

### **Announcements**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our fellowship at St. Paul's by Jon and Tracey Woodcock.

**Ladles of Love** - Please bring knit hats, gloves and socks in adult and children's sizes to the container in the vestibule. The items will be placed in the lunch bags for the guests.

### **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. Invite your friends to participate. Maximum participation is 12. The adult sessions will be on Wednesdays at 5:30 and last about an hour. The adult sessions will restart on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 in the Parish Hall. We will be socially distanced. Please wear your mask. Contact Rev. Hobgood @ 229-630-6444 or [wphobg@gmail.com](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com) to be included. The youth sessions will restart on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

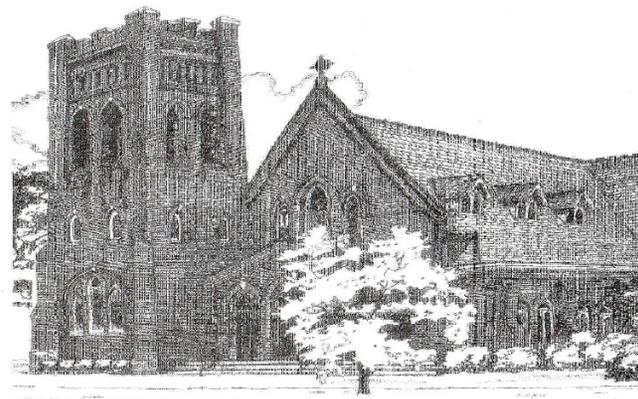


**Holy Eucharist**  
**The First Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 10, 2021**

**Rite I**

**8:00am**



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

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### Collect for Purity

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

### The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### First Reading

*sit*

**Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

**BCP 323**

### 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, 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 congregation in Americus, Calvary, and for our ecumenical partners in Americus especially St. Mary’s Catholic Church and for St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Plains. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in Azua—Reconciliation (La Reconciliación) and St. George (San Jorge).

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

### Worship Ministers:

**Lector/Acolyte:** Ted Wright

**Ushers:** Sidney Bush

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

**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

## Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## Holy Gospel

*stand*

**Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**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**