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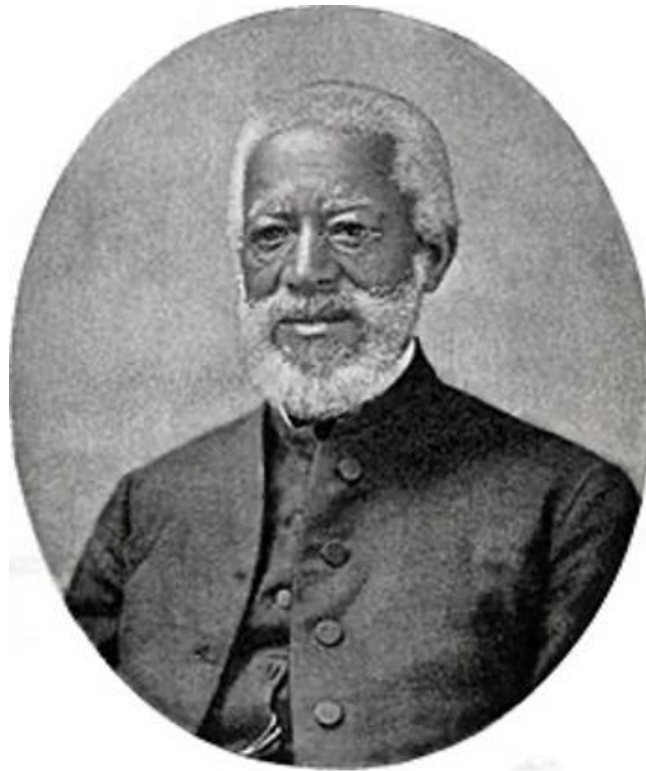
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

FEAST OF ALEXANDER CRUMMELL



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

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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 FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39:6-11

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

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.

THE PSALM

19:7-11

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

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

Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

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.

GRADUAL HYMN

L221, v1-2, This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:21-25

Rev. Hugh Chapman

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

Spiritual

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

THE NICENE CREED

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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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PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CAMPUS MINISTRY

OFFERTORY	L228, Go Down, Moses	Spiritual
DOXOLOGY	L56, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hatton
PRESENTATION HYMN	L232, Thank You, Lord	Spiritual

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN I	L199, I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired	Burrell
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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN	L1, Lift Every Voice and Sing	Johnson
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DISMISSAL

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, Kurt Blyden, Ashley Rodgers, Sandra Todman-Hart, Teresa Thomas, Elroy Todman, Christopher Marrow, Sean Gray and Debra Wynn.

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, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick & Veronica Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Will Baker, Ellie Potter, Lennie Helfand, Victor Laurie, Martha Laurie, Pamela Richards, Al Washington, Jesse Stewart, Catherine Davis, Zachery Smith, Julia Joyner, Anne Powell, Proctor Ford, Johnnie Flowers, and Leonard Williams.

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, Dr. Zollie White, III, Zuri A. White, and Cheston Williams.

For those in the Military

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

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. 15 to Sept. 20.

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

Serving Today, Sunday, September 14.

LEM: Mrs. Laureatte Scott

Crucifer: Mr. Joseph Sams III

Gospel Bearer/MC: Mr. James Fort

Acolytes: Mr. Kareem Usher, Jr.
Mr. Santiago Mejias

Vestry: Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

Altar Guild: Mrs. Delois Brown
Dr. Edith Onyeozili

Altar Guild: Ushers & Greeters: Mr. Charlie Clark

Dr. Ebenezer Erefah
Ms. Marie Roberts
Ms. Elizabeth Humes
Ms. Chenikka Usher

Lectors: Mr. Charlie Clark

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

Dr. Edith Onyeozili

Organist: Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

Trumpet: Mr. JoJo Aboderin

Trombone: Mr. Matias Quiceno

AV:

Announcements

143rd Anniversary Souvenir Booklet

The deadline for submission of the \$150 ad-information packet for inclusion in the Souvenir Booklet, is Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3:45 p.m. Marie Roberts and Charlie Clark are coordinating this project. Please contact Charlie at 850-631-0780 or liberia1951@comcast.net if you require assistance before the submission deadline.

143rd Anniversary Concert Celebration

Anniversaries are always reasons to celebrate! On Thursday, September 25th at 6:30 pm in the Brooks Hall, a Musical Concert featuring Darryl Tookes and Brian Hall will provide Nourishment for the soul! A happening from this duo is guaranteed to delight you as we celebrate 143 years! Donations are accepted. Please contact Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan for further details at 850-445-5261.

Annual Parish Meeting

The parish meeting planned for Sunday, September 14 following the celebration of the Eucharist, has been postponed to the month of October with the date to be determined.

Capital Campaign Committee Has Resumed its Work

Members of the Capital Campaign Committee are getting ready to relaunch their efforts. Do keep Kimberly Douglas and all those serving beside her, in prayer.

Campus Ministry

The Executive Committee of our Campus Ministry is being installed today at the Eucharist by the Rector. Let us keep this ministry in our prayers.

Upcoming U.B.E. Meeting

Do prepare to join the UBE chapter meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 21 at 5:00 pm where the book "The Souls of Black Folk" by W.E.B. DuBois will be read.

Diocesan Convention

Our Diocesan Family will gather at Camp Weed and Cerveney Conference Center on September 19th and 20th. SMAA will be represented by J. Byron Greene, Edward Ornstein, and the Rector.

Announcements cont'd

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.

A Reminder

All those who are desirous of being reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church must inform the Rector. Bishop William "Chip" Stokes will visit with us for the 143rd Anniversary Celebration and celebrate and preach that day—September 28th.

Our Condolences

Our sister Sharal Jugger and family laid to rest their uncle Lawrence H. Johnson yesterday after a funeral service at St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Miami. May Lawrence rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Stay in the Light.**

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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.