

**Prayers of the People**

Please remember your prayers for the special needs of Mary Hagan, Pat Burger, Loring Gray, Carmella Maurizi, Madge Bush, Ann Natoli, Charles Godwin, Jack Clay, Kara Thiel, Joenne McLendon, Sylvia Berry, David Ronn, Theora Whittlesey Brown, Kay Wheeler, Jane Miller, Buddy Creel, 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 Douglas, St. Andrew's and for our ecumenical partners in Douglas, especially St. Paul's Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for The Ascension (La Ascensión) in El Seibo.

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:**

**Lectors:** Nealy Stapleton, Dunn Stapleton

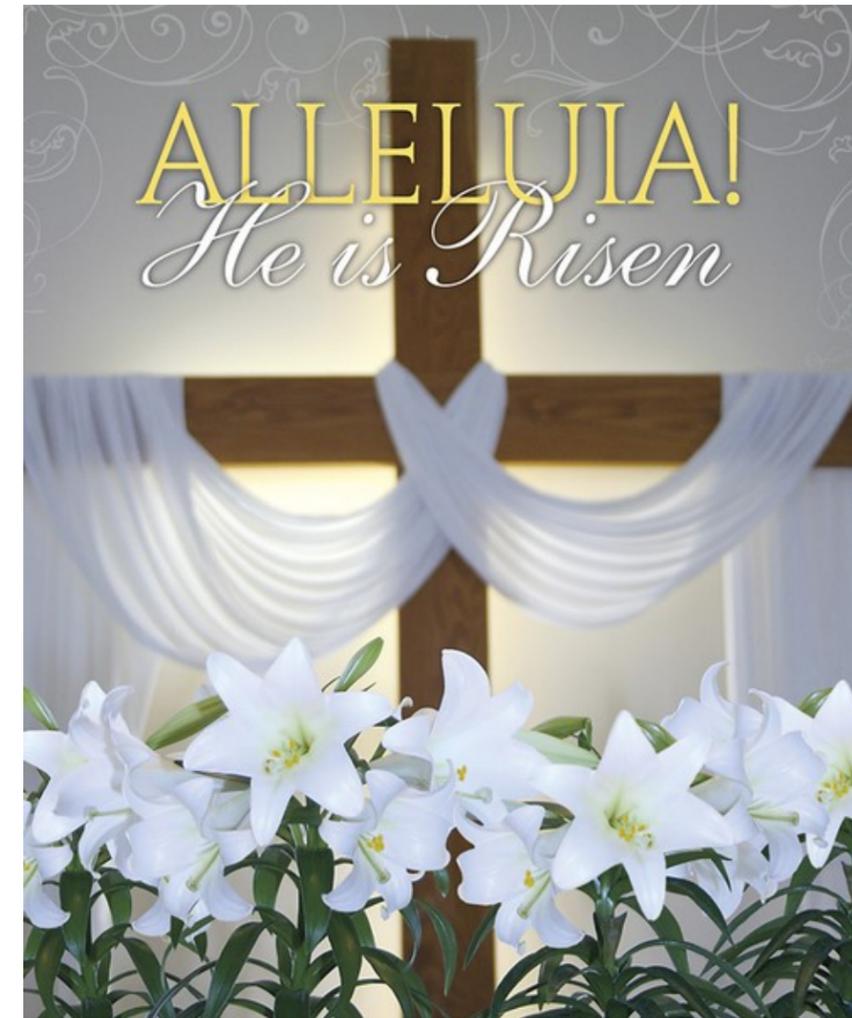
**Crucifer:** Joe Morgan

**Ushers:** Ted Wright, Sidney Bush

**Altar Guild:** Paula McComb, Mari Wright, Christy Brown, Helen Bush, Mary Newcomb, Kelly Wesselman, Lisa Wright, Kathy Blakey, Puddin Bass, Mary Helen Morgan and Elaine Mercer

**Organist:** Dr. Marcia Hood

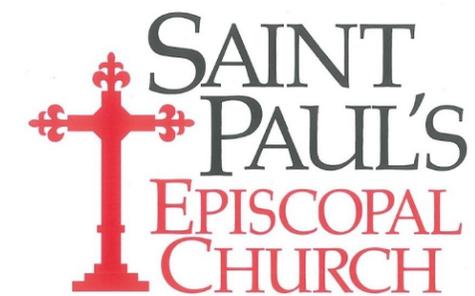
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Walter Hobgood



Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

8:00 am—Rite I



212 N. Jefferson Street  
Albany, Georgia 31701

## The Word of God

### Prelude

### Processional Hymn

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Hymn 206**

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

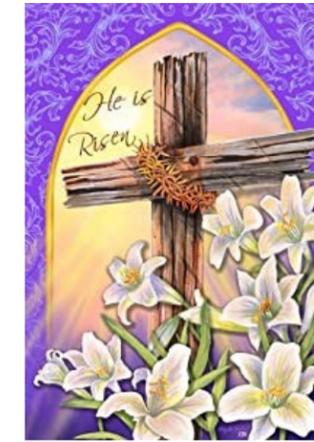
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



## **Easter Flowers and Music**

### In Thanksgiving for

### Given By

Dr. Philip Roberts

Ilisi Malone

Each member of St. Paul's, for the Hobgoods and for the hope 2021 brings.

Dunn & Nealy Stapleton

The Hobgoods and the people of St. Paul's

Joe & Annabelle Stubbs

Loring Gray, Jr.

Liz Gray Barfield

All of our friends and family of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and in honor of our family

Mrs. Sherry Lee Parr

Our church community

Leigh Brooks

The people of St. Paul's

Paula McComb

My family

Bland Cleesattle

Our grandchildren

Harris & Linda Morgan

Our children & grandchildren

Greg & Carol Fullerton

Our children & grandchildren

Cullen & Debbie Richardson

Talley & Patrick

Puddin Bass

## Easter Sanctuary Flowers and Music

### In Memory Of

Wytch Stubbs, Jr

Virginia Gray

My loving husband James A Parr (Jim Bob)

Virginia Gray

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hobgood

Mr. & Mrs. Clem Riedie

Miss Hilda Landau

Stanton Jones

Alie & Gladys Bush

Bertha & Charles Gregorie

Pat, Sandy, Kirk, Ron & Don

Bob, Mimi & Robin Newcomb

Christine & Ronald Mann, Sr.

Freda & Byron

Fran & Ben

Stewart Richardson

Lucy Richardson

Our parents, Jim & Becky Hood and

Bud & Lora Fullerton

Helen & Walter Burt, Jr.

### Given By

Joe & Annabelle Stubbs

Liz Gray Barfield

Mrs. Sharon Lee Parr

Leigh Brooks

Rev. Walter & Gail Hobgood

Dwayne Summar

Sidney & Helen Bush

Cathy Ashberry

Bland Cleesattle

Roy & Christy Brown

Jeff & Jeanette Hoopes

Bill & Molly Swan

Greg & Carol Fullerton

Judy Campbell

### **A Reading from the Book of Acts**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.



**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (in unison)**

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
 his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
 "His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
 and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
 in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
 the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
 and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
 but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
 I will enter them;  
 I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
 he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
 and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
 has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*(in unison)*

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.*

*Priest continues.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Note: All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of communion. Due to Covid-19 restrictions communion will be served in one kind (the host). Should you not want to partake of the host, feel free to approach the priest with arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

*After communion.*

Let us pray.

*(in unison)*

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.*

*Priest continues*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **A Reading from the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**     *Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*     Hymn 178

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

### The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

**BCP 333**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*(in unison)*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*(The people kneel or stand)*

*Then the Priest continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Walter Hobgood**

**The Nicene Creed (in unison)**

**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 for the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Frank; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for:

Mary	Pat	Loring	Carmella	Madge	Ann	Charles
Jack	Joenne	Sylvia	David	Theora	Kay	Jane
Buddy						

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

**BCP 385**

**Confession of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence*

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.

*Priest continues*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.  
*1 John 2:1-2*

*Priest:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Announcements*

*Offertory*

**BCP 331**