St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

To be a beacon radiating God's love among all people



The Garden of Remembrance

The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Proper 27

Rector: The Rev. Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight

Assistant Priest: Rev. Graveney Bannister

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Ena Gooding
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Barbados National Anthem

In plenty and in time of need
When this fair land was young
Our brave forefathers sowed the seed
From which our pride is sprung
A pride that makes no wanton boast
Of what it has withstood
That binds our hearts from coast to coast
The pride of nationhood

***Chorus**:*
We loyal sons and daughters all
Do hereby make it known
These fields and hills beyond recall
Are now our very own
We write our names on history's page
With expectations great,
Strict guardians of our heritage
Firm craftsmen of our fate

The Lord has been the people's guide
For past three hundred years
With him still on the people's side
We have no doubts or fears
Upward and onward we shall go
Inspired, exulting, free
And greater will our nation grow
In strength and unity.

Organ Prelude

Organist: Dr. Philip Forde, ARCM, frco

Opening Sentence - Pentecost

When the Spirit comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to Me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 15: 26, 27

The Introit Hymn: 435

1. Once to every man and nation,
   comes the moment to decide,
   in the strife of truth with falsehood,
   for the good or evil side;
   some great cause, God's new Messiah,
   offering each the bloom or blight,
   and the choice goes by forever,
   'twixt that darkness and that light.

2. Then to side with truth is noble,
   when we share her wretched crust,
   ere her cause bring fame and profit,
   and 'tis prosperous to be just;
   then it is the brave man chooses
   while the coward stands aside,
   till the multitude make virtue
   of the faith they had denied.

3. By the light of burning martyrs,
   Christ, thy bleeding feet we track,
   toiling up new Calvaries ever
   with the cross that turns not back.
   New occasions teach new duties,
   time makes ancient good uncouth,
   they must upward still and onward,
   who would keep abreast of truth.

4. Though the cause of evil prosper,
   yet the truth alone is strong;
   though her portion be the scaffold,
   and upon the throne be wrong;
   Yet that scaffold sways the future,
   and, behind the dim unknown,
   standeth God within the shadow,
   keeping watch above his own.

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:

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*.

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 27A

The Twenty-Fourth 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 Ministry of the Word

The First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

This is the account of the end of the Israelites trek through the wilderness from Egypt.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Joshua, Chapter 24 beginning at the first verse.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along

all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 78:1-7

This psalm recalls Israel's trials and the Lord's sustaining grace in the wilderness after the rescue from Egypt.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,*
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

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:
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul and his colleagues believed in the early return of the Lord. A question had been raised about the state of

those believers who had died before Christ's return. This is Paul's answer.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, Chapter 4, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn for the Gradual: 50

1. Rejoice, Rejoice, believers,
   and let your lights appear!
   The evening is advancing,
   and darker night is near.
   The Bridegroom is arising,

and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation!
At midnight comes the cry.

2. See that your lamps are burning;
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

3. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
and ever be with thee!

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus has told a parable about a master who leaves his estate, then suddenly and unexpectedly returns. Now he tells another parable about the unexpected coming of the Kingdom of God.

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.***

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Intercession: Form F

7:15 a.m. Maurice Webster

9:15 a.m. Michael Smith

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; Beverley, our Rector and Graveney, our Priest.

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.

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)*

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

The Offertory Hymn: 408

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side;
   bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
   leave to your God to order and provide;
   in every change he faithful will remain.
   Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend,
   through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
   to guide the future as he has the past.
   Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
   all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
   Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
   his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
   when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
   when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
   sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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***.

Eucharistic Prayer - Form E:

President:

Sovereign Lord and Father,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
In your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being;
In your great love
you fashioned us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcame the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as first fruits of your new creation.

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 the command
of your dearly beloved Son,

All:

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

President:

And we offer you, Father,
our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of
bread and wine that they may become
the Body and Blood of your Son,

Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.
As we partake of this holy food of new
and unending life, may your Holy Spirit
establish us as a royal priesthood
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. N-
and all your sons and daughters who share
in your eternal inheritance;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Hymn For the Communion: 608

1. My God, and is thy table spread,
   and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
   Thither be all thy children led,
   and let them all thy sweetness know.

2. Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,
   rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
   Thrice happy he who here partakes
   that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

3. Why are its dainties all in vain
   before unwilling hearts displayed?
   Was not for them the Victim slain?
   Are they forbid the children's Bread?

4. O let thy table honoured be,
   and furnished well with joyful guests;
   and may each soul salvation see,
   that here its sacred pledges tastes.

5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
   the God whom heaven and earth adore,
   from men and from the angel-host
   be praise and glory evermore.

Hymn for the Blessing: 546

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
   give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
   give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
   keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
   give me joy in my heart, I pray;
   give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
   keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
   give me peace in my heart, I pray;
   give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
   keep me loving till the break of day.

Refrain

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
   give me love in my heart, I pray;
   give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
   keep me serving till the break of day.

Refrain

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: Pentecost

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to

proclaim the word and works of God; 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: 234

1. O God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Our shelter from the stormy blast,
   And our eternal home:

2. Beneath the shadow of Thy throne,
   Thy saints have dwelt secure;
   Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
   And our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
   Or earth received her frame,
   From everlasting Thou art God,
   To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
   Are like an evening gone;
   Short as the watch that ends the night
   Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
   Bears all its sons away;
   They fly forgotten, as a dream
   Dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,

Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home!

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 today. A very special welcome to our visitors. May this service be an inspiration to all.*
- *Best wishes are extended to all celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. We wish you many more.*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

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

Barrow, Jeannette (Mrs.)	***November 12***
Ullyett, Marie (Mrs.)	***November 10***

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