

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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



**PENTECOST 20
PROPER 25
OCTOBER 26, 2025**

7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
9:15 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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**CONGRATS!!
TO THE NEW
GRANDPARENTS**

**REV. BEV
AND
REV. REGGIE**

OPENING SENTENCE

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 845

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart
give thanks unto the Holy One
give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

(Repeat)

Refrain:

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us;
give thanks*

(Repeat)

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

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

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 .

PRESIDENT: Let us Pray:

COLLECT: PROPER 25

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 - JOEL 2: 23– 32

Joel has described a plague of locusts which has invaded Palestine, with devastating effect. The Day of the Lord can be like this, but if the people of Judah repent and turn to the Lord, he will spare the country from such a fate.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Joel, Chapter 2, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my
people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no
other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be

turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 65

This is a psalm of thanksgiving to the saviour, the mighty Lord, who creates the earth and causes it to bring forth abundantly.

1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
3. Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
4. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to
your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your
house, by the holiness of your temple.
5. Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
seas that are far away.
6. You make fast the mountains by your power; *

they are girded about with might.

7. You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the
peoples.
8. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will
tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you
make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
10. You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless
its increase.
12. You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for
grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
14. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

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 4: 6-8, 16-18

In this epistle passage, Paul, believing that his death is near, closes his letter to Timothy and looks forward with great faith to the heavenly kingdom

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Second Epistle to Timothy, Chapter 4, beginning at the sixth verse.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 533

1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!
2. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.
3. Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.
4. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.
5. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 18: 9 – 14

Luke continues to present parables about admission to the kingdom of God. Now Jesus tells an example story to some who took a legalistic approach to being God's people. Many Jews belonged to the party of the Pharisees so they expect the Pharisee – and not a

despised tax collector – to be accepted by God.

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.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

The Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(NRSV)

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped

and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. ***Amen.***

THE INTERCESSION: FORM B

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

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

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

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1: 8 - 9)

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and

deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: *Amen.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

SONG OF PEACE: HYMN 296 (CPWI)

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
 Stay right here with us,
 filling us with your love,
 And for these blessings,
 we lift our hearts in praise,
 without a doubt we'll know
 that we have been revived
 when we shall leave this place.*

2. There are blessings you cannot receive
 till you know him in his fullness, and believe.
 You're the one to profit when you say,
 'I am going to walk with Jesus all the way,'

Refrain

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 431

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might!
 Christ is thy Strength, and Christ thy right;
 Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 thy joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,
 Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
 Life with its way before us lies;
 Christ is the Path, and Christ the Prize.
3. Cast care aside, upon thy guide;

His boundless mercy will provide;
 Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
 Christ is its Life, and Christ its Love.

4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
 He changeth not, and thou art dear;
 Only believe, and thou shalt see
 That Christ is all in all to 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 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 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 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: 603

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain:

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees;

Refrain

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain

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 #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

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord 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 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 376

Refrain

O praise ye the Lord, O praise ye the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord!

O praise ye the Lord! O praise ye the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord.

1. In the firmament of his power, praise him!
For his mighty acts, let us praise him!
For his excellent greatness, praise him!
O praise ye the Lord.

Refrain

2. With the sound of the trumpet, praise him!
With the psaltery and harp, O praise him!
With the dance and the timbrel, praise him!
O praise ye the Lord.

Refrain

3. With stringed instruments, let us praise him!
And with organs, O let us praise him!
With the high and loud cymbals, praise him!
O praise ye the Lord.

Coda:

Let every thing that hath breath,

Let every thing that hath breath praise 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.*



Alleyne, Lorna (Ms.)
Oct. 31



Francis, Noreen (Miss)
October 26



Knight, Shakir (Mr.)
Oct. 31

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