



Celtic Evening Prayer and Communion at Saint Paul's Church

The Feast of All Saints and All Souls
November 1, 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

Andante Quartet

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, all stand.

Opening

from St. Symeon the New Theologian

Celebrant Come, true light. Come, life eternal. Come, hidden mystery.
Come, treasure without name. Come, reality beyond all words.
Come, person beyond all understanding. Come, rejoicing without end.
Come, light that knows no evening.
Come, raising of the fallen. Come, resurrection of the dead.
Come, for your name fills our hearts with longing and is ever on our lips.
Come, Alone to the alone.
Come, for you are yourself the desire that is within us.
Come, our breath and our life. Come, the consolation of our humble souls.
Come, our joy, our glory, our endless delight.

A Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant Gracious God,
You have given us much today;
Grant us also a thankful spirit.
Into your hands we commend ourselves
And those we love.
Be with us still, and when we take our rest
Renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please be seated. A period of silence is observed.

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

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

Reflection

The Reverend Dr. Cynthia Taylor

A period of silence is observed.

Music for Meditation

Andante Quartet

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world.

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 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.

Leader We remember those who have preceded us through the veil, including Cheryl Bagby, Kathy McKie, Jeanne Lindsey, Bowdre Phinizy Mays, Rob Rice, Francis O'Shea, Woon-Leng Tsai, Joe Christian, Betty Jean Givens, Beatrice Wigglesworth, Betty Ray, John Chandler, Shirley Smith, Joe Lojewski, Pat Kotti, Wayne Peloquin, Lou Scales, Joe Herzberg, Susan McBride, Olivia King, Sam Ramsey, Jan-Blaise MacEachern, Rick Asserson, Clancey Bryant Berry, Eric Albertin, Deborah Bates, Jack Rule, Joel Cohen, Jeremy Ellis, Patricia Sassnet, Mary Lynn Ford, Melvin Deese, Russell Jordan, Elizabeth McCampbell, Ed Moody, Nancy Glaser, Jeanne Ashmore, Steve Chandler, Martha Chandler, John Curtis, Joanne Christian Modlin Beverly Horton, Enoch Tsai, Pat Clayton, Charlie Moye, Zach Everitt, Melissa Reyes, Richard Roundtree, Beth Huggins, Chrisilee Barton, Barbara Miller, Johnny Whittle III, Jacob Morris, Rodgers Gentry.

People ***May light perpetual shine upon them.***

Celebrant Lord, you have called us to serve you.

All ***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 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

Andante Quartet

The Grace

Celebrant Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
--Matthew 11:28-30

The Peace

All 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 Dr. Cynthia Taylor

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

The Offertory Music

Andante Quartet

Eucharistic Prayer

Please 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.

Music during Communion

Andante Quartet

After Communion

All stand

Celebrant Loving God,

People ***We give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our savior. Amen.***

The Blessing

Celebrant May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; 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.

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

Music for Meditation

Andante Quartet

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

SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Naila Assad, Celeste Ray
Kurt and Naeem Holmes
Patsy Davis

Celebrant
Eucharistic Ministers
Greeters
Vestry Member

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, the Saint Paul's Choir will sing Evensong instead of our usual Celtic Evening Prayer Service.

The service will include the world premiere of a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis composed by Allen Webber, formerly Professor of Music at Paine College. Mr. Webber is traveling to Augusta to be present for the first performance of his music. Also on the program is his anthem, "Praise ye the Triune God." Invite friends to join us! Please contact Catherine Stuckey at cstuckey@saintpauls.org if you can bring an appetizer, beverage or help with the reception after Evensong in the River Room.

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 Account. 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.

The 38th season of Tuesday's Music Live continues November 3 with a free 30-minute concert at 12:00 Noon performed by Bloom Funkhouser Duo. More information at tuesdaysmusiclive.com or 706-722-3463.

Come for a pizza party and salad at our next Men's Monthly Meal (Mmm!) scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 4. (Men gather at 4 PM to cook, the parish gathers at 6 PM for dinner.) We'll display a build your own pie table for those with a distinctive pizza palate, time, and patience. Or choose from the pies the kitchen turns out. PLEASE RSVP on the website, so that we may be a good host. A direct link is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*.

Common Ground Fellowship will gather Wednesday, November 11, 7 PM for a faith discussion and Friendsgiving. Bring a dish to share. 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.) For more information contact Fr. Eric at ebiddy@saintpauls.org.

Ever thought about serving on the altar guild? Our work is important in celebrating the Holy Eucharist (rarely involving polishing silver!) and most find it enhances their own personal journey. We will meet Saturday, November 14, 10:00 AM in the chancel for training. If interested, please contact Catherine Stuckey at cstuckey@saintpauls.org.

SAVE THE DATE for Primetime, November 15, 6-8 PM at the home of Naila Assad. Primetime for parishioners 55+ is an opportunity to gather with old and new friends. Bring an appetizer to share and \$10 at the door per person. Contact Catherine Stuckey in the parish office for address and directions (cstuckey@saintpauls.org).

The new Day by Day issue for November, December, and January has arrived and is available in the Narthex. Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily, "page-a-day," inspirational meditations each reflecting on a specific Bible passage from the daily lectionary readings of the Episcopal Church. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. These meditations are also available online on the Forward movement website at prayer.forwardmovement.org/home.

Still haven't joined the new Church Directory with Realm? We're happy to help you get started and answer your questions. Contact Toni (tclayton@saintpauls.org) if you did not receive an invitation link, if your link has expired, if you need help with the Realm settings or the Realm app.

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 this QR Code, 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.



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.

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

Altar Guild – Catherine Stuckey Acolytes – Meg & Donald Horton
Buildings and Grounds – John Robertson Daughters of the King – Kathleen Fickling
Endowment – Monty Osteen Eucharistic Visitors – Ellen Nesbitt
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 – Linda Hardy and Charlie Tudor
Ushers – Rex Teeslink & Cindy Shafer W.E.E.M. – The Rev. Kimberly Dunn & Summer Bell

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Eric Biddy, Rector ext. 205 ebiddy@saintpauls.org
The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn, Assoc. Rector ext. 204 kdunn@saintpauls.org
The Reverend Dr. William K. Dolen, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Dr. Cynthia Taylor, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Ted H. Clarkson, Assisting Priest
Aubrey Hinkson, Director of Children & Youth Ministries ahinkson@saintpauls.org
Keith Shafer, Director of Music ext. 215 kshafer@saintpauls.org
Catherine Stuckey, Liturgy and Parish life ext. 203 cstuckey@saintpauls.org
Elisabeth Price, Parish Administrator ext. 225 mailbox@saintpauls.org
Norm Nieminen, Parish Accountant ext. 206 nnieminen@saintpauls.org
Toni Clayton, Assistant for Administrative Projects tclayton@saintpauls.org
Victoria Hammond and Nikki Wickware, St. Nicholas Choir
Sarah Pritchard, Music Associate Emerita
Hillary Bryant, Anthony Ellis, Sherry Wilson; Sextons
Mark Albertin, Brandon Dawson, Marty Duff, Wright Montgomery; Audio Visual

