

St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

LAND SUNDAY

*Fair are the rivers,
Meadows and forests
Clothed in the fresh green robes of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes the gladdest heart to sing.*

Schönster Herr Jesu (1677)

Lilian Stevenson (Trans.) (1870-1960)

Hymn 366 CPWI

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

PROPER 20A

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE		PRAYER LIST	
THE OPENING SENTENCE		ALLISTAIR ABRAHAM	
OPENING ACCLAMATION		LORNA ALLEYNE	
COLLECT FOR PURITY		HENRY BANNISTER	
THE KYRIES		PETER BOURNE	
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS		SALLY BOURNE	
THE COLLECT		ANTOINETTE BUTCHER	
LITURGY OF THE WORD		NOREEN COWARD	
1ST. READING		SHIRLEY FIELDS	
7:15 A.M. MICHELE HINDS		JEREMY FORBES	
9:15 A.M. JADA HUTSON		COLLEEN GIBSON	
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THE GOSPEL		CHARLIE HEATH	
THE SERMON		YVONNE INNISS	
THE CREED		RAYN JOHNSON	
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THE ABSOLUTION		THELMA ROCK	
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LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT		CYNTHIA ROCK	
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS		DIANA ROMERO	
SURSUM CORDA		JENNY ROUSE	
PROPER PREFACE		RALPH SHEPHERD	
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS		MICHAEL SMITH	
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ORGAN PRELUDE

ORGANIST: DR. PHILIP FORDE, ARCM, FRCO

OPENING SENTENCES: GENERAL

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

Psalm 96: 9

INTROIT HYMN 806

1. He sat to watch o'er customs paid,
a man of scorned and hardening trade,
alike the symbol and the tool
of foreign masters' hated rule.
2. But grace within his breast had stirred,
there needed but the timely word;
it came, true Lord of souls, from thee,
that royal summons, "Follow me."
3. Enough, when thou wast passing by,
to hear thy voice, to meet thine eye;
he rose, responsive to the call,
and left his task, his gains, his all.
4. O wise exchange! with these to part,
and lay up treasure in the heart;
who now with crown of light doth shine
among the apostolic line.
5. Come, Saviour, as in days of old;
pass where the world has strongest hold,
and faithless care and selfish greed
are thorns which choke the holy seed.

6. Who keep thy gifts, O bid them claim
the steward's, not the owner's name;
who yield up all for thy dear sake.
let them of Matthew's wealth partake.

PRESIDENT

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The following may be said by the President and people:

THE PRAYER OF INTENT

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 .

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

THE COLLECT:

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 20 — LAND SUNDAY

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 3:14-19; 4:8-16

GENESIS 3:14-19

The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring^[e] and her
offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel.”

To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in
 childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for^[f] your husband,
 and he shall rule over you.”

And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife

and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your
life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,

till you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;

for you are dust,

and to dust you shall return.”

GENESIS 4: 8-16

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground,

it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 139: 7 - 12

7. If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there
also.
8. If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9. Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
10. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
*
and the light around me turn to night,"

11. Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

12. For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

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 - ROMANS 5:12-17

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

Paul contrasts Christ and Adam. Adam was the first human; with Christ there is a new humanity. Both inaugurated eras.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Letter of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 5, beginning at the twelfth verse.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many

died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 396

1. Lord, be thy word my rule,
in it may I rejoice;
thy glory be my aim,
thy holy will my choice;
2. thy promises my hope,
thy providence my guard,
thine arm my strong support,
thyself my great reward.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 12:38-40

THE SIGN OF JONAH

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ, our Lord.

(NRSV)

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. ***Amen.***

THE INTERCESSION: FORM D

7:15 A.M. ROSE-ANN RICHARDS

9:15 A.M. NATHAN ECCLESTON

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.

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

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

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 711

1. FOR the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.
3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.
4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of praise.
5. For Thy Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our grateful Hymn of 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:

OF GOD THE FATHER

**For you are the source of light and life; you made us
in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus**

Christ our Lord.

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 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.

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 595

1. I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:

*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

4. I am the resurrection, I am the life;
they who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

5. Yes, Lord we believe
that you are the Christ,

The Son of God
who has come into the world.

Refrain

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 664

1. Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.
2. Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.
3. I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.
4. Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy Lamb thy voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.
5. Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

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.*
- *The printing of 2027 Stewardship Envelopes will begin shortly. New members of the congregation interested in receiving envelopes are asked to please inform the office.. It is assumed that all current recipients will continue to contribute to this noble and necessary activity.*

THE BLESSING: PENTECOST

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; 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: 413

1. GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing streams doth flow:
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side
songs and praises
I will ever give to Thee.

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.*

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Invites you to an

EVENING OF MUSIC



Featuring

The Barbados Defence Force Band

with

Chelsea Cadogan-Goddard

Cheralee Marshall &

Hearts of Flame Steel Orchestra

St. James Parish Church
26 September 2026 | 4:00 p.m.



Admission
\$40

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

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

<i>Burnett, Brenda (Miss)</i>	<i>September 24</i>
<i>Greenidge, Marva (Mrs.)</i>	<i>September 22</i>
<i>Roach, Karene (Mrs.)</i>	<i>September 24</i>
<i>Thorpe, Kim (Miss)</i>	<i>September 23</i>



Alleyne, Elsie (Mrs.)
September 21



Kellman, Monica (Mrs.)
September 22



Medford, George (Mr.)
September 21

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