

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025



7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Rector: The Reverend Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight

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JEREMY FORBES

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10 SHEILA HATCH

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MURA PAYNE

13 IOTHA RILEY

13 FRANCIS ROCK

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MICHAEL SMITH

DAISY STUART

SHARON TROTMAN

FRANCISCA WILKIE

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21 *The St. James' Church*

Family would like to

extend a blessed

welcome to all today.

22 *A special welcome is*

given to our visitors.

May this service be an

inspiration to all.

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ORGAN PRELUDE

ORGANIST: DR. PHILIP FORDE, ARCM, FRCO

OPENING SENTENCE: EPIPHANY

God chose to make known how great among the nations are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1: 27

INTROIT HYMN: 107

1. The heavenly Child in stature grows,
and, growing, learns to die;
and still his early training shows
his coming agony.
2. The Son of God his glory hides
to dwell with parents poor;
and he who made the heavens abides
in dwelling-place obscure.
3. Those mighty hands that rule the sky
no earthly toil refuse;
the Maker of the stars on high
an humble trade pursues.
4. He whom the choirs of angels praise,
bearing each dread decree,
his earthly parents now obeys
in glad humility.
5. For this thy lowliness revealed,
Jesu, we thee adore,
and praise to God the Father yield
and Spirit evermore.

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:

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.**

Here may follow:

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:**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 — NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

Persia has conquered Babylon. An edict from the Persian king, Cyrus, permits Jewish exiles to return home. The people now gather near one of the gates in the walls of Jerusalem to hear the prophet Ezra reading from Leviticus. He reads in Hebrew, and priestly assistants translate and interpret.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Nehemiah , Chapter 8, beginning at the first verse.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the

presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

This psalm is a hymn which glorifies the Creator God, with special praise for God's law and a prayer for avoidance of sin.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 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.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

Paul has told the Christians at Corinth that spiritual gifts come through the Holy Spirit and are given by for the benefit of the whole community. Now he turns to the nature of the Church – using the analogy of the human body.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle

to the Corinthians , Chapter 12, beginning at the twelfth verse.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same

care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 344

1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound;
2. word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it still,
how his only Son he gave
earth from sin and death to save;
3. word of how the Saviour's love
earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need
through his death the world is freed;

4. word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name; how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above
5. Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long, spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 4 14- 21

Jesus has been tempted by the devil in the wilderness – to misuse his power for his personal benefit, for worldly domination, and for protection from God’s plan fulfilled on the cross. While there he was “led by the Spirit”. Now he applies the words of Isaiah to himself: he is the predicted messiah; he will bring freedom to the oppressed.

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He

unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because he has anointed me
 to bring good news to the poor.
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the
 captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free,
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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: FORM

LEADER:

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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: 108

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
2. To hail thee, Sun of righteousness,
The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.
3. For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.
4. For unto us a child is born,
To us the Son is given,
And on his shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.
5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,

The God by all adored.

6. His righteous government and power
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end
7. Lord Jesus, reign is us, we pray,
And make us thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy spirit, one.

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:

EPIPHANY

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

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 C:**PRESIDENT:**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made

known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and, above all, in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, 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 His command:

ALL:

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

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ
and His Blood of the New Covenant.
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation:

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever.

All: ***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

Form B

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: 616

1. O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
that all thy church might be for ever one,
grant us at every eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done:"
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

4. So, Lord, at length when Sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

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

EPIPHANY

**Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with
good news of His kingdom; 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: 400

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.
2. Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all He loved, His life He gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.
5. Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim;
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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

- *Best wishes are extended to all celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week. We wish you many more.*
- *Our records indicate that the following members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Special greetings are extended to them.*

<i>Goodridge, Linda (Miss)</i>	<i>January 23</i>
<i>Hatch, Marcus (Mr.)</i>	<i>January 28</i>
<i>Yearwood, Shirlene (Mrs.)</i>	<i>January 28</i>

Please note:

As directed by the Rector, Intercessors are reminded

that they are to inform the Web Managers of the Intercession (B — H) to be used during the service.

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to be included in the Booklet for the relevant service.



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