St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE TWO

OFFICIANT: REV. HUGH CHAPMAN

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE L225, Oh, Freedom Spiritual

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen*.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN L184, Blessed Assurance Crosby/Knapp

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP Pg. 355

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THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant, Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the Gospel to those who were far off and to those who were near. Raise up in this and every land, evangelists, and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSONS

THE FRIST READING Ecclesiasticus 39:6-11 Ms. Susan Jones

If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out. His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations. Nations will speak of his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise. If he lives long, he will leave a name greater than a thousand, and if he goes to rest, it is enough for him.

- 7. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent
- 8. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;*
 the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes
- **9**. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;* the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much find gold,* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- **11**. By them also is your servant enlightened,* and in keeping them there is great reward.

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, Is now, And ever shall be, world without end. *Amen*.

THE SECOND READING James 1:2-5 Ms. Angela Bruton

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

L221, v1-2, This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

GRADUAL HYMN

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:21-25

Jesus said to the disciples, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

SEQUENCE HYMN

L221, v3, This Little Light of Mine

The Sermon

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

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A LITANY FOR THE FEAST OF ALEXANDER CRUMMELL

Led by Dr. Delores Lawson

Leader: For the commemoration of the life and legacy of Alexander Crummell, priest and

pastor, theologian, missionary, abolitionist, and educator in the Church of God, we invite your prayers. We pray also for all who continue in his witness to Jesus Christ, especially the Union of Black Episcopalians. Let us pray that God's justice and peace

is established throughout the world and in the Church.

Leader: O Holy God, the ground of all creation and source of mercy,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: O Holy Jesus, the companion of all humanity and liberator of the oppressed,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, the strength of souls and lover of justice,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: For Alexander Crummell, prophetic leader for justice and reconciliation and faithful

servant of Jesus Christ,

People: Grant him rest and eternal peace.

Leader: For Alexander and all our ancestors whose works and prayers continue to shelter our

lives from danger and degradation,

People: May their presence and witness inspire us.

Leader: For his vision of Pan-African unity, self-governance, and restorative justice for the

peoples of Africa and the Diaspora,

People: Deliver and restore us with hope.

Leader: For parting the sea of ignorance, for inspiring his generation and generations to

come towards their spiritual and intellectual liberation,

People: Encourage our Soul and set us free.

Leader: For the intellectual heritage of the American Negro Academy; and for the

continuing work of Black Scholarship and the education of our people,

People: Liberating Christ, we praise you.

Leader: For his ministry as church planter and local pastor in America and in Africa,

People: Inspire and strengthen our local works of ministry.

Leader: We thank you for the nurture and example of Alexander's parents, educators, and

abolitionists. May we be nurturers of learning and models of courage for our youth.

People: Good God, we give you thanks.

Leader: We thank you for his courage as he faced racist violence at Noyes Academy (New

Hampshire), and denial of admission at General Theological Seminary (New York),

and full inclusion in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

People: Good God, we give you thanks.

Leader: We thank you for Oneida Institute, a Quaker School in New York, where his mind was

sharpened, and intellect affirmed.

People: Good God, we give you thanks.

Leader: We thank you for his undiminished hunger for theological education, becoming the

first person of African Descent to graduate from Cambridge University (England); and for the white laymen of the Diocese of Pennsylvania who provided for his

various needs.

People: Good God, we give you thanks.

Leader: We thank you for his twenty years of ministry in Africa; his articulated vision for Pan

African unity in Africa, the West Indies, and the Americas; and for preserving him in

safety when African detractors sought to take his life.

People: Good God, we give you thanks.

Leader: From the deep divisions that diminish all humanity, from the pain and cruelty inflicted

by race and ethnicity, gender and class, sexual identity, and orientation,

People: Forgiving God, have mercy on us.

Leader: From leaders who seek to separate and threaten the unity of the Church and human

community,

People: Protect with your gracious love.

Leader: From laws that deny and reject the gifts and worth of all your people,

People: Defend with your liberating power.

Leader: From a culture which often does not care for or protect black bodies and souls; from

fearful hatred that distort and devalue the dignity of black lives,

People: Teach us to respect the dignity of every human being.

Leader: From our disunity, tribalism, classism, self-hate, unforgiving memories,

uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors and from all that divides the human

family,

People: Let us not become instruments of our own oppression.

Leader: For the legacy of our forebears; for their gifts of organizing, self-determination,

courage, and dignity in the struggle against oppression: the Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting the Extension of the Church among Colored People (1856); the Society for the Promotion of Church Work Among the Colored People (1867); the Conference of Church Workers among Colored People (1882); and the Union of

Black Clergy and Laity (1968).

People: Healer of Souls, we bless you.

Leader: For their successor body, the Union of Black Episcopalians; may we in our own time

work to heal and be healed, to boldly witness for racial justice, and promote the

Gospel of Peace.

People: Savior of Souls, we bless you.

Leader: For the witness of the Black Diaspora in the Anglican Communion, together with

the church throughout the world, we commit our lives and ministries to the mission

of Christ.

People: To you Holy Spirit, lover of souls, we offer our hearts, minds, body, and

strength.

Leader: Creator God, in your grace,

People: Bless our spirits.

Leader: Nurturing God, in your peace,

People: Strengthen our lives.

Leader: Redeeming God, in your love,

People: Clothe our souls.

Leader: Sustaining God, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayers.

Leader: Let us pray (may be said in unison)

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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THE PEACE				
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L= Lift Every Voice and Sing (black/red).

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING

For those at Home

Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie and Renee White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Fr. Terrance Rosheuvel, Kurt Blyden, Ashley Rodgers, Sandra Todman-Hart, Teresa Thomas and Elroy Todman.

For those in the care of the Doctor

Dourest & Joann Robinson, John Melville, Lauren Sapp, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexes Shermise Brown, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamelia Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick & Veronica Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Bill Bush, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, Fritz Roy, Mark Thomas, Terrence Harris, Will Baker, Barbara Lynn, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Spencer Stapleton, Ellie Potter, Lennie Helfand, Fabienne Bailey Brown, Patrick Charles, Fr. Darryl James, Sean Warren-Bailey, Victor Laurie, Martha Laurie, Pamela Richards, Al Washington, James Gay, Jennifer Butler-Harris, Fritz Coleman Jr., Jennipher Francis, Eileen Corona, Nia Williams, Bishop Charles Davidson, Peyton Toussaint, Jesse Stewart and Michelle James.

For those who care for the sick

Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Robinson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Dr. Edwin Thorpe, Zuri A. White, and Cheston Williams.

For those in the Military

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson, and Douglas Sampson.

SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Naida Ceasor (9/16), Angela Bruton (9/19).

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right use of thy bountiful goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Capital Campaign

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen*.

Suggested daily Readings for the season after Pentecost: Sept. 16 to Sept. 21.

Job 40:1-24	Psalm 56, 57	John 11:55-12:8
Job 40:1; 41:1-11	Psalm 61, 62	John 12:9-19
Job 42:1-17	Psalm 72	John 12:20-26
Job 28:1-28	Psalm.[70], 71	John 12:27-36a
Esther 1:1-4, 10-19	Psalm 69:1-23 (24-30)	John 12:36b-43
Esther 2:5-8	Psalm 75, 76	John 12:44-50
	Job 40:1; 41:1-11 Job 42:1-17 Job 28:1-28 Esther 1:1-4, 10-19	Job 40:1; 41:1-11

Serving Today, Sunday, September 15.

LEM: Mr. Byron Greene **Crucifer**: Mr. Joseph Sams

Gospel Bearer/MC: Mrs. Alexis McMillan

Acolytes: Omar Mongerie

Sierra Mongerie

Vestry: Ms. Kimberly Douglas

Altar Guild: Mrs. Delores Grayson

Mrs. Kate Wasson

Lectors: Ms. Susan Jones
Ms. Angela Bruton
Dr. Delores Lawson
Organist: Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

Trumpet: Mr. Kazah Dixon

Guitar/Trombone: Mr. Matias Quiceno

AV: Ms. Eugenia Chapman

Announcements

Our 142nd Anniversary Commemoration

On September 29th, The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, our parish will celebrate 142 years of ministry in Tallahassee and the Diocese of Florida. As you know, Assisting Bishop Scott Benhase will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist on that special day. As is customary, we will enjoy fellowship with each other in the parish hall following the celebration of the Eucharist. Parish family, please help to ensure a fellowship that is worthy of our history by donating \$50 each to help cover the cost of food and drinks.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish milestones.

~The Vestry

A Final Thank You

We can now report that the Gala Banquet was a financial success as well. Our treasurer reports that we have made a profit of over \$4000! Again we are grateful to all who bought tickets, made donations, helped to organize the event, or completed other arrangements including — Chris White and Al Lawson Jr (cochairs) and Marie Roberts and Chioma Onyeozili (souvenir booklets).

Called to Serve

We are learning that the Rev. Dr. Dave Killeen has been called to serve as rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Whitemarsh. Do keep him and his new church family in your prayers.

Grace Mission

Grace Mission needs the following items as they continue to minister to the Homeless Community.

Men's Boxers and briefs (size M-XXL), Men's T-Shirts (size L-XXXL), Women's Underwear (size M-XXL), Women's Bras (size 34B-4oC), Washcloths, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Lotion (small size), Deodorant

Feeling like Sponsoring?

As soon as our parish hall repairs are completed, we will return to full fellowship and the practices we cherished before COVID came and robbed us, let us resume the celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and those special moments in our lives. Feel like sponsoring? Let us know the date and we will inform the church family.

Announcements cont'd

Grace seeking Board Representative from SMAA

Mtr. Rachel is seeking a rep from our parish to serve on the board at Grace Mission. Let the rector know of your interest.

Fr. Bret leaving Advent

Fr Bret Hays has resigned as rector from the Church of the Advent and his last Sunday will be October 6th. He has accepted an offer to serve as rector of Trinity Parish, Folsom, C.A. Our prayers go with him.

Mtr. Leslie Recovering

Mtr. Leslie Roraback of St. John's Episcopal Church is making a goof recovery after recent surgery. Let us keep her in prayer.

The Union of Black Episcopalians celebrates the life and legacy of our notable saint, the Reverend Alexander Crummell.

Crummell was the personification of the will to overcome during the 19th century, successfully confronting and prevailing over barriers erected because of his race. According to *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, "Crummell's ministry spanned more than half a century and three continents. Everywhere, at all times, he labored to prepare black people and to build institutions that would serve them and provide scope for the exercise of their gifts in leadership and creativity. His faith in God, his perseverance in spite of repeated discouragement, his perception that the Church transcended the racism and limited vision of its leaders, and his unfailing belief in the goodness and greatness of black people are the legacy of this African American pioneer. He died in Red Bank, New Jersey, in 1898.

Diocesan Convention

Our Diocese will gather in convention this weekend at the Camp Weed (20th & 21st) This is our 181st gathering and for the second year, we are doing so without the presence of a diocesan Bishop. Our parish will be represented by Kimberly Douglas, the rector and another person to be named. Charlie Clark and Byron Greene will attend in ex-officio capacities.

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, include your home address, phone number, and if you would like to receive our newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please add your email address also.

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OUR VISION is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish, and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body, and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.