ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY HOME AND FAMILY WEEK MOTHERS' DAY



MAY 11, 2025

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

RECTOR: THE REV. CANON BEVERLEY SEALY-KNIGHT ASST. PRIEST: REV. GRAVENEY BANNISTER

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ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES - EASTER

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

INTROIT HYMN: 361

- ALL people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before Him, and rejoice.
- The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid He did us make; we are His flock, he doth us feed and for His sheep He doth us take.
- O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto; praise, laud, and bless His Name always, for it is seemly so to do.
- For why? the Lord our God is good; his mercy is for ever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.
- To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God Whom Heav'n and earth adore, from men and from the Angel-host be praise and glory evermore.

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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!

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 .

THE COLLECT: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ, born of a woman, sanctified childhood and shared the life of an earthly home; bless the homes and families of our nation. Give to parents a true sense of responsibility in the care and training of their children, that our boys and girls may grow up in the fear of your Name and the fellowship of your Church, for the glory of Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING - ACTS 9:36-43

In this reading from the story of the early Church, Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 9, beginning at the thirty-sixth verse.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon. a tanner.

The Word of the Lord **The people:** Thanks be to God.

<u>PSALM 23</u>

The Lord is my guide and shepherd. God is present in times of danger and is generous and merciful.

- The Lord is my shepherd;*
 I shall not be in want.
- He makes me lie down in green pastures* and leads me beside still waters.
- He revives my soul* and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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**. 8

THE SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

This reading is a vision of the fate of the faithful during the end times. While they will suffer during the final events of this era, they will survive; in fact, God will give them eternal life.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the Revelation of John, Chapter 7, beginning at the ninth verse.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

> "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

> "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- For this reason they are before the throne of God,
 - and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

- They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
- for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
 - and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
- and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord **The people:** Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: A & M 690

- Great Shepherd of your people, hear! Your presence now display; as you have given a place for prayer, so give us hearts to pray.
- Within these walls let holy peace and love and friendship dwell; here give the troubled conscience ease; the wounded spirit heal.
- 3. May we in faith receive your word, in faith present our prayers,

and in the presence of our Lord unburden all our cares.

 The hearing ear, the seeing eye, the contrite heart bestow, and shine upon us from on high, that we in grace may grow.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 10:22-30

In this gospel reading, Jesus speaks to those who are unable to believe in him and then tells the story of his sheep who belongs to him forever.

Gospeler:	The Lord be with you
All:	And also with you
Gospeler:	A Reading from the Holy Gospel according
	to John.
All:	Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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:

9:15: Form B

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

ALL: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 HYMN #1: 168

- Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem, cleave the skies with shouts of praise; sing to him who found the ransom, ancient of eternal days, God of God, the Word Incarnate, whom the heaven of heaven obeys.
- Ere he raised the lofty mountains, formed the seas, or built the sky, love eternal, free and boundless, moved the Lord of Life to die, foreordained the Prince of princes for the throne of Calvary.
- There, for us and our redemption, see him all his lifeblood pour! There he wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more; then, arising, lives for ever, reigning where he was before.
- High on yon celestial mountains stands his gem-built throne, all bright, midst unending alleluias bursting from the sons of light; Sion's people tell his praises, Victor after hard-won fight.

- Bring your harps, and bring your odours, sweep the string and pour the lay; let the earth proclaim his wonders, king of that celestial day; he the Lamb once slain is worthy, who was dead, and lives for aye.
- Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

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 PRAYERPRESIDENT:The Lord be with youAll: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!

EUCHARISTIC 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."

All:

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:

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 #1: 583

- Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.
- Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way; so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.
- Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore; make my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more.
- Hallow every pleasure, every gift and pain; be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.

 Day by day prepare me as thou seest best, then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

Communion Hymn #2: 667

- Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tenderest care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou has bought us, thine we are; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus thou has bought us, thine we are.
- We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus hear, oh hear us when we pray; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus hear, oh hear us when we pray.
- Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus let us early turn to thee.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

 Early let us seek thy favour, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Saviour, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus thou hast love us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus thou hast loved us, love us still.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 664

- Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep; nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.
- Loving Saviour, thou didst give thine own life that we might live, and the hands outstretched to bless bear the cruel nails' impress.
- I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey, like thy blessèd ones above happy in thy precious love.
- Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy Lamb thy voice to hear, suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

 Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below, till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

OFFERTORY HYMN #2: 702

- O THOU Who makest souls to shine With light from lighter worlds above, And droppest glistening dew Divine On all who seek a Saviour's love;
- do Thou Thy benediction give On all who teach, on all who learn, That so Thy Church may holier live, And every lamp more brightly burn.
- Give those, who teach, pure hearts and wise, Faith, hope, and love, all warmed by prayer; Themselves first training for the skies, They best will raise their people there.
- Give those, who learn, the willing ear, The spirit meek, the guileless mind; Such gifts will make the lowliest here Far better than a kingdom find.
- O bless the shepherd; bless the sheep; That guide and guided both be one, One in the faithful watch they keep, Until this hurrying life be done.

 If thus, Good Lord, Thy grace be given, In Thee to live, in Thee to die, Before we upward pass to Heaven, We taste our immortality.

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**

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.
- Best wishes are extended to all celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week. We wish them the very best and pray that they will be blessed with many more.
- We offer special congratulations to **Ms. Jordan Griffith** who received an internship opportunity from an environmental science course she did last semester. She will be traveling to Sicily and conducting cultural stone stability index (cssi) on some of the historical buildings there.

THE BLESSING

God raise you from the death of sin to walk with Christ in His risen life; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always

ALL: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN 476

- The King of love my Shepherd is whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever
- Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
- Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.
- In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT:Go in peace and serve the Lord.ALLIn 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.Broomes-Clarke, Wendy (Mrs.)May 12
May 15



Coulthrust, Monica (Miss) May 16

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