

# ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

*Holetown, St. James, Barbados*

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

## THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION EASTER SUNDAY



*7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon*

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

*Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025*

**RECTOR: THE REV. CANON BEVERLEY SEALY-KNIGHT**

**ASST. PRIEST: REV. GRAVENEY BANNISTER**

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HENRY BANNISTER

MARION BICKLEY

PETER BOURNE

SALLY BOURNE

ANTOINETTE BUTCHER

NOREEN COWARD

SHIRLEY FIELDS

JEREMY FORBES

ENA GOODING

JUDITH GRAZETTE

SHEILA HATCH

CHARLIE HEATH

YVONNE INNISS

RAYN JOHNSON

MILDRED PAYNE

MURA PAYNE

IOTHA RILEY

FRANCIS ROCK

THELMA ROCK

VIOLA ROCK

CYNTHIA ROCK

DIANA ROMERO

JENNY ROUSE

RALPH SHEPHERD

MICHAEL SMITH

DAISY STUART

SHARON TROTMAN

FRANCISCA WILKIE

DIANE WILLIAMS

## ORGAN PRELUDE

ORGANIST: DR. PHILIP FORDE, ARCM, FRCO

### HYMN FOR THE PROCESSION: 176

1. Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry; Alleluia,  
alleluia  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply. Alleluia...
2. While He, the King, the mighty King,  
Despoiling death of all its sting, Alleluia, alleluia  
And, trampling down the powers of night,  
Brings forth His ransomed saints to light.  
Alleluia...
3. His tomb of late the threefold guard  
Of watch and stone and seal had barred; Alleluia,  
alleluia  
But now, in pomp and triumph high,  
He comes from death to victory. Alleluia...
4. The pains of hell are loosed at last;  
The days of mourning now are past; Alleluia,  
alleluia  
An angel robed in light hath said,  
"The Lord is risen from the dead." Alleluia...

### PART TWO

5. O bitter the Apostles' pain  
For their dear Lord so lately slain, Alleluia, alleluia  
By rebel servants doomed to die  
A death of cruel agony. Alleluia...

6. With gentle voice the angel gave  
The women tidings at the grave; Alleluia, alleluia  
"Fear not, your Master shall ye see;  
He goes before to Galilee." Alleluia...
7. Then, hastening on their eager way  
The joyful tidings to convey, Alleluia, alleluia  
Their Lord they met, their living Lord,  
And falling at His feet adored. Alleluia...
8. His faithful followers with speed  
To Galilee forthwith proceed, Alleluia, alleluia  
That there once more they may behold  
The Lord's dear face, as He foretold. Alleluia...

### **PART THREE**

9. That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light, Alleluia,  
alleluia  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The glad apostles saw their Lord. Alleluia...
10. He bade them see His hands, His side,  
Where yet the glorious wounds abide; Alleluia,  
alleluia  
The tokens true which made it plain  
Their Lord indeed was risen again. Alleluia...
11. Jesus, the King of gentleness,  
do Thou Thyself our hearts possess Alleluia,  
alleluia  
That we may give Thee all our days  
The tribute of our grateful praise. Alleluia...

*The following doxology may be sung at the end of any part*

12. O Lord of all, with us abide  
 In this our joyful Eastertide; Alleluia, alleluia  
 From every weapon death can wield  
 Thine own redeemed forever shield. Alleluia...
13. All praise be Thine, O risen Lord,  
 From death to endless life restored; Alleluia,  
 alleluia  
 All praise to God the Father be  
 And Holy Ghost eternally. Alleluia...

## **INTROIT HYMN: 172**

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,  
 our triumphant holy day, alleluia,  
 who did once, upon the cross, alleluia,  
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia,  
 unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia,  
 who endured the cross and grave, alleluia,  
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains that he endured, alleluia,  
 our salvation have procured; alleluia,  
 now above the sky he's King, alleluia,  
 where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

## **OPENING SENTENCES - EASTER**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore Him.

Alleluia!

### **PRESIDENT**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **ALL:**

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **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.

President: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

## **PRESENTATION BY THE CHOIR: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER**

I Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:\*

so let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old leaven of corruption and  
wickedness:\*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity  
and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:\*

death has no more dominion over Him.

In dying He died to sin once for all:\*

in living He lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:\*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:\*

the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death:\*

by man has come also the resurrection of the  
dead;

for as in Adam all die:\*

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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 COLLECT: EASTER**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of sin and death: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43**

*Cornelius, a centurion in the military force in Palestine, and already a believer in God, has had a vision. As a result, he has invited Peter to visit him and his household. It was against Jewish law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, but Peter comes anyway, with "some believers from Joppa".*

*A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Acts, Chapter 10, beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the

dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

*The people: Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

*This psalm is a festival hymn sung in procession in praise of the Lord's salvation.*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*

he who is righteous may enter."

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected\* has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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 NEW TESTAMENT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26**

*Some at Corinth had difficulty accepting Jesus' resurrection, in which humanity becomes immortal, for many considered only the soul to be immortal. Paul has written that if we deny the resurrection, we reject the very basis of the faith. If our faith in Christ is limited to this life, we have been had.*

*A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 15, beginning at the nineteenth verse.*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the

dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord

***The people:*** *Thanks be to God.*

### **HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 163**

1. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
 sing to God a Hymn of gladness,  
 sing to God a Hymn of praise.  
 He, who on the cross a Victim,  
 for the world's salvation bled,  
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
 now is risen from the dead.
2. Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits  
 of the holy harvest field,  
 which will all its full abundance  
 at his second coming yield:  
 then the golden ears of harvest  
 will their heads before him wave,  
 ripened by his glorious sunshine  
 from the furrows of the grave.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen!  
 Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
 rain and dew and gleams of glory

from the brightness of thy face;  
 that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
 here on earth may fruitful be,  
 and by angel-hands be gathered,  
 and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4. Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Glory be to God on high;  
 Alleluia! to the Saviour  
 who has gained the victory;  
 Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
 fount of love and sanctity:  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 to the Triune Majesty.

### **THE GOSPEL JOHN 20:1-18**

*John tells us the events of the Sunday morning after Jesus died and was buried. Mary Magdalene has witnessed Jesus' death on the cross and has been present at his burial in the tomb hewn out of the rock. The orderliness of the linen wrappings shows that the grave has not been robbed.*

**Gospeler:**    *The Lord be with you*

**All:**            *And also with you*

**Gospeler:**    *A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**All:**            *Glory to Christ Our Saviour.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,

the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you

weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **The Gospel of Christ**

*The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.*

### **THE SERMON**

*A silence for reflection may follow.*

### **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

**PRESIDENT:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**PRESIDENT:**

We thank you for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel out of their

bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To Him, to You and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The President may address the people in these or similar words.*

Dear friends,  
through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His holy catholic Church.

**PRESIDENT:** Do you declare and promise that you will,



with the help of God, live your life in the faith of Christ into which you were baptised?

**PEOPLE: I do.**

**PRESIDENT: Do you believe in God the Father?**

**PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**PRESIDENT:**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**PEOPLE:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**PRESIDENT:**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**PEOPLE:**

**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**

**PRESIDENT:** Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in breaking of bread and in the prayers?

**PEOPLE:** I will.

**PRESIDENT:** Will you persevere in resisting evil and repent whenever you fall into sin?

**PEOPLE:** I will.

**PRESIDENT:** Will you be a witness in your daily life to God's saving work in Christ?

**PEOPLE:** I will.

**PRESIDENT:** Will you seek and serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself remembering that every person is loved and valued by God?

**PEOPLE:** I will.

**PRESIDENT:** Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

**PEOPLE:** I do, and with God's help I will follow Christ as my Saviour and Lord.

*The President may sprinkle the assembled congregation with water from the font as a reminder of their baptism.*

*The President concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with the following:*

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May He keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **THE INTERCESSION: FORM C**

**7:15 A.M. JORDAN GRIFFITH**

**9:15 A.M. HARTLEY RICHARDS**

**LEADER:** With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord. saying,  
***"Lord, have mercy."***

**LEADER:** For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls:  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**LEADER:** For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples:  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**LEADER:** For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming:  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**LEADER:** For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples:

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**LEADER:** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfillment:

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**LEADER:** For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them:

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**LEADER:** For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation:

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**LEADER:** For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light:

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**ALL:** O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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.**

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

### ***Song of Peace: Let There Be Peace***

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 HYMNS**

**7:15 A.M. HYMN 163— (GO TO PAGE 12)**

### **9:15 A.M. HYMN 166**

1. Christ the Lord is risen again!  
 Christ hath broken every chain!  
 Hark! Angelic voices cry,  
 Singing evermore on high,  
 Alleluia!
2. He, Who gave for us His life,  
 Who for us endured the strife,  
 Is our Paschal Lamb today;  
 We, too, sing for joy, and say  
 Alleluia!
3. He, Who bore all pain and loss  
 Comfortless upon the cross,  
 Lives in glory now on high,

Pleads for us, and hears our cry;  
Alleluia!

4. He Whose path no records tell,  
Who descended into hell;  
Who the strong man armed hath bound,  
Now in highest heaven is crowned.  
Alleluia!
5. He Who slumbered in the grave,  
Is exalted now to save;  
Now through Christendom it rings  
That the Lamb is King of kings.  
Alleluia!
6. Now He bids tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we, too, may enter Heaven.  
Alleluia!
7. Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, Thy ransomed people feed:  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
Let us sing by night and day  
Alleluia!

## **HYMN 165**

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.



2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war  
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, 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 you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

**EASTER:**

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life.

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 B:**

#### **PRESIDENT:**

Holy and gracious Father,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
All life, all holiness, comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom you sent to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts, and we ask you to  
make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they  
may-become the Body and Blood of your Son, our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, who offered Himself in obedience  
to your will, the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

On the night 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."

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.

Do this, whenever you drink it,  
For the remembrance of me."

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

President:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son  
endured for our salvation;

His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;

His continual intercession for us in heaven;

and looking for His coming again in glory,

we offer you, in thanksgiving,

this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,

and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts

may be filled with your Holy Spirit

and become one body in Christ,

and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable

us, in communion with blessed Mary

and the whole company of heaven,

to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

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:** My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**ALL:** Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us.  
**Amen.**

## **COMMUNION HYMN: 170**

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
he came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour  
lives.

### ***Refrain:***

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride, and joy he gives;

but greater still the calm assurance,  
 this child can face uncertain days because he  
 lives.

***Refrain***

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;  
 I'll fight life's final war with pain:  
 and then as death gives way to victory,  
 I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.

***Refrain***

**HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 550**

1. I danced in the morning  
 when the world was begun,  
 and I danced in the moon  
 and the stars and the sun,  
 and I came down from heaven  
 and I danced on the earth,  
 at Bethlehem  
 I had my birth

***Refrain:***

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
 And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He.*

2. I danced for the scribe  
 and the Pharisee  
 but they would not dance  
 and they wouldn't follow me;

I danced for fishermen,  
for James and John -  
they came with me  
and the Dance went on:

***Refrain***

3. I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame:  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there  
on a cross to die:

***Refrain***

4. I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black -  
It's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the Dance  
and I still go on:

***Refrain***

5. They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the Life  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in Me -



I am the Lord  
of the Dance, said He!

***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**

The God of peace, Who brought again from the  
dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the  
sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do His will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in His  
sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always.

**All: Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN 169**

**7:15 A.M. HYMN 172 (PAGE 5)**

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel

into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.
4. Alleluia now we cry  
to our King Immortal,  
who triumphant burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
alleluia, with the Son  
God the Father praising;  
alleluia yet again  
to the Spirit raising.

### **NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *The St. James' Church Family would like to extend a blessed welcome to all taking part in this act of worship today.*  
*We offer a very special welcome to all of our visitors., especially those from overseas*  
*We also pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**PRESIDENT:**        Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**ALL**                In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Our records indicate that*



**Sidney Forde (BDay Apr.24)**

*is celebrating a birthday this week. Special greetings are extended to him from all of us.*

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