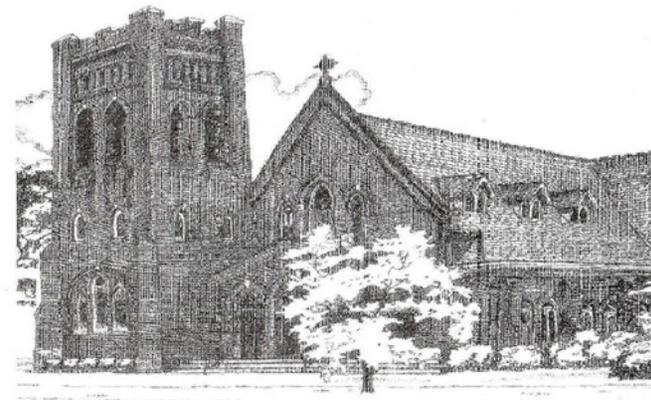


The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Rite II

10:30am



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

The Word of God

Prelude **Felix Mendelssohn**
War March of the Priests

Processional

Opening Hymn **Hymnal 400**
All Creatures for Our God and King

Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest continues

Collect for Purity

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

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our four high school graduates and their shepherds by Bill and Molly Swan.

St. Paul's 2021 High School Seniors and their shepherds are:
Grayson Darby—Bill & Molly Swan

Frank Middleton—Buck & Lisa Davis

Hunter Rowand—Rip Bell

Cayden Woodcock—Anne Stokes

There will be Acolyte training on Sunday, May 16, immediately following the 10:30am worship service. For more information, please see Fr. Hobgood or Tony Blakey.

Holy Eucharist Service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: stpaulsalbany.org

If you need to reach Fr. Hobgood his email is wphobg@gmail.com and his cell phone is 1-229-630-6444.

There are openings on the flower calendar. Dates are available throughout the year. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if you would like to put flowers on the altar. The cost is \$100 per Sunday.

Worship Ministers:

Lector: Greg Fullerton

Acolytes: Hayden Darby Parker Moore, Jack Moore,
Emily Rutledge, Henry Rutledge

Ushers: Brandon Rutledge, Faison Middleton, John Inman,
Cullen Richardson

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, Pat Burger, Loring Gray, Carmella Maurizi, Madge Bush, Ann Natoli, Jack Clay, Kara Thiel, Sylvia Berry, David Ronn, Kay Wheeler, Jane Miller, Bubba Mitchell, Bud Greco, Andrew Grezaffi, Joel Hunt, Jim and Mary Bullion, 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 Hinesville, St. Philip's. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Hinesville, especially St. Stephen's Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. Matthew (San Mateo) in Jalonga.

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

First Reading

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Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the
sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading*sit***1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

*People**Thanks be to God.***The Blessing**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Recessional Hymn*Lift High the Cross***Hymnal 473**

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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

The Lord's Prayer *traditional* **BCP 364**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Sequence Hymn *stand* **Hymnal 711**
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Holy Gospel *stand* **John 15:9-17**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

all stand

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

Celebrant continues