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A newsletter from Washington National Cathedral

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A WORD FROM THE DEAN

"The Whole Majestic Pile" Centennial Thoughts

In 1901, six years before the Foundation Stone of Washington National Cathedral was laid, Bishop Henry Yates Satterlee put pen to paper to articulate his vision for a "church for national purposes" located on Mount St. Alban. The result, a book entitled *The Building of a Cathedral*, is



Cathedral Dean
Samuel T. Lloyd III

a remarkable feat of imagination—sketching out nearly every aspect of what this new cathedral would become, from its architectural style, to its location on what would become the Close, to the organizational structure of its leadership, to the nature of its mission. In the rousing final words of the book Satterlee envisions "the whole majestic pile" as a great song of praise, "proclaiming to all people...

the triumph of the Cross, the majesty of the Ascended Christ, [and] the glory of His growing Kingdom of Heaven on earth."

Rereading Bishop Satterlee's book as our Centennial begins fills me again with awe at the vision and devotion of our forebears. Everyone must have known that they would never live to see this project completed. In fact, Bishop Satterlee himself was to die within months of the laying of the Foundation Stone, and the construction would ultimately take eighty-three years. But they gave themselves to a project worth many lifetimes, to build something beautiful for God at the heart of the capital city of a vast, still young republic.

This month the Cathedral launches its yearlong Centennial celebration. We will have many opportunities to offer thanks for those who have gone before us—especially in our three-day "Birthday Celebration" September 28–30. There will be gatherings and reunions to honor those who gave so much of themselves to make this Cathedral a reality—

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Don't Miss Cathedral Day!

Washington National Cathedral will celebrate its centennial with the most spectacular birthday party ever held on the Cathedral Close. The Centennial Weekend, September



28–30, marks the beginning of nearly a full year of special events and programs. The fun-filled birthday weekend begins Friday evening, September 28, with a barbecue on the North Lawn from 6:30 to 9 PM. Reunite with your Cathedral family and enjoy the live music provided by members of the Cathedral choirs.

Cathedral Day, with many activities celebrating the Cathedral's history and heritage over the past century,
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Cathedral's Sunday Forum Kicks Off in October

Among the new programs initiated in the Centennial year is *The Sunday Forum: Critical Issues in the Light of Faith*, which begins Sunday, October 7. Weekly programs—web-cast live and always available on nationalcathedral.org—will feature compelling, intellectually probing, and generous-spirited dialogue about major issues of the day as seen from a Christian perspective.

Each Sunday immediately following the 9 AM Eucharist in the Cathedral nave, Dean Lloyd and his guests will wrestle with pressing topics such as environmental stewardship, the role of faith in politics, religious pluralism, personal ethics,



Francis Collins
visits the Forum
on October 21

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architects and stone masons, artists and carvers, clergy and ushers, Chapter members and staff, donors and volunteers. And on Sunday morning in a festival Eucharist, we will come together to offer our thanks and praise to God for the grace that has sustained this Cathedral enterprise from the beginning.

Centennials give us a chance to remember. For a hundred years faithful people have been worshipping and serving God through the life of this Cathedral, even when the place available to meet was only Bethlehem Chapel, or, a few years later, the Great Choir. Be sure you tour the "Dreamers and Believers" exhibit in the Rare Book Library to see a moving video of the slow, steady emergence of our great edifice.

Centennials serve another purpose too: They mark a new century's beginning, and they challenge those of us who gather now to be as bold and committed in the new and different "construction" our moment demands. Our new construction material is not limestone but, as the First Letter of Peter calls it, "living stones," people uniting together to build ministries of hope, healing, and reconciliation in our own complex time.

And so this Centennial celebration will be filled with events that signal a new century of "spiritual" construction, building within our stone walls what 1 Peter calls a "spiritual house." The Cathedral will continue to grow as a place where God's love in Christ can be discovered and experienced, where people of all faiths and walks of life can gather to learn from each other and seek paths of reconciliation,

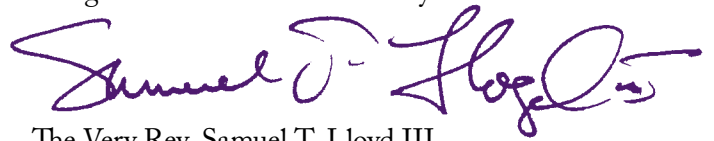
where seekers and disciples are being so moved by the Spirit of Christ that they are taking up ministries across the city and even the nation.

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I have been struck by a remarkable symmetry as our new year begins. It was in 1907 that the Foundation Stone was laid and construction begun and history will one day note that it was exactly one hundred years later, in 2007, that this Cathedral officially launched its Congregation. That earlier date presaged a remarkable century of dedication, discovery, and achievement. And so, I believe, will this year, as the Cathedral focuses on its many communities, from volunteers, to National Cathedral Association members, to the Congregation itself. We are becoming a cathedral defined as much by its worship, preaching, forums, classes,

and work of reconciliation as we have been by our soaring arches and luminous windows.

Bishop Satterlee's book foresaw a Cathedral that would stand "for the simplicity of the Gospel, and inspire men [and women] to live the life portrayed in the Sermon on the Mount." It was to be a place of prayer and prophecy, of beauty and devotion. It was to be a place filled with Christ's own life. Our Cathedral forebears have done much and brought us far. Now a new century calls us onward.


The Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III

Creativity: Confidence of the Heart

**Lecture with Ann Patchett
Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 pm**

Come hear a master of the art and discipline of writing share her reflections on creativity and the impact such work can have. Learn how Patchett understands the creative endeavor's power to shape and illumine our lives.



**Find the Pray for Peace Conert
and more Cathedral College events online!**

Cathedral Choral Society Concert with the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys and the Winchester Cathedral Choir Friday, October 26, 7:30 pm

Features Washington premier of Sir Paul McCartney *Ecce Cor Meum*; William Walton *Coronation Te Deum*; Gustav Holst *Hynn of Jesus*.



Tickets: www.cathedralchoralsoceity.org or (202) 537-5527.

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Cathedral Events

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Tuesday, October 2

7 pm – Course Beginning: “Living the Ministry of Reconciliation: Living the Gospel Mandate” with Mpho A. Tutu.

7:30 pm – Lecture: “Creativity: Confidence of the Heart with Ann Patchett.

Wednesday, October 3

7 pm – Course Session: “Transforming Literature of the Bible.”

7 pm – Course Beginning: “The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion” with the Rev. Canon Howard Anderson and the Rev. Canon John L. Peterson.

Thursday, October 4

6:15 pm – Blessing of the Animals.

Saturday, October 6

10 am – Annual national acolyte festival.

Sunday, October 7—Pentecost XIX

10 am – Sunday Forum: “Religious America: What Do We Believe?” with Jon Meacham and Sally Quinn.*

11:15 am – Holy Eucharist. The Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd, preacher.

1:30 pm – Close-Up Tour: “Angels High and Low.”

5:30 pm – Pipespectacular. Annual organ recital presented by the DC chapter of the American Guild of Organist. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, October 9

7 pm – Course Session: “Living the Ministry of Reconciliation.”

Wednesday, October 10

7 pm – Course Session: “Transforming Literature of the Bible.”

7 pm – Course Session: “The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.”

Sunday, October 14—Pentecost XX

10 am – Sunday Forum: “Ties That Bind: A Folk-Rocker and a Theologian Make Heavenly Music” with Indigo Girl Emily Saliers and Don Saliers.*

11:15 am – Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Canon Howard Anderson, preacher.

5 pm – Centennial Organ Recital: Olivier Latry, Notre Dame Cathedral, France.*

Tuesday, October 16

6 pm – Pray for Peace: Prayer Ceremony and Benefit Concert. An extraordinary night of prayer and music bringing together Graham Nash, David Crosby, Jackson Browne, Keb' Mo', Krishna Das, Emily Saliers, and John Hall with Tibetan monks and prominent interfaith religious leaders expressing a collective desire for global peace through spiritual wisdom and song. Tickets on sale through www.ticketmaster.com.*

Wednesday, October 17

7 pm – Course Session: “Transforming Literature of the Bible.”

7 pm – Course Session: “The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.”

Thursday, October 18

7 pm – Course Beginning: “Equipped for Witness: A Workshop on Sharing Core Conviction about Jesus” with Martin Smith.

Sunday, October 21—Pentecost XXI

*Virginia Commonwealth Day**

10 am – Sunday Forum: “Can Faith and Science be Reconciled?” with Francis Collins.*

11:15 am – Holy Eucharist. The Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, preacher.

Tuesday, October 23

7 pm – Course Session: “Living the Ministry of Reconciliation.”

Wednesday, October 24

7 pm – Course Session: “Transforming Literature of the Bible.”

7 pm – Course Session: “The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.”

Thursday, October 25

7 pm – Course Session: “Equipped for Witness.”

Friday, October 26

7:30 pm – Cathedral Choral Society Concert with the Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys, Michael McCarthy, music director, and the Winchester Cathedral Choir, Andrew Lumsden, music director. Features Paul McCartney *Ecce Cor Meum*, William Walton *Coronation Te Deum*, and Gustav Holst *Hymn of Jesus*. Tickets: \$40–\$160, (202) 537-5527.*

Sunday, October 28—Pentecost XXII

10 am – Sunday Forum: “Faith amid Diversity: How Multiculturalism Is Shaping America” with Michel Martin.*

11:15 am – Holy Eucharist and Inaugural Sermon in American Preaching Series. The Rev. Martin B. Copenhaver, senior pastor of Wellesley Congregation Church in Wellesley, Massachusetts.*

2 pm – Gargoyle Tour.

4 pm – Lutheran Reformation Service.

Tuesday, October 30

6–9 pm – Cathedral Crossroads: “The Spice of Spirit: Deciphering the Role of Soul” with Michael Twitty at 7:30 pm.

7 pm – Course Session: “Living the Ministry of Reconciliation.”

Wednesday, October 31

7 pm – Course Session: “Transforming Literature of the Bible.”

7 pm – Course Session: “The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.”

* Denotes event in celebration Cathedral Centennial.

Celebration of American Preaching

Each month during the Centennial year, a distinguished and prominent preacher will give the sermon at the 11:15 AM Sunday service. Guest preachers will include the Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., retired senior minister of the Riverside Church; Sister Joan D. Chittister, Benedictine nun, columnist and author of 35 books; and Bishop William H. Willimon, Methodist bishop, author-theologian and former dean of the Chapel at Duke University.



The Rev. Martin B. Copenhaver kicks off the series on October 28. Copenhaver is senior pastor of Wellesley Congregational Church and author of four books. He was winner of the Mersick Prize for preaching and has had many of his sermons published in the Harper & Row “Best Sermons” series.

November 25—The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.

December 9—Bishop William H. Willimon

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global justice, and faith in a changing culture. Guests are drawn from all walks of public life, from renowned scientists to writers, artists, and musicians; political figures and journalists; scholars from a multitude of fields; activists; and religious leaders. Each conversation includes questions taken from local and national audiences and is directed toward people of faith and those simply curious about it.

The Sunday Forum welcomes a variety of opinions and points of view and endeavors to provide lively, purposeful discussion informed by the ancient traditions of Christian faith.

The Forums begin with a conversation “Religious America: What Do We Believe?” Dean Lloyd will be joined by *Newsweek* editor Jon Meacham and *Washington Post* reporter Sally Quinn. Second to join Dean Lloyd on the Forum schedule are Indigo Girl Emily Saliers and her father theologian Don Saliers. Their discussion, “Ties That Bind: A Folk-Rocker and a Theologian Make Heavenly Music,” is scheduled for Sunday, October 14.

Fuller descriptions of this month’s Forum guests appears in the calendar. Visit the Cathedral website (nationalcathedral.org) for the complete schedule, or contact Deryl Davis at (202) 537-6382 or via email ddavis@cathedral.org.

Forum Schedule

Religious America: What Do We Believe?

JON MEACHAM AND SALLY QUINN

Sunday, October 7

Jon Meacham is editor of *Newsweek* magazine, co-editor of the *Washington Post*’s online religion forum, *On Faith*, and author of the bestselling book *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation*. Sally Quinn is a long-time writer for the *Washington Post*, co-editor of the *Post*’s online religion forum, *On Faith*, and the author of several books of fiction and non-fiction.



Saliers is a singer-songwriter, musician, and member of the popular folk-rock duo the Indigo Girls.

Can Faith and Science be Reconciled?

FRANCIS COLLINS

Sunday, October 21

Francis Collins is director of the National Human Genome Research Institute and author of the bestseller *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*.

Faith Amid Diversity: How Multiculturalism Is Shaping America

MICHEL MARTIN

Sunday, October 28

Michel Martin hosts National Public Radio’s *Tell Me More*, a new program exploring America’s rich cultural diversity. A journalist for more than 25 years, Michel has worked in both print and broadcasting, including ABC News, where she worked as a correspondent for *Nightline*.



Ties That Bind: A Folk-Rocker and A Theologian Make Heavenly Music

EMILY SALIERS AND DON SALIERS

Sunday, October 14

Don Saliers is William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Emory University and co-author with his daughter Emily of *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Reflections on Music as a Spiritual Practice*. Emily

Canon's Corner BY CHRISTIANA OLSEN



Not very far into the book of Genesis, after the stories of creation and fall, of ancestry, flood, betrayal, and covenant, we read about three angels who visit Sarah and Abraham. This piece of Scripture describes what seems to be an extraordinary kind of generosity. Abraham's response to the curious visitors is immediate and not fueled by his desire to impress God's angels—he doesn't quite realize what they are—but by his innate willingness to reach outside himself for the well being of others. Although we might term his generosity "radical," his urgent sense of hospitality is not extra-ordinary for him. He and his family would have opened their home and their hearts to anyone passing by: washing tired feet, feeding hungry bellies, giving a soft place to land for a time.

How would it be if we were to practice a generosity as immediate and deep as Abraham's? How would we be changed by making radical hospitality an ordinary occurrence? We may not have tired, dusty feet to wash every day, but certainly we know what it is to feed a tired and hungry soul.

Cathedral Congregation Calendar

The Transforming Literature of the Bible

Wednesdays, September 19, 2007—January 23, 2008

This course is designed with true engagement of Scripture in mind. The first part of the class, beginning in September, explores the Old Testament. The DOCC format of small group discussion will be used, but you need not have taken Basic DOCC to take this class. Canon William Barnwell will lead this engaging class. Registration fee of \$150.00; contact Linda Terrell at lterrell@cathedral.org.

Centennial Kick-Off September 29 & 30, 2007

Cathedral Day and Sunday Festival Service! There will be music, food, Cathedral arts demonstrations, children's activities, and more. See back page for Holy Eucharist details.

Aids Walk October 6, 2007

The Cathedral Congregation and St. Alban's will team up to walk in this important Washington event. Look for sign-up sheets this month! A team comprising members of the Cathedral Congregation and St. Alban's parish will walk in this important city wide event. Please watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletin for more information.

Fall Book Group October 9, 2007

We will be reading *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg through October and November. This is a challenging yet very accessible guide to opening the way of authentic Christianity to all of us. We will discuss a feasible meeting time and day at the first meeting.

Diocesan Confirmation November 3, 2007

Please email Canon Christie Olsen at colsen@cathedral.org if you would like to receive information about being confirmed, received or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church as a member of the Cathedral Congregation.

Basic DOCC Begins January 8, 2008

This course in the basics of the Christian journey will deepen your faith and transform your life. Canon William Barnwell and Cathedral Dean Sam Lloyd will lead us on an extraordinary journey on Tuesday nights through April 22, 2008. Registration fee of \$50 includes all course materials. Register through Linda Terrell at lterrell@cathedral.org.

Questions on Faith

Intended for people who are new to the Episcopal Church, new to the Cathedral, want to be confirmed or just want to get into some basics of the faith, this inquirer's class will provide the opportunity for new comers and regulars alike to explore how the spiritual journey toward Christ begins and why it matters.

The class schedule is as follows:

October 4: Introduction. Read the Bible?

October 11: Who is Jesus?

October 18: Why are we Episcopalians?

October 25: Do We Have to Say the Creed?

November 1: How Do We Read the Bible?

November 15: What is Common Prayer?

November 29: Why a Theology of Stewardship?

December 6: What is the Mission of the Church?

Each class will include a presentation of the topic and small group work with a trained facilitator. Please join us to learn more about prayer, the Church and what we believe as Episcopalians. And make some new friends in the process. Class size will be limited to 30, so please register with Wayne Fowler in the Vicar's Office at wfowler@cathedral.org as soon as possible. More information will be forwarded upon registration.

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begins at 10 AM on Saturday, September 29 and runs until 5 PM The following day, September 30, an 11:15 AM a Festival



Worship Service will feature music from the Cathedral Choirs and dancers from the Omega Dance Company. Bishop John Bryson Chane will preside and Cathedral Dean Samuel T. Lloyd III will preach. Concelebrants will be Bishop Nathan D.

Baxter, former dean of the Cathedral, Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop Theodore Eastman, Bishop Ronald H. Haines, Bishop Barbara C. Harris, and the Very Rev. Charles A. Perry.

Featured events throughout the weekend include reunions of cathedral volunteers, choristers, friends, staff, and others. And at 5 PM on Sunday, following Evensong, Cathedral organist Scott Dettra will perform the first of a special series of monthly celebrity organ concerts.

On September 29, 1907, the U.S. Marine Band played on Mount St. Alban as the foundation stone was set in place. This year, a century later, "The President's Own" will reprise that role. Other Cathedral Day musical offerings will include Gospel/Bluegrass from the group Dead Men's Hollow, jazz from the St. Alban's Jazz Ensemble, Scottish pipes and drums from the St. Andrew's Society, and madrigals from the Washington Revels. The World Children's Choir

will also perform. There will be an organ demonstration at 1 PM, and at 4:30 PM a Choral Centennial Worship Service will feature the Cathedral choirs.

Among the day's highlights will be a reenactment of the laying of the foundation stone in 1907. A professional Theodore Roosevelt impersonator will greet visitors and participate in the noontime ceremony at the newly renovated All Hallows Amphitheater to the south of Pilgrim Road.

Throughout the day there will be displays and demonstrations of Cathedral crafts such as stone carving, needlework and stained glass artistry, and the Cathedral's ever knowledgeable docents will be stationed at points all around the building to speak about its architecture and history.

No celebration is complete without food and drink, and the selection will be larger than usual this year. Vendors will

include Armand's Chicago Pizzeria, Rocklands Barbecue, Five Guys Burger and Fries, and Starbucks, in addition to stands selling soft ice cream and oriental and Hispanic food. Cathedral Day activities for children will include special tours, a train, a tower climb, clowns, a carousel and a moon bounce in the shape



of a giant birthday cake. And, because this year's Cathedral Day is really a birthday party, there will be a beautiful cake for all to enjoy. For a complete schedule of Centennial events go to www.nationalcathedral.org and click on Centennial.

Celebrate the Cathedral's 100th Birthday

- ❖ Birthday cake, 2 pm
- ❖ Demonstrations of Cathedral arts
- ❖ Climb to Cathedral heights: central tower and triforium
- ❖ Children's crafts, rides, and puppet show
- ❖ Music
 - US Marine Corps Band
 - Gospel Bluegrass
 - Jazz
 - World Children's Choir
 - Washington Revels Singers
- ❖ Hymn sing, 3 pm
- ❖ Special tours
- ❖ Festival food
- ❖ Reenactment of Foundation Stone Ceremony, noon
- ❖ Choral Centennial Worship with St. Andrews Bagpipers at 4:30 pm

Free shuttle from Tenleytown/AU Metro (Red line)

Limited parking available in the new parking garage (\$5)

"BREAKTHROUGH"

The Women's World Summit Scheduled for Spring

BREAKTHROUGH: The Women, Faith and Development Summit to End Global Poverty will be held at Washington National Cathedral on April 13–15, 2008. Co-chaired by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other world leaders, **BREAKTHROUGH** will serve as a forum for international leaders from faith communities, governments, donors and NGOs to convene and announce new commitments to seek solutions to the alleviation of global poverty.

The majority of the one billion people living on less than one dollar a day are women. All over the world, women struggle to rise above poverty, disease, and violence to build a better life for themselves and their families. Studies show that investing in women's education and health care, providing adequate opportunities for work, and access to a society's decision-making processes are crucial for reducing poverty and yield benefits for women, their families, and societies, yet investments in women's and girls' development fall far short of the need and the potential.

The **BREAKTHROUGH** Summit will also serve as a launching platform for the Women, Faith and Development Alliance's (WFDA) multi-year advocacy and action campaign for increasing investments in women's and girls' empowerment worldwide. This landmark event will provide a unique opportunity for the women, faith, and development communi-

ties to put their collective weight behind a common cause. Women's organizations, development organizations, and faith networks have a long history of working to eradicate poverty and empower women, but have never before collaborated at the level envisioned by this new alliance. Faith and development groups have been active and effective on debt, trade, and development issues but have not put their collective weight behind women's advancement and development. The combined cross-sector advocacy of these communities visibly operating outside the traditional foreign policy corridors, and the inclusion of women's groups and faith and development leaders from the global south provides the strategic advantage for the **BREAKTHROUGH** Summit.

Washington National Cathedral's Center for Global



Justice and Reconciliation (CGJR) in partnership with three co-convenors—InterAction's Commission on the Advancement of Women, Religions for Peace, and the Women's Edge Coalition—will focus on these important issues at the **BREAKTHROUGH** Summit to take place at Washington National Cathedral and on Capitol Hill. Scheduled in conjunction with the Cathedral's Centennial year, the program and attendance will feature world and national leaders, prominent representatives from the faith, women and development communities, corporate CEO's, men who are advocates for women's equality, emerging new voices, global south stakeholder representatives, presidential candidates, United Nations and other multilateral officials, private citizens, and others who see investment in women's development as key to alleviating global poverty.

The Cathedral's CGJR Women's Program aims to fulfill its mission to increase the impact of the religious sector on global poverty via interfaith collaborations and cross sector alliances, and specifically to increase the effectiveness of the religious sector in empowering women. Thus the Center has convened the WFDA and is taking the lead on staging **BREAKTHROUGH**.

For more information on the **BREAKTHROUGH** Summit or the WFDA, please visit www.wfd-alliance.org or contact Mary Pat Brennan, CGJR Women's Program Coordinator, at mbrennan@cathedral.org or (202) 537-2354.

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Special Service Will Mark Cathedral's 100th Anniversary

The Cathedral welcomes you to a vibrant worship experience on Sunday, September 30, 2007, in honor of its first century. This service will feature an array of festive offerings of music, dance and praise, including the Cathedral Choirs and the Omega Dance Company.

Thanks for God's faithfulness will be offered along with stories about the building and mission of the Cathedral over the last 100 years, as the vision for the church for the nation and the Diocese's chief mission church took form. "The building of this Cathedral took a bold vision, a daring act of imagination," comments the Cathedral's Canon Precentor, Carol Wade. "As our worship seeks to celebrate the past and welcome the future, may we be full partners with our forebears; dreamers and builders of God's reign."

The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane will preside, and the concelebrants will be the Rt. Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, the Rt. Rev. A. Theodore Eastman, the Rt. Rev. Ronald H. Haines, the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, and the Very Rev. Charles A. Perry. Cathedral Dean Samuel T. Lloyd III will preach at this service commemorating the Cathedral's rich history.