

# St. James Parish Church

*Holetown, St. James, Barbados*

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



THE FUNERAL SERVICE

FOR

SIDNEY FORDE

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## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*Saturday, February 28, 2026*

*Musical Tributes: 9: 15 – 10:00 a.m.*

*Organ Prelude*

*The Reception Of The Body*

*Opening Sentences*

*Hymn: Come Gracious Spirit*

*The Collect*

*Eulogies and Remembrances*

*Solo - Pie Jesu from Requiem by Gabriel Faure  
by Lisle Gajahdar.*

*First Lesson: Revelation 21:1 - 7*

*Psalm 23*

*Hymn 479: Thine forever, God of Love*

*The Second Lesson (The Gospel)*

*The Sermon*

*The Offertory Hymn 799: Ye Holy Angels Bright*

*The Commendation*

*Anthem – God Be In My Head – Choir*

*Hymn 7: Abide with Me*

*Second Movement of Piano Concerto no 21  
W.A. Mozart*

## 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 271: COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT,**

1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide,  
o'er every thought and step preside.
2. The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.
3. Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his pastures stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.
4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
fullness of joy for ever there;  
lead us to God, our final rest,  
to be with him for ever blest.

### **THE COLLECT**

*Either:*

Almighty God, we remember before you today your servant Sidney , 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.**

### *Eulogies and Remembrances*

*Solo - Pie Jesu from Requiem by Gabriel Faure  
by Lisle Gajahdar.*

### **FIRST BIBLE LESSON: REVELATION 21: 1 - 7**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

## **PSALM 23 (BOCP)**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures\*  
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways for his  
name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I shall fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of  
those who trouble me;\*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.  
Amen.

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.*

## **SECOND BIBLE LESSON: JOHN 14: 1 - 6**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Word of the Lord

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

## **HYMN: 479 - THINE FOREVER**

1. Thine for ever! God of love,  
hear us from thy throne above;  
thine for ever may we be  
here and in eternity.

2. Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
shield us through our earthly strife;  
thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
guide us to the realms of day.
3. Thine for ever! O how blest  
they who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,  
O defend us to the end.
4. Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep  
us thy frail and trembling sheep;  
safe alone beneath thy care,  
let us all thy goodness share.
5. Thine for ever! Thou our guide,  
all our wants by thee supplied,  
all our sins by thee forgiven,  
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

## **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 Sidney , 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 Sidney , 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 Sidney 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, Sidney , 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 Sidney to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

Deliver your servant, Sidney , 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 Sidney . 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.*

## **ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR**

### **HYMN 7: ABIDE WITH ME**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with  
me.
4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy  
victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the  
skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain  
shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*Second Movement of Piano Concerto no 21*  
*(W A Mozart)*

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