

The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

Established 1824

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Year A
March 15, 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 4: Enlighten Our Darkness, We Beseech Thee, O Lord

Open with the prayer for The Presence of Christ (BCP, 84)

Sing There's a Call Comes Ringing

Discuss the following questions:

1. What is the primary message of the hymn?
2. How do you react when there is an extended JPS outage?
3. They say that light is the essence of God. Do you agree?

Read St. Matthew 5:14-16

4. What do you think verse 16 means?
5. Explain how our failure to let our light shine affects the spread of the Gospel.
6. Do you think our failure to let our lights shine has impacted our congregation? (Give reasons for your answer.)
7. Does darkness refer only to the absence of physical light?
8. Do you understand why we sometimes speak of darkness to mean ignorance?
9. What do you understand by:
 - a. Moral darkness
 - b. Social darkness
 - c. Spiritual darkness
 - d. Coming into the light

Read St. John 1:4-5

10. Explain the verses in your own words.
11. In view of this, how our darkness be enlightened?
12. Can we enlighten ourselves?
13. In the hymn "At the Cross, At the Cross Where I First Saw the Light," what is the light that the hymnwriter saw?
14. How have you been enlightened? (If yes, share your experience.)
15. Read 1 John 2:10-11, do you think that all individuals who identify as Christians are truly out of darkness? (Give reasons for your answer.)
16. Has Bible Study aided in your enlightenment? (If yes, share how.)
17. Any other remarks?

Close with Prayer

ORDER OF THE LITURGY

Santus, Santus, Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
I lift my voice in worship;
I'll sing your praise for all my days,
holy, holy Lord.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
I lift my life in worship;
I'll will adore you evermore,
holy, holy Lord.

Hymn: CPWI 3, Christ, Whose Glory

1. CHRIST, Whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy Divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23 (CPWI 478)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gradual: CPWI 495, Amazing Grace

1. 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.

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

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

4. 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.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

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: Maxie Monteith

AFTER SERMON: There's a Call Comes Ringing

1. There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave:
"Send the light! Send the light!"
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save.
Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light.
Let it shine from shore to shore.
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light.
Let it shine forevermore.

2. We have heard the Macedonian call today:
"Send the light! Send the light!"

And a golden offering at the cross we lay,
Send the light! Send the light!

3. Let us pray that grace may ev'rywhere abound;
Send the light! Send the light!
And a Christ-like spirit ev'rywhere be found.
Send the light! Send the light!

4. Let us not grow weary in the work of love.
Send the light! Send the light!
Let us gather jewels for a crown above.
Send the light! Send the light!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM F

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 and Martyrs; and all the Saints who have been good examples in their several generations.

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: How Deep the Father's Love
by Stuart Townend

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

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

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

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."

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 601, Jesu, My Lord

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

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

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

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

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

CPWI 118, Lord, In This

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 125, When Wounded Sore

1. When wounded sore, the stricken heart
Lies bleeding and unbound,
One only hand, a piercèd hand,
Can salve the sinner's wound.

2. When sorrow swells the laden breast,
And tears of anguish flow,
One only heart, a broken heart,
Can feel the sinner's woe.

3. When penitential grief has wept
Over some foul dark spot,
One only stream, a stream of blood,
Can wash away the blot.

4. 'Tis Jesus' blood that washes white,
His hand that brings relief,
His heart Is touched with all our joys,
And feels for all our grief.

5. Lift up Thy bleeding hand, O Lord,
Unseal that cleansing tide;
We have no shelter from our sin
But in Thy wounded side.

CPWI 622, Taste And See

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for he has been so good to me.

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise his name.
I called the Lord and he answered me;
from all my troubles he set me free.

3. Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that God is good;
in him we need put all our trust.

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: CPWI 241, Thou, Whose Almighty

1. Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2. Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;

move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4. Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide
let there be light.

MY PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU

**My peace I leave with you, this is His promise.
My Peace I leave with you, this is his promise.
Let not your hearts be sad, troubled or uncertain.
My peace I leave with you.**

**Lord Jesus, grant to us that peace enduring,
Not as the world imparts- unsure, untrue,
But inward happiness past our understanding
My peace I leave with you.**

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, Azane Gordon, 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

If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

Desmond Tutu

“Birthdays: March 15, March 21, 2026

Jeffrey Paul	15
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Damon Wisdom	21

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 18th at 7pm at the Methodist Church.
10. Persons who are interested in a Music Workshop please contact your Sunday School Teachers for further details.
11. We offer prayerful support to Eric Smith. His niece Sasha- Marie Ashley has died.
12. We offer prayerful support to Noel Hyde. His aunt Cynthia Campbell has died.
13. We offer prayerful support to Jeneva Slader (Jemma) and family. Her sister Marsha has died.
14. Pre-synod Conference is on Saturday, March 21 at Church of the Holy Trinity, West Gate @ 9am. All attorneys and synod-representatives are to be in attendance.
15. Palm Sunday service is on Sunday, March 29 starting at 7:45 am.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 22, 2026 (Purple)
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First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14(Youth)

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11(Youth)

Psalm: 130

Prayers: Form H
Gospel: John 11:1-45

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