



Celtic Evening Prayer and Communion at Saint Paul's Church

**The First Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday
May 31, 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

Dé Céadaoin, Celtic Ensemble

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

from Meditation XVII

by John Donne

Celebrant All mankind is of one author, and is one volume;
when one dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book,
but translated into a better language;
and every chapter must be so translated...
As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon,
calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come:
so this bell calls us all...
No man is an island, entire of itself...
any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind;
and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee.

A Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant Speak to us this night, O God
Speak to us your truth.
Dwell with us this night, O God
Dwell with us in Love.
Amen.

Please be seated. A period of silence is observed.

The Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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 Cynthia Taylor

A period of silence is observed.

Music for Meditation

Dé Céadaoin

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

The People are invited to stand

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Frank; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE HEALING SERVICE

Celebrant Holy Scripture teaches us that in acts of healing and restoration our Lord Jesus and his disciples laid hands upon the sick. By so doing they made known the healing power and presence of God. Pray that as we follow our Lord's example, we all may know his unfailing love.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***O God of peace, who taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Music for Meditation

Dé Céadaoin

The Grace

Celebrant See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old for God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

The People are invited to stand

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 Cynthia Taylor

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

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 Look with kindness, O God, on your people gathered here before you. Send forth the power of your Spirit so that these gifts may become for us the Body and Blood of your beloved Son, Jesus, the Christ, in whom we have become your own.

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 Loving God, you are always thinking about your people. You never forget us. You sent your Son, Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to forgive us and taught us to forgive each other. On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in your tender mercy, send us the Spirit of the Lamb. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

The Communion Music

Dé Céadaoin

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 Remember that life is short
And we have so little time
To gladden the hearts
of those who travel with us.
So be quick to love.
Make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God almighty –
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –
Be with you now and
Remain with you for ever.
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.

All ***Thanks be to God.***

Music for Meditation

Dé Céadaoin

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

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.

Serve with Project Refresh next Saturday, June 6, 9 AM-12 PM at Saint Paul's — Common Ground Fellowship, our young adult ministry, invites you to partner with Project Refresh for a mobile shower service day, June 6. Volunteers are needed to greet guests and assist with forms and other tasks. Project Refresh (www.projectrefeshinc.com) was organized by local healthcare workers witnessing the effect a shower has on the spirit of those in need. Email the parish office (mailbox@saintpauls.org) for info on helping with this new service opportunity. All ages welcome.

Send a gift with our mission team to Ecuador. We're collecting over the counter first aid items needed in Quito until June 3. 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.



Common Ground Fellowship will gather Wednesday, June 10 for a faith discussion and sharing led by Mtr. Kimberly. For more information, 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.)

Dish and serve ice cream and cookies at our quarterly Veteran's Social June 14, 2:30-3:30 PM. We'll meet at the GA War Veterans' Nursing Home located at 1101 15th Street to share a dessert and then spend much-appreciated time visiting. All ages are welcome to participate. Contact Gene Helmich for more information at ehelmich21@comcast.net.

Juneteenth Eucharist —Join us at St. Mary's Church, 1114 12th St., Augusta, for the Augusta Convocation Episcopal Church Juneteenth Eucharist on Friday, June 19 at 6:00 PM.

The Episcopal Church at Augusta Pride, June 26-27. This year, we are again joining several other local Episcopal churches in a shared booth at Augusta Pride, to spread the word that Saint Paul's is a safe community for LGBTQ Community (a minority position among churches in the CSRA). There are slots available throughout the weekend to staff the booth and spread the gospel message of God's love. More details forthcoming. For more information, contact Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org) .

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, drop by the greeters table to complete a yellow form. We'll make the tag and you'll find it at the table next week.

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 for your generosity.



SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Cynthia Taylor
Celeste Ray, Catherine Stuckey
Kathleen Chandler
Catherine Stuckey

Celebrant
Eucharistic Ministers
Vestry Member
Altar Guild

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-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.

VESTRY

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Vestry Term Expires 2029

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Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery
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Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt
Ushers – Rex Teeslink & Cindy Shafer

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