

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 17

AUGUST 31, 2025

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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ASSISTANT CURATE: REV. STEVENSON SOBERS

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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: 844

1. Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
3. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

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:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all
 good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name;
 increase in us true religion; nourish us with all
 goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and
 ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 2:4-13

*Despite God's care of the Israelites in freeing them
 from slavery in Egypt, in nurturing them in the*

wilderness, and in bringing them to the Promised Land, Israel has forgotten about him, and has been worshipping foreign gods of no value for several generations. These gods, unlike our God, offer no hope for the future.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 2, beginning at the fourth verse.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became
worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of
Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,

and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who handle the law did not know
me;

the rulers transgressed against me;

the prophets prophesied by Baal,

and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says

the Lord,

and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,

send to Kedar and examine with care;

see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,

even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory

for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,

be shocked, be utterly desolate,

says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me,

the fountain of living water,

and dug out cisterns for themselves,

cracked cisterns

that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord

The people:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81:1, 10-16

This is a psalm of festival praise and an exhortation to worship the Lord alone.

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
10. I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt
and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of
their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe
before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat*
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

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: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

The reading is the conclusion of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The author offers guidance regarding the shared life in the Christian community.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 13, beginning at the first verse.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 511

1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs;
their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men
their pattern and their King.
3. Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart;
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Jesus takes the opportunity while dining with a prominent Pharisee to say more about the qualifications for entry into the kingdom of heaven. While taking the lowest place at a banquet is good manners, Jesus also says that attendance at the heavenly banquet is at God's invitation. God will not be fooled by one's self-promotion.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeler: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in

disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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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

8:00 A.M.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN:

1. All for God, we stand united,
Serving with a joyful heart,
Welcoming His flock with gladness,
Doing well our holy part.
Hands extended, smiles of mercy,
Guiding all into His care,
Serving God and His dear people,
Showing love beyond compare.
2. In His house, we find our calling,
Faithful ushers strong and true,
With humility we labor,
Giving all that we can do.
From the doorways to the altar,
Every step is filled with grace,
All for God and for His glory,

Let His light shine in this place.

3. Grateful voices lift in praises,
For the service we impart,
Blessed to share in holy moments,
Bearing Christ within our hearts.
Brothers, sisters, serve together,
In His strength, we shall prevail,
Serving God and all His people,
With a joy that cannot fail.
4. Through the seasons of our journey,
Still we serve in love and cheer,
Guided by His hand of mercy,
Every moment, God is near.
All for God, our faithful promise,
Till our work on earth does end
Serving God and His dear people,
Till we hear His "Well done, friend."

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!**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: 608

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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?
4. O let thy table honoured be,

and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

5. 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.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 654

1. Jesus, friend of little children,
be a friend to me;
take my hand and ever keep me
close to thee.
2. Teach me how to grow in goodness
daily as I grow;
thou hast been a child and surely
thou dost know.
3. Step by step, O lead me onward,
upward into youth;
wiser, stronger, still becoming
in thy truth.
4. Never leave me nor forsake me,
ever be my friend,
for I need thee from life's dawning
to its end.

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.*

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 383

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 to his feet thy tribute bring;
 ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

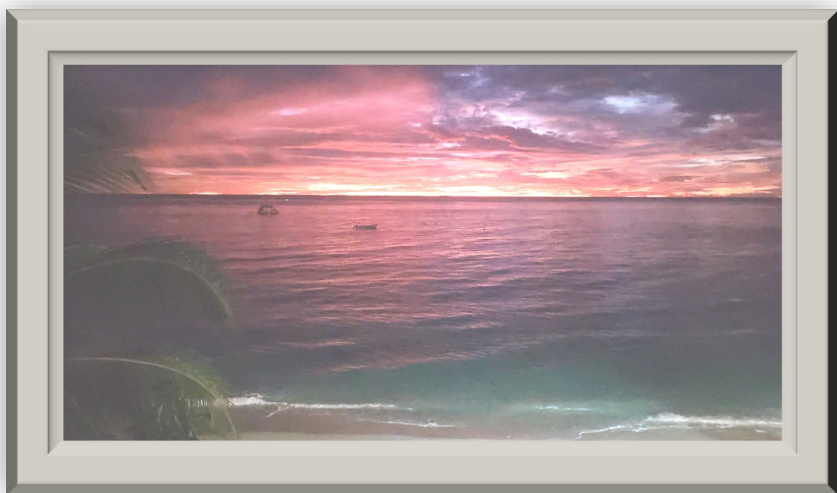
THE DISMISSAL

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.*

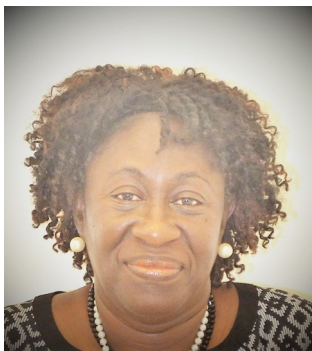


THE SEASON CREATION

A DIOCESAN INITIATIVE

OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

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



***Benn, Maria (Ms.)
September 2***



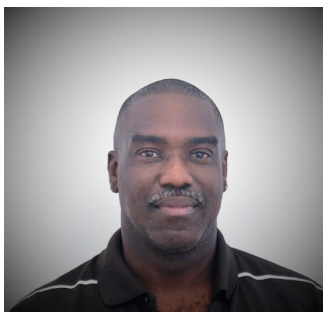
***Corbin, Derek (Mr.)
September 1***



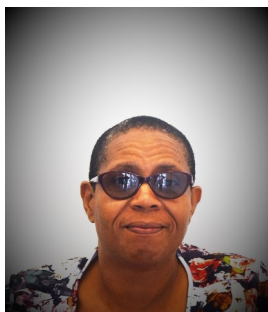
***Griffith, Paul (Mr.)
September 2***



***Hinds-Lafond, Fiona (Mrs.)
September 1***



***Johnson, Maurice (Mr.)
September 1***



***Trotman, Sharon (Miss)
September 6***

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