

# St. James Parish Church

*Holetown, St. James, Barbados*

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



## THE FUNERAL SERVICE

FOR

ANDREW BECKLES

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**ASSISTANT CURATE: REV. STEVENSON SOBERS**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**FOR ANDREW VICTOR MCGEACHY BECKLES**

*Friday, May 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Organ Prelude*

*The Reception Of The Body*

*Opening Sentences*

*Hymn: Come Gracious Spirit*

*The Collect*

*Tribute*

*First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3: 9 – 15*

*Lana Clarke*

*Psalm 46 (Nicholson)*

*Second Lesson James 4: 13 – 17*

*Shakera Cereme*

*Hymn 496 (And Can It Be )*

*The Address*

*The Apostles Creed*

*The Prayers*

*The Commendation*

*Hymn 686: Forever with the Lord*

*(A collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Church)*

*Organ Postlude*

## AT THE GRAVESIDE

### The Committal

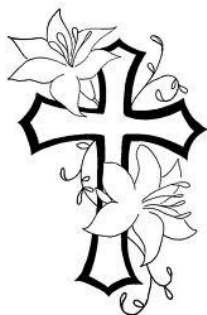
*In The Sweet By And By*

*It Is Well*

*When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

*I'll Fly Away*

*Closing Prayer and Benediction*



## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Jesus said. I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and who ever lives and believes in me shall never die.

*John 11:25-26*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

Jesus said, Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.

*John 14:1*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of god in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38-39*

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord, so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

*Romans 14:8-9*

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Job 1:21*

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

*Deuteronomy 33:27*

## **HYMN 427**

### **THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING SCENES OF LIFE**

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.
2. O magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt His Name;  
When in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.
3. The hosts of God encamp around  
The dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance He affords to all  
Who on his succour trust.
4. O make but trial of His love;  
Experience will decide  
How blessed are they, and only they,  
Who in His truth confide.
5. Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;

Make you His service your delight;  
Your wants shall be His care.

6. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## **THE COLLECT**

*Either:*

Almighty God, we remember before you today your servant Andrew , and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, you will receive him more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have served you in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Or:*

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **TRIBUTE: KELLY THOMAS BOOTH**

## **FIRST BIBLE LESSON: ECCLESIASTES 3: 9-15**

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by.

### **PSALM 46 (NICHOLSON)**

1. GOD is our hope and strength:  
a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst · of the sea.
3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4. The rivers of the flood thereof, shall make glad the city · of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her and that right early.
6. The heathen make much ado and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice and the earth shall melt away.
7. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the works · of the Lord: what destruction · he hath brought upon the earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder and burneth the chariots in the fire.
10. Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
11. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

## **SECOND BIBLE LESSON: JAMES 4:13-17**

Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money.' Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.' As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.

The Word of the Lord

The people:       **Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN 496 (AND CAN IT BE)**

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis mystery all! the Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
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He left his Father's throne above -  
so free, so infinite his grace -  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## **THE ADDRESS**

### **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 was 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**

**LEADER:** For our brother Andrew , let us pray to the Lord Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

**LEADER:** Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Andrew , and dry the tears of those who weep.

**ALL: Hear us, Lord.**

**LEADER:** You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend, comfort us in our sorrow.

**ALL: Hear us, Lord.**

**LEADER:** You raised the dead to life; raise our brother to eternal life.

**ALL: Hear us, Lord.**

**LEADER:** You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

**All:** Hear us, Lord.

**LEADER:** Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

**ALL:** Hear us, Lord.

**LEADER:** He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**ALL:** Hear us, Lord.

**LEADER:** Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

**PRESIDENT:** Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Andrew who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

**THE COMMENDATION**  
**THE OFFICIANT**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Andrew, with your saints,

**ALL:** where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**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.**

Let us commend our brother Andrew to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

Deliver your servant, Andrew, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Andrew . Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:  
**And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May his soul, and the souls of the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.  
*Amen.*

## **HYMN 686 (FOREVER WITH THE LORD)**

*(A collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Church)*

1. "FOR ever with the Lord !"  
Amen; so let it be;  
Life from the dead is in that word,  
'Tis immortality.  
Here in the body pent,  
Absent from Him I roam,  
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent  
A day's march nearer home.
2. My Father's house on high,  
Home of my soul, how near  
At times to faith's foreseeing eye  
Thy golden gates appear!  
Ah! then my spirit faints  
To reach the land I love,

The bright inheritance of Saints,  
Jerusalem above.

3. “ For ever with the Lord !”  
Father, if 'tis thy Will,  
The promise of that faithful word  
Even here to me fulfill.  
Be Thou at my right hand,  
Then can I never fail;  
Uphold Thou me, and I shall stand,  
Fight, and I must prevail.
4. So when my latest breath  
Shall rend the veil in twain,  
By death I shall escape from death,  
And life eternal gain.  
Knowing as I am known,  
How shall I love that word,  
And oft repeat before the Throne,  
“For ever with the Lord!”

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