

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
HOME AND FAMILY WEEK
MOTHERS' DAY



MAY 11, 2025

7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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

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OPENING SENTENCES - EASTER

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

INTROIT HYMN: 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 blessèd 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.

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

ALL:

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

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ, born of a woman, sanctified childhood and shared the life of an earthly home; bless the homes and families of our nation. Give to parents a true sense of responsibility in the care and training of their children, that our boys and girls may grow up in the fear of your Name and the fellowship of your Church, for the glory of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING - ACTS 9:36-43

In this reading from the story of the early Church, Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 9, beginning at the thirty-sixth verse.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 23

The Lord is my guide and shepherd. God is present in times of danger and is generous and merciful.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;*
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures*
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways for his
name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my
cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

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: REVELATION 7:9-17

This reading is a vision of the fate of the faithful during the end times. While they will suffer during the final events of this era, they will survive; in fact, God will give them eternal life.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the Revelation of John, Chapter 7, beginning at the ninth verse.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of
 God,
 and worship him day and night within his
 temple,
 and the one who is seated on the throne will
 shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
 the sun will not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat;
 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be
 their shepherd,
 and he will guide them to springs of the
 water of life,
 and God will wipe away every tear from their
 eyes."

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

THE HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 667

1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
 much we need thy tenderest care;
 in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 for our use thy folds prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 thou has bought us, thine we are;
 blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
 thou has bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine; do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
hear, oh hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
hear, oh hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
let us early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favour,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Saviour,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
thou hast love us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
thou hast loved us, love us still.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 10:22-30

In this gospel reading, Jesus speaks to those who are unable to believe in him and then tells the story of his sheep who belongs to him forever.

Gospeler: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you*

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

All: *Glory to Christ Our Saviour.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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:

9:15 : FORM B

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic
Church;

ALL: **That we all may be one.**

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church may
truly and humbly serve you;

ALL: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and
Deacons;

All: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.**

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: **That there may be justice and peace on the
earth.**

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

ALL: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *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: LET THERE BE PEACE

Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me.
 Let there be peace on earth
 The peace that was meant to be.
 With God as our Father
 Brothers all are we.
 Let me walk with my brother
 In perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me
 Let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take
 Let this be my solemn vow.
 To take each moment
 And live each moment
 With peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth,
 And let it begin with me.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 169

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
 of triumphant gladness!
 God hath brought his Israel
 into joy from sadness:
 loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke
 Jacob's sons and daughters,
 led them with unmoistened foot
 through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.
4. Alleluia now we cry
to our King Immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.

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:

EASTER:

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life.

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 B:

PRESIDENT:

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.

All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy by the power of
your Spirit,
that they may-become the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

On the night 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."

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.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
For the remembrance of me."

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;
His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
His continual intercession for us in heaven;
and looking for His coming again in glory,
we offer you, in thanksgiving,
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.
Look with favour on your Church's offering,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may be filled with your Holy Spirit
and become one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us, in communion with blessed Mary and the whole company of heaven, to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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

Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT:

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

ALL:

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

THE AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

THE INVITATION: FORM B**PRESIDENT:**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

COMMUNION HYMNS: 583

1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.
2. Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;

so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

3. Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
make my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.
4. Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.
5. Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER #2

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.

- *Best wishes are extended to all celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week. We wish them the very best and pray that they will be blessed with many more.*
- *Our records indicate that the following members are celebrating a birthday this week. Special greetings are extended to them from all of us.*

Broomes-Clarke, Wendy (Mrs.)

May 12

Holder, Jeffrey (Mr.)

May 11

Smith-St. Hill, Simone (Mrs.)

May 11

THE BLESSING

God raise you from the death of sin to walk with
Christ in His risen life; and the blessings of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always

All: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN 476

1. The King of love my Shepherd is
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever
2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,

and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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