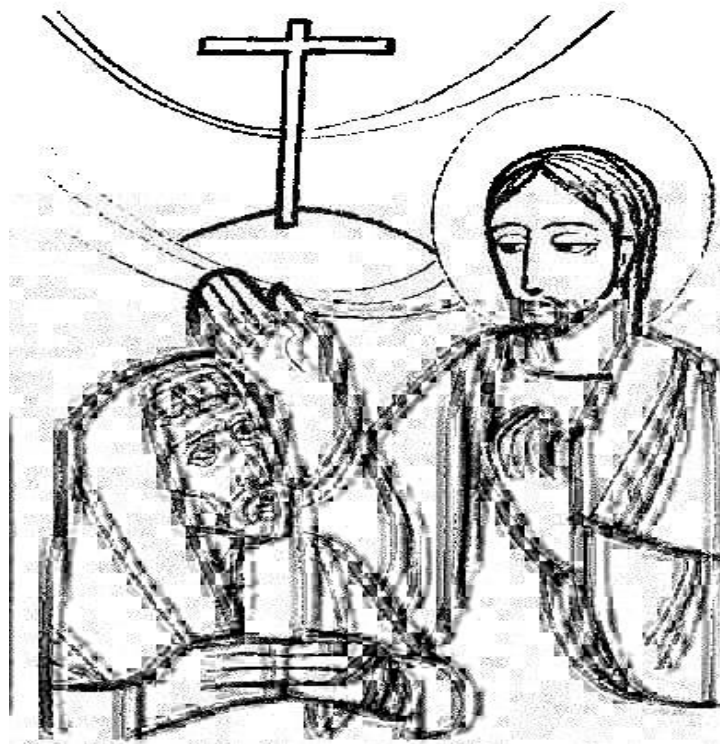


The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

Established 1824

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Year B
March 10, 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 4: God's Grace and Mercy is Our Eternal Hope

Open in prayer.

Discuss the following:

1. Do you have any favourite songs or hymns about the grace and mercy of God? (If yes, please share with the group.)
2. Define grace. (Give examples after defining.)
3. Define mercy. (Give examples after defining.)
4. What do you think is the difference between the two?
5. Are grace and mercy only divine attributes?
6. What do understand by 'eternal hope'?

Our texts for today reveal that God's grace and mercy is our eternal hope. In Numbers 21, we witness a people wandering in the wilderness, plagued by serpents. Yet, in their desperate cry, God offers an unexpected solution – a bronze serpent lifted high, foreshadowing the redemptive grace to come. Ephesians 2:1-10 unveils the depth of our brokenness and the immeasurable riches of God's mercy, reminding us that salvation is a gift freely given. Finally, John 3: 14-21 captures the essence of God's love, declaring that the light has come into the world, offering salvation to those who believe.

Read John 3:14-21

7. What happened when Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness?
8. Do you think looking at a serpent now can accomplish what happened in the wilderness? (Give reasons for your answer.)
9. How was Jesus lifted up?
10. Based on the text, how do we receive life instead of death?
11. Two thieves were with Jesus when he was crucified. Only one was promised paradise. Which one and why?
12. What verb is repeated the most in the verses 14-18?
13. How do you define that word?
14. How do we know whether or not we believe?
15. How is what Jesus did an example of grace?
16. How is what Jesus did an example of mercy?
17. How does Jesus' grace and mercy affect our eternal wellbeing?
18. Is there any way to measure whether one's eternal hope is assured?
19. Do you think that you have enough concern about eternity?
20. What does Jesus' actions reveal about Jesus' concerns about our eternal wellbeing? And what should that teach us?
21. When you speak to the next generation, what is your sense of their interest in eternity?
22. How can you communicate the eternal to them effectively?
23. How can the church help them understand and experience the grace and mercy of God?
24. What are the reasons for the Anglican church not being more effective in discipling the next generation?
25. Any other comments?

Prayerfully sing Your Grace and Mercy and close in prayer.

ORDER OF THE LITURGY

Opening Hymn: CPWI 121, Nature With Open (Isaac Watts)

1. Nature with open volume stands
to spread her Maker's praise abroad
and every labor of his hands
shows something worthy of a God.
2. But in the grace that rescued man
his brightest form of glory shines;
here, on the cross, 'tis fairest drawn
in precious blood and crimson lines.
3. Here his whole Name appears complete;
nor wit can guess, nor reason prove
which of the letters best is writ,
the power, the wisdom, or the love.
4. Oh, the sweet wonders of that cross
where God the Saviour loved and died!
Her noblest life my spirit draws
from his dear wounds and bleeding side.
5. I would for ever speak his Name
in sounds to mortal ears unknown,
with angels join to praise the Lamb
and worship at his Father's throne!

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. Lord, have mercy

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

Collect: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9 (Neville McIntosh)

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

**Give glory to the Father, Son,
And Spirit equally;
As from the first it was, is now,
And evermore shall be.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10 (Andrea Warren)

Gradual Hymn: CPWI 354, O My Saviour, Lifted (William Walsham How)

1. O MY Saviour, lifted
from the earth for me,
draw me, in thy mercy,

nearer unto thee.

2. Lift my earth-bound longings
fix them, Lord, above;
draw me with the magnet
of thy mighty love.

3. Lord, thine arms are stretching
ever far and wide,
to enfold thy children
to thy loving side.

4. And I come, O Jesus
dare I turn away?
No! Thy love hath conquered,
and I come today;

5. bringing all my burdens,
sorrow, sin, and care,
at thy feet I lay them,
and I leave them there.

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: John 3:14-21

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: Bernard Reid

AFTER SERMON: **Your Grace and Mercy**

*Your grace and mercy brought me through
I'm living this moment because of You
I want to thank You and praise You too
Your grace and mercy brought me through*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Barbara Tapper

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.

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 498, Come, Ye Sinners (Joseph Hart)

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:

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 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

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 617, Once, Only Once (William Bright)

ONCE, only once, and once for all,
His precious life He gave;
Before the Cross our spirits fall,
And own it strong to save.

“One offering, single and complete,”
With lips and heart we say;
But what He never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.

For, as the priest of Aaron's line
Within the Holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;

So He, Who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents Himself for those He bought
In that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now it lives
On heaven's eternal Throne,
And where in mystic rite He gives
Its Presence to His own.

And so we show Thy death, O Lord,
Till Thou again appear;
And feel, when we approach Thy Board,
We have an Altar here.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.

CPWI 627, We Pray Thee (We Pray Thee)

We pray thee, heavenly Father,
to hear us in thy love,
and pour upon thy children
the unction from above;
that so in love abiding,
from all defilement free,
we may in pureness offer
our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,
O Jesus Christ, we pray;
so may we well approach thee,
if thou wilt be the Way:
thou, very Truth, hast promised
to help us in our strife,
food of the weary pilgrim,
eternal source of life.
And thou, creator Spirit,
look on us, we are thine;
renew in us thy graces,

upon our darkness shine;
that, with thy benediction
upon our souls outpoured,
we may receive in gladness
the body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,
O Unity most high,
on thee alone relying
thy servants would draw nigh:
unworthy in our weakness,
on thee our hope is stayed,
and blessed by thy forgiveness
we will not be afraid.

CPWI 495, Amazing Grace (John Newton)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

CPWI 601, Jesu, My Lord (William Bright

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!*

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?

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!

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: 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
quicken 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.

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

There is every element of joy—deep, ecstatic, satisfying, sanctifying joy—in the gospel of Christ.

Octavius Winslow

“Birthdays: March 10, March 16, 2024

Karen Parkins	10
Standford Davis	11
Barbara Phillips	11
Vinetta Brown	12
Dorothy Brown-Christie	13
Nicole Breanna Palmer	13
Constance Hallett	14

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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. Our committee meeting is on Monday, March 11 @ 6pm.
4. Condolence to Vivienne Henry whose nephew, Shandon Folkes, died.
5. Condolence to Maxie Monteith whose uncle-in-law, Locksley White, died.
6. Funeral service for Doreen Reid's husband, Mark Reid, is on Saturday, March 16, @11am at St. Ann Parish Church.
7. We offer prayerful support to Maxie Monteith, Novlette Georges, Myrna Jackson, Kenneth Haley, Keith Rowe, Karen Estreme, Doreen Reid and Vivienne Henry as they mourn.
8. AYF is every Sunday at 5:15pm. Persons 12-25 are invited
9. All adults 20-45 are invited to Millennials Mingle every second Friday at 7pm at St. Ann Parish

Church Hall.
10. Confirmation classes are 4pm on Sundays.

Fifth Sunday In Lent: March 17, 2024 (Purple)
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Marjorie Taylor)
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10 (David Walters)
Psalm: 51:1-13
Prayers: Form C (Eric Smith)
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Times of Service (March 24-March 31)

Palm Sunday 7:45am
Mass followed by Stations Monday-Wednesday-7am
Maundy Thursday 6:30pm
Good Friday 12noon
Easter Vigil- 6:30pm
Easter Day Sunday 6:00am

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