



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**

**Eight o'clock in the Morning**

**WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH**

We are glad you are here. 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-five 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. We are delighted to offer activity bags for families to help keep little hands busy and engaged during worship services. Feel free to pick one up at the entrance!
- 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. 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. 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.
- 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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### Gloria

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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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

*Prayed responsively by whole verse*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 ***Incline your ear to me; \****  
***make haste to deliver me.***
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 ***Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \****  
***for you are my tower of strength.***

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

15 ***My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.***

16 ***Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.***

## The Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Ted H. Clarkson**

**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 Reverend Ted H. Clarkson**

## **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.***

### **ALTAR FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY**

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of The Rev. Dr. Jacob B. Berlin and Mrs. Anne Morris Berlin.  
Arranged by the Flower Guild.

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

***For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;*** especially Celeste Ray, Sandra Mashburn, Ellen Nesbitt, Nicki Wickware, Linda Hilliard, Jim Hilliard, LaRue Downing, Bill Weston, Pam Uros, Lois Marble, Adair Blackwood, Fred Kidd, Cindy Shafer, Riley Rivers, Kisha Seals, Mary Lynn Ford, Rain Coleman, Francis O'Shea, Ann Kilpatrick, Lois Hand, Ricie Eubanks, Dorine Smith, Wayne Matthews, Suzanne Pursley-Crotteau, Samm Fusselle, Katie Delaigle, Susan Keithley, Margaret Lodi, Yvona Myrna, Gary Crotteau, Greg Maxie, Jimmy Dykes, Russell Smyre, Jan-Blaise MacEachern, Andrew, Margaret Smith, Eugene, Vincent McClure, Gina Hall, Joyce Mitchell, Steve Scott, Shirley B., Mike Ivey, Jan McElreath, Laura Luther Medved, Sharie Wylie-Gruen, Michael Krepps, Joy Mallard, Andrew Recupero, Mike, Ryan, Mark Simon, Courtney Childers, Rhett Baker, Leslie Kingsley, F., Linda Wandless, Pam and Bob Pate, Jr., Linda Carne, the Spraggins family.

***For those serving our country at home and abroad;*** especially, Sam and Lara Powell, Joe Way, Jim Ring, Bennett Ivey, Isaac Mikell, Zach Nevard, Jackson Smith, Brandon Walker.

***For all who have died;*** especially Olivia King, Susan McBride, Beatrice Wigglesworth.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The Reverend Eric Biddy, Rector of Saint Paul's, is on sabbatical through June.*** Saint Paul's is grateful to all the clergy and lay leaders making our worship possible this week.

***Following this service hot breakfast in Tyler Hall. Then at 9:30 AM, two options for Adult Formation:*** at the Sunday Forum, Mtr. Kimberly leads a study of the Gospel of John in the Berlin Room, and in the chapel, Lectionary Discussion Group for an informal discussion of the Sunday scriptures we read in church.

***First Sunday Offering—*** Your generous non-pledged offerings (cash and designated checks to Fr. Biddy's discretionary and Mtr. Kimberly's discretionary) on the first Sunday each month support our clergy's discretionary Accounts. These funds are used to meet urgent needs within our community, to further the ministries of the church when other funds are not available, and to support community programs and institutions that serve those in need.

***It's Taco Night at our next Men's Monthly Meal (Mmm!) Wednesday, May 6 in the River Room.*** (Men gather at 4 PM to cook, the parish gathers at 6 PM for dinner.) On the menu: Tacos, with a vegetarian option, black beans, street corn (off the cobb). PLEASE RSVP on the website, so that we may be a good host. A direct link is available in Friday's Weekly Postings.

***Kid's Monthly Meal—***While parents enjoy the Men's Monthly Meal in the River Room (May 6), our children are invited to share a meal together in the River Room. Then, we will enjoy a light craft. Look for Aubrey's reserved table. No additional RSVP needed to Aubrey, though if you have questions feel free to contact her (ahinkson@saintpauls.org).

***Common Ground Fellowship will gather Wednesday, April 6 for a social evening of fellowship, refreshments and recreation.*** For more information and location, contact the parish office at mailbox@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.)

***Mark your calendar for this semester's last W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry), May 12, 5:30-7 PM.*** All women are welcome. Invite a friend and join us in Tyler Hall for heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. For more information, contact Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org) or Summer Bell (summerfin@gmail.com).

**RSVP for Parents' Afternoon Out Saturday, May 16, (time TBA around 1 PM).** This afternoon is set aside for parents to reconnect and recharge while children enjoy a movie. We will be watching either the Prince of Egypt or the Mario movie depending upon interest and availability. Contact Aubrey Hinkson for more information at [ahinkson@saintpauls.org](mailto:ahinkson@saintpauls.org). RSVP required.

**Eat, Pray, Swim— Let's launch the summer with an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun at Wildwood Park, on Clark's Hill Lake, May 31, 1-4 PM.** We will leave right after the 11:00 AM service and enjoy burgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, iced tea and lemonade. Please sign up on our website to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. More information and an RSVP direct link available in the *Weekly Postings* and on the flyer in the narthex.

**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 products 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](mailto:janetolson@bellsouth.net).



**The Flower Guild, with the help of Keith Shafer, planted a "cutting garden" in the churchyard, placing greenery for arrangements at their fingertips, just outside of the kitchen door!** It is a big investment for the guild, but they hope to use it for many seasons so they can be good stewards of our donated funds. Any contributions toward this effort would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please add "Flower Guild Cutting Garden" in the memo line. For more questions contact Laurie Montgomery at [Lauriefm628@gmail.com](mailto:Lauriefm628@gmail.com) or Barbara Register at [barbararegister@gmail.com](mailto:barbararegister@gmail.com).

**Donate Summer Music:** On the summer Sundays when the choirs are on vacation, special music is provided by guest instrumentalists or singers. If you'd like to donate music on these Sundays, (May 31-August 2 with the exception of Independence Day) please email Director of Music, Keith Shafer at [kshafer@saintpauls.org](mailto:kshafer@saintpauls.org) or call him, (706) 724-2485 ext. 215 for further information and cost. These donations can be made as memorials or thanksgivings.

**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 ([cstuckey@saintpauls.org](mailto:cstuckey@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](mailto: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.



### SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Ted H. Clarkson  
Bobbie Ingentio  
Charlie Tudor  
Catherine Stuckey

Celebrant and Preacher  
Eucharistic Minister  
Vestry Member  
Altar Guild

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:45 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	COFFEE AND LIGHT 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 - 12:00 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

Linda Hardy, Sr. Warden	Charlie Tudor, Jr. Warden	Will Rice, Treasurer
Bryan Hawkins, Chancellor	Julie Badger, Clerk of the Vestry	

#### Vestry Term Expires 2027

Kathleen Chandler  
Patsy Davis  
Melissa Friedman

#### Vestry Term Expires 2028

Jerry Ashmore, III  
Katherine Ferrara  
Tom Robertson

#### Vestry Term Expires 2029

Will Badger  
Summer Bell  
Martin Schwerzler

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Finance – Cameron Nixon	Facebook – Stacy Nuessle & Aubrey Hinkson
Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery	Hospitality and Parish Life – Eric Friedman
Interior Design – Julie Badger	Invite, Welcome, Connect – Jackie Pingel & Dianne L'Heureux
Lectors & LEM – Robin Merriman	Linen Guild – Tricia Nixon
Nursery Grandmother's Guild – Coleman Graham	Outreach – Marilyn Grau
Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt	Stewardship – Kitty Gordon
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