

Holy Eucharist

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent, 4B

Prelude



All stand as they are able

Entrance Hymn

LEVAS 111

Come, thou fount of every blessing



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel - it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

Presider Bless the Lord † who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Decalogue: the Ten Commandments

Presider Hear the commandments of God to God's people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
 You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God + have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Trisagion

Presider and People

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.**

All sit.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.



Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

to be prayed responsively

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 God’s mercy endures for ever.
- ²**Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
 that the LORD redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- ³God 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.**
- ¹⁸They abhorred all manner of food *
 and drew near to death’s door.
- ¹⁹**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
 and they were delivered from their distress.**
- ²⁰The Holy One’s word was sent forth, and healed them, *
 and saved them from the grave.
- ²¹**Let them give thanks to the LORD for such mercy *
 and the wonders God does for his children.**
- ²²Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of God’s acts with shouts of joy.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 467

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Marion VanLoo

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Sisters and brothers, children of God, we humbly come before the Holy One. When our faith is weak and our hopes seem empty, come to us, Spirit, and fill us again. You are rich in mercy, and our need is deep.

Intercessor Lead us to let go of the burdens we carry: the guilt, the shame, the unrealistic expectations. Lead us to depend on you. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Guide each of us in the decision making of our common life: in our family relationships, our churches, and our communities. Push us into the world to be the advocates for your expansive love among all the creatures you have created. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

We are abundantly blessed, and praise you for your goodness and care of us. We are grateful today for [_____and] all you so graciously give us. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Pull us closer to your compassionate heart. We pray for those in pain, for those who worry, for those whose livelihood is fragile, for those who grieve [especially _____]. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Receive those who have died into the arms of your abundant mercy [especially_____]. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Presider All this we ask, Holy One, in the strong name of Jesus, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. **Amen.**

All then stand as they are able.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time, you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep, and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
Time and again, you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day, we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through
eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death, and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick,
and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit + upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit † over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Barnabas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after the table has been cleared.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 337

And now, O Father

I And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Dismissal and Blessing

Presider Lord, when we pity ourselves and think we make great sacrifices for others:

People **Remind us of your life-giving sacrifice on the Cross.**

Lord, when our patience wears thin, and we are ready to give up:

Speak to us through the example of your endurance on the Cross.

Lord, when we get angry and wish to retaliate against our enemies:

Bring to our remembrance your words to your enemies from the Cross.

Lord, when we feel rejected or persecuted for doing what is right and good:

Sustain us by the knowledge of how you were reviled and rejected on the Cross.

Lord, when we suffer pain of body or anguish of mind in this life:

Keep us near the Cross.

Lord, when we are afraid to stand for that which is true and honorable:

Strengthen us with the courage with which you went to the Cross.

Lord, when we feel alone in the world, forsaken and forgotten:

Comfort us with your love made known on the Cross.

Lord, when we come to the time of our own death:

Uphold us with the assurance that life did not end for you on the Cross.

Lord, when we are tempted by despair or fear of what lies ahead:

Fill us with the hope of resurrection and new life which are the fruits of your Cross. Amen.

A priest then blesses the people, saying

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all + evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Concluding Hymn

Amazing grace

Hymnal 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

The Sending Forth

Minister And now, my sisters and brothers in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with joy and in peace, to love and serve our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)
and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

March 10 The Episcopal Church

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

March 10 St Clare of Assisi, Ann Arbor, Trinity Church, Belleville; Church of the Reconciliation, Azusa, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Kevin, Jessica, Hannah, Bodie

and our continuing prayers for: Jim M, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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During the winter months, donations tend to slow down at **Faith in Action**. That doesn't mean the need is any less. In January, FIA did 166 food orders at the Chelsea Pantry. "This is the time of year we are at our lowest for pantry inventory and food drives," said Sarah Shugart, executive director of FIA. "Every food order we do saves money for families, which they can use for other household expenses. The value of a food order for a family of three is about \$100."

FIA's top food pantry needs for February are: Chef Boyardee/Manwich; Coffee/Tea/Drink Mix; Toilet Paper/Paper Towels; Baking Items; Spaghetti Sauce; Canned Soup; Hamburger Helper; Shelf Stable Juice; Snack Items; Cooking Oil/spices; Cleaning products and personal products are always needed.

Thanks to the Chelsea Update for this information.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- March 10 Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformer, 1913
- 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604
- 13 James Theodore Holly, Bishop, 1911
- 15 Vincent de Paul, Priest; and,
Louise de Marillac, Vowed Religious, Workers of Charity, 1660

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Numbers 21:4-9

The Book of Numbers recounts the 40-year-long journey of the ancient Israelites through the wilderness, toward the Promised Land. The way is fraught, and many challenges beset the people as they wander through the desert. Just before the events of today's text, the Israelites mourned the loss of Moses' brother, Aaron, and then

participated in a successful (but presumably brutal) battle against the Canaanites at Hormah. The community we encounter in this story knows well the ravages of suffering, violence, and death. Therefore, the impatience of the Israelites should be understood sympathetically. When they cry out to God, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?” the Israelites are not being melodramatic or fickle. These people are exhausted, traumatized, bereft, and afflicted. It is a very hard thing to follow God in the wilderness.

Challengingly, God responds to the complaints of the people with even more affliction, sending deadly snakes into their midst. The people repent and beg for help. Per God’s instruction, Moses fashions a bronze representation of one of the snakes, and sets it on a pole. Whenever someone is bitten by a snake, they look at the bronze icon—and live. Paradoxically, God saves the people from their affliction by inviting them to gaze on the very image of their affliction. The suggestion seems to be that a problem cannot be solved unless it is contemplated and accepted for what it is. Perhaps God is offering a hard but life-giving lesson to God’s beloved people as they suffer in the wilderness: *There is no way around. The only way out is through.*

- How might modern hearers of this story relate to the beleaguered plight of the Israelites? In what kind of wilderness are we wandering? On what bronze serpent do we need to gaze?

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

“[The LORD’s] mercy endures for ever!” the Psalmist cries out. It is worth spending some time reflecting on what is meant by the noun “mercy.” The Hebrew word is ***chesed***, which indeed does mean “mercy,” but the word can also rightly be translated as “goodness,” “love,” or “loving-kindness.” This is a fulsome concept. *Chesed* is more than pity, more than leniency. God’s “mercy” runs far deeper than an indulgent tolerance for the sinful. Rather, the endless *chesed* of God is an orientation of love that grounds God’s action to and for God’s people.

“Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins,” verse 17 reads. These same rebels cry out to God in their distress, and out of God’s endless *chesed*, God responds to their pleas with healing, “sav[ing] them from the grave.” Those who were afflicted are given new life; those who had rebelled are reaffirmed as “children” of the Lord. The last word must be a joyful one, for it is *chesed*, and not affliction, that endures forever.

The lectionary invites us to consider Scriptural texts in relationship to each other. It is worth considering how the theology of this psalm might inform our reading of today’s intense story from Numbers. Perhaps the complaining Israelites are an example of “fools” who take to “rebellious ways”—to such fools, the ever-loving, ever-merciful God responds with healing grace. In this light, the bronze serpent could be understood as an instantiation of God’s *chesed*.

- What is the relationship between God’s affliction and God’s mercy? Do the two contradict each other? If God’s mercy “endures for ever,” what are we to make of those moments when God seems to choose punishment over mercy? Does this psalm resolve this tension?

Ephesians 2:1-10

Themes of God’s healing love/mercy continue in today’s reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. The passage describes our transition from being trapped in sin to being resurrected through Christ Jesus. Implicit in this salvific transition is a shift in parentage. The letter reports that, when we were still trapped in the “passions of our flesh,” under the power of the Enemy, we were “children of wrath.” But by the grace of God, we have come to be seated “in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”; our salvation thus consists of entering into the life of the One who is

God's Son and experiencing solidarity with his death and resurrection. In short, through Jesus, we go from being "children of wrath" to being children of God.

Paul (or the Pauline disciples who wrote Ephesians) is eager to remind his readers that this adoption into the Christ reality is not something we achieve ourselves: "This is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." God is the sole agent of salvation. God is the subject of almost all the active verbs in this passage. We, being saved, are relegated to a relatively passive role. We do good works only insofar as we are enabled to by God—"for we are what he has made us"; even the faith through which we are saved has its origin in God's prevenient gift. The simultaneous challenge and allure of this passage is that it seems to leave little room for human power or agency.

- What particular "trespasses" and "passions of our flesh" afflict us in the world today? How do you see God saving us from them?
- How can we reconcile this passage's emphasis on Divine agency with our own commitments to accountability and responsibility?

John 3:14-21

John 3:16 is, of course, one of the most well-loved verses in the New Testament, and though it is often quoted on its own, it takes on deeper meaning when examined in its original context. This passage is part of Jesus' discourse with the Pharisee Nicodemus, who visits Jesus by night in order to learn from him. The aforementioned famous verse comes directly after Jesus references today's story from Numbers, comparing his body to the bronze serpent raised on a pole. The "lift[ing] up" of Christ refers not to his resurrection, but to the cross; in the theological schema of John's Gospel, the cross is the locus of Christ's glorification and triumph. Jesus seems to be making the following theological connection: when the ancient Israelites were afflicted and killed in the wilderness, they found healing by gazing upon a serpent on a pole. *In the same way, Jesus is saying, those who are afflicted and facing death must gaze upon Christ's cross if they wish to find healing and life.* The phrase "whoever believes in him" should be understood in the light of this gazing. If you want to believe in Christ, and thus experience his life, then (paradoxically) you should attend to the cross.

This discourse also seems to poke fun at the character Nicodemus. "Those who do what is true come to the light," Jesus says—but Nicodemus has come to Jesus in the darkness. Does he act falsely, then? Perhaps. And yet there is hope for Nicodemus, because even though he has acted in the darkness, he has encountered the light—for as John 1:4 and 1:9 proclaim, in Jesus is the light that enlightens all people.

- What does it mean to "believe" in Jesus? How does this passage illuminate the nature of Christian "belief?"
- How might readers relate to Nicodemus? Do we seek Christ in the "darkness" or in the "light?"

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