

# St. James Parish Church

*Holetown, St. James, Barbados*

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



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

DECEMBER 7, 2025

7:15 a.m. Matins, Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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

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*Organist: Dr. Philip Forde, ARCM, FRCO*

## **OPENING SENTENCES -**

### **ADVENT**

Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon!" Amen. Come,  
Lord Jesus!

*Revelation 22. 20*

## **THE ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### **THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

**FOCUS:** Peace in Our Speech and Screens

#### **READER 1:**

Today we light the second candle—the candle of Peace.

Peace is more than stillness; it is justice, respect, and the safety of all God's children.

#### **READER 2:**

Digital spaces should never be battlegrounds of cruelty. Christ, the Prince of Peace, calls us to create online environments where every person can participate without fear.

#### **PRAYER:**

ALL: God of Peace, still the storms of anger across our screens. Help us speak truth with kindness and courage.

We light this candle for Peace.

**(LIGHT THE SECOND CANDLE.)**

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**7:15 PHILIP AND ARLETTE KING**

**9:15 HARTLEY AND SANDRA RICHARDS**

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**ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH  
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE  
DECEMBER 7, 2025**

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1. Matin Responsory by Palestrina
2. Hymn-Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

**HYMN 37**

1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
and manifest thy virgin-birth:  
let every age adoring fall;  
such birth befits the God of all.
2. Begotten of no human will,  
but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
the Saviour, now to us displayed.
3. From God the Father He proceeds,  
to God the Father back he speeds;  
runs out his course to death and hell,  
returns on God's high throne to dwell.
6. O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee  
eternal praise and glory be,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.
3. Bidding Prayer
4. 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson- Genesis 3. 1-15

Marva Lewis

5. Carol: Adam lay y bounden by Boris Ord
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson- First Thessalonians 5. 1-11  
Maurice Johnson
7. Carol: Zion at the Shinning gate by George Guest
8. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson- Baruch 4. 35-59  
Hartley Richards
9. Carol: People Look East by Malcolm Archer
10. 4<sup>th</sup> Lesson- Luke 4. 14-21  
Felicia Corbin

### **HYMN: 40**

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long:  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.
2. He comes, the prisoners to release  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.
3. He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to bless the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with thy beloved name.
11. 5<sup>th</sup> Lesson- Malachi 3. 1-7  
Marguerite Cole
12. Carol: King Jesus Hath a Garden by George Guest
13. 6<sup>th</sup> Lesson- Luke 1. 39-40  
Michael Bynoe

## HYMN: 42

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake, and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

14. 7<sup>th</sup> Lesson- Isaiah 11. 1-16

Josiah Graham

15. Carol: There is No Rose by Graham J. Ellis

16. 8<sup>th</sup> Lesson- Matthew 3. 1-12

Derek Corbin

17. Magnificat in D by C. H. H. Parry

## SERMON

**FOR THE 9:15 A.M. MATINS, THE EUCHARIST  
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FOLLOWING PAGE (PAGE 9)**



## **OPENING SENTENCES**

### **ADVENT**

Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon!" Amen. Come,  
Lord Jesus!

*Revelation 22. 20*

### **MORNING PRAYER**

V. Blessed be the Lord our God,  
R. **By whose grace we are yet alive.**

V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,  
R. **By whose rising we are set free.**

V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,  
R. **In whom is our hope and our joy;**

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship,  
praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and  
glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our  
worship bear witness to your peace and saving power.  
Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding  
presence of our risen and ascended Lord. *Amen.*

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE OR INVITATORY**

### **VENITE**

#### **PSALM 95:1-8**

O come let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to Him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.  
In His hands are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His and he made it:  
His hands moulded dry land.

Come let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he Himself is our God:

we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of  
His hand.

If only you would hear His voice today:  
for He comes, He comes to judge the earth:  
He shall judge the world with righteousness:  
and the peoples with His truth.

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 Minister says:*

**Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.**

*Minister and people, kneeling, together say:*

**Have mercy upon us,  
most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of  
life,  
to the honour and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest:*

**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. **Amen.**

## **PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19**

*This psalm ask that God endow the king with  
compassionate justice and righteousness, and that  
his reign may extend over all nations and  
throughout all generations.*

1. Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
2. That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
3. That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4. He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the  
oppressor.
5. He shall live as long as the sun and moon  
endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown  
field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
7. In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon  
shall be no more.
18. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19. And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

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 FIRST READING: ROMANS 15:4-13**

*Paul has told his readers that “We who are strong” are to help the “weak” to come to terms with their consciences; we are to endure, pleasantly, their “failings” - thus building up the Christian community. Jesus is our great example.*

*A Reading from the Word of God, written in Paul’s Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 15, beginning at the fourth verse.*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### *The Word of the Lord*

*The people: Thanks be to God.*

## **THE BENEDICTUS LUKE 1:68-79**

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel\*  
You have come to your people and set them  
free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour\*  
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets

You promised of old to save us from our enemies\*  
from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears,\*  
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father  
Abraham:\*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear:\*

holy and righteous before you  
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the  
Most High:\*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the  
way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:\*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:\*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine upon those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:\*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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: MATTHEW 3:1-12**

*Matthew has told us of Jesus' descent from King David, his birth and infancy, and the coming of the wise men. Now he leaps forward to about 26 AD. John the Baptist invites people to return to keeping God's pact with them.*

*A Reading from the Word of God, written in Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 3, beginning at the first verse.*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the

kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

## **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 PRAYERS**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V: Let us pray.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 SUFFRAGES:**

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;  
R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;  
R. And teach our leaders wisdom.

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;  
R. And her servants with knowledge and true  
godliness.

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the  
oppressed;  
R. That your justice may be known among all  
people.

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;  
R. That in us and through us your will may be  
done.

V: Let us pray:

### **THE COLLECT:**

#### **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to  
preach repentance and prepare the way for our  
salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and

forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

*One or more of the following prayers shall be said.*

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Into your hands, Lord, we commend ourselves this day. Let your presence be with us to its close. Strengthen us to remember that in whatever good work we do we are serving you. Give us a diligent and watchful spirit, that we may seek in everything to know your will, and knowing it, may gladly perform it, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rest of the past night, and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at

evening we may again give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God our Father, you have bidden light to shine out of darkness, and have awakened us again to praise your goodness and to seek your grace; make us children of the light and of the day, that our lives being open to your glory, we may shine as lights in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, we thank you  
for the gift of your Holy Word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
A light to our paths,  
And a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us to love and serve all persons  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the Name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.       *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.

## **SONG OF PEACE: SHALOM**

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*

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***

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

### ***Refrain***

## OFFERTORY HYMN: 48

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel;  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

### *Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

### *Refrain*

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

### *Refrain*

4. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

### *Refrain*

5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty, and awe.

### *Refrain*

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

### **PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:**

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

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**PRESIDENT:** The Lord be with you

**ALL:** And also with you

**PRESIDENT:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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

**ALL:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**PRESIDENT:**

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

### **ADVENT**

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven,

who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of  
your Name:

**ALL:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - FORM C:**

**PRESIDENT:**

**W**e give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known  
to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and, above all, in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent Him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In Him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.  
For, on the night that He was betrayed  
He took bread,  
and when He had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to His disciples

and said: "Take this, and eat it:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."  
And after supper  
he took the cup of wine:  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.

**PRESIDENT:**

**T**herefore, Father, according to His command:  
**ALL: We remember His death;**  
**We proclaim His resurrection;**  
**We await His coming in glory.**

**PRESIDENT:**

**A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the Body of Christ  
and His Blood of the New Covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice  
that we, made acceptable in Him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.



In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation:  
By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
Almighty Father, now and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESIDENT:**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRESIDENT:**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**ALL:**

Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.

### **THE INVITATION**

**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.*

### **HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 615**

1. O thou, before the world began,  
ordained a sacrifice for man,  
and by the Eternal Spirit made  
an offering for the sinner's stead;  
our everlasting priest art thou,  
pleading thy death for sinners now.
2. Thy offering still continues new  
before the righteous Father's view;

thyself the Lamb for ever slain,  
thy priesthood doth unchanged remain;  
thy years, O God, can never fail,  
nor thy blest work within the veil.

3. O that our faith may never move  
but stand unshaken as thy love!  
Sure evidence of things unseen,  
now let it pass the years between,  
and view thee bleeding on the tree,  
my Lord, my God, who dies for me.

### **HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 644**

1. Come, sing with holy gladness,  
high alleluias sing,  
uplift your loud hosannas  
to Jesus, Lord and King;  
sing, boys, in joyful chorus  
your hymn of praise today,  
and sing, ye gentle maidens,  
your sweet responsive lay.
2. 'Tis good for boys and maidens  
sweet hymns to Christ to sing,  
'tis meet that children's voices  
should praise the children's King:  
for Jesus is salvation,  
and glory, grace, and rest:  
to babe, and boy, and maiden  
the one Redeemer Blest.
3. O boys, be strong in Jesus,  
to toil for him is gain,  
and Jesus wrought with Joseph  
with chisel, saw, and plane;  
O maidens, live for Jesus,

who was a maiden's Son;  
be patient, pure, and gentle,  
and perfect grace begun.

4. Soon in the golden city  
the boys and girls shall play,  
and through the dazzling mansions  
rejoice in endless day;  
O Christ, prepare thy children  
with that triumphant throng  
to pass the burnished portals,  
and sing the eternal song.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we who share His Body  
live His risen life;  
we who drink His cup  
bring life to others;  
we upon whom your Spirit shines  
give light to the world.  
Help us to continue in faithful witness  
to your Word,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and  
scatter the darkness from before your path; and the

Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**ALL:** Amen

### **HYMN FOR THE RECESSION: 41**

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh', it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;
4. that when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

### **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.*



### ***SPECIAL WELCOME***

***The Rector, PCC and congregation welcome the family and friends of Mrs. Evelyn Roach-Payne who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup>. birthday on December 4, 2025***

***We wish Sister Evelyn well and pray that she will continue her communion with her Church and her God and will enjoy good health as she moves steadfastly onward.***

# St. James Parish Church

<b>SERVICES FOR ADVENT &amp; CHRISTMAS, 2025 (YEAR A)</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>
<b>Sunday Nov. 30 Advent 1 Independence Day</b>	8:00 a.m.	Advent Wreath Ceremony Procession, Sung Holy Eucharist & Sermon.
<b>Sunday Dec. 7. Advent 2</b>	7:15 a.m.	Advent Wreath Ceremony Holy Eucharist & Sermon
	9:15 a.m.	Advent Wreath Ceremony Sung Holy Eucharist & Sermon.
<b>Sunday Dec. 14 Advent 3</b>	7:15 a.m.	Advent Wreath Ceremony Holy Eucharist & Sermon
	9:15 a.m.	Advent Wreath Ceremony Sung Holy Eucharist & Sermon.
<b>Sunday Dec. 21 Advent 4</b>	7:15 a.m.	Advent Wreath Ceremony Holy Eucharist & Sermon
	9:15 a.m.	Advent Wreath Ceremony Sung Holy Eucharist & Sermon
<b>Wednesday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve</b>	6:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas With The Children. Carols, Sung Holy Eucharist &amp; Sermon.</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Procession, Sung Holy Eucharist &amp; Sermon</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 31 Old Year's Eve</b>	9: 00 p.m.	<b>Eve of the Holy Name Old Year Devotions &amp; Holy Eucharist</b>

# ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH HARVEST GARDEN PARTY 2026

## WORKING PLANS FOR FLORAL DISPLAYS

- 1 Theme for 2026 is *"Giving Thanks"*
- 2 The Floral exhibits will feature the following:

(i) The Last Supper	(x) Hospitality
(ii) Peace and Love	(xi) Food
(iii) Music	(xii) Sunrise
(iv) The Word	(xiii) Sunset
(v) Education	(xiv) The Sea
(vi) Health	(xv) The Wind
(vii) Protective Services	(xvi) Joy
(viii) The World	(xvii) Unity
(ix) The Church	
- 3 The list of flowers and any other items is now to be finalized, and the Budget completed by November 30
- 4 It is suggested that an appeal should be made for sponsorship of an exhibit. If this is done - sponsorship of each floral exhibit is estimated at \$250 **except** "The Last Supper" and "Peace and Love" which are both estimated at \$500 each
- 5 Help is needed for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the show, 4 -6 Feb. 2026. If we are getting assistance from the "Youth Corp", 12 will be enough.

Maurice Webster (coordinator)

November 15, 2025



**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., most especially those from overseas .*
- *We also pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.*

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

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



**Alleyne, Sonia (Ms.)**  
**December 11**



**Byer, Wilfred (Mr.)**  
**December 12**



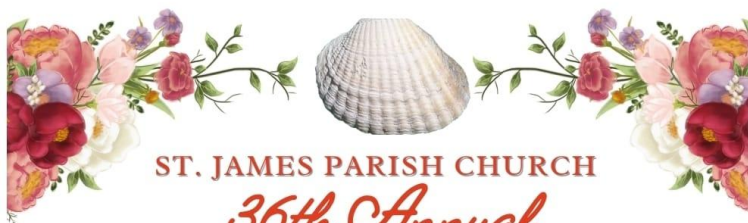
**Giles, Xavier (Mr.)**  
**December 7**



**Payne, Mildred (Mrs.)**  
**December 11    101 Years Old!!**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

*Christian stewardship is a life commitment to the worship of God and to the study of His will for us as this is revealed in the Holy Scriptures:*



ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

### *36th Annual Harvest Garden Party*

Come see The Church decorated with flowers  
In the Garden Sidewalk Art, Craft, Food, Drinks, Tea  
Activities for Children  
Entertainment by The Barbados Police Service Band and  
others



Saturday, February 7, 2026  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm on the Church grounds

ADMISSION: Adults \$15.00

Children under 12 - \$5 at the gate

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