

**BIBLE READINGS - March 5, 2023**  
**Revised Standard Version**

**John 3:1-17**

**Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicode'mus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicode'mus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew. <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.'" <sup>9</sup> Nicode'mus said to him, "How can this be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.