

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 24B

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024



7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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Rector: The Rev. Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight

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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.

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: 852

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mold me, fill me;
spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on him
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on him
Break him melt him, Mold him fill him
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on him
3. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on them
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on them
Break them, melt them, Mold them, fill them,
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on them
4. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on us
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on us
Break us, melt us, Mold us, fill us,
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on us

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;
 you 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:

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Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON – JOB 38:1-7

Job has complained of God's indifference and injustice to him; he has asked why his misfortune happened. He has pleaded that God hear him, that God answer him. He finds out that he and his friends thought they understood the world; he ends up realizing that they do not. And so his complaint against God evaporates.

A Reading from the Word of God, found in the book of Job, Chapter 38, beginning at the first verse.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words
without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to
me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of
the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you
know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:1-9, 25, 37B

This psalm describes the wonders of the world created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit.

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *
O LORD my God, how excellent is your
greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the
waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle;
*
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened
away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the
valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

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 5: 1-10

The author has told us that “we have a great high priest” who has been raised to heaven, namely “Jesus, Son of God”. Now he compares the high priests of Judaism with Christ. He writes as though the Temple still stands.

A Reading from the Word of God, found in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 5, beginning at the first verse.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to

offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord

The people:. *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 508

1. A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will.
3. Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live;
and, O, thy servant, Lord, prepare
a good account to give.
4. Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely;
and let me ne'er my trust betray,
but press to realms on high.

THE GOSPEL - MARK 10:35-45

The disciples have argued over status. Now James and John seek special status, not realizing that being given it would involve sharing both Jesus' "cup" – that is, his suffering and death – and his baptism – that is, sharing fully in God's ways.

Gospeller: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.*

All: *Glory to Christ Our Saviour.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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:

FOR YOUTH MONTH 2024

**WRITTEN BY MS CHERIANNE CLARKE
 ST LEONARD**

LEADER: Loving God, we come before you on this special day of prayer for our youth, as we mark Youth Month under the theme "*On the Move*" and continue to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our Diocese.

LEADER: Loving God, as we grow up in years, size and responsibility, help us to also grow in faith. Help us to seek You and learn more about You. Help us to be closer to You and to trust You more and more to guide and support us. May we keep striving to do and be better and to love You more.

RESPONSE: Move in our hearts Lord, so we can move forward in You.

LEADER: Loving God, guide and inspire all young people to know and live out Your purpose for our lives. Help us to know that we are special and unique, and to use our talents, time and treasure to serve You and help others.

RESPONSE: Move in our hearts Lord, so we can move forward in You.

LEADER: Loving God, we pray for peace in our homes and in our lives. Help us to deal with problems and conflicts without harsh words and violence. Help us to take the space we need to calm down, and give us the wisdom and strength to ignore or walk away from things when we need to. When others are in conflict, may we not laugh, or stir up, but instead be peacemakers.

RESPONSE: Move in our hearts Lord, so we can move forward in You.

LEADER: Loving God, we thank You for all the good relationships in our lives. May the adults in our lives be positive influences - good listeners, mentors, advisers, advocates and cheerleaders. Help us to be good friends, family members, students and colleagues, loving and respecting each other, and looking out for

each other.

RESPONSE: Move in our hearts Lord, so we can move forward in You.

LEADER: Loving God, we pray for young people that are lonely, depressed or abused. May we all feel Your comfort, strength and love. Help us to be kind in our words and actions, even to those different from us, and to reach out to help others who are sad, angry or bitter.

RESPONSE: Move in our hearts Lord, so we can move forward in You.

LEADER: Loving God, like Solomon we pray for wisdom. Help us to make good choices and decisions in our lives - whom we choose as friends, what we study, how we spend our time, where we go and how we treat and use our bodies. May we think hard before we speak, act or post, so that everything we do or say uplifts us and others, and helps shine Your light in the world.

RESPONSE: Move in our hearts Lord, so we can move forward in You.

LEADER: Loving God, help us to be agents of change in our church and in our world. Help us to stand up for what is right even when it is hard or we are standing alone. Help us to build a better world and church where all are included, loved and treated fairly.

RESPONSE: Move in our hearts Lord, so we can move forward in You.

LEADER: Accept our prayers in the name of Your Son our Saviour 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.

PEACE SONG:

LET THERE BE PEACE SHARED AMONG US

Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes,
May now Your love sweep this nation,
Cause us O Lord to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love.

Let there be peace shared among us,
Let there be peace in our eyes,
May now Your love sweep this nation,
Cause us O Lord to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly peace that is real,
Let there be peace shared among us,
Let there be peace.

Let there be joy shared among us,
 Let there be joy in our eyes,
 May now Your joy sweep this nation,
 Cause us O Lord to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding
 Of brotherly joy that is real,
 Let there be joy shared among us,
 Let there be joy.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 522

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
 and it told thy love to me;
 but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
 and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
 to the cross where thou hast died,
 draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
 to thy precious, bleeding side.*

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
 by the power of grace divine;
 let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
 and my will be lost in thine.

Refrain

3. Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
 that before thy throne I spend,
 when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
 I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

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!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - FORM E:

PRESIDENT:

Sovereign 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. N-
 and 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: 593

1. I am not worthy, Holy Lord,
that thou shouldst come to me;
speak but the word, one gracious word
can set the sinner free.
2. I am not worthy; cold and bare
the lodging of my soul;
how canst thou deign to enter there?
Lord, speak, and make me whole.
3. I am not worthy; yet, my God,
how can I say thee nay;
thee, who didst give thy flesh and blood
my ransom-price to pay?
4. O come! in this sweet morning hour
feed me with food divine;
and fill with all thy love and power
this worthless heart of mine.

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: 517

1. Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labour on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.
4. Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.
5. For Thee delightfully employ

Whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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.*





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OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

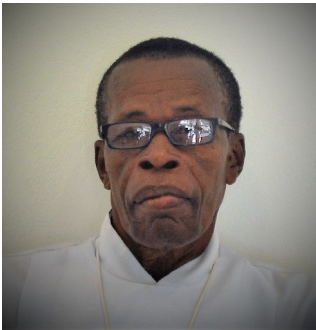
Our records indicate that the following members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Special greetings are extended to them.

Bannister, Shaquille (Mr.)

October 25

Milligan, Kai (Mr.)

October 22



Beckles, Martin (Mr.)
October 20



Francis, Noreen (Miss)
October 26

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

***Jesus said, “Suffer the
little children, and forbid
them not to come unto
me, for such is the
Kingdom of Heaven”.***

Matthew 19:14 KJV

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