ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

THE TWENTIY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 23B LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024



7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon 9:15 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Rector: The Rev. Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight

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Jeremy Forbes Ena Gooding
JUDITH GRAZETTE
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IOTHA RILEY
Francis Rock
Thelma Rock
Viola Rock
JENNY ROUSE
Mona Rouse
Ralph Shepherd
MICHAEL SMITH
DAISY STUART
SHARON TROTMAN
Francisca Wilkie
The St. James'
Church Family would
like to extend a
blessed welcome to all
today. A very special
welcome to our
welcome to our visitors. May this service be an
visitors. May this
service be an
inspiration to all.

ORGAN PRELUDE Organist: Dr. Philip Forde, frco

OPENING SENTENCE:

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Psalm 116: 15, 16

INTROIT HYMN: 533

- O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
- What peaceful hours I once enjoyed! How sweet their memory still! But they have left an aching void the world call never fill.
- Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest:

 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
- The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.
- So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia

ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia

The following may be said by the President and people:

THE PRAYER OF INTENT

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen*.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL:

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*.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; vou alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT: THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*. 6

FOR ALL CHRISTIANS IN THEIR VOCATION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

<u> THE FIRST LESSON - JOB 23:1-9, 16-17</u>

Job, a man of great integrity and fidelity to God, has been stripped of all his possessions and of his children. He is suffering greatly both mentally and physically. Eliphaz, one of his three friends, has just wrongly advised him that to be suffering as he is, he must have committed grave sins. Now Job seeks to plead his case before God.

A Reading from the Word of God, found in the book of Job, Chapter 23, beginning at the first verse.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;

his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;

on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;

the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:1-15

This psalm is about a person who is crying out to God to save him from the taunts and torments of his enemies.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;* by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *

and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my

mother's womb.

- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

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: HEBREWS 4:12-16

The author has written that Christ, the sympathetic and trustworthy "high priest", took on being human in every way, being tested by suffering. Through his death he is able to restore us to oneness with God, freeing us from the power of evil forces – as his readers are now tempted to desert the faith.

A Reading from the Word of God, found in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 4, beginning at the twelfth verse.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord

The people:. Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 271

- Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above; be thou our guardian, thou our guide, o'er every thought and step preside.
- The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way; plant holy fear in every heart, that we from God may ne'er depart.
- Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his pastures stray; lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
- Lead us to heaven, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there; lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him for ever blest.

THE GOSPEL - MARK 10:17-31

Wealth can be a barrier to entry into the kingdom of God – to inheritance of eternal life. People can put possessions before God. They cannot gain entry themselves, for it is God who gives eternal life. Discipleship will be rewarded in heaven, and will bring social and religious fellowship in this life.

Gospeler:The Lord be with youAll:And also with you

Gospeler:A Reading from the Holy Gospel according
to Mark.All:Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(NRSV)

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or 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, one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in fulfilment of 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 INTERCESSION: 7:15 A.M.

EDWARDINE CLARKE: FORM A

The following will be used for the Intercession: LEADER: Lord in your mercy ALL Graciously hear us

THE INTERCESSION: 9:15 A.M. NICOLE JOHNSON: FORM F

LEADER: Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their needs. *Lord, in your love,*

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Bless and inspire all members of the clergy, especially Howard, our Archbishop; Michael, Rufus, Wilfred and John, our Bishops; Beverley and Michelle, our Priests.

ALL: That their lives may be examples of their teaching, and that they may rightly and faithfully administer your Holy Sacraments.

LEADER: Guide and protect all Heads of State and all who bear rule, especially those in this land: Sandra our (President), Mia Amor, our Prime Minister, all members of Parliament, and all persons serving in Local Government. ALL: That our people may be godly and peacefully governed.

LEADER: Direct those who administer justice; and strengthen those who guard and protect the land. **ALL**: **That our people may dwell in peace.**

LEADER: Reveal the common good to those in positions of public trust and to decision-makers in industry and commerce.

ALL: That freedom and dignity may prevail among us.

LEADER: Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

ALL:

That the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of your truth.

LEADER: Comfort and help all persons who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those specially listed on our Prayer List. **ALL**: **Help us to help them, O Lord.**

LEADER: Remember our brothers and sisters, and all others who have died in your faith and fear. **ALL**: **Grant them peace and eternal life.**

LEADER: We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs; and all the Saints who have been good examples in their several generations.

PRESIDENT: And finally let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence may be kept.

ALL: Accept our prayers and intercessions, Father, according to your wisdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1: 8 - 9)

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

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.

ALL: 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.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ALL: And also with you.

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: 539

- Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
- Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store;

take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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 you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

OF GOD THE FATHER

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

S 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 THE 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: 581

- 1. Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
- 2. Saved by that body and that holy blood, with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
- 3. Salvation's Giver, Christ, the Only Son, by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

- 4. Offered was he for greatest and for least, himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.
- 5. Victims were offered by the law of old, which in a type this heavenly mystery told.
- 6. He, Ransomer from death, and Light from shade, now gives his holy grace his saints to aid.
- 7. Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere, and take the safeguard of salvation here.
- 8. He, that his saints in this world rules and shields, to all believers life eternal yields;
- with heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 10. Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 641

Refrain:

ALL things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

 Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

Refrain

 The purple-headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky;-

Refrain

 The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden,-He made them every one;

Refrain

4. The tall trees in the greenwood, The meadows where we play, The rushes by the water, We gather every day;-

Refrain

 He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell, How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

Refrain

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

Pentecost

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; 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: 429

- Who would true valour see let him come hither; one here will constant be, come wind, come weather. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.
- Whoso beset him round with dismal stories, do but themselves confound; his strength the more is. No lion can him fright; he'll with a giant fight,

but he will have a right to be a pilgrim.

 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt his spirit; he knows he at the end shall life inherit. Then, fancies, fly away; he'll not fear what men say; he'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

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.

OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Burnett, Myesha Skeete, Norma (Miss)



Bourne, Peter (Mr.) October 14



Field, Sean (Mr.) October 18

October 19 October 13



Field, Eric (Mr.) October 18



Hunte, Margaret (Mrs.) October 17

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