

St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

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



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 - YEAR A

7:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

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

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Please be informed that Stewardship Envelopes are now available and can be collected at the end of each Service.

Today we extend a special welcome to The Soroptimist Club of Jamestown to our 9:15 Service

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Alleluia! Alleluia!*).

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. (*Alleluia! Alleluia!*).

THE PRAYER OF INTENT**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.*

The following may also be said:

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: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT:

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

MALACHI 3:1-4

Malachi is a book of prophecy directed to the priests in the Temple. Priests have replaced kings as those closest to God on earth, but the priesthood is corrupt. The prophet speaks in God's name.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Malachi, Chapter 3, beginning at the first verse.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

This psalm is a song of the pilgrims' happiness as they come to worship in the house of the Lord.

1. How dear to me is your dwelling,
O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the
courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the
living God.
2. The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may
lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of
hosts,
my King and my God.
3. Happy are they who dwell in your
house! *
they will always be praising you.
4. Happy are the people whose strength is
in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims'
way.
5. Those who go through the desolate
valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with
pools of water.
6. They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself
in Zion.
7. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8. Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your
Anointed.
9. For one day in your courts is better
than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the
house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the
wicked.
10. For the Lord God is both sun and
shield;*
he will give grace and glory;
11. No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
12. O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in
you!

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 NEW TESTAMENT READING:

HEBREWS 2:14-18

The author has written that it was appropriate that God, the creator, should - in bringing us to share in his glory - make Jesus (the forerunner of our salvation), a priest, but (unlike other priests) one who suffers. We and Jesus have the same Father.

A Reading from the word of God, written in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 2, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 771

1. O Zion, open wide thy gates,
let symbols disappear
a priest and victim, both in one,
the Truth himself , is here.
2. Aware of hidden deity,
the lowly virgin brings
her newborn babe with two young doves,
her humble offerings.
3. The aged Simeon sees at last
his Lord, so long desired,

and Anna welcomes Israel's hope
with holy rapture fired.

4. But silent knelt the mother blest
of the yet silent Word,
and pondering all things in her heart,
with speechless praise adored.
5. All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory , Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2: 22-40

Jesus has been circumcised, as required by Jewish law. Now, some forty days after Jesus' birth, Mary brings him along, as she comes to the Temple to be purified after childbirth by a priest.

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.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your
servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She

never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This is 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 PRAYERS: INTERCESSION: FORM F

LEADER: Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Bless and inspire all members of the clergy, especially Philip, our Archbishop; Michael, Rufus, Wilfred and John, our Bishops; Canon Beverley, our Rector, Rev. Graveney, our Priest and Rev Stevenson our Curate.

ALL: That their lives may be examples of their teaching, and that they may rightly and faithfully administer your Holy Sacraments.

LEADER: Guide and protect all Heads of State and all who bear rule, especially those in this land: Jeffrey our President, Mia Amor, our Prime Minister, all members of Parliament, and all persons serving in Local Government.

ALL: That our people may be godly and peacefully governed.

LEADER: Direct those who administer justice; and strengthen those who guard and protect the land.

ALL: That our people may dwell in peace.

LEADER: Reveal the common good to those in positions of public trust and to decision-makers in industry and commerce.

ALL: That freedom and dignity may prevail among us.

LEADER: Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

ALL: That the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of your truth.

LEADER: Comfort and help all persons who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those specially listed on our Prayer List and our Bro. Richard who was recently admitted to hospital.

ALL: Help us to help them, O Lord.

LEADER: Remember our brothers and sisters, and all others who have died in your faith and fear.

ALL: Grant them peace and eternal life.

LEADER: We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs; and all the Saints who have been good examples in their several generations.

PRESIDENT: And finally let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence may be kept.

ALL: Accept our prayers and intercessions, Father, according to your wisdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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)

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: : Let There Be Peace

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY - 7:15 A.M.: 251

1. HAIL to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and joy and hope, like flowers,
spring in His path to birth:
before Him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall bow down before Him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore Him,
his praise all people sing;
to Him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
5. O'er every foe victorious,
he on His Throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY 9:15 A.M.: 772

1. Hail to the Lord who comes,
comes to his temple gate;
not with his angel host,
not in his kingly state;
no shouts proclaim him nigh,
no crowds his coming wait;
2. but, borne upon the throne
of Mary's gentle breast,
watched by her dutous love,
in her fond arms at rest,
thus to his Father's house
he comes, the heavenly Guest.
3. There Joseph at her side
in reverent wonder stands;
and, filled with holy joy,
old Simeon in his hands
takes up the promised Child,
the glory of all lands.
4. O Light of all the earth,
thy children wait for thee!
come to the temples here,
that we, from sin set free,
before thy Father's face
may all presented be!

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:

EPIPHANY

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

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!

EUCARISTIC 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:

ALL:

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: 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.

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 549

Refrain:

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
hear, O Lord, and have mercy
My soul is longing for the glory of you.
O hear, O Lord, and answer me.

1. Every night before I sleep
I pray my soul to take,
or else I pray that loneliness
is gone when I awake

Refrain

2. Why do I no longer feel
like I've a place to stay?
O take me where someone will care,
so fear will go away.

Refrain

3. In you, O Lord, I place my cares
and all my troubles, too.
O grant, dear Lord, that someday soon
I'll live in peace with you.

Refrain

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 752

1. Virgin-born! we bow before Thee!
blessed was the Maid who bore Thee,
Mary, maid and Mother mild,
blessed was she in her Child
2. Blessed was the breast that fed Thee,
blessed was the hand that led Thee;
blessed was the parent's eye,
That watched Thy slumbering infancy.
3. Blessed she by all creation
Who brought forth the world's salvation;
And blessed they - for ever blest,
Who love thee most and serve thee best.

4. Virgin-born, we bow before Thee!
blessed was the womb that bore Thee
Mary, Maid and mother mild,
blessed was she in her child.

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

THE BLESSING: EPIPHANY

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with good
news of His kingdom; 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: 105

1. The Father's sole-begotten Son
was born, the Virgin's Child, on earth;
his cross for us adoption won -
the life and grace of second birth
2. Forth from the height of Heaven he came,
in form of man with man abode;
redeemed his world from death and shame,
the joys of endless life bestowed

3. Redeemer, come with power benign,
dwell in the souls that look for thee;
O let thy light within us shine
that we may thy salvation see
4. Abide with us, O Lord, we pray,
dispel the gloom of doubt and woe;
wash every stain of guilt away,
thy tender healing grace bestow
5. Lord, Thou hast come, and well we know
that thou wilt likewise come again;
thy kingdom shield from every foe,
thy honor and Thy rule maintain
6. Eternal glory, Lord, to thee,
whom, now revealed, our hearts adore;
to God the Father glory be,
and Holy Spirit evermore.

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.

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.

Harvest Garden Party 26

- The Harvest Garden Party will take place this week, Saturday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m. on the Church Grounds.
- Tickets are available at \$15 for adults.
- It is still possible for you to make your donations towards any stall of your choice and/or any of the flower arrangements which will be on display.

Any member of HGP26 Committee may be contacted about this.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

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

Williams, Marion (Mrs.)

Feb. 6

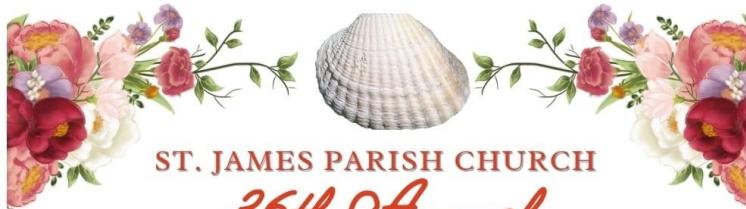


Smith, Kay (Miss)
February 2



STEWARSHIP

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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