

Announcements

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God with love and appreciation for the health and happiness of our family and friends and in memory of Walter Kay Hagan, Jr. by Jon and Middi Moore.

Holy Eucharist Service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: stpaulsalbany.org
Viewing of each Sunday's St. Paul's service will be available by the afternoon following the 10:30 service.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 4th – 10:30am Service

Blessing of the Animals – **Reservations are required.**
Please email the church office at churchoffice@stpaulsalbany.org or call the office at 436-0196 and give the total number you would like to reserve a place for.

Saturday, October 17th – 4:00pm

Burial service for pets' ashes in Barney's Corner
If you have a pet that needs to be honored on that day, please email the church office at churchoffice@stpaulsalbany.org or call the office with your pet's name.

Join Albany Episcopalians for **NAMI Walk Your Way** Oct 3 – 10

Oct. 3 7:30-10am Exchange Club Fairgrounds NAMI members will distribute mental health information and "Hopeful Rocks" at drive through health fair.

10am-1pm St Johns and St Marks. Walk the outdoor Labyrinth as you meditate or make Anglican Prayer Beads in Primo Hall. Donations of non-perishable for or hygiene supplies will be collected to give to neighbors in need.

Oct. 4 Opportunity to make Anglican Prayer Beads and paint "Hope Rocks". Location will be announced.

Oct.10 –World Mental Health Day- 10:30-12, walk from St Paul's church to Riverfront Park and back.



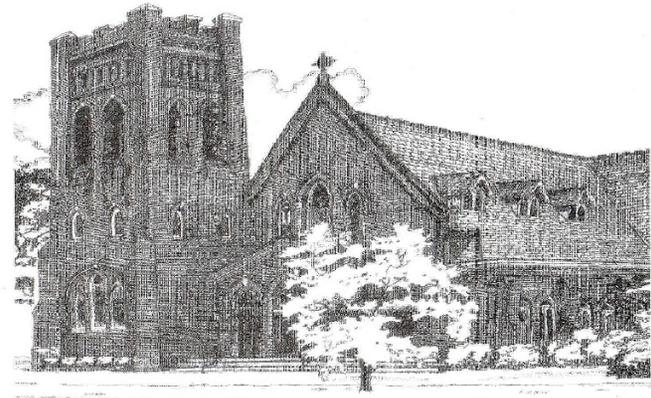
Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after the Day of Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Rite II

10:30 am



**212 North Jefferson St.
Albany, Georgia 31701**

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal 435

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

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Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Prayers of the People

Please remember your prayers for the special needs of Mary Hagan, Kay, Carole Utlaut, Pat Burger, Loring Gray, Carmella Maurizi, Will Reeves, Anne Stokes, Madge Bush, Betsy Holman, Bill Parks, our Bishop, Search Committee, Parish Staff, and Vestry.

Prayers for all first responders and all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. Defend them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our congregation in Swainsboro, Good Shepherd. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Swainsboro, especially Holy Trinity Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for Emmanuel (Emmanuel) in Santiago.

Worship Ministers:

Lector/Acolyte: Greg Fullerton

Ushers: Ned Newcomb

Altar Guild: Paula McComb, Mari Wright

Organist: Dr. Marcia Hood

Videographer: Nathan Alligood

Celebrant: The Rev. Walter Hobgood

Holy Gospel*stand***Matthew 21:23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Sermon**The Rev. Walter Hobgood****The Nicene Creed****BCP 358**

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People, Form II**BCP 385****Confession of Sin****BCP 360**

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Peace