

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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



PENTECOST 22
PROPER 27
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

7:15 a.m. Matins, Holy Eucharist and Sermon
9:15 a.m. Choral Matins, Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

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

John 4:24

INTROIT HYMN:

1.

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: PROPER 27C

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious

kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING: HAGGAI 1:15B-2:9

Some Jews have returned from exile in Babylon. While the foundations of the new Temple were laid in 536 BC, little more was done on it for fourteen years. Then, prompted by an oracle from God delivered by the prophet Haggai, work on it began in earnest.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the prophet Haggai, Chapter 1, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a

little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-5, 18-22

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who is mighty in deeds yet tender and compassionate.

1. I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2. Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.⁶

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

18. The Lord is righteous in all his ways *

and loving in all his works.

19. The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
20. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
21. The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
22. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and 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 SECOND READING:

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

In 1 Thessalonians 4, Paul has stated that, when Christ comes again, both the faithful who have died and those who are still alive will come together to live eternally. But now we read in 2 Thessalonians that certain events will happen before Christ comes to launch a new era.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, Chapter 2, beginning at the first verse.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being

gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions⁷ that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 20:27-38

The Sadducees were among those who sought to trap Jesus into contravening the Law as he taught daily in the Temple. They did not believe in the resurrection because they found no mention of it in the first five books of the Bible.

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.*

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age

marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: *Praise to Christ our Lord.*

*From The Lectionary Page: <http://lectionarypage.net>
(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 C:

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:

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: 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:

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING:

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 welcome all of our visitors., especially those from overseas
 We pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.*

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

THE DISMISSAL

President: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

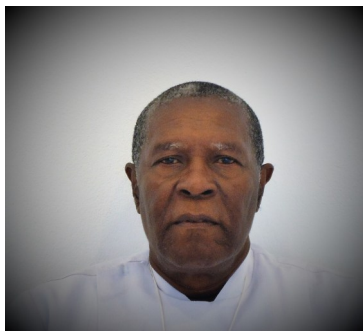
*Please feel free to depart during the postlude,
mindful of those who remain to listen.*

OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

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

LaFond, Dominique (Miss)

November 4



Trotman, David (Mr.)
November 3

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