The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

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

Second Sunday in Lent Year B February 25, 2024



Theme for 2024 "DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION" 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 2024: Discipling the Next Generation Theme for Lent 2: Living our Faith in God's Grace

Open with the following prayer: 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust him at his word. Just to rest upon his promise just to know, 'thus saith the Lord. Heavenly Father, thank You for Your care for our wellbeing in every area of our lives. Help us to be rested and refreshed in You. Amen.

Discuss the following questions:

- 1. We have all heard people say, "My faith is strong." Who or what do you think that they have faith in?
- 2. How do we know that our faith is in God and not in ourselves or our material resources?
- 3. Have you ever met someone who believed God for things that are contrary to His Word?
- 4. The next generation pride themselves on being excellent judges of character. Based on your responses above, how do you think that they perceive our faith?

Read Hebrews 11:1-11

The Webster's Dictionary states that substance is "reality, solidity, content or essence as opposed to form etc." Men and women in the Old and New Testaments have been trusting God for many years and He has never let them down. They have left an indelible mark for us to follow on our journey in faith in God.

- 5. List some individuals whose faith is seen in the Bible and state what lessons can be learned about faith from their lives.
- 6. If not already shared, discuss the following individuals- Moses, the Roman Centurion, the Woman with the Issue of Blood.
- 7. Can you think of any contemporary Christian whose faith is admirable? If yes, share.
- 8. What do these lives teach us about faith?
- 9. Read James 2:18-20. What lessons can we learn about faith?
- 10. Do you think people in the church have more faith than those outside the church? (Give reasons for your answer.)
- 11. a. Based on what you observe in the church, on a scale of 1-10 where would you place faith in the church?
 - b. Do you think that the next generation would agree? (Give reasons for your answer.)
- 12. On that same scale, where would you put your faith?
- 13. Does one have to be religious to have faith?
- 14. If a non-Christian prays will God answer that prayer?
- 15. What are the benefits of having faith?
- 16. How does faith affect your relationship with God?
- 17. Can my action reveal whether I am a person of faith?
- 18. Is there anything I can do to increase my faith in God?
- 19. How can you teach the next generation to increase their faith?
- 20. Any other remarks?

Sing CPWI 455, My Faith Looks Up To Thee and then invite someone to close in prayer,

ORDER OF THE LITURGY

Opening Hymn: CPWI 455, My Faith Looks (Ray Palmer)

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 GREETING

Opening Sentence

- V. Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- R. And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, 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 17:1-7, 15-16 (Nakayla Bailey)

Psalm 22 (Tune Eltham)

- 1. O praise the Lord, you that fear him, O Israel's offspring, stand in awe; All you who are of Jacob's line Give glory always to the Lord.
- 2. The Lord does not despise the poor, But when they cry, he hears their plea; I will praise God and make my vows, I will perform them publicly.
- 3. The poor shall eat and have their fill; Those who seek God shall give him praise; All nations shall turn to the Lord And bow before His throne always.
- 4. Kingship belongs to God the Lord, He rules the nations from his throne; All those who sleep within the earth Bow down to worship him alone.
- 5. My soul shall live for him, my heirs Shall serve the Lord at his command, To people yet unborn make known The saving deeds of his right hand.

Give glory to the Father, Son, And to the Holy Spirit be; As from the first it was, is now, And will be for eternity.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25 (Donnovia Miller)

Gradual Hymn: CPWI 119, Lord Jesus,

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 care and woe oppressed, 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 heav'nly way.

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

Acclamation: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

The Gospel: Matthew 8:31-38

Chorus: Open our Eyes Lord

Open Our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord And Help us to listen Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus

THE SERMON: Margaret Tait

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: Form F (BCP, 115) Dorian Stewart

Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER Bless and inspire all members of the clergy, especially, our Archbishop;, our Bishop(s); and our Priest(s).
ALL That their lives may be examples of their teaching, and that they may rightly and faithfully administer your holy Sacraments.
LEADER Guide and protect all Heads of State and all who bear rule, especially those in this land: our (President /Governor-General), the Prime Minister, all members of Parliament, and all persons serving in Local Government.
ALL That our people may be godly and peacefully governed.
LEADER Direct those who administer justice; and strengthen those who guard and protect the land.

ALL

That our people may dwell in peace.

LEADER

Reveal the common good to those in positions of public trust and to decision-makers in industry and commerce.

ALL

That freedom and dignity may prevail among us.

LEADER

Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

ALL

That the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of your truth.

LEADER

Comfort and help all persons who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. especially (______).

ALL

Help us to help them, O Lord.

LEADER

Remember our brothers and sisters, (especially ______) and all others who have died in your faith and fear.

ALL

Grant them peace and eternal life.

LEADER

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles arid Martyrs; and all the Saints who have been good examples in

PRIEST

And finally let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence may be kept.

their several generations.

ALL

Accept our prayers and intercessions, Father, according to your wisdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.**

FORM B

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 he reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory: CPWI 456, My Hope Is Built (Edward Mote)

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2. When weary in this earthly race, I rest on his unchanging grace. in every wild and stormy gale, my anchor holds and will not fail.
- 3. His vow, his covenant, and blood are my defence against the flood.

when earthly hopes are swept away he will uphold me on that day.

4. When the last trumpet's voice shall sound, O may I then in him be found! Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne!

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!

Form D

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 hut 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...

Our Father who art in heaven, holy, holy, holy be thy name Our Father who art in heaven, holy be thy name Thy kingdom come on earth, thy will be done on earth Thy kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses, And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us Forgive us our trespasses.

Do not lead us into temptation.
Do not lead us into temptation.
But deliver us from all evil
Deliver us from all evil
And forgive us our trespasses,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us
Forgive us our trespasses.

For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the Glory Forever and ever A-A-MEN Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen

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

Our Saviour invites all adults baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit who are walking with Him to come to His table.)

THE INVITATION:

Form C

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 110, All Ye Who (All Ye Who Seek)

All ye who seek for sure relief in trouble and distress, whatever sorrow vex the mind, or guilt the soul oppress.

Jesus, who gave himself for you upon the Cross to die, opens to you his sacred heart; O to that heart draw nigh.

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."

O Jesus, joy of saints on high, thou hope of sinners here, attracted by those loving words to thee we lift our prayer.

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 120, My Spirit Longs (John Byrom)

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 589, Here, O My Lord (Horatius Bonar)

Repeat the last line of each verse when using the tune Old 124th.

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here faith would touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God; here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load; here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon: it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

CPWI 571, And Now, O Father (William Bright) 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,

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.

the only true, pure, immortal sacrifice

- 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.

Ablution: CPWI 613 O Lord Jesus (John Mauburn) PART ONE

O Lord Jesus, I adore thee for the bread of worth untold freely given in thy communion, wonderful a thousandfold, given today in living bounty more than my poor heart can hold.

Make thou of my soul an orchard quickened into fruitfulness; come, O come, life-giving Manna, making glad my wilderness sweeter far than any sweetness tongue can taste, or words express.

PART TWO

Ah, Lord Jesus, go not from me, stay, ah, stay with me, my Lord; make me shrink from whatsoever will not with thy name accord; act through me in every action, speak through me in every word.

Would that I could keep thee always in my inmost heart to be, thou and only thou suggesting every thought and wish in me; all my soul, with singing, offered for a sacrifice to thee.

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: Follow Me

Follow Me, follow Me, Leave your home and family, Leave your fishing nets and boats upon the shore. Leave the seed that you have sown, Leave the crops that you have grown, Leave the people you have known and follow Me.

1. The foxes have their holes,
And the swallows have their nests,
But the Son of man
Has no place to lay down.
I do not offer comfort,
I do not offer wealth,
But in Me will all happiness be found.

2. If you would follow Me,
You must leave old ways behind.
You must take My cross
And follow on My path.
You may be far from loved ones,
You may be far from home,
But My Father will welcome you at last.

3. Although I go away
You will never be alone.
For the Spirit will be
There to comfort you.
Though all of you may scatter,
Each follow his own path,
Still the Spirit of love will lead you home.

Prayerful Support

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

Sick: Fitzgerald Boyd, Cynthia Dexter, Fay Dickens, Dorrell Fletcher, Karl Fuller, Lenworth Garel, Hugh Lyon, Gwen Warren, Leslie Latham, Adonijah Spencer, Mitsie Knight.

Shut-in- Hazel Bascoe, Edna Carnegie, Leslene Duncan, Joy Fuller, Hyacinth Grierson, Lillian Graham, Kenneth and Gwendolyn Hamilton, Florence Higgins, Olive Johnson, Desreen Logan, Canon Glenbert & Sr. Shirley Prince, Doreen Reid, Rev. Fr. Horace Richards, Abalda Smith (Bamboo), Myrtle Thomas, Winnifred Simpson

St. Saviour's, Lime Hall

Terrlyn Lugg, Lorraine Royes, Myrtle Trusty, Evelyn Anglin, Eileen Gaynor, Hilda Jones, Winifred Senior, Kingsley Coke, Karlene Brown, Ermine Williams (Kingston), 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

"We must come to good works by faith and not to faith by good works"

William Gurnall

"Birthdays: February 25, March 2, 2024

Hermilin Bonita Scarlett	25
Julia Miller	26
Winsome Gordon	27
Joy Fuller	28
Michelle Brown	1
Caulette Smith	2

WELCOME & NOTICES

- 1. We ask that you continue to keep safe and share love with others
- 2. We continue to thank the **Outreach Team and Donors** as they assist the most vulnerable at this

time. We continue our collections on first Sundays.

- 3. We thank Tangle wood group for cleaning. Mammee Bay group is in the month of March.
- 4. We offer prayerful support to Karl Fuller, Maxie Monteith, Novlette Georges, Myrna Jackson, Kenneth Haley, Keith Rowe, Karen Estreme, and Doreen Reid as they mourn.
- 5. AYF is every Sunday at 5:15pm. Persons 12-25 are invited
- 6. All adults 20-45 are invited to Millennials Mingle every second Friday at 7pm at St. Ann Parish Church Hall.
- 7. Confirmation classes are 4pm on Sundays.
- 8. Our Pre-Synod Conference is March 9th at 9am at Church of the Holy Trinity, Montego Bay. The Synod Representative and attorneys are to attend.

Third Sunday In Lent: March 3, 2024 (Purple)

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 Second Reading: 1Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm: 19

Prayers: Form E Gospel: John 2:13-22

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