

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 18, 2025

7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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

RECTOR: THE REV. CANON BEVERLEY SEALY-KNIGHT
ASST. PRIEST: REV. GRAVENEY BANNISTER

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OPENING SENTENCE - EASTER

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

INTROIT HYMN 263

1. THOU art the way; by thee alone
from sin and death we flee:
and he who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by Thee.
2. Thou art the truth; thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.
3. Thou art the life; the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.
4. Thou art the way, the truth, the life,
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

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:

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:
 Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to
 be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may
 steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to
 eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit, 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 11:1-18

Peter has been instrumental in the conversion of a Gentile to Christianity. Cornelius, an officer in the Roman army, has received the Holy Spirit and has been baptised – as have members of his household. Peter has now returned to Judea where members of the Christian community who are of Jewish origin seek an explanation as to why Gentiles have become Christians.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 11, beginning at the first verse.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its

four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, " Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 148

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

1. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
2. Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
3. Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
4. Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
6. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
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 READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

The book of Revelation is “the revelation of Christ” made through John. It is prophecy which reveals secrets of heaven and earth. In a vision, John has seen the destruction of the old city, and of the old heaven and earth. Now he sees the new creation, of divine origin and free of evil forces – for ultimately God’s love will prevail.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the Revelation of John, Chapter 21, beginning at the first verse.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

THE GRADUAL: HYMN 454

1. Jesu, thy mercies are untold
through each returning day;
thy love exceeds a thousandfold
whatever we can say.
2. That love which in thy passion drained
for us thy precious blood;
that love whereby the saints have gained
the vision of their God.

3. 'Tis thou hast loved us from the womb,
pure Source of all our bliss,
our only hope of life to come,
our happiness in this.
4. Lord, grant us, while on earth we stay,
thy love to feel and know;
and, when from hence we pass away,
to us thy glory show.

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 13:31-35

Jesus is preparing his followers for his departure. After the Last Supper, he has washed the feet of his disciples, a symbol of servanthood. He has predicted his betrayal. Judas Iscariot has gone out into the night – a symbol of the dark deed he is about to commit.

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 the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one

another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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THE SERMON

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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

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.

ALL: *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.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 270

1. Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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.**

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 596

1. Author of life divine,
who hast a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine
and everlasting bread,
preserve the life thyself hast given,
and feed and train us up for heaven.
2. Our needy souls sustain
with fresh supplies of love,
till all thy life we gain,
and all thy fullness prove,
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace
behold without a veil thy face.

HYMN FOR COMMUNION: #2: 612

1. O Jesu, blessed Lord, to thee
my heartfelt thanks for ever be,
who hast so lovingly bestowed
on me thy body and thy blood.
2. Break forth, my soul, for joy, and say,
'What wealth is come to me today!
My Saviour dwells within me now;
how blest am I! How good art thou!'

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 658

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong;
they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died,
heaven's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.

Refrain

3. Jesus take this heart of mine,
make it pure and wholly thine;
on the cross you died for me,
I will try to live for thee.

Refrain

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.*
- *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.*

THE BLESSING: EASTER

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: 375

1. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.
2. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.
3. O praise ye the Lord,
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord,
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.
4. O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:

for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation
O praise ye the Lord!

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.

OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Coward, Noreen (Mrs.)

May 20



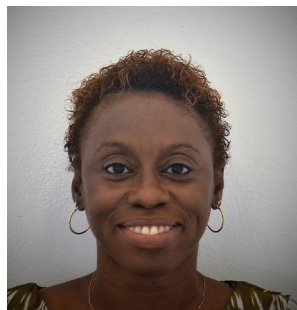
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Griffith, Wynell (Mrs.)
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Johnson, Nicole (Mrs.)
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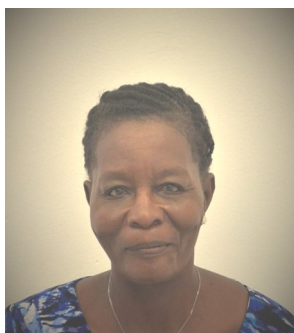
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Richards, Hartley (Dr.)
May 22



Stuart, Adzil (Mr.)
May 19



Thomas, Elvena (Mrs.)
May 20

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