



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 17, 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 God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 ***Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.***
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 ***Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!***
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 ***God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.***
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 ***The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.***
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 ***Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.***
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 ***He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.***
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 ***How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!***

**The Epistle**

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Dr. William K. Dolen**

## **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 Kimberly E. Dunn**

# 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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## Sending out of the Eucharistic Visitor

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*All* ***We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

## 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 celebration of the marriage of Raley Wright and Coleman Schleifer yesterday. Arranged by the Flower Guild.

## SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Dr. William K. Dolen  
John Bradley  
Jim Hancock  
Nancy Trefz, Barbara Coleman  
Jerry Ashmore, III

Celebrant and Preacher  
Eucharistic Minister  
Eucharistic Visitor  
Altar Guild  
Vestry Member

### PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

***For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;*** especially Celeste Ray, Sandra Mashburn, Ellen Nesbitt, Nikki Wickware, Linda Hilliard, Jim Hilliard, LaRue Downing, Bill Weston, Pam Uros, Lois Marble, 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 Recuperero, Mike, Ryan, Mark Simon, Courtney Childers, Rhett Baker, Leslie Kingsley, F., Linda Wandless, Pam and Bob Pate, Jr., Linda Carne, the Spraggins family, Jim Sealock, Charles Courtney.

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

***For all those who have died;*** especially, Linda Rockholt Hawkins.

### 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.

***Don't miss the last Senior Lunch for the program year! Join us Wednesday, May 20, at 12 Noon in Tyler Hall*** for a relaxing social time. Lunch is provided but donations welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or on our website. A direct link is available in the *Weekly Postings*.

***Common Ground Fellowship will gather Wednesday, May 20 for a Compline in the Chapel followed by dinner downtown.*** 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.)

***Help us package our next set of Snack Packs, Saturday, May 23, 9 AM in Tyler Hall.*** Contact Mandy Harmon (msamandajoy27@hotmail.com) or Melissa Friedman (friedmanme2@gmail.com) for more information.

***Pentecost is next week. Wear red and bring a dish to share to our Parish Potluck May 24, following the 11 AM service.*** The church will provide chicken. Please bring a large side, salad, or dessert to share to the River Room kitchen before the 11 AM service.

***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. 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.

***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 office for collection. For more information, contact Gene Helmich at ehelmich21@comcast.net. Gifts may be also made using the QR code to the right and the Outreach Committee will do the shopping.



***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, or by mail to Saint Paul's Church, 605 Reynolds St., Augusta, GA 30901. Thank you.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

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  
Bryan Hawkins, Chancellor

Charlie Tudor, Jr. Warden  
Julie Badger, Clerk of the Vestry

Will Rice, Treasurer

#### 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

Altar Guild – Catherine Stuckey  
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Endowment – Monty Osteen  
Finance – Cameron Nixon  
Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery  
Interior Design – Julie Badger  
Lectors & LEM – Robin Merriman  
Nursery Grandmother's Guild – Coleman Graham  
Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt  
Ushers – Rex Teeslink & Cindy Shafer

Acolytes – Meg & Donald Horton  
Daughters of the King – Kathleen Fickling  
Eucharistic Visitors – Ellen Nesbitt  
Facebook – Stacy Nuessle & Aubrey Hinkson  
Hospitality and Parish Life – Eric Friedman  
Invite, Welcome, Connect – Jackie Pingel & Dianne L'Heureux  
Linen Guild – Tricia Nixon  
Outreach – Marilyn Grau  
Stewardship – Kitty Gordon  
W.E.E.M. – The Rev. Kimberly Dunn & Summer Bell

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