

# ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

*Holetown, St. James, Barbados*

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



**PENTECOST 19  
PROPER 24  
OCTOBER 19, 2025**

*7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon*

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

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## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

### **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: 396**

1. Lord, be thy word my rule,  
in it may I rejoice;  
thy glory be my aim,  
thy holy will my choice;
2. thy promises my hope,  
thy providence my guard,  
thine arm my strong support,  
thyself my great reward.

### **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:**

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have  
 revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the  
 works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the  
 world may persevere with steadfast faith in the  
 confession of your Name; 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 31:27-34**

*For generations, the people of Judah have ignored  
 God's ways. Even when God, through Jeremiah, has  
 appealed to them to turn to him and repent, they have*

***refused to do so. Even so, God tells the people that the restoration of both Israel and Judah will come.***

***A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 31, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.***

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on  
edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their

hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **The Word of the Lord**

***The people:***                      *Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM 119:97-104**

***This psalm is a celebration of the wisdom that comes from meditation upon God's law.***

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser  
than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my  
teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain  
understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

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: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-5**

***Timothy leads a church in a time when false teachers are misleading members of the community. In his concluding remarks, Paul counsels him to follow his example, even if it involves suffering.***

***A Reading from the Word of God, written in the second Epistle to Timothy, Chapter 3, beginning at the fourteenth verse.***

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.



In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord

***The people:*** *Thanks be to God.*

## **HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 488**

1. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
uttered or unexpressed,  
the motion of a hidden fire  
that trembles in the breast.
2. Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
the falling of a tear,  
the upward glancing of an eye,  
when none but God is near.



***according to Luke.***

***All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.***

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**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 H:**

### **LEADER:**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name  
 may be united in your truth, live together in your love,  
 and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

**LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

### **LEADER:**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in  
 the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one  
 another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

**LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

### **LEADER:**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own  
 creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the  
 service of others and to your honour and glory.

*Silence***LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy,**ALL:** Hear our prayer.**LEADER:**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

*Silence***LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy,**ALL:** Hear our prayer.**LEADER:**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence***LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy,**ALL:** Hear our prayer.**LEADER:**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence***LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy,**ALL:** Hear our prayer.*The Concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through 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: 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: 397**

1. LORD, thy word abideth,  
 and our footsteps guideth;  
 who its truth believeth  
 light and joy receiveth.
2. When our foes are near us,  
 then thy word doth cheer us,  
 word of consolation,  
 message of salvation.
3. When the storms are o'er us,  
 and dark clouds before us,  
 then its light directeth,

and our way protecteth.

4. Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure  
by Thy Word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?
5. Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying!
6. O that we discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee.

## **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:

**OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us  
a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show  
forth your glory in all the world.**

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:**

**H**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 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 HYMN: 605**

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,  
teaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

### ***Refrain:***

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

2. Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.

### ***Refrain***

3. Jesus calls us in - sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel!) everywhere.

## ***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.*

### **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: 241**

1. Thou, whose almighty word



chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the Gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

2. Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide  
let there be light.

## **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.*

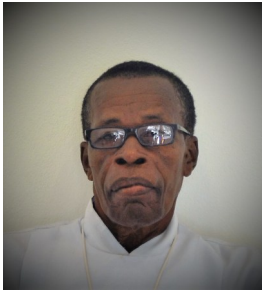
***Burnett, Myesha***

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***Milligan, Kai (Mr.)***

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