ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados To be a beacon radiating God's love among all people The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, July 6, 2025



7:15 a.m. Matins, Holy Eucharist and Sermon 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Choral Matins, Sung Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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OPENING SENTENCE: PENTECOST

When the Spirit comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to Me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 15: 26, 27

INTROIT HYMN: 348

- The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

- Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.
- V. Blessed be the Lord our God,
- R. By whose grace we are yet alive.
- V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,
- R. By whose rising we are set free.

V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,

R. In whom is our hope and our joy;

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. *Amen*.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE OR INVITATORY

Venite Psalm 95:1-8

O come let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving: and cry out to Him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

In His hands are the depths of the earth:

and the peaks of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His and he made it:

His hands moulded dry land.

Come let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he Himself is our God: we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

If only you would hear His voice today: for He comes, He comes to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness: and the peoples with His truth.

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 Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Minister and people, kneeling, together say:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest:

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. *Amen*.

PSALM 30

A hymn of praise and thanksgiving by one whom the Lord has saved from death.

- I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,*his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
 "I shall never be disturbed. *
 You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.

- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
 I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit* will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;*O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

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 FIRST READING: GALATIANS 6: (1-6), 7-16

Paul comes to the end of his letter to the Christians in Galatia, a Roman province in central Asia Minor. He speaks figuratively of the law of Christ – the principle or norm of life in Christ is love.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter 6, beginning at the seventh

verse.

[*My* friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 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.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTUS LUKE 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel*
You have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour*
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets
You promised of old to save us from our enemies*
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our forebears,*
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father
Abraham:*
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear:*
holy and righteous before you
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:* by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:* the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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: LUKE 10:1-11,16-20

Jesus has sent out the Twelve on the first missionary journey: one within Israel. Now he sends out others. According to conventional wisdom, there were seventy nations in the world, so Jesus is telling his disciples to reach out to the whole world.

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 10, beginning at the first verse.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, `Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Word of the Lord

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 344

- Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord, that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;
- word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it still, how his only Son he gave earth from sin and death to save;
- word of how the Saviour's love earth's sore burden doth remove; how forever, in its need through his death the world is freed;
- word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name; how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above
- Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long, spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and

born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. *Amen*.

THE PRAYERS

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- V: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SUFFRAGES:

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God; **R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

V: LET US PRAY:

THE COLLECT: PENTECOST 4 / PROPER 9

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

One or more of the following prayers shall be said.

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**. Into your hands, Lord, we commend ourselves this day. Let your presence be with us to its close. Strengthen us to remember that in whatever good work we do we are serving you. Give us a diligent and watchful spirit, that we may seek in everything to know your will, and knowing it, may gladly perform it, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rest of the past night, and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at evening we may again give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

O God our Father, you have bidden light to shine out of darkness, and have awakened us again to praise your goodness and to seek your grace; make us children of the light and of the day, that our lives being open to your glory, we may shine as lights in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word. May it be a lantern to our feet, A light to our paths, And a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all persons in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: 332

 Lord, you give the great commission: 'Heal the sick and preach the word.' Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

- Lord, you call us to Your service:
 In my name baptize and teach.'
 That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervour, draw us closer in community; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- Lord, you make the common holy: 'This my body, this my blood.' Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: 'Father, what they do, forgive.' Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:'I am with you to the end.'Faith and hope and love restoring,

may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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:

GENERAL PREFACE: 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!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - FORM B:

PRESIDENT: I oly 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.

THE INVITATION: FORM C

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL: We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen*.

HYMN FOR COMMUNION : 608

- My God, and is thy table spread, and doth thy cup with love o'erflow? Thither be all thy children led, and let them all thy sweetness know.
- Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes, rich banquet of his flesh and blood! Thrice happy he who here partakes that sacred stream, that heavenly food.
- Why are its dainties all in vain before unwilling hearts displayed? Was not for them the Victim slain? Are they forbid the children's Bread?

- O let thy table honoured be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.
- To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost the God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel-host be praise and glory evermore.

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**

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

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 pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.
- Celebrations for the Feast of Title will be conducted between July 1 to July 31 this year. A Calendar od Events has been provided below and is also to be found on our website.

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 358

- Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.
- God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh: his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
- Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
 Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
 The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
 fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- Then let us adore, and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Forde, Tristan (Mr.) Griffith, Heather (Mrs.) July 8 July 4



Field, Dean (Mr.) July 9



Walcott, Maureen July 8

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