

CONVERSATIONS
WITH
Jesus

THE WORD AND HEALING FOR LENT



Wednesday Evenings in Lent 2026 (Online)
February 25, 2026 at 7:00pm

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Week 1:

Each Sunday during this season Jesus is in conversation with friends and adversaries.

On Wednesday we join the conversation between Jesus and these partners – how might Jesus respond to our own questions, confusions and need for healing? This evening what is our conversation with the devil, testing and tempting? Where do we find our strength in the wilderness?

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

The prophet Joel calls us to return to the Lord with all our hearts.

Lord, use this holy season of Lent to reorient our lives toward you.

As we raise our hearts in prayer and reflection,
comfort us and fill us with you word and grace.

Bless our worship, our work, and our play.
**Move us with bold spirits that we may follow
where you lead in confidence and trust.**

HYMN

ELW 814 – Take, oh take me as I am

(Sung three times)

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 / Music: John L. Bell / Tune: TAKE ME AS I AM

PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts, and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

LBW 99 – O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days



1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930

Music: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635 / Tune: CAITHNESS

REFLECTION

Holy Conversation #1 Responding to the Tempter

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

Strength in the Wilderness

A TIME OF MEDITATION

Music will guide us in a time of reflection

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord watches over your going out and your coming in.
The Lord shields your joys and holds your sorrows.
God bless you ☩ and keep you this day and always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiating Minister

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, Senior Pastor

Musician

Adam Scott Graham, Director of Music

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**LET'S TALK:
Caring for God's people**

Sunday Mornings During Lent

**10:10 a.m. Fireside Room
Coming Highlights**

Sunday, March 1

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism
The Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White
SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS EVENT

Sunday, March 8

Life Issues: Part I
Special Guests: Suzy Murphy,
Aging Well Elder Care
Advance Directives, Health POA, MOLST, Wills,
End of Life Information
Pastor Miller: Funeral Planning

Sunday, March 15

Life Issues: Part II
Special Guest: Dr. Anna Adamson,
Holy Cross Hospice Medical Director
Board Certified in Internal Medicine,
Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine
Caring for Loved Ones:
Palliative, Hospice, etc. – What is it all about?

Sunday, March 22

Our Israeli/Palestinian Neighbors
Updates from Ammon Harteis and Ruth Manchester,
members Metro DC Synod Middle East Task Force

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Wednesday, February 25	Holy Conversation #1 The Tempter in the Wilderness	Pastor Miller
Wednesday, March 4	Holy Conversation #2 Inviting Nicodemus today to Faith	Bishop Graham
Wednesday, March 11	Holy Conversation #3 Bold Conversation – Samaritan Woman	Pastor Zawistoski
Wednesday, March 18	Holy Conversation #4 Receiving Sight – Yet Prejudice?	Pastor Franklin Morales
Wednesday, March 25	Holy Conversation #5 Mary, Martha and Jesus	Pastor Rosario Hernandez