living composers, Meador has commissioned many works by New York-based composer Buck McDaniel.

Since 2015, he has served as Organist & Choirmaster at the Church of Saint John, where he leads an historic music program rooted in the Anglican choral tradition. In this role, he has conducted major choral works including the *Requiems* of Duruflé, Fauré, Mozart, and Palestrina. Previously, he served as Organist & Director of Music at First-Trinity

Presbyterian in Laurel, where he curated the preservation of their landmark instrument, Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1498.



Derrick Meador
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As an educator, Meador has presented workshops and recitals to several chapters of the American Guild of Organists, of which he served a 10-year term as Dean to the Southern Mississippi Chapter. Additionally, he serves on the faculties of the University of Southern Mississippi and the Mississippi Conference on Church Music & Liturgy.

Meador received his Master of Music degree from the University of Houston under Dr. Robert Bates, and the Bachelor of Music degree from William Carey University under Prof. Kathy Vail. He has also studied with Dr. Jeffrey R.

McLelland, harpsichord with Dr. Matthew Dirst, and received private coaching from Dame Gillian Weir in London.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 1	Katie-Beth Davis	Kaitlyn Stage	Witt Caldwell	25
Scott Crichton	Charlotte Anderson	Oscar Berry, IV	Corbin Lattier	Cina Hodges
Karen Hardtner	8	13	Jack Q=Petersen	Talbot Trudeau
Matthew Schoonover	Michael Reeks	Lottie McGuire	21	John Henry Nelson
2	9	Margaret Texada	Diane Lawrence	26
Mike Cooper	Sonya Attaway	14	Greg Rembert	Kathy Williams
Charlotte Ourso	Sandra Leatherman	William Comegys	Jan Cooke	Debbie Camus
3	John Atkins, III	15	Charles Patterson	Leslie Caraway
Kim Weaver	Knighton Sample	Ione Dean	Avery Glover	27
4	Mary Elizabeth Harper	Brad Massad	Loren Lepore	Karon Waguespack
Edie Williams	Frances Hardtner	Matthew Smitherman	22	Marshall Jones
Cindy Harris	Barro Massad	16	Waldo Cecil	28
Bill Gray	10	Skip Simonton	Jeff Howell	Trisha Hogan
John Perkins	Rebecca Bryant	Henry Hood	Max Fortiz	Frances Bowen
Anne Jenkins	Taylor Slack	Anthony Comeaux	23	29
Andrew Atkins	Alyssa Coggins	17	Jim Elrod	Pat Viser
5	Hugh Herzog	Susan Berry	Holly Woodard	Amy Mata
Charlie Burwell	Whitmer Campbell	Betsy Levels	Elouise Lattier	Ryan Q=Petersen
Ellen Alley	11	Kendall Stage	Jessie Short	John Van Hook
6	Brett Schoonover	18	Mary Kneip	30
Patrick Davenport	12	Bob Ewing	24	Ann Walke
Debbie Hall	Donald Mack	Cecilia McElroy	Sharon Reed	Leon Nims
Murray Viser	Susan Hardtner	19	Cristina Walker	Lee Schmidt
Lisa Childs	Barbara Newtown	Dee Peterson	Pam Short	Karen Popwell
John Reeks	Barron O'Neal	Wade Sample	Jonathan Hardtner	Catherine Roemer
Leah Muslow	Brant Lewis	Edwin Byrd, III	Heidi Sanderson	Dorothy Lea
Kate Hesson	Anne Deupree	20	William Dulaney	
7	Katelyn Pavlick	Elaine Lee	Camille Sample	
Richard Elston	Robert Pavlick	Marjorie Bowen	Andrew Irion	

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

June 6

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Ollie P. Williams, Carl Pons, Mary Skannal Pons, John Holland Williams, Hazel Miller Williams and Judith Callahan Williams.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth E. Williams, Sr., Jim V. Hamric, Jr., Marguerite & H.R. Cupples, and Faye & Bob Cupples.

June 13

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Burr D. Ilgenfritz, and Mr. & Mrs. Warren C. West, and in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Jane & Warren West.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Skip Simonton on her 91st birthday.

June 20

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert D'Aquin, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Donald, Sr., and in honor of Father Seth Donald.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Richards Carter.

June 27

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Lee Young.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Adams Watts and Ann Connor Doak.

WEDDINGS

Those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

Emily Fell Kelly & William Harrison, IV, on May 1, 2021.

Chelsie Caroline Cruse & Robert Gahagan Pugh, III on May 15, 2021.

DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Kenneth Maher, husband of **Dr. Diane Sino**, on April 24, 2021.

George Ingersoll, on May 14, 2021.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Kathy Williams at 469-9211**.



We're Back!

We are re-starting our **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP** on Mondays at 10:00 am in the library. The group is open to all who are interested in spiritual growth and participation in a caring and accepting group. (Other times to meet may also become available on request). For more information contact **Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net**.

New Adult Christian Formation

Ready to enjoy some fellowship and a light read with no homework this summer? Join our **Summer Sunday School Class** beginning June 6 at 9:30 a.m. It's open to everyone. We'll be reading **Bishop Jake Owensby's** new book, **Looking for God in Messy Places**, chapter by chapter and discussing it. We'll read it aloud in class, so all you have to do is show up! The book is currently buy one, get one 50% off now on Amazon if you want to get your copy. E-mail **Lauren Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com** if you have any questions. See you soon!

Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!



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