



## Celtic Evening Prayer and Communion at Saint Paul's Church

The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026 at Half-Past Five o'clock in the Evening

**WELCOME.** *We are glad you are here. We are aware that many who attend this service come from other churches and faith traditions, and we are delighted to have many who consider Saint Paul's to be their second church home. The mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we especially cherish.*

### Prelude

Laura Tomlin

*In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones.*

*At the sound of the bell, the people are invited to stand.*

### Opening

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### Prayer for the Evening

*Leader* Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a little child, one of us,  
flesh and blood to share in our humanity.

*All* For God so loved the world  
***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader* Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a carpenter  
and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned.

*All* For God so loved the world  
***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader* Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a fisherman  
and yet pointed to a harvest that was yet to come.

*All* For God so loved the world  
***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader*     Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a teacher  
and opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand.  
For God so loved the world

*All*           ***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader*     Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a healer  
and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness.  
For God so loved the world

*All*           ***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader*     Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as prophet, priest, and king  
and yet humbled yourself to take our place upon the cross.  
For God so loved the world

*All*           ***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader*     Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a servant  
and revealed to us the extent of the Father's love for human kind.  
For God so loved the world

*All*           ***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader*     Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the shame of a sinner's death  
to the triumph of a Savior's resurrection.  
For God so loved the world

*All*           ***That all might have eternal life.***

*Leader*     God so loved the world that he gave his only Son  
for the sake of me,  
and you,  
and other sinners too.  
God so loved the world.

*All*           ***Blest are you Lord Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer.***

*Celebrant* Your light is the only light we need  
as we travel through life's mystery.  
Your word the only voice we hear,  
that still small voice that leads us  
to the place where we should be.  
Your presence is the only company we need  
as we walk this narrow road.  
Your fellowship the warmth we crave  
to help us on our way.  
May the truth of Easter,  
The joy of Easter,  
And the blessings of Easter  
Be with us this day and all days. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated. A period of silence is observed.*

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

**Reflection**

**The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn**

*A period of silence is observed.*

**Music for Meditation**

**Laura Tomlin**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.  
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church and for all who serve you in it.

*Leader* Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission.  
*People* ***That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.***

*Leader* Breathe fresh life into your people.  
*People* ***Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.***

*Leader* Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.  
*People* ***That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.***

*Leader* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
*People* ***Teach us to care creatively for its resources.***

*Leader* God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.  
*People* ***That all may act with integrity and courage.***

*Leader* Give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours.  
*People* ***May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.***

*Leader* Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our personal prayers, either silently or aloud.

*The people may add their intercessions silently or aloud.*

*Celebrant* Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*People* ***Grant that we may walk in your presence:  
your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds,  
your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey,  
we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### THE HEALING SERVICE

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*All are invited to come forward to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil  
in prayer for healing for yourself, for others, for our world.*

### Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

*Please sit.*

*During the instrumental music and anytime hereafter, you may come forward  
to light votives as a symbol of your prayers. After lighting a votive,  
please fully extinguish the lit taper and return it to the holder.*

**The Grace**

*Celebrant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* Christ, the Good Shepherd, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The alms basin is not passed at this service, but stands in front of the Baptismal Font.*

**The Offertory Music**

**Laura Tomlin**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*The people are invited to stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, in seasons of life and death. With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to them saying:

*All* ***“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”***

*Celebrant* So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it, and gave it to them saying:

*All* ***“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”***

*Celebrant* So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. ***Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*All* ***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is observed when the bread is broken.*

## **The Invitation to the Lord's Table**

*Celebrant* This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*You are welcome to stand or sit until you come forward to receive.*

## After Communion

*The people are invited to stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*        ***God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Leader*    The Lord has made a promise to love you faithfully forever. Go out with joy and be led forth with peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

## Music for Meditation

**Laura Tomlin**

*Please feel free to remain or depart during the closing music, and honor the silence for all in prayer.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Common Ground Fellowship will gather off-site Wednesday, April 22*** for a faith-based sharing and discussion led by Mtr. Kimberly. For more information and location, contact Mtr. Kimberly at [kdunn@saintpauls.org](mailto:kdunn@saintpauls.org). This group is our “common ground” for adults in their 20’s to 40’s to gather in fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered. (Note: these events do not include childcare.)

***Caring Prayer Thursday, April 23, is for anyone who wants to pray and needs support.*** The group is appropriate for caregivers, for anyone who is mourning, lives with chronic illness, has lost their job, or faces any kind of challenge that might be helped by love and prayer. Gather at 3:30 PM in the chapel to pray Evening Prayer together, check in with each other, and provide mutual support.

***Next Sunday Spiritual Explorations, 4 PM***—Please join us for our formation series exploring ways to know God and ourselves through the heart. Our last session, Visio Divina: Seeing the Divine in Art, is led by Lydia Bliven Sunday, April 26, 4-5 PM in the Berlin Room.

**Parents of graduating high school seniors:** Senior Sunday is May 10. There are several opportunities to participate! Please contact Aubrey Hinkson (ahinkson@sainpauls.org) as soon as possible if your student is interested in being included in this service.

**Support the Women Spring Drive through Mother's Day**— The Daughters of the King have partnered with four local agencies to gather gently used bras, new packaged undergarments, and feminine hygiene product to meet the needs of women and young girls in the CSRA. The teal collection boxes are located in the Narthex and in Tyler Hall, or make a gift using the QR code to the right and the Outreach Committee will do the shopping for you. More information is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*, or by contacting Janet Olson at janetolson@bellsouth.net.



**Beginning next Sunday, April 26, 9:30 AM at the Sunday Forum**— In the Easter season, Mtr. Kimberly will lead a study of the Gospel According to John. Join us to explore this unique witness to the life and meaning of Jesus.

**Save the Date for Eat, Pray, Swim, our Saint Paul's Parish Day at the Park, May 31, 2026.** We have an afternoon of fun and fellowship planned for all ages at Wildwood Park with an indoor, air-conditioned group shelter. More information to come!

**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**—“*All that we are and all that we have comes from God. In gratitude, we honor him by giving of ourselves and our gifts to care for his world.*” 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.

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