

**ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 10:00 AM**

*The mission of St. John's Episcopal  
Church is to be a community of God's  
people who heal brokenness, build  
bridges, and exemplify borderless  
kindness.*



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# DAILY MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

## Prelude

*Philip Riley, our Organist and Choir Director, will play a selection of hymns on the piano as we gather virtually for worship.*

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together,*

**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 Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen, Alleluia.**

**The earth is the Lord's for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.**

## Jubilate

*Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## *Psalm 114*

*We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 **Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.**
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 **The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.**
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 **You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?**
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

*First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31*

A reading from Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### *Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon*

*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

*Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 376: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the cloud of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

### *The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35*

*Officiant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had

happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Officiant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon: The Reverend Ann McLemore**

### *Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb*

*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### *Suffrage A*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### *The Collect for Alexander Crummell*

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 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.*

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for the Search for a Rector*

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Mission of the Church*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

**Hymn: “He Touched Me”**

Shackled by a heavy burden,  
Neath a load of guilt and shame,  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, O he touched me,  
And O the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since he cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise him;  
I’ll shout it while eternity rolls.

He touched me, O he touched me,  
And O the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.

*The Prayers of the People: Form IV*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Give guidance and strength to the doctors and scientists working on the development of a vaccine, testing methods and treatment for the COVID-19 virus. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for those celebrating a birthday, and for all those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

### *Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord

*People:* ***Thanks be to God***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*  
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

### **Hymn LEVAS 60: “How Great Thou Art”**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

## PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** If you, or someone you know, needs prayer or would like to be contacted by the church, please contact the Reverend Ann McLemore at 769-257-2377 or RevAnn@austinstjohns.org to add names to the Prayer List.

**HEALING AND GUIDANCE:** Andrew, Suzanne, Clarisa, Kathy, the Dorick family, Jen, the Candelas family, Ramona, CJ

**DECEASED:** William, Doug, Michael, Paul, Sabas, Erich, Shirley

**BIRTHDAYS:** 9/13: Christi Crow, Wayne Harry;  
9/14: Bobbi Jo Walker; 9/16: Katherine Lilly, Noreen McMahon;  
9/18: Emily Nute, Hal Hughes; 9/19: Victoria Mason

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/16: Morgan and Sino Corpus

## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

*The St. John's campus will remain closed until further notice.  
All meetings are Zoom online meetings unless otherwise noted.*

### Sunday, September 13

#### The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer Rite II in English
11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship
12:00 PM	Morning Prayer Rite II in Spanish

### Monday, September 14

7:00 PM	Buildings and Grounds Committee
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### Wednesday, September 16

11:30 AM	Adult Christian Formation Team Meeting
1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
7:00 PM	Lectionary Based Bible Study

### Thursday, September 17

10:00 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
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### Sunday, September 20

#### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer Rite II in English
11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship
12:00 PM	Morning Prayer Rite II in Spanish
1:15 PM	Outdoor Holy Eucharist in English

*All Sunday worship services are broadcast on Facebook Live and on the [austinstjohns.org](http://austinstjohns.org) web site. Services are also recorded for replay on our web site and our YouTube channel.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NEED HELP?** If you find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual, or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to call Deacon Victoria (512-297-5953) or Rev. Ann (769-257-2377).

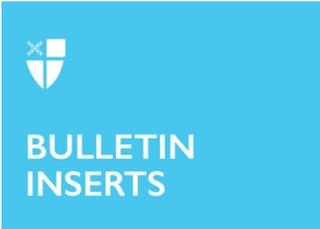
**THE BRIDGE**—Our weekly newsletter, “The Bridge” is emailed every Wednesday and it is also published on our web site. Check it out for news and other items of interest.

**LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY** — Our Lectionary Based Bible Study Christian Formation program has resumed. Each Wednesday, we study the Bible readings that will be read during the upcoming Sunday services. This is an online Zoom Meeting that starts at 7:00 PM, and the access information is included in the Tuesday “Christian Formation and Education” email.

**BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY** — Later in September, we will begin the follow up on our Baptismal Covenant class series with a deeper study of the Episcopal Church’s Long Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice and the ways in which St. John’s can participate in this commitment. More information will follow in an upcoming “The Bridge” newsletter.



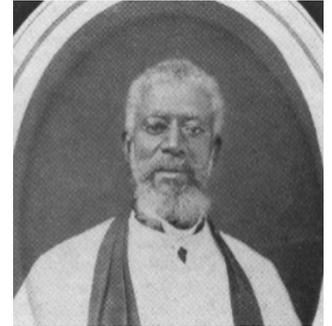
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**September 9, 2018**

## **The Feast of Alexander Crummell and UBE Sunday**

On September 10, the Episcopal Church celebrates the life and legacy of notable saint, the Reverend Alexander Crummell. This day is also designated as Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) Sunday to commemorate the racial justice ministry of this organization which was an outgrowth of Crummell's advocacy.



The Rev. Alexander Crummell was born March 3, 1819, in New York City to Charity Hicks, a free woman of color, and Boston Crummell, a former slave. Both parents were active abolitionists. The first African-American newspaper, *Freedom's Journal*, was published out of their home.

As a young man, Crummell was driven out of an academy in New Hampshire, dismissed as a candidate for Holy Orders in New York, and rejected for admittance to General Seminary because of his race. He was eventually ordained in 1844 as a priest in the Diocese of Massachusetts, but left for England after being excluded from participating in diocesan convention.

Ever determined, Crummell studied at Queens' College, Cambridge and was the first officially black student recorded as graduating. Soon after, he traveled to Liberia as a missionary to convert native Africans to Christianity and educate them, as well as to persuade American black community of their duty to go to Africa to spread Christianity across the continent. Crummell lived and worked for 20 years in Liberia. Finally, political opposition, lack of funding, and the potential for life-threatening violence forced him to return to the United States.

Upon return to the U.S., he was first called to St. Mary's Episcopal Mission in the Foggy Bottom area of Washington, DC. In 1875 he and his congregation founded St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the first independent black Episcopal church in the city. When in 1882 southern bishops proposed that a separate missionary district be created for black congregations, Crummell was a founding leader in establishing national black convocation to fight the proposal. That organization became known as Conference of Church Workers Among Colored People and is a predecessor body to Union of Black Episcopalians.

After retiring from St. Luke's in 1894, Crummell taught at Howard University until 1897. He died September 10, 1898, at the age of 79. Crummell was an important voice within the abolition movement and a leader of Pan-African ideology, influencing other black nationalists. In fact, W.E.B. Du Bois paid tribute to Crummell with a memorable essay entitled "Of Alexander Crummell" collected in his 1903 book, *The Souls of Black Folk*. His feast day in the Episcopal Church is September 10.

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) is a national faith-based advocacy organization whose goal is to address racial and social injustices and disparities within and outside our church. Visit UBE's website, [www.ube.org](http://www.ube.org), to support their ministry of justice and racial reconciliation.

### **Collect for Alexander Crummell**

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 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.

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Hal Hughes  
Rosalinda Rodriguez

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Sandra Welles, Clerk

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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at 10:00 AM (English) or 12:00 NOON (Español)



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