



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 21, 2024, at Eight o'clock in the Morning**

**WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH**

No matter who you are, no matter where you come from, and no matter where you are on the journey of life — you are welcome in this church.

We hope you will find Saint Paul's to be a place of refreshment and renewal, where you experience the presence of the risen Christ. We have been serving Christ in this location for over two hundred seventy years. The monuments in our church and the graves in our churchyard reflect the conflicts and complexities of our nation's and our city's history. While our building is old and beautiful, our mission is contemporary and forward moving. Here you will find a people very much connected with the questions and struggles of modern life and faith and of following the way of Jesus.

# TO ALL OUR VISITORS & GUESTS

## About Worship

If the liturgy (worship) of the Episcopal Church is unfamiliar, then we hope you will find this information helpful.

You are welcome in the Episcopal Church, and so the first and best resource we offer are your neighbors in the pews. Just say, "I'm visiting," and they will gladly help.

The worship of the Episcopal Church is rooted in the practices of ancient Christianity. The structure of our services, the architecture of our building, the music, our physical postures, and participatory responses ALL hold rich meaning about our beliefs and are intentional expressions of our relationship with God.

- In this bulletin you will find:

***Responses spoken by the people are printed in bold italics.***

*Directions for the people are printed in italics.*

- We encourage families with children to sit at the front of the Nave so that children can easily see and hear the liturgy.
- Episcopalians customarily pray either standing or kneeling, so please do what you find most comfortable.
- Notify an usher if you require an assisted listening device or any other assistance.
- Restrooms are located in the parish hall. An usher will direct you.

## About Receiving The Holy Communion

ALL who come in faith are invited to receive Holy Communion at Saint Paul's.

- During communion, the people form two short lines in the center aisle. The priest will provide more detailed instructions prior to communion. After receiving the bread and wine or a blessing at the altar rail, please exit through the door to the left of the altar and return to your pew via the side aisles.
- For those who may prefer not to receive communion at the main altar, a communion station is provided on the main floor to the right of the center aisle. If you are unable to receive at either station, the clergy will bring the bread and wine to your pew. Please notify an usher before the service begins.
- To receive a blessing without receiving Communion, cross both arms over your chest, palms on your collar. To receive the consecrated bread only, cross one arm over your chest, palm on your collar.
- If your children are in the nursery, you are invited to bring them to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

## Connect with Us

We invite you to share your contact information on a connect card, located in each pew. Hand it to one of our clergy, an usher, or place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to fill out as much or as little information as you'd like so we can connect with you.

# Holy Eucharist: Rite One

## The Word of God

Our Service Begins in the Book of Common Prayer

### The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### The Collect for Purity

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### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

*Prayed responsively by whole verse*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 ***Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 ***Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***

## The Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Eric Biddy**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

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*We will omit the Confession of Sin during the Great Fifty Days as part of our Easter Celebration.*

**The Peace**

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*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Parish Greetings & Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Presentation of the Offering**

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* ***And of Thine own have we given Thee.***

**The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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*We will omit the Agnus Dei and the Prayer of Humble Access during the Great Fifty Days as part of our Easter Celebration.*

**The Communion**

*All who come in faith are welcome at the Lord's table.*

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing**

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**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

### **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of June Shafer; William, Marilyn, and Timothy Albert; and Elton and Ruth Shafer, by Keith Shafer.  
Arranged by the Flower Guild.

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

***For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;*** especially, LaRue Downing, Joni Vanover, Karen, Jeanne Lindsey, Melanie Ellen, Tommy Fickling, Katie Delaigle, Lois Hand, Ann Kilpatrick, Bobby Strozier, Ricie Eubanks, Lynn and Sam Hunter, George Sheftall, Margaret Lodi, Reba Mealing, Kisha Seals, Brenda Richards, Joy Somers, Connie Duke, Jan-Blaise MacEachern, Heather Siddall, Bob Crosby, Martha, Jennifer Browning Kohl, Peggy Green, Dana Bidby, Maggie Herrmann, Mary Ann Fruge, Mary Croft, Langdon Tollett, Laura Felton, Kaitlyn Kulesus, Tre Chance, Jennifer Sumerel, McKinzie Minolofo, Richard Slaby, David Kozak, Norman Allan, Jerry Allan, Sharon Medved, Carson Brown, George Grant, Peter Saputo, Brett Nelson, Mary Black, Ed Moore, Miranda Owens, Bill Benson, Charlie Benson, Catherine, Tom Sumerel, Linda Parker, Wanda Bell, George Landowne, Frank Cranford, James Sink.

***For those serving our country at home and abroad;*** especially, Julian James, Sam and Lara Powell, Joe Way, Jonathan Flanagan, Jim Ring, Zachary Gatheral, Bennett Ivey, Zach Nevard.

For all those who have died; especially, Nellie Kasarjian, Jo Steel, Alex Spivey.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Following this service—Bagels for breakfast and all the fixin's in Tyler Hall.***

***9:30 AM —The Sunday Forum begins a new series in the Berlin Room; Mother Kimberly leads "Being Salt and Light."*** What do the Holy Scriptures tell us about being salt and light? How can Christians add "seasoning" to a world that seems to already have its own flavor? Let us walk together, share stories, and discover how our daily living can become liberating ways that will leave people wanting more.

***Caregivers' support group will meet Thursday, April 25, 3:30 PM in the chapel.*** This group provides support for people caring for people they love (our first thought is ailing spouses, aging parents, children who need extra attention, and other relations of mutuality in which one-way care has grown), but anyone who is a caregiver for another is welcome. Contact Fr. Eric for more information at [ebiddy@saintpauls.org](mailto:ebiddy@saintpauls.org).

***Next Sunday, April 28, 4 PM, The River Room —The Creation Care Committee presents, An Afternoon with Mark Albertin: "Along the Fall Line."*** Mark will share photos from his book and a discussion. A reception follows. Mark will sign copies of his book, and we'll let out in time for the Celtic service. For more information contact Jen McKee at [curiousjen706@gmail.com](mailto:curiousjen706@gmail.com).

***Parents of graduating high school seniors: Senior Sunday is May 5.*** Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if your student is interested in being included in this service at [mailbox@saintpauls.org](mailto:mailbox@saintpauls.org).

***The Parish Life Committee invites you to Save the Date (more details to come)***

May 1, Men's Monthly Meal Taco Night

May 12, Mother's Day Breakfast

May 19, Parish Picnic on Pentecost (comfortably scheduled in the River Room)

June 9, Eat, Pray, Swim, Parish Day at Elijah Clark State Park

***Send a gift with our mission team to Ecuador. We're collecting over the counter first aid items needed in Quito.*** A "wish list" of medical supplies is available in the *Weekly Postings*. We've placed a box in the parish office for collection. For more information, contact Gene Helmich at [ehelmich21@comcast.net](mailto:ehelmich21@comcast.net).

***Support Augusta Women and Girls Personal Clothing Drive.*** The DoK is expanding our connections with local shelters to provide personal apparel and hygiene items. Through the end of April, we will have our turquoise and white flowered collection boxes in Tyler Hall and the Narthex. More details available in the *Weekly Postings* and on the postcard by the box.

***Saint Paul's now owns two cemetery plots in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens available to members of Saint Paul's at no cost,*** and they are offered on a first come-first serve basis. Any costs associated with the cemetery or with a service would be the responsibility of the new owner of the cemetery plot. More information available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*. Questions or Interest, contact Elisabeth Price (mailbox@saintpauls.org).

***Need a name tag?*** Name tags allow us to get to know each other and be a welcoming community to all. If you need a name tag or have just misplaced yours, email the parish office (mailbox@saintpauls.org) or ask an usher for the yellow form to request a name tag.

***More information about these announcements and other events is available in Friday's Weekly Postings, including registration and contact information.*** A copy is available in the Narthex and on our website; or join our email list by signing up on the website or contacting the parish administrator, at mailbox@saintpauls.org.

***Make a gift—Everything we do at Saint Paul's Church is made possible because of people like you.*** If this service has been meaningful for you, we encourage you to give as you are able to help Saint Paul's continue our mission of welcoming, serving, and sharing the Good News of God in Jesus Christ in greater Augusta and beyond. Gifts can be made using the QR Code to the right, on-line at [saintpauls.org/giving](http://saintpauls.org/giving), or by mail to Saint Paul's Church, 605 Reynolds St., Augusta, GA 30901. Thank you for your generosity.



### **SERVING TODAY**

The Reverend Eric Biddy  
Mary Painter  
Nancy Trefz, Ian McQueen, Mary Lynn Ford, Barbara Coleman  
Rex Teeslink

Celebrant and Preacher  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Altar Guild  
Vestry Person of the Day

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:45 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - TYLER HALL
9:25 - 10:00 AM	CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS
9:30 - 10:30 AM	CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS
10:00 - 10:45 AM	CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II
Following the 11:00 AM Service	LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
5:00 - 7:00 PM	EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)
5:30 - 6:15 PM	CELTIC EVENING PRAYER & COMMUNION WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Nursery care offered in the Children's Ministry Center (CMC) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

The 11 AM service is broadcast on Facebook and YouTube at Saint Paul's Church-Augusta and by radio at WGAC 580 AM Radio and 95.1 FM Radio. Listen live on-line at <http://wgac.com>

### VESTRY

Kitty Gordon, Sr. Warden	Erick Montgomery, Jr. Warden	Will Rice, Treasurer
Bryan Hawkins, Chancellor	Julie Badger, Clerk of the Vestry	

#### Vestry Term Expires 2025

Bryan Hawkins  
Ian McQueen  
Rex Teeslink

#### Vestry Term Expires 2026

Stacy Nuessle  
Charlie Tudor  
Mary Porter Vann

#### Vestry Term Expires 2027

Kathleen Chandler  
Patsy Davis  
Melissa Friedman

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Altar Guild – Catherine Stuckey	Acolytes – Meg & Donald Horton
Buildings and Grounds – Cameron Nixon	Creation Care – Jennifer McKee
Daughters of the King – Suzanne Pursley-Crotteau	Endowment & Finance – Monty Osteen
Eucharistic Visitors – Ellen Nesbitt	Evangelism & Marketing – Barbara Coleman
Facebook – Stacy Nuessle	Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery
Flower Delivery – Barbara Register & Margaret Scott Penix	History – in transition
Hospitality and Parish Life – Eric Friedman	Interior Design – Julie Badger
Linen Guild – Minta Nixon	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers – Carolyn Dolen
Newcomers and Greeters – Summer Bell	Nursery Guild – Laura Robertson
Outreach – Marilyn Grau	Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt
Stewardship – Bill Ford	Ushers – Nick Uros & Rex Teeslink

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