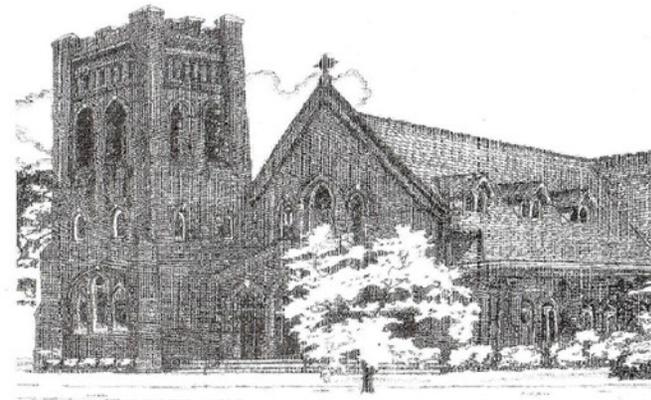


**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 18, 2021**

**Rite I**

**8:00 am**



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

### Announcements

The altar flowers are given by Ili Si Malone to the glory of God and in memory of her father, Paul Weiner, who would have celebrated his 98th Birthday on July 15.

### Episcochicks

The ladies will be gathering at the home of Debbie Richardson on Tuesday, July 20th at 6PM. Please bring an appetizer or drink of your choice. Debbie's address is 2606 Ridgewood Lane.

### Men's Chill-N-Grill

The men will be meeting at the home of Ted Wright on Thursday, July 29th at 6PM. Bring your favorite beverage and something to cook on the grill. Ted's address is 2620 E. Doublegate.

### New Worship Time Begins August 1

Rite I at 8 o'clock and Rite II at **NEW TIME 10 o'clock**. Nursery provided during the 10 o'clock service. Coffee and refreshments following 10 o'clock service.

### Summer Formation

We will continue our Series on the History of Christianity at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Contact Father Walter Hobgood if you plan to attend.

### Confirmation Classes

Bishop Frank Logue will be visiting St. Paul's the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup> to help celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of worship in St. Paul's and to baptize, confirm and receive people into the Episcopal Church. Father Hobgood will start classes August 15.

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Visitors

We need volunteers to serve as Lay Eucharistic Ministers at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services and Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Please contact Father Hobgood if you are interested.

Holy Eucharist Service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: [stpaulsalbany.org](http://stpaulsalbany.org)

If you need to reach Fr. Hobgood his email is [wphobg@gmail.com](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com) and his cell phone is 1-229-630-6444.

## **Prayers of the People**

Please remember your prayers for the special needs of Mary Hagan, Pat Burger, Carmella Maurizi, Madge Bush, Ann Natoli, Jack Clay, Kara Shugart, Sylvia Berry, David Ronn, Bud Greco, Andrew Grezaffi, Erin Grezaffi, Jim and Mary Bullion, Anne Stokes, Martha Hester, Marilynne Moore, Lee Bettis, Cindy Pace Harris, Wright Woodall, Charles Godwin, Pat Swan, the McClain family, 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 St. Marys, Christ Church. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in St. Marys, especially Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. Timothy (San Timoteo) in Nizao

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:**

**Lector/LEM:** Dunn Stapleton

**Usher:** Sidney Bush

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Walter Hobgood

## **The Word of God**

### **Processional**

### **Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 323**

*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 upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

*sit*

**2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak

a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer I* **BCP 333**

**The Lord's Prayer** *traditional* **BCP 336**

### **Invitation to Communion**

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

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**

## The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

### 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

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who  
trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### Second Reading

*sit*

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*People*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

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

**Holy Gospel                      *stand*                      Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

*People*

**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.  
 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.