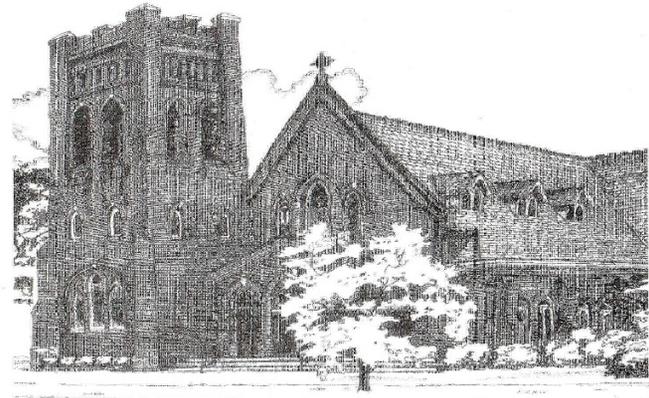




**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2021
Rite II**



**212 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, Georgia 31701**

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 379

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Collect for Purity

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading *sit* Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Gail and Walter Hobgood, upon the renewal of their wedding vows, with love and gratitude by the people of St. Paul's.

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. We will be using Zoom. Invite your friends to participate. Maximum participation is 12. The adult sessions will be on Wednesdays at 5:30 and last about an hour.

If you are a high school student and want to participate with your friends in a discussion on Hope in Scripture join us at 5pm each Sunday via Zoom. Contact Rev. Hobgood @ 229-630-6444 or wphobg@gmail.com to be included.

Holy Eucharist Service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: stpaulsalbany.org

A video of the Sunday Service can be found on St. Paul's website and our Facebook page.

If you need to reach Fr. Hobgood his email is wphobg@gmail.com and his cell phone is 1-229-630-6444.

Worship Ministers:

Lector: Annabelle Stubbs

Altar Guild: Paula McComb, Mari Wright, Christy Brown

Organist: Dr. Marcia Hood

Videographer: Nathan Alligood

Celebrant: The Rev. Walter Hobgood

Preacher: The Rev. Tar Drazdowski

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, Sylvia Berry, Holly Dunn, Jolee Dorsey, Kara Thiel, Douglas MacLean, Elizabeth and Ronnie Mann, the family of Bill Divine, the family of Lindley Dodson, our 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 Augusta, especially, St. Augustine's, St. Mary's, and St. Paul's. We also pray for our ecumenical partners St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Adel, and St. Ann Catholic Church in Alapaha. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in Boca Chica —Grace (De la Gracia), Mount Zion (Monte de Si3n), and St. Joseph (San Jos3).

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, our Bishop, Frank Logue and our retired Bishop, Scott Benhase.

Psalm 111

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good
understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 339

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Holy Gospel

stand

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying

with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Sermon

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski

Renewal of Wedding Vows

(see the insert)

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hobgood

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 Absolution

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A* **BCP 361**

Sanctus **BCP 362**

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

traditional

BCP 364

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith,
hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make
us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. *Amen.*

Invitation to Communion

The Communion

Post communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 493

O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

The Dismissal