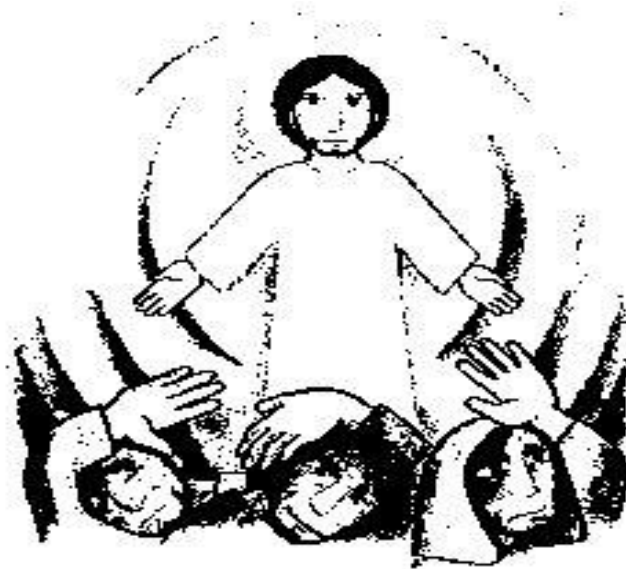


The Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

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

Second Sunday in Lent
Year C
March 16, 2025



Theme for 2025
DISCIPLING 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 2: Have Confidence in the Covenant Keeping God

Open in prayer

Confidence, according to the Oxford Dictionary, is the feeling or belief that one can have faith in or rely on someone or something. We lose confidence in people because of past negative experiences, perceived dishonesty or inconsistencies.

Discuss the following:

1. Is there anyone you trusted who you no longer trust? (If possible, share what you can.)
2. Do you think that God can be trusted? (Give reasons for your answer.)
3. What is the difference between a covenant and a contract?

In the culture of the Old Covenant, those who entered into covenants did so with the understanding that the consequence of breaking the covenant was death. They often spoke of “cutting covenant” because blood had to be shed in the making of the covenant.

Read Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God entered into covenant with Abram in Genesis 15 and whereas both parties customarily walked through the carcasses as a sign of the consequences of the result of breaking the covenant only God walked through. Thus, God was saying that the weight of the covenant rested on Him and not on Abram.

4. Based on your knowledge of Holy Scripture, did God keep the covenant that He made with Abram? (Give reasons for your answer.)
5. In the words of the Benedictus, Luke 1:72-73, which are recited at Morning Prayer, God is described as remembering His holy covenant which He swore to Abraham.
 - a. How many years do you think are between the covenant made with Abram and the song of praise of Zechariah?
 - b. What does that reveal about God?
 - c. What does that reveal about how Zechariah perceived God?
 - d. How does that impact how you perceive God?

The Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments. Each of these covers the details the old and new covenants. In fact, testament and covenant are interchangeable.

6. What is the New Covenant?
7. How was the New Covenant initiated?
8. Share some of the benefits of the New Covenant.
9. What is required of those who want to benefit from the New Covenant?
10. Is your response to the question above what is shared in all churches?
11. What are the implications for your answer to the question above?
12. When we examine the synoptic gospels (Mark 14:24, Matt. 26:28, Luke 22:20), at the last supper, Jesus took up the cup and said that this is the “my blood of the new covenant.”
 - a. What does communion mean to you?

- b. What do you think Jesus wanted to communicate to us through communion?
 - c. Do you think He still wants to communicate the same thing to us almost two thousand years later? (Give reasons for your answer.)
 - d. If there is a difference between the responses to a and b, how do we get to where Jesus wants?
13. Given God's track record, do you think that we have reasons to trust or distrust Him?
(Give reasons for your answer.)
14. Do you think of God as the covenant-keeping God?
15. How can the concept of the covenant-keeping God impact your faith in God?
16. Can we be true disciples of Jesus if we do not trust Him?
17. Any other remarks.

Close in prayer.

ORDER OF THE LITURGY

Hymn: CPWI 234, O God, Our Help

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
2. Beneath the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,

And our eternal home!

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: 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 15:1-12, 17-18 (Margaret Tait)

Psalm 27: 1-18

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1(Eric Smith)

Gradual Hymn: Softly and Tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

*Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

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: Luke 13:31-35

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: Monica James

AFTER SERMON: CPWI 236, O Lord My God

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God, to Thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

3. And when I think that God, his son not sparing,
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (BCP, 111), BCP, 79 (Michael Barrett)

FORM D FORM D

LEADER

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

Silence may be kept.

LEADER

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

ALL

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

LEADER

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

ALL

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

LEADER

We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who

live and work with us.

ALL

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

LEADER

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

ALL

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

LEADER

We commemorate the departed, especially

ALL

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

Silence may be kept.

LEADER

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

ALL: Amen.

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

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

ALL: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 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:

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 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 118, Lord, In This Thy Mercy

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 119, Lord Jesus, Think On Me

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 many a care opprest;
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 heavenly way.

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

CPWI 583, Faithful Shepherd

1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.
2. Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.
3. Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
make my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.
4. Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.
5. Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

CPWI 474, Rock of Ages

1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown
see thee on thy judgment throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Ablution: CPWI 849, They that Wait

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk, and not faint.
Teach me, Lord, teach me, Lord, to wait.

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: 223, Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;

thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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, Leslie Latham, Hugh Lyon, Rev. Fr. Horace Richards, 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, Canon Glenbert & Sr. Shirley Prince, Doreen Reid, 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: 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

"The circumstances of life, the events of life, and the people around me in life, do not make me the way I am, but reveal the way I am"

[Dr. Sam Peebles].

“Birthdays: March 16, March 22, 2025

Evelyn Palmer	17
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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. We have Lenten bible study on Sundays at 7am.
4. 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.
5. All adults 20-45 are invited to Youth Connect (formerly Millennials Mingle) every second Friday at 7pm at St. Ann Parish Church Hall.
6. AYF is every Sunday at 5:15pm. Persons 12-25 are invited.
7. Confirmation classes continue every Sunday at 4pm.
8. We offer prayerful support to Janet Lewis whose mother Edna Carnegie has died. Funeral service is on Saturday, March 29th at St. Ann Parish Church at 10am. Prayer meeting is on Wednesday, March 26 in church Hall starting at 6:30pm.
9. Our pre-synod meeting is on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Holy Trinity, Montego Bay. All attorneys and synod reps are to be present.
10. We offer prayerful support to the family of Fr. Horace Richards who has died. Funeral service is on Saturday, April 12 at St. Mary Parish Church.
11. Deanery Council is on April 12th.
12. We offer prayer 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.
13. Our Annual Healing Conference is at Royalton, Negril from May 30 to June 1. Details are on the Notice Board.
14. 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.

Third Sunday In Lent: March 23, 2025 (Purple)

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalm: 63:1-8

Prayers: Form E

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Members' Question- Why do so many bad things happen in the world?

Priest's Response- In Genesis 1, when we read the creation account, in it we see the refrain "...and

it was good..." and the creation was as stated. However, when Adam and Eve sinned, all that changed. Thus, the good that God created is not what people now see.

In fact, last week in the Gospel lesson from Luke 4, the devil offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth. Jesus did not say that it is not yours to offer, but chose to walk the way of suffering.

1 John 5:19 says, "We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world is under the power of the evil one." Thus, if we are not children of God, whether we make the choice consciously or not, we are of the world which is under the power of the evil one.

This is why Jesus taught us to pray, "Your kingdom, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In heaven, there will be no evil, but until then we have dual-citizenship and cope with the bad things in the world because of the hope that we have in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Amen.

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