

Ashes-to-Go on Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17, Father Walter Hobgood and church volunteers will be near the fountain at Gortatowski Park in front of the **Government Center, 222 Pine Ave., from 7-8:30 a.m. and from noon-1 p.m.** The third opportunity will be **5-6 p.m. at the portico at the back entrance of St. Paul's.**

We are also offering to bring ashes to those that cannot get to an Ashes-to-Go location on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, to allow you to anoint yourself and others in your household during the worship service when we say:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

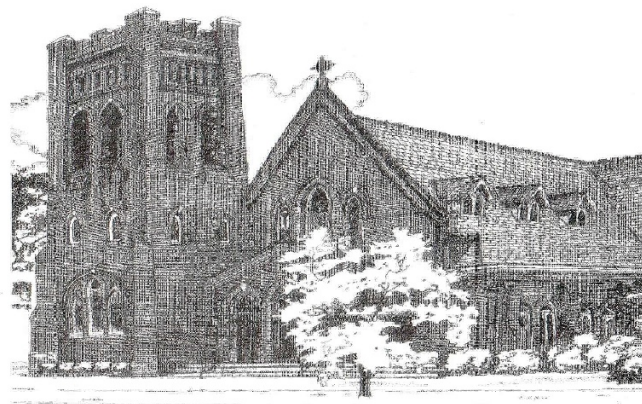
Please call Penny at the church office no later than noon on Feb 15th to have ashes delivered on Feb. 16th.

Ash Wednesday Services

We will offer an on-line worship service on Ash Wednesday. It will be available no later than 8 a.m. on the St. Paul's Facebook page and web site. The service will include clergy and laity from St. John and St. Mark's, St. Patrick's, and St. Paul's with views from all three churches.



**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 7, 2021
Rite II**



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

The Word of God

Processional

Opening Hymn

Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night is Over

Hymnal 1

Opening Acclamation

BCP 356

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

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

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

Collect for Purity

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

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Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

LENTEN FRIENDS

St Paul's will again be doing **Lenten Friends** this year.

Due to Covid and the suspension of in person worship it was suggested that some changes be made to this ministry. **Your Lenten Friend will not be a secret this year.** Instead, if you wish to be a "friend" you will be paired with another parishioner for the season.

Please send your name, full mailing address, phone number and/or email address to Paula McComb. Call or text her at 229-344-3562.

The deadline to participate is February 10th.

Hopefully, many of you will take this opportunity to be a friend during this time of isolation.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to Go!

Delicious breakfast-for-supper

Pancakes with butter & syrup, Bacon, Sausage, and a Praline
Drive though the Portico from Flint & pick up your order between
5:30 and 6:30

Suggested donation to drop in the bucket is \$5 per plate

Pre-Order by Noon on Monday, February 15

Call the church office 436-0196.

Thanks to Brandon Rutledge and friends for setting up outdoor
griddles and cooking for us!

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Exploring The Gospels in Lent

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. The adult sessions are 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 of The Gospels during Lent 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 on 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: Lynne Parks

Altar Guild: Paula McComb, Mari Wright, Christy Brown

Organist: Dr. Marcia Hood

Videographer: Nathan Alligood

Celebrant: The Rev. Walter Hobgood

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one

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, Jolee Dorsey, Kara Thiel, Elizabeth and Ronnie Mann, 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 Bainbridge, St. John's. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Bainbridge, especially St. Joseph Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in Bonao, especially Pentecost (Pentecostes) and St. Joseph of Arimathea (San José de Arimatea).

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

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 135**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

The Dismissal

Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Sequence Hymn **Hymnal 423**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Holy Gospel *stand* **Mark 1:29-39**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Sermon

The Rev. Walter Hobgood

The Nicene Creed

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.

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