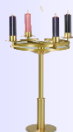


St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

DECEMBER 21, 2025

7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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

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ASSISTANT CURATE: REV. STEVENSON SOBERS

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 DAISY STUART
 SHARON TROTMAN

THE ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CANDLE OF PEACE

FOCUS: Peace in Our Speech and Screens

READER 1:

(LIGHT THE THIRD CANDLE.)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Organist: Dr. Philip Forde, ARCM, FRCO

OPENING SENTENCES -

ADVENT

Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon!" Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22. 20

HYMN FOR THE INTROIT:

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.

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you .

THE COLLECT: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING -

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM

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: ROMANS

The people: *The Word of the Lord.*
 Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL

THE GOSPEL -

Gospeler: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*Gospeler: A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.*

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

*The people: This is the Gospel of Christ
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

LEADER:

ALL:

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:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, 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:

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:

ADVENT

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing

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 C:

PRESIDENT:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known
to us in creation;

in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and, above all, in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, 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 His command:

**ALL: We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;
We await His coming in glory.**

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ
and His Blood of the New Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation:
By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,

Almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: 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

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. *Amen.*

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION:

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body
live His risen life;
we who drink His cup
bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines
give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness
to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and
scatter the darkness from before your path; and the
Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always.

ALL: Amen

HYMN FOR THE RECESSION:

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., most especially those from overseas .*
- *We also pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

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

December 5

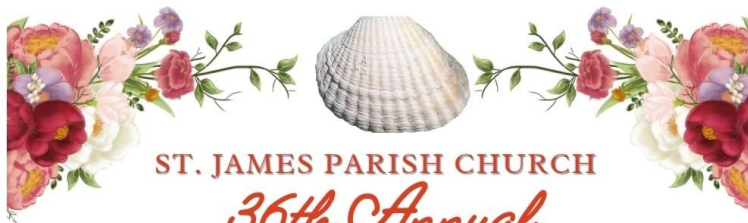
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STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship is a life commitment to the worship of God and to the study of His will for us as this is revealed in the Holy Scriptures:



ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

36th Annual Harvest Garden Party

Come see The Church decorated with flowers
In the Garden Sidewalk Art, Craft, Food, Drinks, Tea
Activities for Children
Entertainment by The Barbados Police Service Band and
others



Saturday, February 7, 2026
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm on the Church grounds

ADMISSION: Adults \$15.00

Children under 12 - \$5 at the gate

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