The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C April 6, 2025



Theme for 2025
DISICPLING EVERY 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 2025: Discipling Every Generation Theme for Lent V: Give Glory to the God who Restores

Open with CPWI, 387-To God be the Glory

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank You that no matter what we face today or how deep we sink, with Your help, restoration can and will come to us so as we endure, overcome and prevail. We thank You for Your strength and energy that will grant us the power that will retore and sustain us and Your wisdom that will grant us peace. May we honour You today in all that we say or do, and as we study Your Word together. Amen

Giving Glory to God is a common Biblical concept as we receive restoration from Him through His display of His power and His presence and His authority. We have the assurance that despite our struggles, trials and tribulations, He can restore us and lessen our disappointments as we draw close to Him.

Discuss the following questions:

- 1. How did God show His power in His restoration of the children of Israel?
- 2. How did God show His power in restoring His servant Job?
- 3. How did restoration come to Peter after his denial of Jesus?
- 4. How did His power to retore His servant work in the prophet Jonah?

Read Joel 2: 25-26 and Psalm 126:5-6

5. Where do you see restoration in the readings?

Read Philippians 3:4-14

Discuss the following questions:

- 6. Is there any evidence of restoration in this text? If yes, where?
- 7. Compare and contrast the life of Paul before and after His encounter with Jesus Christ
- 8. A. Did Paul know Jesus before His encounter with him?
 - B. If yes, how did he perceive Him?
 - C. What caused the difference between his perception of Jesus before and after his encounter?
 - D. Can people serve God without encountering Him?
 - E. What difference can an encounter with God make?
 - F. How do we know that we have had an encounter?
- 9. How does the author give God the glory?
- 10. In what ways can we glorify God?

- 11. Do you see worship as an integral part of 'glorifying God' and why?
- 12. How do you define worship?
- 13. Where is the best place to worship God?
- 14. How has your encounter with God changed the things that are most valuable in your life?
- 15. Compare and contrast who you were before and after encountering Jesus Christ
- 16. Share any experience you have had of 'being restored by God' and say how you glorified Him
- 17. What is the most important restoration that God offers to us?
- 18. Any other remarks?
- 19. Think of any new lessons that have come from this study and share it with the group.
- 20. Did the study lead you to new directions that you can pursue in your walk with God.

End with the singing of Doxology

ORDER OF THE LITURGY

Hymn: CPWI 519 From Heaven You Came

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled, not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

- 2. There in the garden of tears my heavy load he chose to bear; his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
- 3. Come see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice, hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve and in our lives enthrone him, each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

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.

Collect: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 (Ann Richmond)

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Constance Hallett)

Gradual Hymn: CPWI, 113 Creator of the World

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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?
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.

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 12:1-8

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: Eric Smith

AFTER SERMON: CPWI 387, To God Be The 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: H (BCP, 120) (Maxie Monteith)

LEADER

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God. that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

LEADER

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

LEADER Lord in your mercy

ALL Hear our prayer.

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, All I Once Held

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon, All this world reveres, and wars to own. All I once thought gain I have counted loss, Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, There is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, And I love You, Lord.

- 2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more, To be found in You and known as Yours, To possess by faith what I could not earn, All-surpassing gift of righteousness.
- 3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life, And to know You in Your sufferings, To become like You in Your death, my Lord, So with You to live and never die.

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...

ALL: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your Name;
Your kingdom come; your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours now and forever. 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

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 256, Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

- 1. Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills the breast; But sweeter far Thy Face to see, And in thy presence rest.
- 2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than Jesu's Name, The Saviour of mankind.
- 3. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind Thou art, How good to those who seek!
- 4. But what to those who find? Ah! this Nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.
- 5. Jesus, our only Joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be; In Thee be all our glory now, And through eternity.

CPWI 601, Jesu My Lord, My God

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.

CPWI 592, Hands That Have Been Handling

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hymn: God is Good

1 God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me. 2 God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me; God's so good to me.

3 God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.

4 God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

Ablution: CPWI 847, His Name Is Wonderful

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he. Jesus, my Lord.

Bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord!

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: 232, My God, How Wonderful

1. MY God, how wonderful thou art' thy majesty how bright,

how beautiful thy mercy-seat, in depths of burning light!

- 2. How dread are thine eternal years, O everlasting Lord, by prostrate spirits day and night incessantly adored!
- 3. How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee must be, thine endless wisdom, boundless power, and awful purity!
- 4. Oh, how I fear thee, Living God, with deepest, tenderest fears, and worship thee with trembling hope, and penitential tears!
- 5. Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art, for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
- 6. No earthly father loves like thee, no mother, e'er so mild, bears and forbears as thou hast done with me thy sinful child.
- 7. Father of Jesus, love's reward, what rapture will it be, prostrate before thy throne to lie, and gaze and gaze on Thee.

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, Fitzgerald Boyd, Clifford Bradford, Vinetta Brown, Renford Davis, Cynthia Dexter, Fay Dickens, Dorrell Fletcher, Lenworth Garel, Agatha Harrison, Claude Lewis, Leslie Latham, Hugh Lyon, George Simpson, Winnifred Simpson, Myrtle Thomas (hospital). **Shut-in-** Leslene Duncan, Karl and Joy Fuller, Lillian Graham, Hyacinth Grierson, Kenneth and Gwendolyn Hamilton, Florence Higgins, Olive Johnson, Rev. Fr. Glenbert & Sr. Shirley Prince, Doreen Reid, Gwen Warren.

St. Saviour's, Lime Hall

Terrlyn Lugg, Myrtle Trusty, Evelyn Anglin, Eileen Gaynor, Hilda Jones, Winifred Senior, Kingsley Coke, Linet Robinson, Celeste Morris

St Agnes', Priory

Sick & Shut-in: Christine Demmitt, Veronica Comrie, Winsome Douglas, Maudlyn Dyer, Merlene Higgins, Phyllis Rose, Geneva Martin, Minette Jarrett, Gladys Carter. "

He heals the broken hearted and supports those who are weary

Reflection

"How shalt thou hope for mercy, rendering none?"

Merchant of Venice

"<u>Birthdays: April 6, April 12, 2025</u>

Andrean Findley	8
Annie Maureen Walsh	8
Constance Simpson	10
Andrew Simms	12

WELCOME & NOTICES

- 1. We hope 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. We thank Runaway Bay group for cleaning. Tanglewood group is on for the month of April.
- 4. We have Lenten bible study on Sundays at 7am.
- 5. We have Mass on Wednesday at 7am. This is followed by Bible Study. We have Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6pm-face to face and on Zoom.
- 6. The Ministers' Fraternal Lenten Service on Wednesday will be at New Testament Church.
- 7. Confirmation Class continues this afternoon at 4pm.
- 8. AYF is every Sunday at 5:15pm. Persons 12-25 are invited.
- 9. Persons who are interested in joining the Centering Prayer group on Tuesday at 7pm may contact me Eslyn Jones for the Zoom link—call on 876-858-2542 or WhatsApp on 242-825-6254
- 10. We offer prayerful support to the family of Audrey Hyde whose aunt has died.
- 11. We offer prayerful support to the family of Novlette Georges. Her uncle has died.
- 12. We offer prayerful support to the family of Fr. Horace Richards who has died. Funeral service is on Saturday, April 12 at St. Mary P. C. The prayer meeting is April 10th @ 6:30pm in the St. Ann P.C. Church Hall.
- 13. Deanery Council is on April 12th at Claremont starting at 9:30am.
- 14. We offer prayerful support to Royes family as they mourn the death of Lorraine Royes. Funeral service is on Saturday, April 19th at 11am St. Saviour's Church. An evening of prayer, praise and tributes is on Sunday, April 13th at 5pm.
- 15. All Sunday School children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, April 21, from 10am to 1pm
- 16. Our Annual Healing Conference is at Royalton, Negril from May 30 to June 1. Details are on the Notice Board.
- 17. Anglican Women's Cursillo is May 15-18, 2025. Anglican Men's Cursillo is June 19-22, 2025. Please speak with Connie or Rev for details.

The Sunday of the Passion /Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025 (Red)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a (Lynette Hemmings)
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (Eslyn Jones)
Psalm: 31:9-16

Prayers: (Livingston Green) Gospel: Luke 22:14-33:56

Times of Service (April 13 -April 20)

Palm Sunday 7:45am Mass followed by Stations Monday-Wednesday-7am

> Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Good Friday 12noon Easter Day - 6:00am

Question- Is it actually bread and wine or the body and blood of Jesus Christ? Response- There are several views on holy communion. The most common are:

- 1. Transubstantiation- where the belief is that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus
- 2. Consubstantiation- where the belief is that we perceive bread and wine which contain within the body and blood of Jesus.
- 3. Memorial- where the bread and wine remain bread and wine but remind us of what Jesus did on the cross.
- 4. Real Presence- where the belief is that Jesus Christ is really present in the sacrament, but how is unknown to us. This is the position that is typically held in this diocese. Thus, when the priest administers holy communion, s/he says, "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ." There was a time in the church where the church simply used the following statement, "He was the Word that spake it, he took the bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it"

As one priest puts it, Communion is "A way of encountering God in ways we can make sense of materially.

Communion is one way that God gives Jesus Christ to humans for the forgiveness of our sins. It's one way to constantly remind us of God's presence with us. It's one way to help us to remember that we are a part of a larger Body. It's one way to communicate the gift of God's love and sustenance.

If we remember that, we are really partaking of the sacrament Jesus Christ left for His church.

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