Enter the Mystery

For such a historic building (1885), many find that it resonates deeply with their contemporary lives and spiritual search. The Gothic church builders whose ideas were revived in the nineteenth century, aimed to create worship spaces hospitable to mystery—A sense of the other, unusual and wondrous.

The medieval originals (on which churches like St. Paul’s are patterned) used height, light and rich symbols to help people look beyond or through everyday things to the ultimate reality of God. Those who entered the great cathedrals were given a glimpse of eternity in the midst of ordinary time.

A House of Prayer for All People

This booklet offers just a few ideas on how to ‘read’ the pictures and symbols of our church. If there is a place or image that especially attracts you, feel free to linger.

To experience how the architecture, liturgy and music of St. Paul’s Cathedral are woven together in our community worship, we invite you to join us on any Sunday at 8 am or 10 am. For more information on St. Paul’s and the Episcopal Church, visit these websites:

www.stpaulscathedralsyracuse.org
www.cnyepiscopal.org

Our worship, like our building, invites us into the mystery of the risen Christ, and constantly challenges us to be transformed in response to the experience of His love in word and sacrament.

Activity for Children

How many angels can you find in the glass and stone of St. Paul’s?
Can you find the one special window that tells a story about children?
What do you think is happening in the picture?