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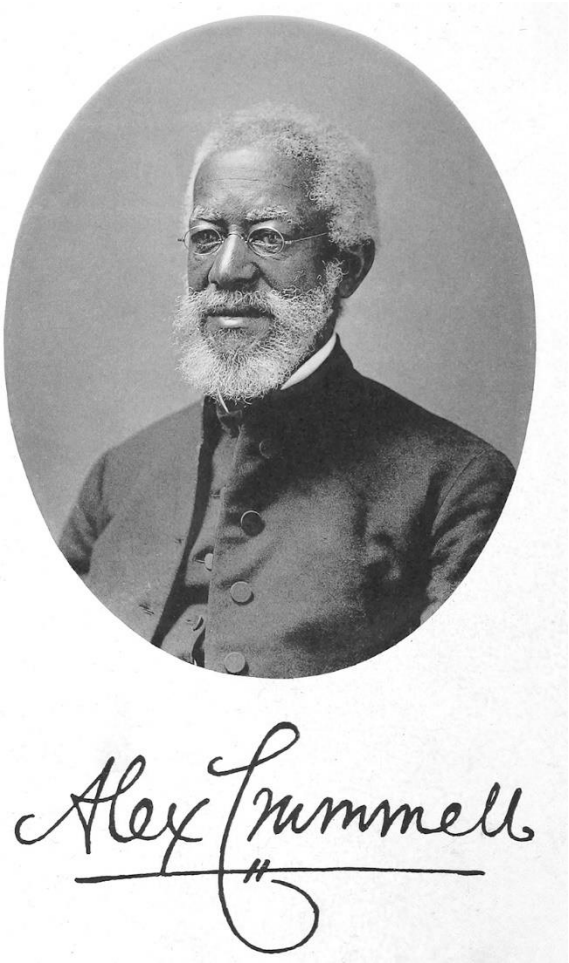
Canton, Ohio



Sunday, September 10, 2023

The Feast of Alexander Crummell

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.

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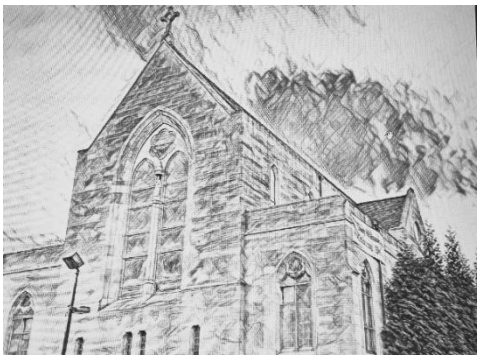


Our mission

St. Paul's is a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

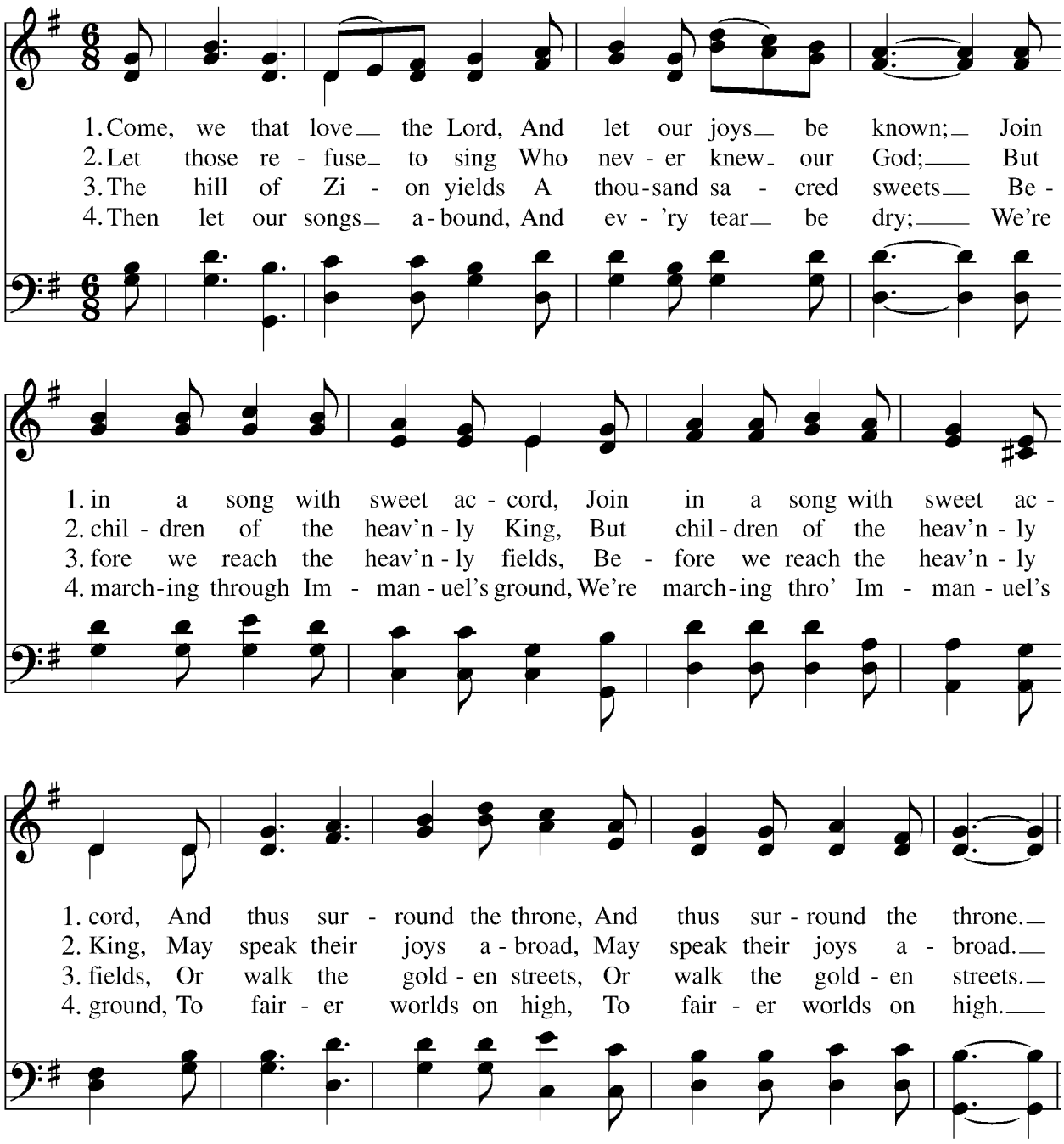
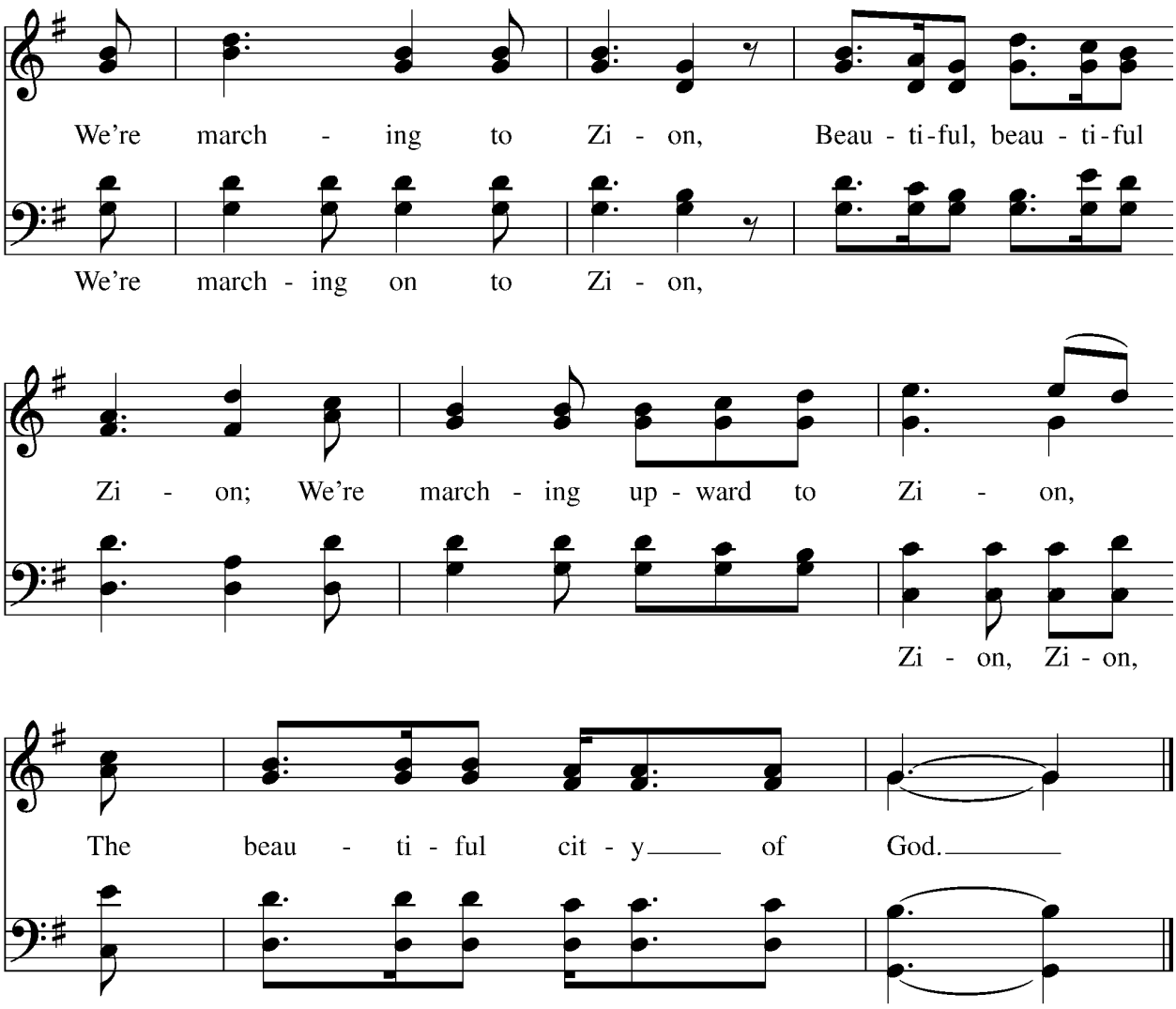
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 39:6-11
Psalm: Psalm 19:7-11
Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

Prelude: *We're Marching to Zion* by Hugh Livingston Jr.

The Word of God

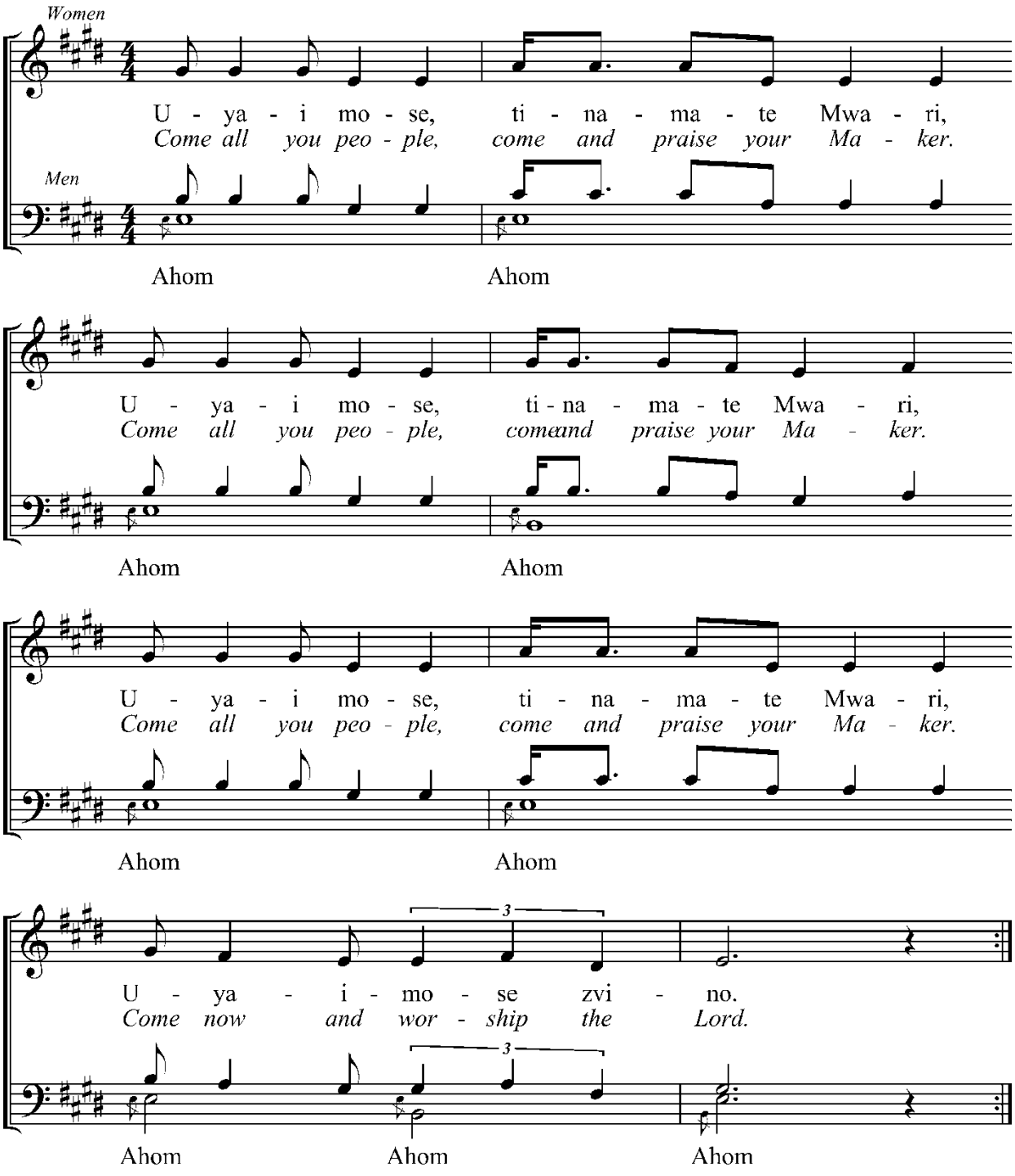
ENTRANCE HYMN "We're Marching to Zion" (LEVAS 12)

All Stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *"Come All You People"* (MHSO 2)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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 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

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 39:6-11

The people sit.

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus.

6 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.
7 The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,
as he meditates on his mysteries.
8 He will show the wisdom of what he has learned,
and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.
9 Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out.
His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations.
10 Nations will speak of his wisdom,
and the congregation will proclaim his praise.
11 If he lives long, he will leave a name greater than a thousand,
and if he goes to rest, it is enough for him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-11

Remain seated.

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.

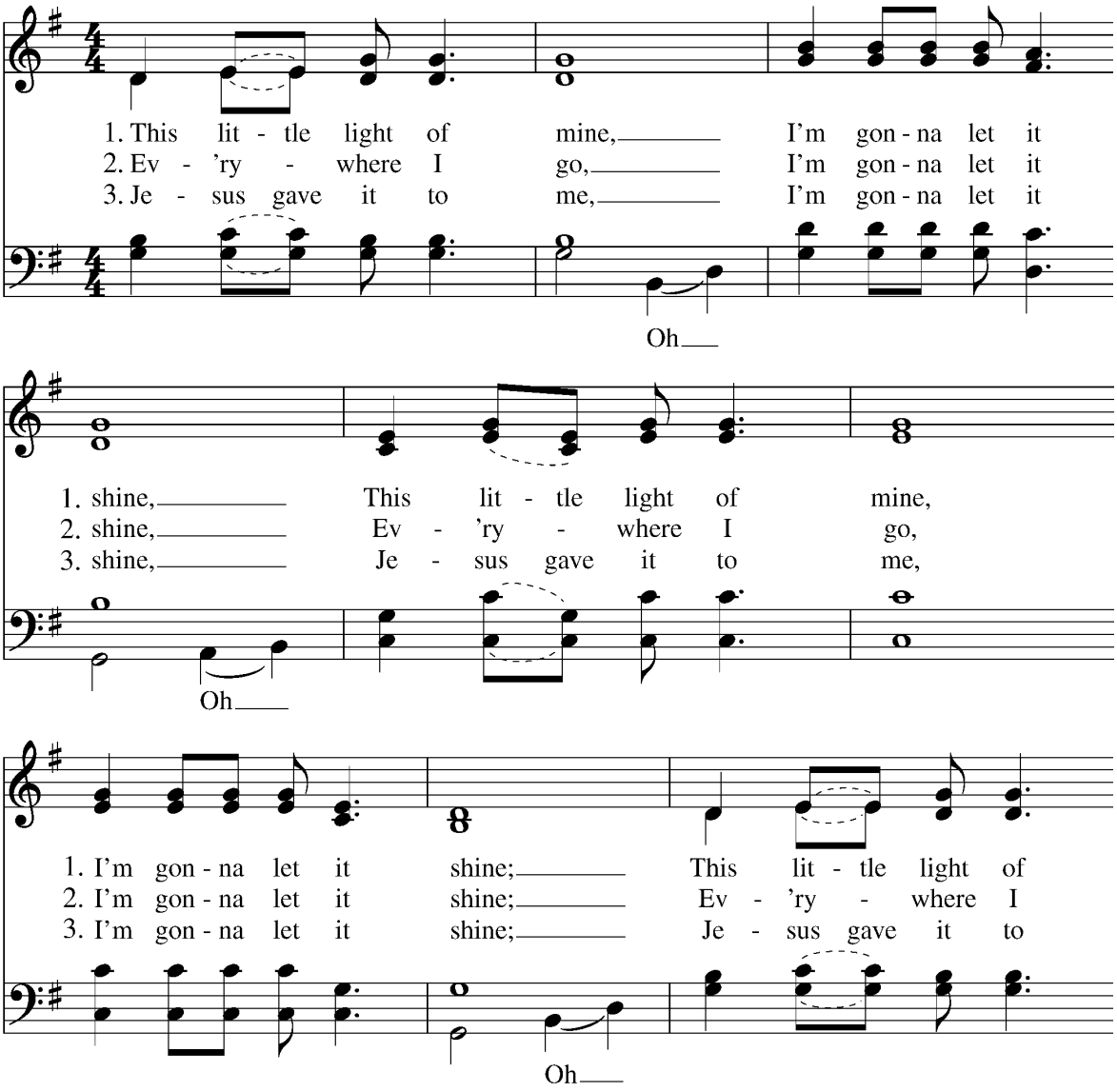
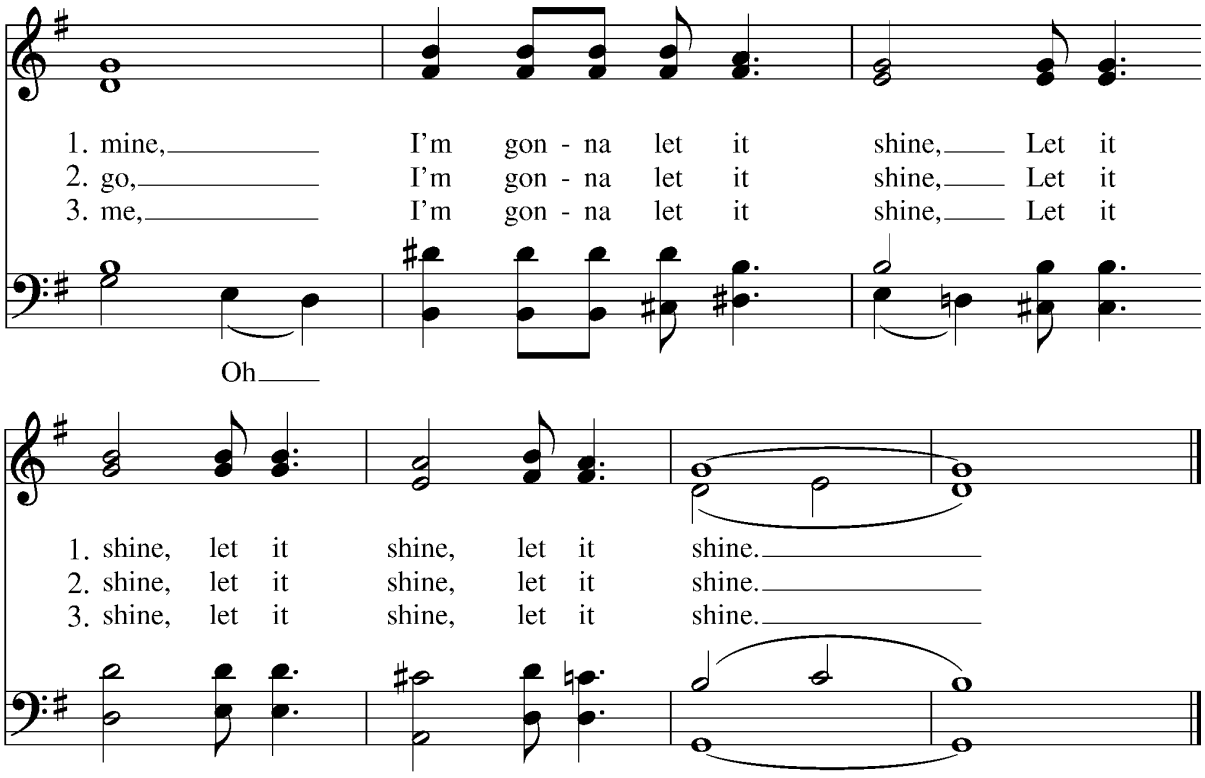
8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

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 fine 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN*: "This Little Light of Mine" (LEVAS 221)*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:21-25

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[21]He said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? [22]For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. [23]Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" [24]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. [25]For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: ***Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry***

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)
All stand.

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,
who with the Father and the Son 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

Celebrant: Gracious God, you fill us with faith and courage to confront the world's injustice and to carry your abundant love to all the world. Hear us as we pray, saying: We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Raise up evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, who will preach the Gospel to those who are far off and to those who are near, and bring the unsearchable riches of Christ to all people.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Direct the counsel and knowledge of all leaders, Almighty One, that they may confront injustice and racism with words and acts of wisdom and compassion.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Visit with your healing power all who live in places of thorns and threat, violence and racism, the rocky soil and scorched earth of poverty and injustice: Sow your seeds of love into the soil of good hearts, that the earth may bring forth an abundant harvest of justice and truth.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Revive our souls, O Gracious One, and fill our communities with perseverance and enduring faith, that with warm, emotional, and impulsive energy we may reclaim neighborhoods in kindness and in peace.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Into your abundant heart, O God, we offer the cares of our hearts as we pray in intercession, especially for Fred, Davanzo Tate, Tamiya Tomlin, Ron Neidig, June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Alisha Rittenour, Holly Hillen, John Titmas, Bob Arnold, Joe Myers, Ed Sutek, Rachel Sutek Valentine, and Don.

Hear our glad shouts of thanksgiving and praise as we bring to you the gratitude of our souls, especially for the birthdays of Bradley Swinderman, and the anniversary of Anthony & Robin Woodberry.

We entrust into your eternal love Rebecca Jane Valentine, and all who have died. We remember all those who lost their lives on that fateful day of September 11, 2001 and their families who continue to live without them.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Loving and gracious Father, you called your faithful servant Alexander Crummell to bring leadership and hope to your Church through the gifts and spirit of the African race. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may continue the work, building institutions and relationships of justice, truth, and reconciling peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Loving Creator, you call us together and you send us forth to be your witnesses in all places. We ask you now to lead us, accompany us, and direct us as we seek that person who is to be our next Bishop. Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy that we may hear your still small voice. And then, give us the courage to follow as you lead us along the way. In the name of Christ Jesus who is the shepherd and bishop of our souls. Amen.

Celebrant: O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Said by all

Grant, O God that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People sit, stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: 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 Priest stands and 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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN*: "The Sweet By and By"* (OLOF)

(See Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

Celebrant	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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:, ♪ ♪ ♪

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

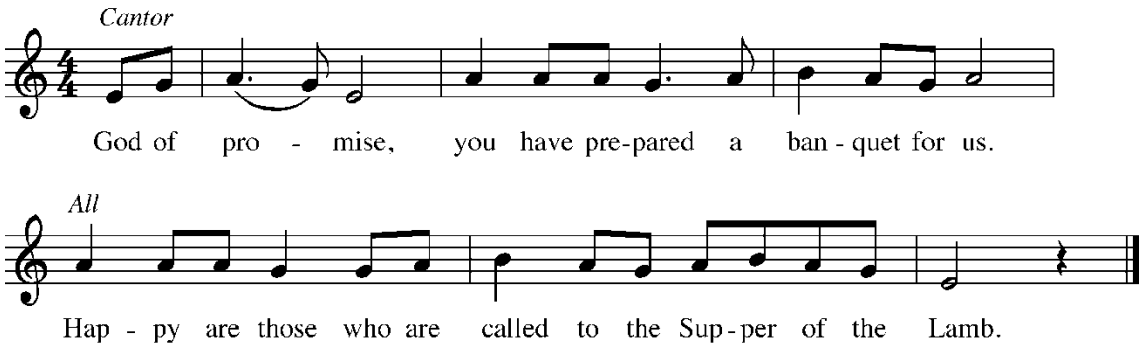
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: "*God of Promise" (EOM1)*



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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish.

COMMUNION SELECTION:

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together

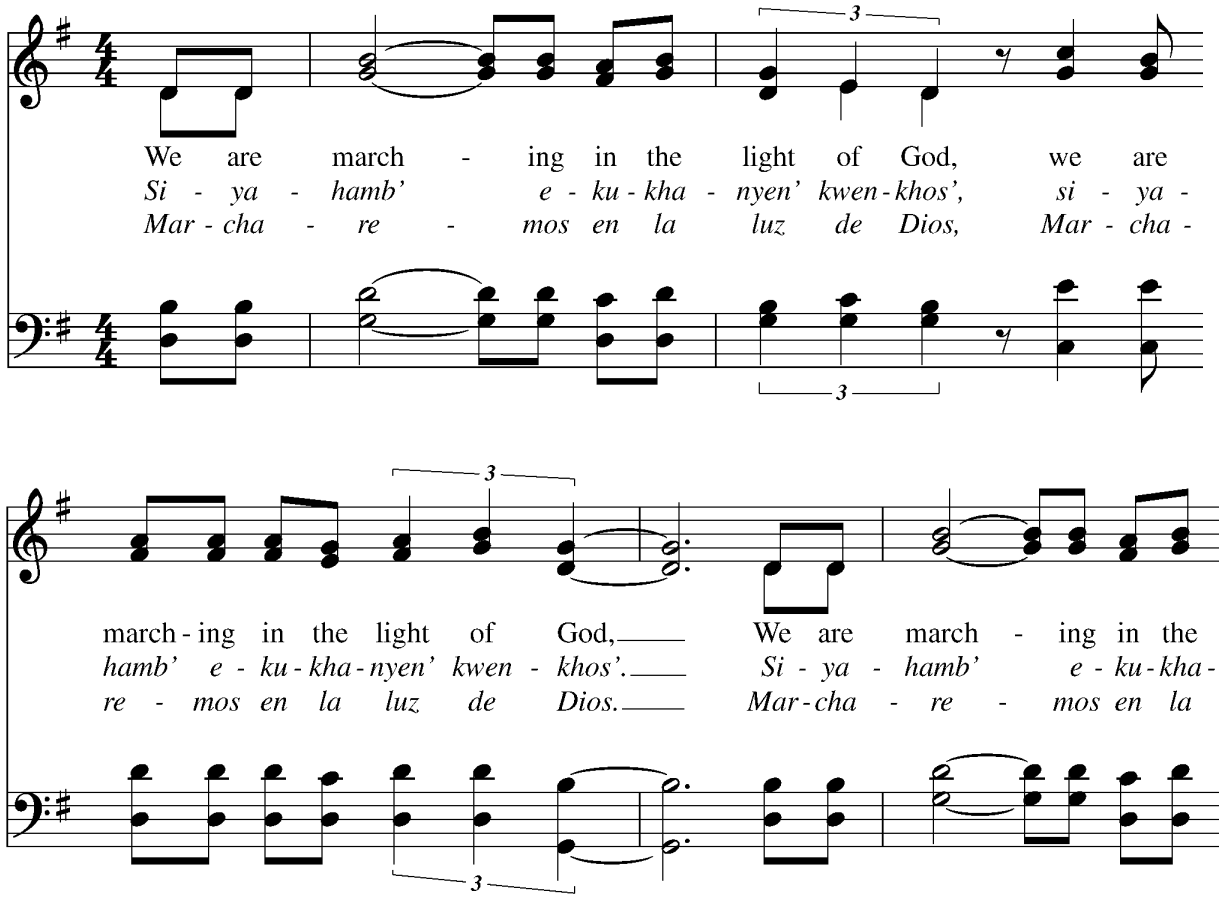
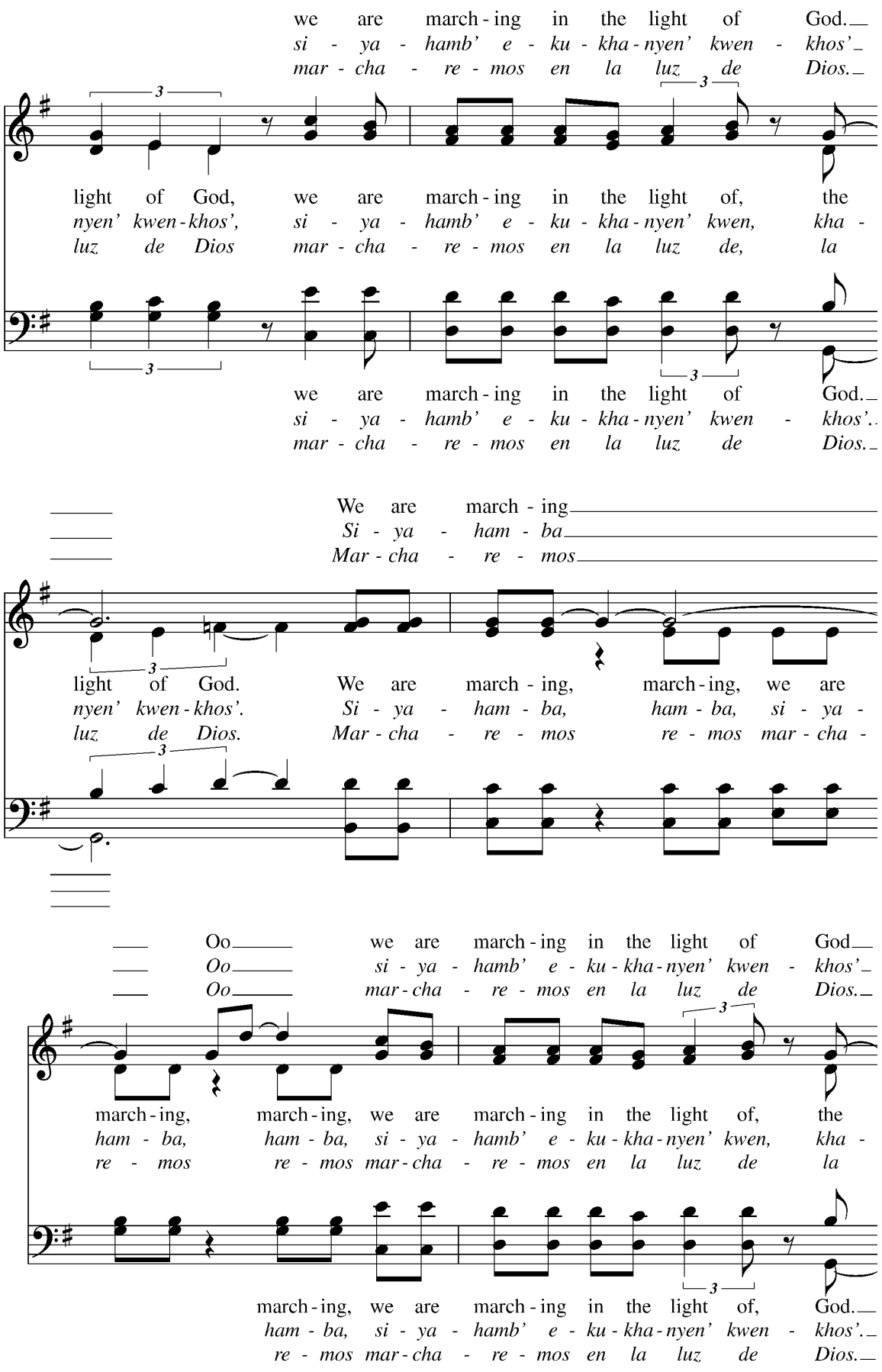
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Beloved of God, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand—this same power is at work in each one of us who believe! So go from here in confidence and peace, knowing that God's presence and power go with you. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ***"We are marching in the light of God" (Siyahamba) (WLP 787)***



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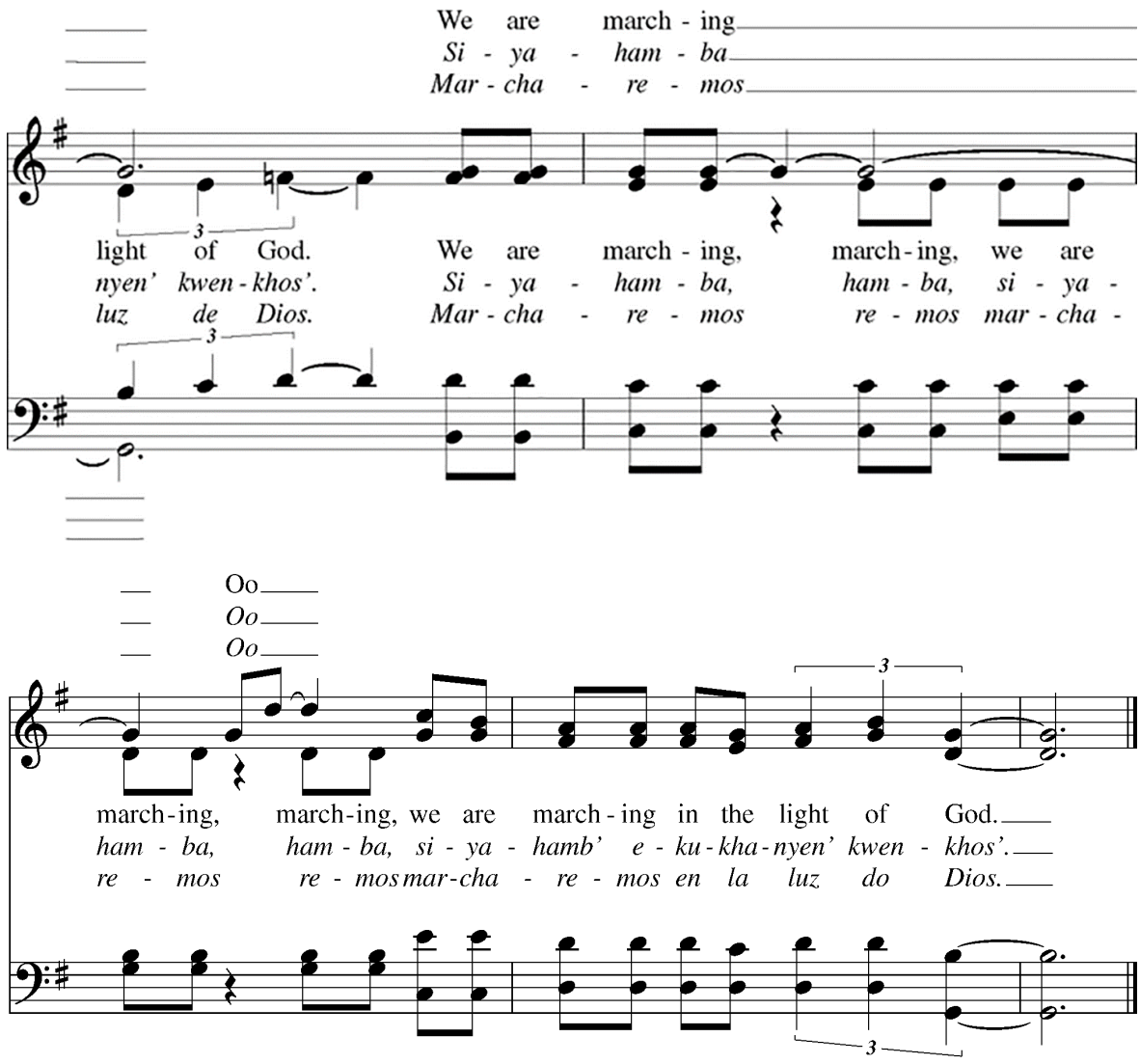

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fughetta for Organ* by Julius Williams

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Director of Music: Edward T. Grimes
Greeters: David Lewis
Lectors: Carol Sutek
Eucharistic Minister: Douglas Colmery
Crucifer: Demetrius Carrothers
Camera/Audio: David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild: Cara Warren, Shirley Brown
Counters: Carol Sutek, David Rotthoff

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Study Group: The Study Group has resumed. We began a mini-series on the topic: "The Ten Commandments, Are They Relevant for Today?" Come and join us on Wednesday, September 13th at 10a.

Choir Rehearsal
Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7p-8p. Don't let the shower be the only place to share your great voice. You are invited to come and join the choir; we will be glad to have you!! Please see the music director, Edward Grimes for more information.

Adult Forum
On Sunday, September 17th, at 9a. the Adult Forum Series "Did You Know" will be held in the Guild Hall. The topic for this month is "Who is the Episcopal Church?"

Social Justice Book Club
The Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 27th at 7p. and will review the book, "American Whitewash: A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress." The author is Wesley Lowry. Books are free and can be picked up at the StarkFresh Market.

The Annual Convention
The 207th Annual Diocesan Convention will be Nov. 10-11, 2023, at the Greystone Event Center in Wooster, Ohio. This is the annual gathering of representatives of 83 parishes in northern Ohio. Registration will be available in the early Fall. If you would like to be a lay delegate, please let Rev. Robin or any member of the Vestry know. Delegates must be certified by Oct. 27th.

Upcoming Commemorations

Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898
Sunday, September 10, 2023

Harry Thacker Burleigh: Composer, 1949
Monday, September 11, 2023

John Henry Hobart, Bishop, 1830
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

John Chrysostom: Bishop of Constantinople, 407
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Cyprian: Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258
Friday, September 15, 2023

James Chisholm: Priest, 1855
Friday, September 15, 2023

Ninian, Bishop, c. 430
Saturday, September 16, 2023

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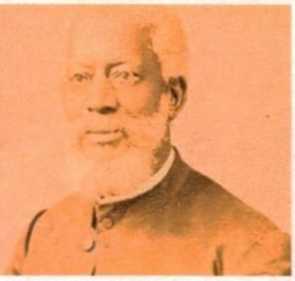

September 10, 2023 – Pentecost 15 (YR A)
The Feast of Alexander Crummell and UBE Sunday

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 UBE.

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 Episcopal feast day 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 UBE's ministry of justice and racial reconciliation. To share your story of how your congregation, diocese or community celebrated UBE Sunday and the Feast Day of Alexander Crummell, send your story to leadership@theube.org.

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.

Lessons: Ecclesiasticus 39:6-11, Psalm 19:7-11, Mark 4:21-25; Preface of a Saint (2)

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Convention Nominations

Now is the time to consider making yourself available to join Bishop Jolly in helping shape the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Ohio. Our goal is to assemble the very best qualified candidates to join those already holding office and with Bishop Jolly and her staff at this exciting time in the life of our diocese.

Please prayerfully consider who you might invite to fill one of the roles listed below, and by all means, prayerfully consider nominating yourself:

- The Trustees
- The Diocesan Council
- Episcopal Community Services Development Council
- The Standing Committee
- General Convention Alternate Deputy
- Provincial Synod Representative
- Regional Disciplinary Board

Please use the online form at dohio.org/nominate to make nominations. More information on each of the positions can be found at dohio.org/nominations. In order for candidate bios to be included in pre-convention materials, including online platforms and the Convention Handbook, submissions must be received before September 15.

September 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 10 **9 am D.O.K. Mtg** **10:30a Service**	**Sept. 11** **6 pm** **Communications Mtg.**	**Sept. 12**	**Sept. 13** **10 am Study Group** **6 pm** **Finance Mtg**	**Sept. 14** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**Sept. 15**	**Sept. 16** **9:30a CWU** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Sept. 17 **9 am Adult Forum** **10:30a Service**	**Sept. 18**	**Sept. 19**	**Sept. 20** **10 am Study Group** **6:30 pm** **Outreach Mtg.**	**Sept. 21** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**Sept. 22** **5 pm** **Wedding Rehearsal**	**Sept. 23** **3 pm Wedding** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
Sept. 24 **10:30a Service**	**Sept. 25** **7 pm** **Vestry Mtg.**	**Sept. 26** **7 pm** **Social Justice Book Club**	**Sept. 27** **10 am Study Group**	**Sept. 28** **5-7 pm** **Picnic in the Parking Lot** **7 pm Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**Sept. 29**	**Sept. 30** **11 am HOT Lunch** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**

September Birthdays

9th- Bradley Swinderman
20th- JoAnne Miller
23rd- Janet Lewton
25th- Jessica Patterson
26th- Ed Sutek

Anniversaries

Robin & Anthony Woodberry- 14th
Molly & Sean Ryan- 23rd

JOIN US!

FOR OUR

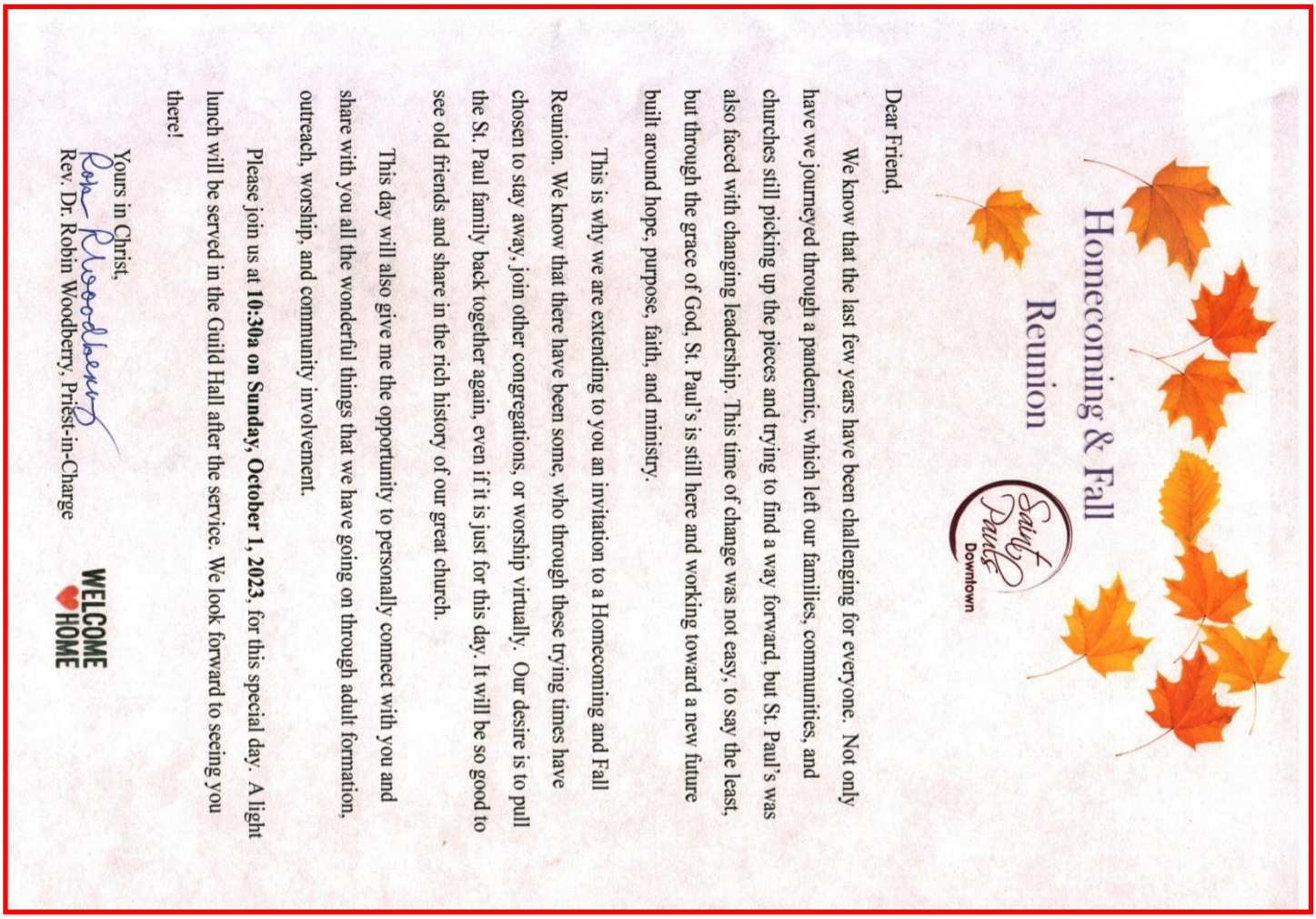
END OF THE SUMMER PICNIC

IN THE PARKING LOT

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
425 CLEVELAND AVE SW, CANTON | 28TH SEPT

5PM-7PM | RAIN OR SHINE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME ▪ PLEASE RSVP TO 330-455-0286
WITH WHAT SIDE DISH OR DESSERT YOU ARE BRINGING



Homecoming & Fall Reunion

Saint Paul's Downtown

Dear Friend,

We know that the last few years have been challenging for everyone. Not only have we journeyed through a pandemic, which left our families, communities, and churches still picking up the pieces and trying to find a way forward, but St. Paul's was also faced with changing leadership. This time of change was not easy, to say the least, but through the grace of God, St. Paul's is still here and working toward a new future built around hope, purpose, faith, and ministry.

This is why we are extending to you an invitation to a Homecoming and Fall Reunion. We know that there have been some, who through these trying times have chosen to stay away, join other congregations, or worship virtually. Our desire is to pull the St. Paul family back together again, even if it is just for this day. It will be so good to see old friends and share in the rich history of our great church.

This day will also give me the opportunity to personally connect with you and share with you all the wonderful things that we have going on through adult formation, outreach, worship, and community involvement.

Please join us at **10:30a on Sunday, October 1, 2023**, for this special day. A light lunch will be served in the Guild Hall after the service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry, Priest-in-Charge

WELCOME HOME

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop
The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly

Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Staff
Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

Music Begins at 10:25 am. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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