

St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

Outback/Wilderness

For still the desert lies

My thirsting soul before

O Living waters, rise

Within me evermore.

John S.B. Monsell (1811-1875) Hymn 598 CPWI

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026

PROPER 22A

RECTOR: THE REV. CANON BEVERLEY SEALY-KNIGHT

ASSISTANT PRIEST: REV. GRAVENEY BANNISTER

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.		JEREMY FORBES	
9:15 A.M.		COLLEEN GIBSON	
PSALM :		OLIVER GIBSON	
2ND. READING :		ENA GOODING	
7:15 A.M.		JUDITH GRAZETTE	
9:15 A.M.		SHEILA HATCH	
THE GOSPEL		CHARLIE HEATH	
THE SERMON		YVONNE INNISS	
THE CREED		RAYN JOHNSON	
INTERCESSION		MILDRED PAYNE	
7:15 A.M.		MURA PAYNE	
9:15 A.M.		IOTHA RILEY	
ACT OF PENITENCE		FRANCIS ROCK	
THE ABSOLUTION		THELMA ROCK	
GREETING OF PEACE		VIOLA ROCK	
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	
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER		DAISY STUART	
THE LORD'S PRAYER		SHARON TROTMAN	
BREAKING OF THE BREAD		FRANCISCA WILKIE	
THE COMMUNION			
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THE ADMINISTRATION			
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THE BLESSING			
THE DISMISSAL			

October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

1st Lesson: Job 39:1-18

Psalm 148:7-14

2nd Lesson: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

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:

1. Jesu, thy mercies are untold

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

THE FIRST READING: JOB 39: 1 - 18

This passage is a speech from God to Job where God questions human limits by highlighting His absolute wisdom and sovereignty.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Job, Chapter 39, beginning at the first verse.

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? Do you count the months till they bear? Do you know the time they give birth? They crouch down and bring forth their young; their labor pains are ended. Their young thrive and grow strong in the wilds; they leave and do not return. “Who let the wild donkey go free? Who untied its ropes? I gave it the wasteland as its home, the salt flats as its habitat. It laughs at the commotion in the town; it does not hear a driver’s shout. It ranges the hills for its pasture and searches for any green thing. “Will the wild ox consent to serve you? Will it stay by your manger at night? Can you

hold it to the furrow with a harness? Will it till the valleys behind you? Will you rely on it for its great strength? Will you leave your heavy work to it? Can you trust it to haul in your grain and bring it to your threshing floor? “The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully, though they cannot compare with the wings and feathers of the stork. She lays her eggs on the ground and lets them warm in the sand, unmindful that a foot may crush them, that some wild animal may trample them. She treats her young harshly, as if they were not hers; she cares not that her labor was in vain, for God did not endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good sense. Yet when she spreads her feathers to run, she laughs at horse and rider.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 148: 7 - 14

The whole of creation and all peoples join in praise of the Lord.

7. Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9. Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
10. Wild beasts and all cattle, *

- creeping things and winged birds;
11. Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
 12. Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
 13. Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is
over earth and heaven.
 14. He has raised up strength for his people and
praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near
him. Hallelujah!
- 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: GALATIANS 6:14-18

Paul emphasizes the importance of the new creation in Christ compared to the old circumcision under the law.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in Epistle of Paul to the Galatians, chapter 6, beginning at the fourteenth verse

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is

everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL:

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11: 25-30

Jesus has indicated to some of John the Baptist's disciples that he is the Messiah and that John is the messenger who has prepared the way for him. This is the conclusion to that discourse.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in Gospel of St.

Matthew, Chapter eleven, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

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.~~

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

~~_____ 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:

7:15 A.M.

9:15 A.M.

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:

1. Make me a channel of your peace.

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 COMMUNION:

1. Christ is the heavenly food that gives

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING:

1. I was made a Christian

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:

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,

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.



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