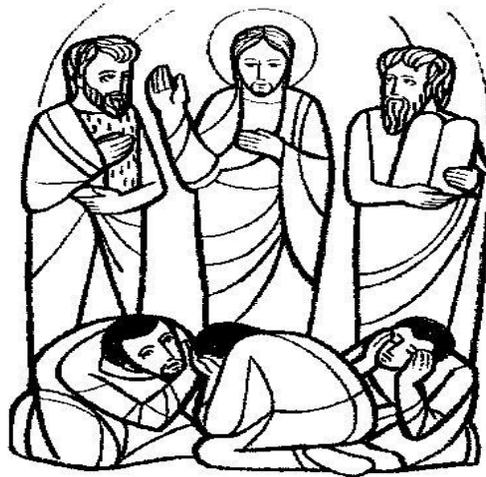


The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

Established 1824

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

Second Sunday in Lent
Year A
March 1, 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*

Lent 2: Faith in Christ Leads to Eternal Life

Open in prayer and discuss the following questions:

1. What is the difference between being religious and being born again?
2. Which is required for salvation?
3. How is one born again?
4. Is there a way to know that one is born again?

Read St. John 3:1-17 carefully and reflect on the following:

5. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?
6. What do you think Jesus wanted Nicodemus to learn about what it means to be “born again”?
7. Do you think Nicodemus accessed the eternal life that Jesus was speaking about? (Give reasons for your answer.)
8. According to St. John 3:16, what is God’s motivation for our salvation?
9. Consider the agony that Jesus endured, do you think there could be any other motivation?
10. How does the response to the above make you think about the value God places on you?
11. If salvation is possible by another method, why would God allow Jesus to suffer as He did?

Read Numbers 21: 5-9

12. Can looking at a bronze serpent heal today?
13. What is the difference between what took place in Numbers and our modern reality?
14. What does the story of Moses lifting the serpent teach us about faith?
15. What is the difference between believing *about* Jesus and believing *in* Jesus?
16. How does this passage challenge your evaluation of your personal faith in Christ?
17. Faith is essential for our salvation. However, there is no obvious instrument that can be used to measure our faith. This is rather scary because it means that we can think that we have faith and we do not. Thus, we are missing out on the gift of eternal life which is only accessed by faith while thinking that we have eternal life.
18. Why do you think that God made faith the criterion for salvation?
19. There are people that still insist that we must do certain activities to have salvation, does that have Biblical support in the New Testament?
20. In what ways will the message of salvation impact those who truly believe it?
21. Compare the attitude of those who believe that one must work for salvation and those who believe that faith in Jesus leads to eternal life?
22. When you reflect on your life- is your response to the Gospel like one who understands faith leads to eternal life or that works lead to eternal life?
23. Any other remarks?

Close in prayer after reciting John 3:16.

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: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a (Marjorie Taylor)

Psalm 121:1-8

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

**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: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (Margaret Crooks)

Gradual: CPWI 111 O Lord, Turn Not

1. O Lord, turn not Thy face from me,
Who lie in woeful state,

Lamenting all my sinful life
Before Thy mercy-gate.

2. A gate which opens wide to those
That do lament their sin;
Shut not that gate against me, Lord,
But let me enter in.

3. And call me not to strict account
How I have sojourned here;
For then my guilty conscience knows
How vile I shall appear.

4. Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask;
This is my humble prayer;
For mercy, Lord is all my suit,
O let Thy mercy spare.

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

THE SERMON: Shirley Jarrett- Reid

AFTER SERMON: Tis So Sweet

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Noel Hyde)

FORM D FORM D

LEADER

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishop(s) _____ and all the people of God.

ALL

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER

We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially _____ and for all peoples in their various callings.

ALL

Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER

We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL

Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER

We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the handicapped; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL

Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER

We commemorate the departed, especially

ALL

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER

Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

All: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for Your people and equip us for our ministries: through 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.

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 455, My Faith Looks

1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

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;
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.

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 571, And Now, O Father

1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the only true, pure, immortal sacrifice

2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
for lo! Between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4. And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill;
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.

CPWI 110, All Ye Who

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.

CPWI 113, Creator of the World

Creator of the world, to Thee
And endless rest of joy belongs;
And heavenly choirs are ever free
To sing on high their festal songs.

But we are fallen creatures here,
Where pain and sorrow daily come;
And how can we in exile drear
Sing out, as they, sweet songs of Home?

O Father, Who dost promise still
That they who mourn shall blessed be,
Grant us to weep for deeds of ill
That banish us so long from Thee.

But weeping, grant us faith to rest
In hope upon Thy loving care;
Till Thou restore us, with the blest,
Their songs of praise in Heaven to share.

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.

CPWI 497, Blessed Assurance

1, Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long,
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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: 387, To God Be Thy Glory

1. To God be the glory! Great things he hath done,
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life Gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory
great things he hath done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

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, Michael Johnson, Olive Johnson, Hugh Lyon, Natalie Miller, Rev. Fr. Glenbert Prince, Winnifred Simpson, Myrtle Thomas, Annie Walsh.

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

“In Lent, God is inviting us to draw closer to Him with our whole hearts.”

Matthew Kelly

“Birthdays: March 1, March 6 2026

Michelle Brown	1
Caulette Smith	2
Marjorie Taylor	3

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. A group selected from the best choirs in Kingston and St. Andrew, will be giving a musical recital at the St. Ann Parish Church on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 4pm tickets are available for \$2,000 please contact Maxie Monteith or Hazel Chuck for further details. Please come and support.
10. The Ministers’ Fraternal Ecumenical Service is on Wednesday, March 4th at 7pm at the First Holiness.
11. Persons who are interested in a Music Workshop please contact your Sunday School Teachers for further details.
12. We offer prayerful support to Joy McPherson. Her brother, Errol, has died.
13. We offer prayerful support to Jeneva Slader (Jemma) and family. Her sister 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. We offer prayerful support to Veda Latham and family. Her husband, Leslie Latham, has died. Funeral service is on Wednesday, March 4th at 12noon. The prayer meeting is on Monday, March 2 @ 6pm.
16. We offer prayerful support to Fay Dickens and family. Her sister-in-law has died.
17. Our Committee meeting is on Monday, March 9th at 6:00pm.

18. We offer support to the family of Claude Graham. His funeral is March 14th @ 11am.

Third Sunday In Lent: March 8, 2026 (Purple)
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First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Psalm: 95

*Prayers: **Form E***

Gospel: John 4:5-42