St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 22B
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals,
that you care for them?

Pealm 2.4

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ORGAN PRELUDE

ORGANIST: DR. PHILIP FORDE, FRCO

OPENING SENTENCE: GENERAL

I will put My spirit within you, and make you follow My statutes and be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezekiel 36:27

Introit Hymn: 535

- O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free; a heart that's sprinkled with the blood so freely shed for me:
- a heart resigned, submissive, meek, my great Redeemer's throne; where only Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone:
- a humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean, which neither life nor death can part from him that dwells within:
- a heart in every thought renewed, and full of love Divine; perfect and right and pure and good a copy, Lord, of thine!
- 5. Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart, come quickly from above; write thy new name upon my heart, thy new best name of Love.

- V. Blessed be the Lord our God,
- R. By whose grace we are yet alive.
- V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,
- R. By whose rising we are set free.
- V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,
- R. In whom is our hope and our joy;

The minister and people:

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

VENITE - PSALM 95: 1-8

O come let us sing out to the Lord:*

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving:* and cry out to Him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:*

and a great king above all gods.

In His hands are the depths of the earth:*

and the peaks of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His and he made it:*
His hands moulded dry land.

Come let us worship and bow down:* and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he Himself is our God:*

we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

If only you would hear His voice today:* for He comes, He comes to judge the earth:

He shall judge the world with righteousness: * and the peoples with His truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:*
and shall be forever. Amen.

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Minister and people, kneeling, together say:

Have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Stand

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PSALM 26

This psalm is a plea for justice from one who serves the Lord well.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, * that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now:* and shall be forever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST LESSON: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Jesus is the primary agent of God's self-disclosure to humans and of God's rule over the universe. He shows God's intrinsic nature. As the great high priest, he has purified humankind of all sin, and is now enthroned in heaven, at the side of God.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 1, beginning at the first verse.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and

various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might

taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord

The people:. Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTUS

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel*

You have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour* born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets

You promised of old to save us from our enemies* from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears,* and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship you without fear:*
holy and righteous before you
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High* for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:* by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:*
and shall be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: - MARK 10:2-16

Mosaic law permitted a man to divorce his wife for cause, but the grounds for divorce were not clear. The Pharisees were divided on the matter. Jesus expects a higher standard of his followers. Jesus also used this occasion to embrace and bless children.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 10, beginning at the second

verse.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: WHEN MOTHERS OF SALEM

- 1. When mothers of Salem
 Their children brought to Jesus,
 The stern disciples drove them back
 And bade them depart;
 But Jesus saw them ere they fled,
 And sweetly smiled, and kindly said,
 "Suffer little children
 To come unto Me.
- "For I will receive them
 And fold them in my bosom;
 I'll be a shepherd to these lambs,
 O drive them not away;
 For, if their hearts to Me they give,
 They shall with Me in glory live:
 Suffer little children
 To come unto Me."
- 3. How kind was our Savior
 To bid these children welcome!
 But there are many thousands
 Who have never heard His name;
 The Bible they have never read;
 They know not that the Savior said,
 "Suffer little children
 To come unto Me."
- O soon may the heathen
 Of every tribe and nation
 Fulfill Thy blessed word,

And cast their idols all away;
O shine upon them from above,
And show Thyself a God of love;
Teach the little children
To come unto Thee.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED:

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

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.

The minister shall say.

Let us pray.

ALL:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

- V. Lord, reveal your love among us;
- R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.
- V. Grant peace within and among all nations;
- R. And teach our leaders wisdom.
- V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;
- R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.
- V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;

- R. That your justice may be known among all people.
- V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;
- R. That in us and through us your will may be done.

THE COLLECT:

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

One or more of the following prayers shall be said.

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Into your hands, Lord, we commend ourselves this day. Let your presence be with us to its close. Strengthen us to remember that in whatever good work we do we are serving you. Give us a diligent and watchful spirit, that we may seek in everything to know your will, and knowing it, may gladly perform it, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rest of the past night, and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at evening we may again give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

O God our Father, you have bidden light to shine out of darkness, and have awakened us again to praise your goodness and to seek your grace; make us children of the light and of the day, that our lives being open to your glory, we may shine as lights in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.

May it be a lantern to our feet, A light to our paths, And a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all persons in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT: We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

The President shall then greet the congregation.

PRESIDENT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother

In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 451

- Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.

 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts. **ALL**: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL**: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, everlasting God.

For you have called men and women in every age and imbued them with fortitude and zeal to champion the cause of freedom and justice, the sanctity of life and the dignity of human nature.

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

ALL:

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!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - FORM E:

PRESIDENT:

overeign Lord and Father,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
In your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being;
In your great love

you fashioned us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcame the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as first fruits of your new creation.

On the night that He was betrayed He took bread. and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you, Do this for the remembrance of me." And 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."

PRESIDENT:

Therefore, Father, according to the command of your dearly beloved Son,

ALL:

We remember His death; We proclaim His resurrection; We await His coming in glory.

PRESIDENT:

And we offer you, Father, our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer. As we partake of this holy food of new and unending life, may your Holy Spirit establish us as a royal priesthood with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Nand all your sons and daughters who share in your eternal inheritance; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. *Amen*.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION:

PRESIDENT: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

COMMUNION HYMN:608

- My God, and is thy table spread, and doth thy cup with love o'erflow? Thither be all thy children led, and let them all thy sweetness know.
- Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes, rich banquet of his flesh and blood! Thrice happy he who here partakes that sacred stream, that heavenly food.
- 3. Why are its dainties all in vain before unwilling hearts displayed? Was not for them the Victim slain? Are they forbid the children's Bread?
- O let thy table honoured be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.
- To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost the God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel-host be praise and glory evermore.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 654

- Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me; take my hand and ever keep me close to thee.
- Teach me how to grow in goodness daily as I grow; thou hast been a child and surely thou dost know.
- Step by step, O lead me onward, upward into youth; wiser, stronger, still becoming in thy truth.
- Never leave me nor forsake me, ever be my friend, for I need thee from life's dawning to its end.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to follow His Saints in faith and hope and love; and The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN:711

- FOR the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our grateful Hymn of praise.
- 2. For the beauty of each hour
 Of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale, and tree and flower,
 sun and moon and stars of light,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise
 this our grateful Hymn of praise.
- For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our grateful Hymn of praise.
- 4. For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,

graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our grateful Hymn of praise.

5. For Thy Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our grateful Hymn of praise.

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please feel free to depart during the postlude, mindful of those who remain to listen.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The St. James' Church Family would like to extend a blessed welcome to all today. A very special welcome to our visitors. May this service be an inspiration to all.
- Best wishes are extended to all celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week.
- A very, very special birthday greeting to our own Yvonne Inniss who will be ninety-three (93) years on October 12!



OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

Our records indicate that the following members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Special greetings are extended to them.

Drummond, Catherine (Mrs.)

October 11



Boyce, Adrian (Mr.) October 7



Cole, Marguerite (Ms.) October 9



Inniss, Yvonne (Mrs.) October 12

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you

Psalm 22: 22

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