

# St. James Parish Church

*Holetown, St. James, Barbados*

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



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A

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

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

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## **LENTEN PROSE**

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.*

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:  
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.*

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

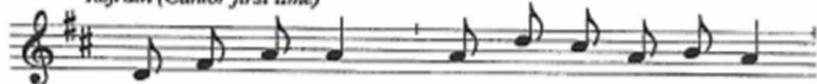
*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.*

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.*

## The Lenten Prose

*Refrain (Cantor first time)*



Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:



for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

*Cantor*



1. To thee, Re - deem - er, on thy throne of glo - ry:
2. O thou chief Cor - ner stone, Right Hand of the Fa - ther:
3. God, we im - plore thee, in thy glo - ry seat - ed:
4. Sins oft com - mit - ted now we lay be - fore thee:
5. In - no - cent cap - tive, ta - ken un - re - sist - ing:



- 1 lift we our weep - ing eyes in ho - ly plead - ings:
- 2 Way of Sal - va - tion, Gate of life cel - es - tial:
- 3 bow down and hear - ken to thy weep - ing child - ren:
- 4 with true con - tri - tion now no more we veil them:
- 5 false - ly ac - cused, and for us sin - ners sen - tenc'd,



- 1 lis - ten O Je - su, to our sup - pli - ca - tions.
- 2 cleanse thou our sin - ful souls from all dc - file - ment.
- 3 pi - ty and par - don all our grie - vous tres - pas - es.
- 4 grant us, Re - deem - er, lov - ing ab - so - lu - tion.
- 5 save us we pray thee, Je - su our Re - deem - er.

*The Refrain is repeated after every verse*

**OPENING SENTENCES: LENT**

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5: 1, 2*

**HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 112**

1. Christian, dost thou see them  
on the holy ground,  
how the troops of Midian  
prowl and prowl around?  
Christian, up and smite them,  
counting gain but loss;  
smite them by the merit  
of the holy cross.
2. Christian, dost thou feel them,  
how they work within,  
striving, tempting, luring,  
goading into sin?  
Christian, never tremble;  
never be down-cast;  
smite them by the virtue  
of the Lenten fast.
3. Christian, dost thou hear them,  
how they speak thee fair?  
'Always fast and vigil?  
Always watch and prayer?'  
Christian, answer boldly,

'While I breathe I pray:'  
peace shall follow battle,  
night shall end in day.

4. 'Well I know thy trouble,  
O my servant true;  
thou art very weary,  
I was weary too;  
but that toil shall make thee  
some day all mine own,  
and the end of sorrow  
shall be near my throne.'

V. Blessed be the Lord our God,  
**R. By whose grace we are yet alive.**

V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,  
**R. By whose rising we are set free.**

V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,  
**R. In whom is our hope and our joy;**

**ALL:** Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord.  
*Amen.*

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE OR INVITATORY**

### **VENITE**

#### **PSALM 95: 1-8**

O come let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to Him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.  
In His hands are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are His also.  
The sea is His and he made it:  
His hands moulded dry land.

Come let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he Himself is our God:  
we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of  
His hand.

If only you would hear His voice today:  
for He comes, He comes to judge the earth:  
He shall judge the world with righteousness:  
and the peoples with His truth.

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 Minister says:*

**Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.**

*Minister and people, kneeling, together say:*

**Have mercy upon us,  
most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit**

that we may live and serve you in newness of  
life,  
to the honour and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Priest:*

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. *Amen.*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **PSALM 121**

*A song of trust in the Lord, the unsleeping guardian  
of Israel.*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall  
asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

*Sit*

### **THE FIRST READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17**

*Paul has written that one can attain a right relationship with God through faith, without living by Mosaic law. Now he takes Abraham as an example; he asks: what can we conclude about coming to God by faith rather than by Law?*

*A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Letter of Paul to the Romans Chapter 4, beginning at the first verse.*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the

adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**The Word of the Lord**

*The people: Thanks be to God.*

*Stand*

**THE BENEDICTUS**

**LUKE 1:68-79**

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel\*

You have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour\*  
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets

You promised of old to save us from our enemies\*  
from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears,\*  
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father

Abraham:\*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:\*  
holy and righteous before you  
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the  
Most High : \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the  
way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:\*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:\*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine upon those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 BEATITUDES MATTHEW 5:3-12**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is  
right,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for mercy shall be shown to them.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause  
of right,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and  
persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for  
my sake.

Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven.

### **THE SECOND READING: JOHN 3:1-17**

*Isaiah has been told that most people will reject God's message, preferring their traditional ways. Now Nicodemus, a devout and learned leader in Judaism, shows himself to be so steeped in traditional ways of thinking about God that he rejects Jesus' teaching about how to enter the Kingdom of God.*

*A Reading from the Gospel of John, Chapter 3, beginning at the first verse.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do

apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

### The Word of the Lord

*The people: Thanks be to God.*

*Stand*

### **GRADUAL HYMN: 110**

1. All ye who seek for sure relief  
in trouble and distress,  
whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
or guilt the soul oppress.
2. Jesus, who gave himself for you  
upon the Cross to die,  
opens to you his sacred heart;  
O to that heart draw nigh.
3. Ye hear how kindly he invites;  
ye hear his words so blest;  
"All ye that labor come to me,  
and I will give you rest."
4. O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
thou hope of sinners here,  
attracted by those loving words  
to thee we lift our prayer.
5. Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood  
which from thy heart doth flow;  
a new and contrite heart on all  
who cry to thee bestow.

### **THE SERMON**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and

born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V: Let us pray.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 SUFFRAGES:**

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;  
R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;  
R. And teach our leaders wisdom.

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;  
R. And her servants with knowledge and true  
godliness.

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the  
oppressed;  
R. That your justice may be known among all  
people.

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;  
R. That in us and through us your will may be  
done.

V: Let us pray:

### **THE COLLECT:**

#### **THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be  
gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways,  
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast

faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

*One or more of the following prayers shall be said.*

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Into your hands, Lord, we commend ourselves this day. Let your presence be with us to its close. Strengthen us to remember that in whatever good work we do we are serving you. Give us a diligent and watchful spirit, that we may seek in everything to know your will, and knowing it, may gladly perform it, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rest of the past night, and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass

its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at evening we may again give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God our Father, you have bidden light to shine out of darkness, and have awakened us again to praise your goodness and to seek your grace; make us children of the light and of the day, that our lives being open to your glory, we may shine as lights in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, we thank you  
for the gift of your Holy Word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
A light to our paths,  
And a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us to love and serve all persons  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the Name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.       *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.

## **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***

## **HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 350**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Saviour;  
There is healing in His blood.
2. There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.  
There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.
3. For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We should take Him at His word;  
And our life would be thanksgiving  
For the goodness of the Lord.

## **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:

**LENT:**

For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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!

*The Congregation kneels as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FORM D:**

**PRESIDENT:**

**A**ll glory, praise, and thanksgiving be unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, You created the world and all mankind, and of your tender mercy gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon Him, and to suffer death upon the cross, for our redemption. He made there, by His own oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and He instituted, and in His holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death, until His coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you; and be pleased to accept, bless and sanctify these gifts and creatures of bread and

wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For, 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".

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:**

In faith we acclaim You, O Christ

All: **Dying, You destroyed our death;  
Rising, You restored our life;  
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

**PRESIDENT:**

**N**ow therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your servants with all your holy people, having in remembrance the blessed passion, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension of your beloved Son, do offer unto your Divine Majesty this Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation, rendering thanks to you for the wonderful redemption which you have made possible for us in Him.

**A**nd we beseech you, O Father, to accept upon your heavenly altar this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His passion.

**A**nd we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit all who shall be partakers of this holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be numbered in the glorious company of your Saints.

**A**nd here we offer and present unto you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. And although we are unworthy to offer unto you any sacrifice, yet we beseech you to accept this, our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences;

**T**hrough Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto you, O Father Almighty, throughout all ages, world without end.

**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 COMMUNION: 571**

1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
for lo! Between our sins and their reward  
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.
3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
4. And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill;  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us never more to part with thee.

## **HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 650**

1. I was made a Christian  
when my name was given,  
one of God's dear children,  
and an heir of heaven.  
In the name of Christian  
I will glory now,  
evermore remember  
my baptismal vow.
2. I must, like a Christian,  
shun all evil ways,  
keep the faith of Jesus,  
serve him all my days.  
Called to be a Christian,  
I will praise the Lord,  
seek for his assistance  
so to keep my word.
3. All a Christian's blessings  
I will claim for mine:  
holy work and worship,  
fellowship divine.  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
give me grace, that I  
still may live a Christian,  
and a Christian die.

### **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 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 RECEPTION: 143**

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!
2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;
4. And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine
5. O generous love! that he who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo
6. And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

## **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 special welcome to all of our visitors., most especially those from overseas .*
- *We 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 are extended to them.*



***Alleyne, Kaitlyn (Miss)  
March 7***



***St. Hill, Patricia (Mrs.)  
March 3***



***Walcott, Willoughby (Mr.)  
March 1***



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