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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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

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OPENING SENTENCES -

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4: 14, 16

INTROIT HYMN: 393

1. Break thou the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee,
O living Word.
2. Thou art the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,
thy holy word the truth
that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live
with thee above;
teach me to love thy truth,
for thou art love.
3. O send thy Spirit, Lord,
now unto me,

that he may touch my eyes,
and make me see;
show me the truth concealed
within thy word,
and in thy book revealed
I see thee, Lord.

4. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all.

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 .

THE COLLECT:

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:17-25

The people of Israel have prayed that God will reveal himself to them as he did in olden times. God has answered: "I was ready to be sought out" but no one sought my help. Israel was disobedient and self-centred, but God will preserve a faithful line that he will choose.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 65, beginning at the seventeenth verse.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its
people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a
lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be
considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be
considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their
hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 9

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH: ISAIAH 12:2-6

*A canticle of praise announcing the vindication
of those who have placed their confidence in the
Lord God.*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,*
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is
exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great
things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy
One of Israel.

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 READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

We come to the concluding section of this letter - one which counsels against expecting Christ to come again soon. It seems that some in the community have ceased to work and to spread the word of God.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, Chapter 3, beginning at the sixth verse.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living

in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 352

1. "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.
2. But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;

gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near

4. The day to whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

We come to the end of Jesus' teaching in the Temple. His prediction of its destruction came true about forty years later. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to tell his followers of the ordeals they will need to endure. Perseverance will be rewarded.

Gospeler: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you*

Gospeler: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Luke.*

All: *Glory to Christ Our Saviour.*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he

said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

(NRSV)

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary.

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

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

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

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.

THE INTERCESSION: FORM D

7: 15 A.M.: XAVIER GILES

LEADER: Our Heavenly Father has promised through
our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.
Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World,
and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER: We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishops, Michael, John, Rufus and Wilfred and all the people of God.

ALL: Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER: We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially Haiti, with its many social and economic challenges; and for all peoples in their various callings.

ALL: Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER: We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL: Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER: We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the handicapped; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL: Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER: We commemorate the departed, especially those who have died in your faith.

ALL: We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER: Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: *Amen.*

HYMN FOR BAPTISM: 632 (9:15 A.M. MASS)

1. Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.
2. Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
And fruits of truth and goodness show.
3. Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.

Before his cross for guidance kneel;
His light will judge and, judging, heal.

4. Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.
5. Then sing for joy, and use each day;
Give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

MINISTER:

Let all Parents and Godparents who have brought this child to be baptized now come forward.

MINISTER:

Why do you present this child for Baptism?

ANSWER: We present *this child* for Baptism in order that they (*he/she*) may be made living members of the Church which is the Body of Christ.

MINISTER:

Parents and Godparents, the child whom you have brought for Baptism will, by reason of their (*his/her*) infancy, depend on your help and encouragement to grow in the knowledge, reverence and service of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

You must remember, that it is also your duty to see that they (*he/she*) are (*is*) instructed in the good news of God's Salvation in Christ, the Church's Creeds and Catechism and all other things which a Christian ought to know, believe and practice as a member of the family of God.

As (*he/she*) grows up, (*he/she*) will also need the help and encouragement of that family, so that (*he/she*) learns to be faithful in public worship and private prayer, to live by love and trust in God, and in due course to come to receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop in Confirmation.

QUESTION: Will you give that help and encouragement by your prayers, by your example, and by your teaching?

ANSWER: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

QUESTION: Will you do all in your power to see that these children (*this child*) (*are/is*) brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him and to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Holy Communion?

ANSWER: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

MINISTER: Therefore I ask these questions which you must answer for yourself and for these children (*this child*) whom you have brought for Baptism.

QUESTION: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour?

ANSWER: I turn and accept Him.

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

ANSWER: I so put my trust.

QUESTION: Do you promise to love God and obey Him as your Lord?

ANSWER: I promise.

QUESTION: Do you renounce Satan, and all the spiritual forces of wickedness?

ANSWER: I do.

QUESTION: Do you renounce injustice and all the evil powers of the world?

ANSWER: I do.

QUESTION: Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

ANSWER: I do.

LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and united our life with yours. Surround these children (*this child*) with your love; protect them (him/her) from evil; sustain and guide them (him/her) by your Holy Spirit, and receive them (*him/her*) into the family of your Church; that they (*he/she*) may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father and giver of all grace, we ask your blessing on those who are about to be baptized and made heirs of your Heavenly Kingdom, that through the prayers, the teaching, the example, and the sharing in the life of those who love and care for them they may grow up in the faith of Christ crucified and in the fellowship of His Church, to serve you faithfully all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

We thank you Heavenly Father for the gift of water; over it your Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through it you led the children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt; in it your son Jesus received the Baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit; fulfilling His Ministry by the offering of Himself on the Cross, blood and water flowed from His side.

We thank you Heavenly Father because you have appointed the water of Baptism for the regeneration of all people, through Jesus Christ your Son. In joyful obedience to Him, we make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now therefore sanctify this water by the same Holy Spirit, and grant that all who are baptized in it may be united with Christ, forgiven in Him, set free from the bondage of sin and raised with Christ to eternal life.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister says to the Parents and Godparents:

MINISTER:

You have brought this child to Baptism. Will you now declare before God and His Church the Christian Faith into which these children (*this child*) are to be baptized and in which you will help them live and grow?

ANSWER: I will.

The Minister says to the congregation:

MINISTER: My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our Baptismal commitment.

QUESTION: Do you believe in God the father?

ANSWER:

I believe in God the Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

QUESTION: Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

ANSWER:

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

QUESTION: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ANSWER:

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.

MINISTER: This is the faith of the Church.

ALL:

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Alleluia! Alleluia!)

THE BAPTISM:

MINISTER: Name this Child.

PARENT OR GODPARENT: N_

MINISTER:

N_ I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

The Minister then makes the sign of the cross saying:

MINISTER: God has united you to Himself and received you into His family the Church. I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Fight valiantly against all evil and continue Christ's faithful servant to the end of your life.

The Minister or another person may give a lighted candle to the parents or godparents of each child, saying:

MINISTER: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son. Receive this light and walk as a child of light.

ALL: Let your light so shine among people, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

MINISTER: My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us welcome the newly baptized!

ALL:

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We are members together of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father and inheritors together of His kingdom.

MINISTER: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith and trust we say:

ALL:

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 for ever. Amen.

MINISTER

Lord God our Father, maker of heaven and earth, we thank you that by your Holy Spirit these children have (this child has) been born again into new life, adopted for your own, and received into the fellowship of your Church: Grant that they (he/she) may grow in the faith into which they have (he/she has) been baptized, that they may profess it for themselves (him/herself), as they (he/she) grow in Christ, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them (him/her). Amen.

Almighty God our heavenly Father whose beloved Son Jesus Christ shared with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph the life of an earthly home at Nazareth, we pray for your blessing on the homes (home) of these children

(this child): Give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of them (him) that by their word and example they (he) may learn to know and love you, and so come to your eternal home in heaven, through the same your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Or

God our Father, whose Son our Lord grew up in a home at Nazareth: we pray for the homes (home) of these children (this child), that they (it) may be hallowed by prayer and be the abode of your love, joy and peace. Give to their (his/her) parents care and understanding in the training of their children (child) and may they by their teaching and example lead them (him/her) in the way of Christ, that they (he/she) may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your love, for the honour and glory of your name. **Amen.**

MINISTER:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **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: SHALOM

1. Jesus our Friend Divine,
Give heart and soul and mind
The world to him we bring.
To serve Almighty King.

Refrain:

*Shalom shalom shalom in our hearts
Shalom shalom shalom in our life
Shalom shalom shalom for the world,
In new community*

2. Our Lord so loved the world
Let's live in faith to God
Struggle in love and hope
That's how we praise the Lord.

Refrain:

3. Your Grace unites us all
In new community
Your Love and peace may fall
To all humanity.

Refrain:

OFFERTORY HYMN: 397

1. LORD, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2. When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.
3. When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.
4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by Thy Word imparted
to the simple-hearted?
5. Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying!
6. O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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: 621

Refrain:

*Take our bread, we ask you,
take our hearts, we love you;
take our lives, O Father,
we are yours, we are yours.*

1. Yours as we stand at the table you set;
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

2. Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food

We are poor, but we've brought ourselves, the
best we could;
we are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 668

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me
if he were here:
scenes by the wayside,
tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus,
tell them to me.
2. First let me hear how the children
stood round his knee;
and I. shall fancy his blessing
resting on me:
words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light
of Jesu's face.
3. Tell how the sparrow that twitters
on yonder tree
and the sweet meadow-side lily
may speak to me;
give me their message,
for I would hear
how Jesus taught us
our Father's care.
4. Tell me, in accents of wonder,
how rolled the sea

tossing the boat in a tempest
on Galilee;
and how the Master,
ready and kind,
chided the billows
and hushed the wind.

5. Into the city I'd follow
the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm-tree
high in my hand;
one of his heralds,
yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas!
Jesus is King!
6. Show me the scene, in the garden,
of bitter pain;
and of the cross where my Saviour
for me was slain:
sad ones or bright ones,
so that they be,
stories of Jesus,
tell them to me.

9:15 A.M. - POST COMMUNION PRAYER: BAPTISM

Most merciful Father, we thank you for feeding
us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus
Christ; for adopting us as your own children, for
incorporating us into your Church, and for making
us worthy to share in the inheritance of your saints
in light; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do
His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; 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.*

“BARBADOS AT 59”

INDEPENDENCE POEM

FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

"Fifty-nine years of freedom's flame,
Our pride, our nation, we proudly proclaim.
From Bajan shores to the world's delight,
We celebrate our independence, with love and light.

With a history rich and bold,
Our ancestors paved the way, stories untold.
From plantation fields to the sea,
Their struggles and triumphs set us free.

Today, we gather, young and old,
To honor our heritage, our culture to hold.
We celebrate our nation's might,
With a spirit that's strong, resilient, and bright.

Our pride, our nation, we stand as one,
United we stand, beneath the sun.
With a heart full of joy, a soul so free,
We celebrate fifty-nine years of liberty.

So, let's raise our voices, let's raise our flags high,
For Barbados, our nation, we love you, we'll never say goodbye.
May our future be bright, may our spirit remain strong,
Happy 59th Independence Anniversary, Barbados, all day long!"

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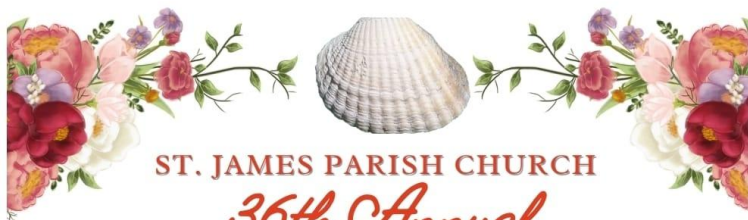


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