



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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.

The Feast of Alexander Crummell and UBE Sunday

On September 10, The Episcopal Church celebrates the life and legacy of a 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 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, to support their ministry of justice and racial reconciliation.

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BAHAMAS STRONG

Bahamas Emergency Relief Effort

All Souls' is committed to EMERGENCY HELP of water, food, diapers, and medical care to the Bahamas after the devastation of Dorian. On your behalf and with the approval of the Vestry, All Souls' has committed \$5000 in cash for emergency assistance in these essential areas. However, we need your help. First, PRAY. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in the northern Bahamas. Pray that the death toll will not be great and that those missing will be found with God's good help. Second, PRAY. Please pray in thanksgiving that our fragile "island home" of Miami Beach was spared. Third, DONATE. Please bring an additional check to church over the next few Sundays. We will be "passing the plate" for a second collection to help with our church commitment of \$5000. Please be generous as we have been spared generously by God.



Pub Theology

The 4th installment of Pub Theology will take place on September 26th. We will meet at Yardhouse (1681 Lenox Ave, Miami Beach) on September 26 at 6:30pm (informal start time).

Happy hour runs until 7:30pm. **RSVP requested (but not required) at pubtheologymb@gmail.com.**

Our new Daisy Troop!

In cooperation with the Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida and the Casa dei Bambini School, All Souls' will be starting a BRAND-NEW Daisy Troop here at our church. There is



an opportunity for 12 little girls of kindergarten and first grade ages to join. If you know a little girl in your neighborhood or building.... invite her to join!



Girl Scout Troop 1239 News! Purr-Fect Paw-Looza! at Polo Park

Love your furry friend? Don't have one and want to adopt one? Well then, the Purr-Fect Paw-Looza is the purr-fect event for you. In addition to the All Souls Church Booth, there will be fun, games, and food. Bring your own pet in his or her most stylish outfit for the fashion show. Or bring your pet in their sportiest outfit for the obstacle course. Bring your non-furry friends, too, for animal story time in our book corner. There will be much more! Have your picture taken by the paw-parazzi! **Saturday September 14th at 4pm in Polo Park, 4301 N. Michigan Ave in Miami Beach.**

Campus Cleanup and Renovation

J.J. Flores has kindly offered to chair a committee for the "re-envisioning" of our south side entrance facing the parking lot. This side is 2nd most important exposure to boost our presence in this neighborhood. All Souls' Church is the embodiment of "WELCOME!" Therefore, the mission of this group is to represent that on this important entrance into our community. Signage will be key. However, while these must be welcoming, signs must also "fit" within our amazing mid-century modern architecture. Also, permanent signage must be permitted by the city of Miami Beach. Would you like to serve with J. J. and his committee? Please see J. J. after church any Sunday. This is exciting work!

In other news, a sub-committee has been formed for the approval of the office renovation contracts. The installation of the new impact doors and windows is going forward. The permit has been approved and work should begin after the 15th of September.

"Socktober"

The month of October is "Socktober." The Feed My Sheep Ministry is running its annual sock drive, which will last the entire month. All Souls' goal is for 500 pairs of new socks. Socks are the most requested item by the chronic homeless. We invite you to bring your gifts of new socks to all Masses during the month of October. All Souls' may also have a surprise co-organization to work with us! More information coming!



We Hold in Prayer †

O God, our times are in your hand. In the midst of uncertainty lead us by your never-failing grace as we seek to be agents of healing and hope. Walk with us through difficult times; watch over us in danger; and give to us a spirit of love and compassion for those who suffer and mourn. And finally remind us that you have promised never to leave us so that even in the valley of the shadow of death your love may be felt, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. †

For Healing: We pray for Baby Ailia, Bob, Bronwen, Carlos, Carmela, Dana, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Rev. Dorenda, Fr. Errol, Gary, Glen, Greg, Baby Hunter, Irma, Jim, Karen, Deacon Katon, Ken, Rev. Kleban, Lily, Malu, Meg, Nellie, Obie, Olga-Maria, Paul, Gracy, Rafael, Ray, Richard, Rick, Rito, Rose, Santos, Sheila, Bishop Sturdie, Tania Tony and Will.

For the dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

For the Faithful Departed.

For all our Loved ones, our Friends & our Neighbors.

For our Companion Diocese: The Diocese of the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands

Prayer List Updates

The Prayer listing will be updated at the end of this quarter after Sunday, September 29th. Please send an email to parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org to continue or to add a name or intention on the listing.

Hospitality

If your First Name begins with K – M, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next Sunday, September 15th. Thank you for your continuing support and participation.

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