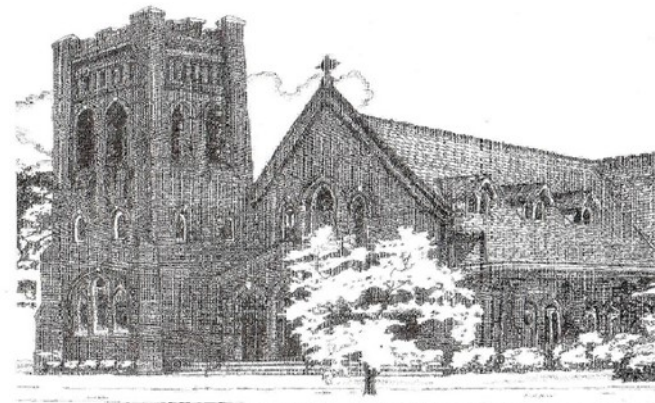


**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 5, 2021**

**Rite II**

**10:00 am**



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

## The Word of God

**Prelude** *Thanks Be to Thee* Handel

**Opening Hymn** Hymn# 1  
*Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night is Over*

**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

*People* The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Announcements

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Sue Fletcher in celebration of the birthday of their granddaughter, Caitlin Barnett and in celebration of Sue's birthday.

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](mailto:wphobg@gmail.com)

### Coffee Hour

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

### Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Giving Campaign Kick Off will be held on Sunday, September 19th at 5:30 at the Fish Camp, 2908 Gillionville Road. Father Lonnie Lacy of St. Anne's in Tifton, GA will be our guest speaker.

### Important Dates

**October 3rd** -- Celebration of Father Reed's Ministry at St. Paul's

**October 9th** -- NAMI Walks Your Way: A United Day of Hope

**October 10th** -- Blessing of the Animals

**October 23rd** — Barney's Run for Warriors at Wildside Running

**October 24th**—125th Anniversary Celebration and Confirmation

### 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](http://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, Wright Woodall, Charles Godwin, Chip Kelly, the McClain family, Hollis Lanier, Walter Kelley, Melanie Chavaux, Laura Childress, the family of Dr. John S. Inman, Jr., 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, especially St. Thomas Isle of Hope and St. Matthew's. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Savannah, especially Holy Spirit Lutheran Church and St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in San Pedro de Marorís, especially The Good Shepherd (El Buen Pastor), St. Stephen (San Esteban), and Holy Cross (Santa Cruz).

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:** Tony Blakey, John Dixon

**LEM:** Tony Blakey

**Ushers:** Brandon Rutledge, Faison Middleton, John Inman,  
Ned Newcomb

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

**Organist:** Dr. Marcia Hood

**Videographer:** Nathan Alligood

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Walter Hobgood

## **First Reading**

*sit*

**James 2:1-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 125

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land  
allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## Sequence Hymn

*stand*

Hymn# 602

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

## 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# 493

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*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 7:24-37

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

*People*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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**