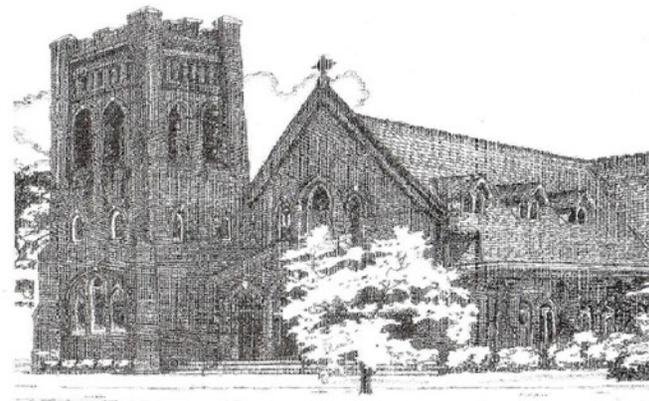




The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021

Rite II



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

The Word of God

Processional

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 618

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 to

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 or click on the link in the E-pistle to register.

Thanks to Brandon Rutledge and friends

for setting up outdoor griddles and cooking for us!

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 or sign up online no later than noon on Feb 15th to have ashes delivered on Feb. 16th.

Ash Wednesday Services

We will offer an in person worship service at St. Paul's at 6:00pm on Ash Wednesday.

Also, a video service 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.

First Reading *sit* 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm 50:1-6

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 427

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Holy Gospel

stand

Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bunny Campbell by Wil Campbell.

Exploring the Gospels In Lent

We will be using Zoom for the adult sessions.

Invite your friends to participate. **Adults** meet on Zoom each Wednesday at 5:30 and each session lasts 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 in the Parish Hall.

Adults and youth should contact Rev. Hobgood

@ 229-630-6444 or wphobg@gmail.com to be included.

Worship Ministers:

Lector: Tony Blakey

Ushers: Roy Brown, Bubba Mitchell, Ned Newcomb

Altar Guild: Paula McComb, Mari Wright, Christy Brown

Organist: Dr. Marcia Hood

Videographer: Nathan Alligood

Celebrant: The Rev. Walter Hobgood

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, Charles Godwin, Jolee Dorsey, Elizabeth and Ronnie Mann, Virginia Reynolds, Hannah Kate Godbee, Fr. Reed Freeman, Nyla Ritz, 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 Baxley, St. Thomas Aquinas and for our ecumenical partners in Baxley at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in Bonao, especially St. John the Baptist (San Juan Bautista), and St. Nicodemus (San Nicodemo).

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 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 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 460***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***The Dismissal**