

# The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

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*St. Ann's Bay Cure*  
*St. Anne's: 8:00am*

*First Sunday in Lent*  
*Year A*  
*February 22, 2026*



## *Our Mission*

*We are Disciples of Christ making the love of God known through our  
Witness and service in all we think, say and do*

## Theme for Len 1: Resist Temptation

Open in prayer.

Many of us can recall our childhood antics when we acted with abandonment and bore the consequences that our parents, guardians or community meted out to us. Some of us allowed friends to face the consequences, while we laughed. We often speak of the adults as being brutal or unkind.

Discuss the following:

1. What temptations did you yield to as a child? Share some of the consequences.
2. Do you think it is easier to resist temptation as an adult? Give reasons for your response.
3. Do you agree with the quip, "The devil strong..."? (Give reasons for your answer)
4. Do you think it is fair for our actions to have consequences?

Read Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

5. Who received the instruction about the prohibited tree?
6. What was the instruction?
7. Who did the serpent approach?
8. What did she say was the instruction?
9. Do you notice any differences?
10. What was the opportunity that caused Eve to do as the serpent suggested?
11. Based on the text, why do you think Adam ate what Eve offered?
12. What was the first thing that Adam and Eve did after their disobedience?
13. Based on your response above, does God have a problem with nakedness?
14. What does their response to their nakedness reveal?
15. Do you think the serpent understood the consequences of the disobedience of Adam and Eve?
16. What do you think motivated the serpent's actions?
17. The Bible tells us that Adam and Eve were thrown out of the Garden of Eden and an angel with a sword guarded the way to the tree of life (Genesis 3:24). And in Revelation 22:2, the access to the tree of life is unhindered. What do you think is the reason for the difference?
18. If Adam and Eve could have a do over, what do you think they would do differently?
19. Based on your responses to the questions above, what do you think you can use to help in the resistance to temptation?
20. Based on your knowledge of Jesus' temptation, what other tools do you think are available to you?
21. Since we all have failed in resisting temptation, what does the church's response to those whose failure is public mean?
22. Any other comments?

Close in prayer



## **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.**

## **Nine Fold Kyrie**

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

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (Allayne Ridley)

## **Psalm 32**

1. How happy they the Lord forgives,  
Whose sin is put away;  
To whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
In whom no guile holds sway!

2. I held my tongue, my bones dried up,  
I groaned day in, day out;  
Your hand weighed down, my flesh was dry,  
As in mid-Summer drought.

3. Then I acknowledged all my sin,  
Confessed it openly;  
I said, 'I will admit my sin,;  
And you, Lord, set me free.

4. The faithful all will make their prayers  
To you in time of woe;  
The water-floods will not reach them  
Although they overflow.

5. You hide me and preserve me, Lord,  
In all adversity;  
You strengthen me on every side  
With shouts of victory.

**Give glory to the Father, Son,  
And Spirit equally;**

**As from the first it was, is now,  
And evermore shall be.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:12-19 (Ayden Hemmings)

**Gradual: CPWI 114, Forty Days and Forty Nights (Francis Pott)**

Forty days and forty nights  
Thou wast fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
Prowling beasts about Thy way;  
Stones Thy pillow; earth Thy bed.

Shall not we Thy sorrow share  
And from worldly joys abstain,  
Fasting with unceasing prayer,  
Glad with Thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
Flesh or spirit should assail,  
Thou ,his Vanquisher before,  
Grant we may not faint nor fall!

So shall we have peace divine:  
Holier gladness ours shall be;  
Round us, too, shall angels shine,  
Such as ministered to Thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
Ever constant by Thy side;  
That with Thee we may appear  
At th' eternal Eastertide.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

**THE SERMON:** Eric Smith

**AFTER SERMON: CPWI 124, Still Nigh Me**

Still nigh me, O my Saviour, stand,  
And guard in fierce temptation's hour;  
Hide in the hollow of thy hand,  
Show forth in me thy saving power;

Still be thine arm my sure defence;  
Nor earth nor hell shall pluck me thence.

Still let thy love point out my way:  
How wondrous things thy love hath wrought!  
Still lead me, lest I go astray;  
Direct my work, inspire my thought;  
And, if I fall, soon may I hear  
Thy voice, and know that Love is near,

In suffering be thy love my peace,  
In weakness be thy love my power;  
And when the storms of life shall cease,  
Jesus, in that tremendous hour,  
In death as life be thou my guide,  
And save me, who for me hast died.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** (Angelique Boreland)

LEADER

With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord. saying, "Lord have mercy."

LEADER

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls:  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and for the unity  
of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER

For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with  
truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER

For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and  
promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfilment:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light:

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**ALL**

**O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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.

**FORM A**

**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. **Amen.**

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

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

**PRESIDENT:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All:** And also with you.

**Offertory: CPWI 496, And Can It Be**

1. 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!

2. 'Tis mystery all: th'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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3. 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!

4. 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.

5. 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 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:

**ALL**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might (*repeat*)**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory (*repeat*)**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (*repeat*)**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,**

## **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.

PEOPLE: **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.**

### **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

#### **CPWI 120, My Spirit**

My spirit longs for thee,  
within my troubled breast,  
though I unworthy be  
of so divine a Guest.

Of so divine a Guest  
unworthy though I be,  
yet has my heart no rest  
unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee,  
in vain I look around;  
in all that I can see  
no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found  
but in thy blessed love;  
O let my wish be crowned  
and send it from above.

**CPWI 119, Lord Jesus**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CPWI 592, Hands That Have Been Handling**

1. Hands that have been handling  
holy things and high  
still, Lord, in thy service  
bless and fortify.

2. Ears which heard the message  
of the words of life  
keep thou closed and guarded  
from the noise of strife.

3. Eyes whose contemplation  
looked upon thy love,  
let them gaze expectant  
on the world above.

4. 'Holy, holy, holy,'  
thee our lips confessed:  
on those lips for ever  
let no falsehood rest.

5. Feet which trod the pavement  
round about God's board,  
let them walk in glory  
where God's light is poured.

6. Bodies that have tasted  
of the living Bread,  
be they re-created  
in their living Head.

7. Be we all one body,  
all our members one,  
measured by the stature  
of God's full-grown Son.

**CPWI 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.

**Ablution: CPWI 116, Jesu, Who This**

1. Jesu, who this our Lenten-tide  
Of abstinence hast sanctified,  
Be with thy Church in saving power  
In this her penitential hour.

2. And, as thou dost forgive the past,  
Thy sheltering arms around us cast,  
That we may in thy grace remain  
And fall not back to sins again.

3. Make, Lord, this Lenten discipline  
An expiation for our sin;  
And through these days ourselves prepare  
The joys of Eastertide to share.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**All: 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.**

**Recessional Hymn: 567, Yield Not To Temptation**

1. Yield not to temptation,  
for yielding is sin;  
each victory will help you,  
some other to win;

fight, still pressing onward,  
dark passions subdue;

*Look ever to Jesus,  
he will carry you through.  
Ask the Saviour to help you;  
comfort, strengthen and keep you;  
he is willing to aid you,  
he will carry you through.*

2. Shun evil companions,  
bad language disdain;  
God's name hold in reverence,  
nor take it in vain;  
be thoughtful and earnest,  
kind-hearted and true;

3. To him that o'er-cometh,  
God giveth a crown;  
through faith we will conquer,  
though often cast down;  
he who is our Saviour,  
our strength will renew;

### **Prayerful Support**

**These are our sick and shut-in members. Remember to pray for them as well as those who care for them.**

**Sick:** Andrea Beckford, Davida Bingham, Fitzgerald Boyd, Clifford Bradford, Vinetta Brown, Renford Davis, Fay Dickens, Norma Fletcher Trusty, Duliser Fletcher, Lenworth Garel, Inez Gowie, Agatha Harrison, Olive Johnson, Hugh Lyon, Winnifred Simpson, Myrtle Thomas, Annie Walsh, Rev. Vivette Jennings.

**Shut-in-** Leslene Duncan, Karl and Joy Fuller, Lillian Graham, Hyacinth Grierson, Kenneth and Gwendolyn Hamilton, Rev. Fr. Glenbert & Sr. Shirley Prince, Gwen Warren.

### **St. Saviour's, Lime Hall**

**Sick & Shut-in:** Terrlyn Lugg, Myrtle Trusty, Evelyn Anglin, Eileen Gaynor, Hilda Jones, Winifred Senior, Kingsley Coke, Karlene Brown, Linet Robinson.

**Out of Parish:** Aubrey (Bobby) Creary, Lorrel Asher

### **St Agnes', Priory**

**Sick & Shut-in:** Maudlyn Dyer, Merlene Higgins, Phyllis Rose, Geneva Martin, Minette Jarrett, Gladys Carter

*He heals the broken hearted and supports those who are weary*

### **Reflection**

*"It is during darkest moments that we must focus to see the light"*

Aristotle

**“Birthdays: February 22, February 28, 2026**

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**WELCOME & NOTICES**

1. We welcome all to church, especially our guests, and we ask that you continue to keep safe and share love with others.
2. We thank the Outreach Team and Donors as they assist the most vulnerable. We continue our collections on first Sundays.
3. Members are invited to Sunday morning Bible Study @ 7a.m. during Lent
4. Confirmation classes continue today at 4pm
5. AYF meets weekly on Sundays at 5:15pm in the church hall.
6. All adults 20-45 are invited to Youth Connect every second Friday at 7pm at St. Ann Parish Church Hall.
7. We have Mass on Wednesday at 7am. This is followed by Bible Study.
8. We have Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6pm-face to face and on Zoom.
9. The Ministers’ Fraternal Ecumenical Service is on Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm at the Miracle Tabernacle
10. Our Cure Planning Meeting is on February 28th at 10am @ St. Agnes’ Mission, Priory. All committee members are expected to attend and a representative from each organization. Please confirm your attendance with the church office.
11. Persons who are interested in a Music Workshop please contact your Sunday School Teachers for further details.
12. We offer prayerful support to Veda Latham and family. Her husband, Leslie Latham, has died.
13. We offer prayerful support to Fay Dickens and family. Her sister-in-law has died.
14. We offer prayerful support to Shirley Jarrett-Reid and family. The funeral for her brother-in-law, Gladmore Jarrett, is on Saturday, March 7th @ 11 am at the St, Ann’s Bay Methodist Church.
15. Our Committee meeting is on Monday, March 9th at 6:00pm.
16. We offer support to the family of Claude Graham. His funeral is March 14th @ 11am.

**Second Sunday In Lent: March 1, 2026 Purple)**

*First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a*  
*Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*  
*Psalm: 121*  
*Prayers: Form D*  
*Gospel: John 3:1-17*