

St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

Rivers

There pure lifegiving streams o'erflow

The sower's garden ground;

And faith and hope fair blossoms show,

And fruits of love abound.

Lionel B.C.L Muirhead (1845-1925)

Hymn 347 CPWI

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

PROPER 21A

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OPENING ACCLAMATION		LORNA ALLEYNE	
COLLECT FOR PURITY		HENRY BANNISTER	
THE KYRIES		PETER BOURNE	
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THE COLLECT		ANTOINETTE BUTCHER	
LITURGY OF THE WORD		NOREEN COWARD	
1ST. READING		SHIRLEY FIELDS	
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9:15 A.M. MICHAEL BYNOE		COLLEEN GIBSON	
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THE CREED		RAYN JOHNSON	
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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

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 407

1. As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

Refrain:

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

2. I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-given
And the apple of my eye.

Refrain

3. You are my Friend and you are my Brother
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything.

Refrain

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 .

THE COLLECT

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT: FEAST OF CREATION IN CHRIST

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth; you are the Word through whom all things were made; and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

SEPTEMBER 27 — RIVER SUNDAY

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 8:20-22; 9:12-17

The sign of the covenant between God and mankind.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Genesis, chapter 8, beginning at the twentieth verse.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and

said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though^[a] every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.”

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 104:27-33

- ²⁷ All creatures look to you
to give them their food at the proper time.
- ²⁸ When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.
- ³⁰ When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
- ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
- ³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

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 LESSON: REVELATION 22: 1-5

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Revelation, chapter 22, beginning at the first verse.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 441

1. As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee,
and thy refreshing grace.
2. For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine:

O when shall I behold thy face,
thou majesty divine?

3. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring.
4. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

The Resurrection

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

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

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was

crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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 C

7:15 A.M. TRACY BROOMES

9:15 A.M. SANDRA LEACOCK

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

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

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O Lord of love, and to

you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1: 8 - 9)*

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: *Amen.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

SONG OF PEACE: 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: 500

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

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:

THE LORD'S DAY

Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was

given. On the first day of creation, you brought light and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church.

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: 598

1. I hunger and I thirst;
Jesu, my manna be;
ye living waters, burst
out of the rock for me.
2. Thou bruised and broken Bread,
my life-long wants supply;
as living souls are fed,
O feed me, or I die.
3. Thou true life-giving Vine,
let me thy sweetness prove;
renew my life with thine,
refresh my soul with love.
4. Rough paths my feet have trod
since first their course began;
feed me, thou Bread of God;
help me, thou Son of Man.
5. For still the desert lies
my thirsting soul before;
O living waters, rise
within me evermore.

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**

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: 374

1. O praise our great and gracious Lord,
And call upon His Name;
To strains of joy tune every chord,
His mighty acts proclaim;
Tell how He led His chosen race
To Canaan's promised land;
Tell how His covenant of grace
Unchanged shall ever stand.
2. He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
The moving fire by night;
To guide His Israel on their way,
He made their darkness light;
And have we not a sure retreat,
A Saviour ever nigh,
The same clear light to guide our feet,
The Dayspring from on high?
3. We, too, have manna from above,
The Bread that came from Heaven;
To us the same kind hand of love
Hath living waters given;

A Rock have we, from whence the spring
In rich abundance flows;
The Rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,
Who life and health bestows.

4. O may we praise this blessed Food,
And trust our heavenly Guide;
So shall we find death's fearful flood
Serene as Jordan's tide,
And safely reach that happy shore,
The land of peace and rest,
Where angels worship and adore
In God's own presence blest.

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

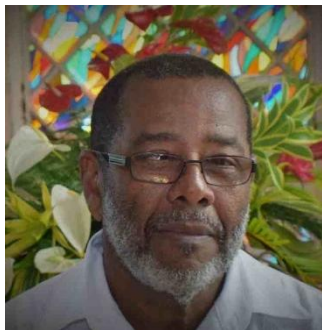
*Please feel free to depart during the postlude,
mindful of those who remain to listen.*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The St. James' Church Family would like to extend a blessed welcome to all today. A very special welcome to our visitors. May this service be an inspiration to all.*
- *Best wishes are extended to all celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. We wish you many more.*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

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



***Bynoe, Michael (Mr.)
September 28***



***Farley, Rhonda (Mrs.)
September 27***



***Giles, Susan (Mrs.)
October 1***



***Jemmott, Karen (Mrs.)
October 2***

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