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# St. Ann's Bay Cure

*St. Anne's: 8:00am*

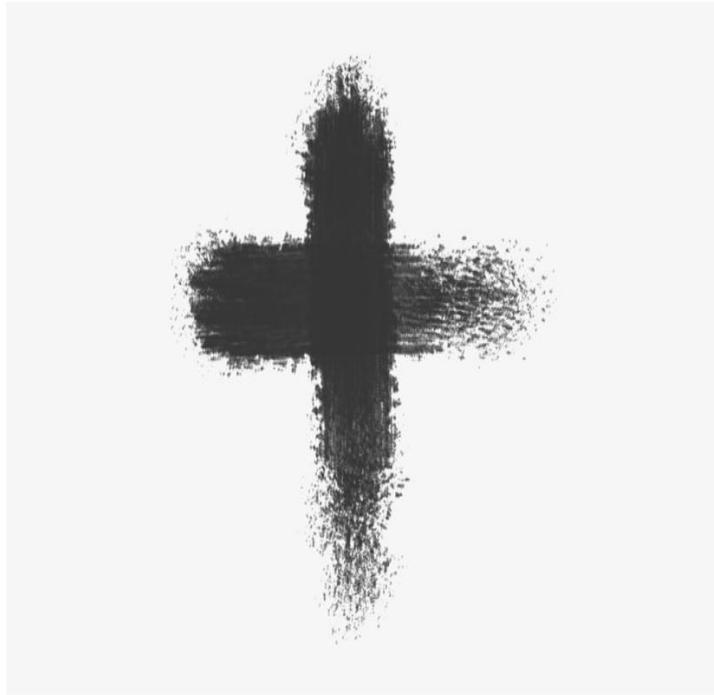
*St. Saviour's: 10:00am*

*St. Agnes: 10:00am*

*St. Mark's: 12:00am*

***ASH WEDNESDAY CURE CONVENTION***

**February 18, 2026**



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introit:** CPWI 123, Saviour, When In Dust

1.Savior, when in dust to thee  
low we bow the adoring knee,  
when, repentant, to the skies  
scarce we lift our weeping eyes,  
oh, by all thy pains and woe  
suffered once for man below,  
bending from thy throne on high,  
hear our solemn litany.

2.By thy helpless infant years,  
by thy life of want and tears,  
by thy days of sore distress  
in the savage wilderness,  
by the dread mysterious hour  
of the insulting tempter's power,  
turn, O turn a favoring eye,  
hear our solemn litany.

3. By the sacred griefs that wept  
o'er the grave where Lazarus slept,  
by the boding tears that flowed  
over Salem's loved abode,  
by the mournful word that told  
treachery lurked within thy fold;  
from thy seat above the sky,  
hear our solemn litany.

4. By thine hour of whelming fear;  
by thine agony of prayer,  
by the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
by the gloom that veiled the skies  
o'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
listen to our humble cry,  
hear our solemn litany.

5.By thy deep expiring groan;  
by the sad sepulchral stone;  
by the vault whose dark abode  
held in vain the rising God;  
oh, from earth to heaven restored,  
mighty, re-ascended Lord,  
listen, listen to the cry  
of our solemn litany.

President: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

President: Let us pray

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**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 KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Collects:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and holy God, your Son, in obedience to the Spirit fasted forty days in the desert: Give us grace to discipline ourselves that we may press on towards Easter with eager faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**First Reading:** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (I. Clarke - St. Mark's COE)

**Psalm** 103:8-14 (BCP, 601) (Allayne Ridley– St. Anne)

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

**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 Reading:** 2 Corin 5:20b-6:10 (Celeste Brown– St. Agnes' Mission)

**Gradual Hymn:** CPWI, 482, Approach, My Soul

1. Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before His feet,  
For none can perish there.

2. Thy promise is my only plea,  
With this I venture nigh;  
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee,  
And such, O Lord, am I.

3. Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed,

By wars without and fears within,  
I come to Thee for rest.

4. Be Thou my Shield and Hiding-place,  
That, sheltered near Thy side,  
I may my fierce Accuser face  
And tell him Thou hast died.

5. O wondrous Love, to bleed and die,  
To bear the cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners such as I  
Might plead Thy gracious name!

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Sermon:** Rev. Monique Campbell

**Hymn:** CPWI, 119, Lord Jesus Think On Me

1. Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From earth-born passions set me free  
And make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me  
With many a care opprest;  
Let me Thy loving servant be  
And taste Thy promised rest.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point Thou the heavenly way.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me  
That, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
And share Thy joy at last.

**The Imposition:**

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy, forgiveness and grace proclaimed in the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

Let us ask God our Father to bless these ashes to become a symbol of our intention. They have been made from the palms with which we greeted Christ our King with joy last Palm Sunday. They are a sign that we intend to prepare ourselves with penitence for Easter.

Lord, bless these ashes to our use and grant that they may remind us of our mortality and of our need of repentance so that we may keep Lent faithfully in preparation for the victory and joy of Easter.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The President addresses the congregation.*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*The President places ashes on those who come forward, saying to each*  
Repent and believe the Gospel.

*And each answers*

**Amen**

**During Imposition:** Solo by M. Crooks

### **CPWI, 499 Dear Lord and Father**

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!

Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still, small voice of calm.

**CPWI, 110 All Ye Who Seek**

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.

*When all have received ashes, the President facing the congregation says*  
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*Having washed his hands, the President says*  
Return to the Lord with all your heart; leave the past in ashes and turn to God with tears and  
fasting, for He is slow to anger and ready to forgive.

**Prayers:** Jessica Royes (Rector's Warden, St. Saviour's)

**Leader:** God our Father, we praise you that you are always ready to forgive the penitent. Bring us by your Spirit to true repentance and the joy of knowing your forgiveness. Accept, through Jesus Christ, our Lenten acts of love and sacrifice. Prepare us to celebrate His Passover and to share His risen life. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your Church throughout the world, for our archbishop, and in this diocese for our bishop, the clergy and people. Free us from dependence on material goods and the worship of power, and from all that hinders our union with you. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Father, we pray for our country and all in authority. Purge our land of all that is contrary to your will. Bring us all to know Christ as the way, the truth and the life, that we may live in harmony with one another. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Father, we pray for all who suffer, and especially for victims of greed and violence; make your love known to them and to those who cause suffering. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we recommend to your loving care all who will die during this Lent. Bring them and all the departed ( or Bring us all) through the passion and death of your Son to share in the glory of His resurrection.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **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.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

**PRESIDENT:** Let us therefore confess our sins.

**ALL:** Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, 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. Amen.

**PRESIDENT:** If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you.

**ALL:** leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

**PRESIDENT:**           **The Peace of the Lord be always with you**

**All:**                   And also with you.

**Offertory Hymn:**   498, Come, Ye Sinners

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, joined with power:

he is able, he is able,  
he is willing; doubt no more.

2. Come, ye needy, come, and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings us nigh,  
without money, without money,  
come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,  
bruised and broken by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all:  
not the righteous, not the righteous  
sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger.  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth  
is to feel your need of him:  
this he gives you, this he gives you;  
'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The incarnate God, ascended,  
pleads the merit of his blood;  
venture on him, venture wholly;  
let no other trust intrude:  
none but Jesus, none but Jesus  
can do helpless sinners good.

#### **THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS:**

**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: ... 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:

**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!**

#### PRESIDENT

All 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 he 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.**

Now 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.

And 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.

And 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.

And 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 offenses;

Through 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. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**President:** As our Saviour has taught us so we pray...

### **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:** Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

**ALL:** **We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.**

**Communion Hymns:** 504, Just As I Am

1. JUST as I am, without one plea  
but that Thy Blood was shed for me,  
and that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind:  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am (Thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

### **CPWI 118, Lord, In This Thy Mercy's**

Lord, in this Thy mercy's day,  
Ere for us it pass away,  
On our knees we fall and pray.

Holy Jesus, grant us tears,  
Fill us with heart searching fears,  
Ere the hour of doom appears.

Lord, on us Thy Spirit pour,  
Kneeling lowly at Thy door,  
Ere it close forevermore.

By Thy night of agony,  
By Thy supplicating cry,  
By Thy willingness to die,

By Thy tears of bitter woe,  
For Jerusalem below,  
Let us not Thy peace forego.

Grant us 'neath Thy wings a place,  
Lest we lose this day of grace,  
Ere we shall behold Thy face.

### **593, I Am Not Worthy**

1. I am not worthy, Holy Lord,  
that thou shouldst come to me;  
speak but the word; one gracious word  
can set the sinner free.

2. I am not worthy; cold and bare  
the lodging of my soul;  
how canst thou deign to enter there?  
Lord, speak, and make me whole.

3. I am not worthy; yet, my God,  
how can I say thee nay;  
thee, who didst give thy flesh and blood  
my ransom-price to pay?

4. O come! In this sweet morning hour  
feed me with food divine;  
and fill with all thy love and power  
this wavering heart of mine.

CPWI 601, Jesu, My Lord

1. Jesu, my Lord, my God, my all,  
hear me, blest Saviour, when I call;  
hear me, and from thy dwelling-place  
pour down the riches of thy grace.

*Jesu, my Lord, I thee adore;  
O make me love thee more and more!*

2. Jesu, too late I thee have sought;  
how can I love thee as I ought?  
And how extol thy matchless fame,  
the glorious beauty of thy Name?

3. Jesu, what didst thou find in me  
that thou hast dealt so lovingly?  
How great the joy that thou hast brought,  
so far exceeding hope or thought!

4. Jesu, of thee shall be my song;  
to thee my heart and soul belong:  
all that I have or am is thine;  
and thou, Blest Saviour, thou art mine.

**Ablution:** 845, Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
give thanks unto the Holy One  
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (*Repeat*)

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
let the poor say, "I am rich"  
because of what the Lord has done for us; give thanks (Repeat)*

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**ALL: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through Him may we have strength to stand against all that is evil; be firm in the times of trial and temptation; resolute in obeying your will and in seeking your kingdom. Give us the power to stay true to you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Recessional:** 413, Guide Me, O Thou Great

1. GUIDE me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing streams doth flow:  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside:  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs and praises  
I will ever give to Thee.

**Outline for the Day**

**9:30am**

**Service**

**11:45am - 12:00pm Learn Hymn for Lent**

**12:00pm– 12:30pm Refreshments**

**12:30pm– 1:30pm– Small Group Studies**

**1:30pm-2:00pm –Plenary and Dismissal**

**ST. ANN'S BAY CURE**  
**Ash Wednesday, 2026**  
**Theme: Draw Closer to God**

Open in prayer.

Select a rapporteur. (You will have one hour of study and then two minutes to share the most salient points in a plenary session.)

Discuss the following questions:

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest, how close would you say that you are to God?
2. What are the ways in which you nurture your relationship with God?
3. Do you think that we can think that we are close to God and we are not? (Give reasons for your response.)
4. Consider Saul before his conversion. How do you think he would have ranked his relationship with God?
5. Consider the tax collector and the publican. Who do you think felt that he was closer to God? Who was closer to God?
6. David is described in Acts 13:22 as “a man after God’s own heart”. God so loved David that his only begotten son was born from the lineage of David.
  - A. Would the modern church have regarded David as an example to the community of faith? (Give reasons for your response.)
  - B. What do you think God saw in David?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10.**

Paul wrote this epistle to the church in Corinth between BCE 56 and 57. This is believed to be the third or fourth letter that he was writing to the church that he founded. Despite this, he defended his apostleship and pointed them again to the scandal of the cross. He was vulnerable in this letter as he wrote to a church he loves and wanted to see be brought back to the foundations of the faith.

7. He notes in verse 20, that his appeal is being made on behalf of Jesus Christ. What is the appeal?
8. Do you think that Jesus would make such an appeal? (Give reasons for your answer.)
9. The word reconciled means to “return to favour with.” How appropriate do you think it is for a church to be asked to be reconciled to God?
10. The Corinthian church is one that had many spiritual gifts including prophecy and speaking in tongues, and yet Paul, on behalf of Jesus Christ, is asking that they “return to favour with” God. What do you think was their attitude when they received that message?
11. According to verse 21, Jesus’ primary task was to be sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God. Thus, in his death, we, who believe, are now made right with God and can have favour with God. In view of the cost of our righteousness, what do you think is the greatest evidence that we are reconciled to God?
12. Based on Holy Scripture, we are the ones who acted against God. Yet, in this text, He is the One extending Himself to be in reconciled to us. What does that tell us about God?

13. In what ways should the answers to the above, challenge how we navigate our relationships?
14. In the Act of Penitence, Form B (BCP, 124) notes three relationships in which we often fail to live according to God's standard.
  - A. What are those relationships?
  - B. In what ways does this text challenge your perspective on what God's standard for these relationships should be?
15. A. When you read the list of the experiences that marked the lives of the authors of the letter, what does it reveal about their relationship with God?  
 B. Based on verse 1, how did they understand the reasons for their experiences?  
 C. Why do you think that they listed all of these experiences to the Corinthians?  
 D. What would your list of experiences include if you were writing to challenge Christians to live as coworkers with Jesus Christ?
16. There are various descriptors used in Holy Scripture for our relationships with God.
  - A. Can you list some?
  - B. Of all of these, which one is most appealing/attractive to you?
  - C. Can you like Paul describe yourself as an ambassador?
  - D. An ambassador is "an accredited diplomat sent by a state as its permanent representative in a foreign country." Would you be okay with Vybz Cartel being Jamaica's ambassador to the US? (Give reasons for your response?)
  - E. Based on your responses above, would you be a good ambassador for Jesus Christ here in the church, in your community and with your family?
17. Charles Wesley wrote, "Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown... Can you honestly say that Christ's dwelling is in you and that you are totally reconciled to God?"
18. Based on your responses above, how can you improve your relationship with God?
19. Any other questions/comments?

Close with the Collect for Purity (BCP, 101).

**Exercise for Strength during the Lenten journey**

**Priest:** May God, who has forgiven us

**People:** **Now make us strong for these days ahead.**

**Priest:** May Jesus lead us,

**People:** **and we be found faithful to follow.**

**Priest:** May the Holy Spirit drive us into the wilderness,

**People:** **burning away the chaff of our lives, and purifying our hearts for all to see and for them and us to be blessed.**

**Priest:** May God Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People:** **Mercy, Master, and Fire, be with us and remain with us always!**

**ALL:** **Amen, Amen. With God's strength we go.**

**Weekly Lenten Themes:**

Ash Wednesday: Draw Closer to God

Lent I: Resist Temptation

Lent II: Faith in Jesus Christ Leads to Eternal Life  
Lent III: Trust God in ALL Circumstances  
Lent IV: Enlighten Our Darkness, We Beseech Thee O Lord  
Lent V: The Spirit of God Gives Life

Palm/Passion Sunday: Saved by the Cross of Christ

### **Lenten Preparation**

Lent is a time when we intentionally practice what we desire to model in our daily lives as Christians. So, this Lenten tide, let us not only give up meat, alcohol or smoking. Let us also take on activities that will deepen our walks as Christians. Let us make it our duty to spend quality time in prayer and in reading of Holy Scripture at home and at church. Why don't we come to mid-week mass, Bible Study or our Lenten services for the entire season? Why don't you meet weekly in your Area Groups and do the weekly studies in the Newsletter together?

### **Lenten Hymn for 2026**

#### **How Deep the Father's Love**

*by Stuart Townend*

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom