

### **Announcements**

The altar flowers are given by Pat and Joe Burger to the glory of God and in celebration of the 245<sup>th</sup> birthday, November 10, of the United States Marine Corps and to honor and thank all veterans, past and present, on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please turn in your pledge cards.

Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday, November 15, 2020.  
For your youth to participate, please contact Angie Barber.

### **Exploring Hope and God's Grace**

To participate in an on-line discussion with other members of St. Paul's call Rev. Hobgood at 229-630-6444 or email him at [wphobg@gmail.com](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com). We will be using Zoom. Don't worry, Rev. Hobgood can help you with this. Invite your friends to participate. Maximum participation is 12. The sessions will start at 5:30 and last about an hour. The first session will be on November 11th and run through December 16th.

Holy Eucharist Service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: [stpaulsalbany.org](http://stpaulsalbany.org)

A video of the 10:30am Service can be found on our website and Facebook page by the afternoon following the service.

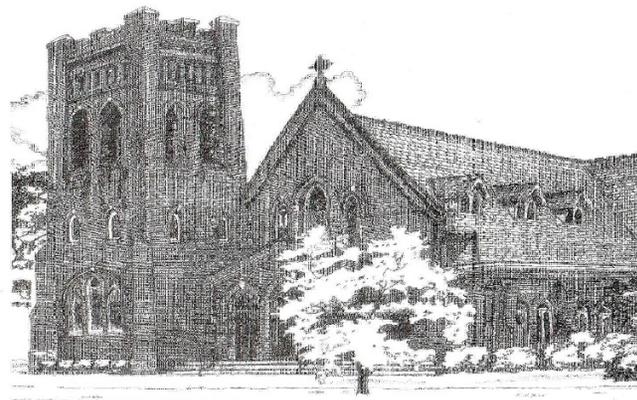
If you need to reach Fr. Hobgood his email is [wphobg@gmail.com](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com) and his cell phone is 1-229-630-6444.



**Holy Eucharist**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 8, 2020**

**Rite I**  
**8:00am**



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

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

### Collect for Purity

### The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading

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**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

### Prayers of the People

Please remember your prayers for the special needs of Mary Hagan, Kay, Pat Burger, Loring Gray, Carmella Maurizi, Will Reeves, Madge Bush, Bill Parks, Ann Natoli, 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 congregations in Valdosta, Christ Church, Christ the King, and St. Barnabas. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Valdosta, especially St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in Santo Domingo, especially St. Philip the Apostle (San Felipe Apóstol).

### Worship Ministers:

**Lector/Acolyte:** Gennie Marcus

**Ushers:** Sidney Bush

**Altar Guild:** Paula McComb, Mari Wright

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Walter Hobgood

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving**    *Eucharistic Prayer II*    **BCP 340**

**The Lord's Prayer**    *traditional*    **BCP 336**

### Invitation to Communion

### The Communion

**Postcommunion Prayer**    **BCP 339**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### Blessing and Dismissal

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

### Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
    incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
    I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
    and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
    we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
    the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,  
    \*  
    and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
    and established a law for Israel, \*  
    which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,  
    and the children yet unborn; \*  
    that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
    and not forget the deeds of God,  
    but keep his commandments;

**Holy Gospel***stand***Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**The Sermon****The Rev. Walter Hobgood****The Nicene Creed****BCP 326**

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 331**

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

**The Peace**