



CONVERSATIONS with

JESUS

Services of Word & Healing for Lent

Lent 2 – Conversation with Doubt (Jesus & Nicodemus)

(Using Holden Evening Prayer)

Order for Midweek lent Worship

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Please place Holden Prayer booklet in basket after worship.

*Please place special offering into plate in the rear of
the worship space.*

March 4th, 2026

MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP 2 – March 4th, 2026

The Gathering

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Service of Light & Evening Hymn – page 2-3

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Power of the eternal Father, help us. Wisdom of the Son, enlighten the eye of our understanding. Tender mercy of the Holy Spirit, unite our hearts to yourself. Eternal God, restore health to the sick and life to the dead. Give us a voice, your own voice, to cry out to you for mercy for the world. You, light, give us light. You, wisdom, give us wisdom. You, supreme strength, strengthen us.

Amen.

Psalm 51 – page 11

The Word – John 3:2-9

Holy Conversation

A generous silence follows each question.

- Imagine yourself as Nicodemus, coming in secrecy: What question do you bring to Jesus from the silent night of your own heart?
- Imagine you are Jesus, inviting Nicodemus to faith: How would you describe your faith to someone who was curious but did not understand?
- Imagine you are the Spirit, passing through creation: What new birth do you wish to bring into being?

Hymn:

“Creator of Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

ELW 578

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Final Blessing – page 9

Sending

Go in peace. Follow the way of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Healing & Anointing

Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands or anointing with oil may come forward.

 Name , in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
be strengthened and filled with God’s grace,
that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. **Amen.**
Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness
and healing in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Introduction to Worship

The Sunday lectionary of Lent in Year A reveals Jesus in conversation with both friends and foes. In these five midweek services, we will join the conversation between Jesus and his partners from the previous Sunday’s gospel reading. How does each character inform a contemporary life of discipleship? How might Jesus respond now to our own questions, confusions and need for healing?

Lent 2

The second Sunday presents Jesus’ interaction with the seeker, Nicodemus, who is perhaps not ready to make a commitment to following this new teacher.

John 3:2-9

² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

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