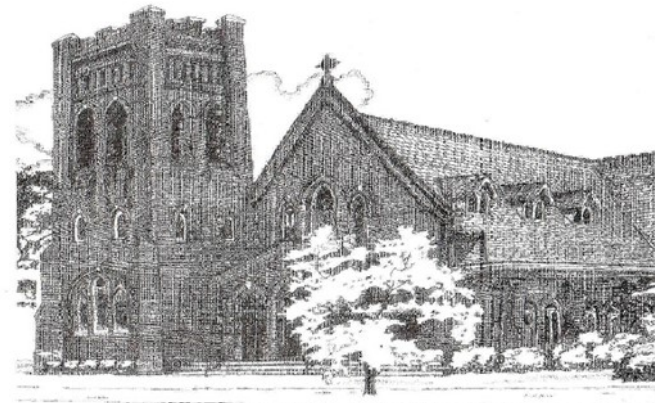


**The First Sunday in Lent**

**February 21, 2021**

**Rite I**

**8:00am**



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

## The Word of God

### Proclamation

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* His mercy endureth forever.

### Collect for Purity

Lord, have mercy

*Christ, have mercy*

Lord, have mercy

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup> to have ashes delivered on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **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*

**Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

## **Psalm 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their  
schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **Holy Gospel**

*stand*

**Mark 1:9-15**

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."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Walter Hobgood**

### **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](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com) to be included.

### **Worship Ministers:**

**Lector:** Nealy Stapleton

**Usher:** Ted Wright

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

**Organist:** Dr. Marcia Hood

**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, Ann Natoli, Charles Godwin, Elizabeth and Ronnie Mann, Virginia Reynolds, Hannah Kate Godbee, Fr. Reed Freeman, Nyla Ritz, Jack Clay, Kara Thiel, 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 Blakely, Holy Trinity, and for our ecumenical partners in Blakely, especially Holy Family Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. Cornelius (San Cornelio) in Cabarete.

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

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### **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 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 II* BCP 340

The Lord's Prayer *traditional* BCP 336

### Invitation to Communion

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### 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