

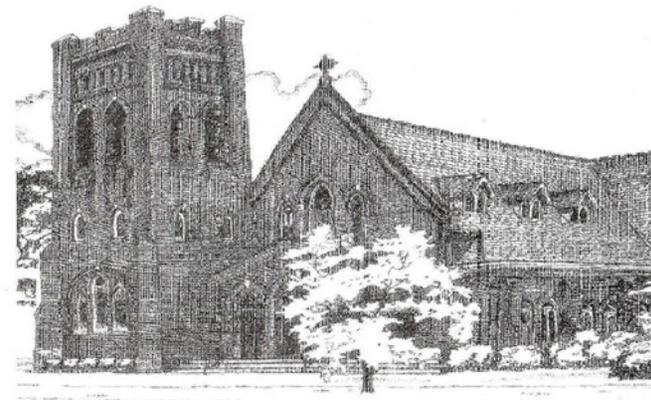


Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

Rite II

10:00 am



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

The Word of God

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn# 436

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Priest continues

Collect for Purity

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal, S-280

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Announcements

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Theora Whittlesey Brown by Scott and Nancy Brown.

If you test positive or develop symptoms for COVID in the next 5 days, please call the church at 436-0196 (M-Th 9am-12pm) or Fr. Hobgood at 1-229-630-6444 or wphobg@gmail.com

Annual Giving Campaign Kickoff

On September 19, from 5:30-7:30, the stewardship committee will host an annual giving kickoff featuring Father Lonnie Lacy, Rector of St. Anne's, Tifton, at the Fish Camp on Gillionville Rd. More details to come.

Coffee Hour

We will have coffee and lemonade following the service on the patio.

Flower Calendar

The flower calendar has openings on September 26 and October 17. If you would like to sign up for one of these dates, our altar will be filled with flowers for the rest of 2021. Arrangements are \$100 per Sunday.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Visitors

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

The ten o'clock service is available via St. Paul's Facebook page and by link from our website at: www.stpaulsalbany.org

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, David Ronn, Bud Greco, Andrew Grezaffi, Jim and Mary Bullion, Anne Stokes, Martha Hester, Lee Bettis, Cindy Pace Harris, Wright Woodall, Charles Godwin, Chip Kelly, the McClain family, Hollis Lanier, 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 congregations in Savannah, St. George's and St. Michael and All Angels. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Savannah, especially the Catholic congregations of Blessed Sacrament, Resurrection of our Lord, Sacred Heart, and St. James. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. Paul and St. Luke (San Pablo y San Lucas) in San Isidro.

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: Joe Stubbs, Annabelle Stubbs

LEM: Tony Blakey

Ushers: Bob Fletcher, Joe Stubbs, Roy Brown, Tim Wesselman

Altar Guild: Paula McComb, Mari Wright, Christy Brown

Organist: Dr. Marcia Hood

Videographer: Nathan Alligood

Celebrant: The Rev. Walter Hobgood

First Reading

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James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Sequence Hymn

stand

Hymn# 423

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

Recessional Hymn

Hymn# 544

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

The Holy Communion

The Doxology

Hymn #380 v. 3

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 Hymnal, S-125

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

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Great Amen Hymnal, S-147

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.

Fraction Hymnal, S-154

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *stand* Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People 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 IV

BCP 388

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.

Organ Offertory