

# The Christian Community

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Dear Community of Christians,

We are living towards a time of change, a new beginning, a new birth.  
Are we prepared to meet the world and whatever and whoever we meet in it in a new way?

‘How can a human being be born anew?’ asks Nicodemus in the gospel reading for this Sunday (John 3) when seeking the Light of the World in the darkness.

The answer relates to the substance out of which we are born and points to the life we live for: the power of the water and the breath of the spirit are the living substance enabling us to live for the spirit. We hear these words spoken for the child during baptism at the beginning of a new life on earth.

Children can teach us to forget what we thought we knew, to look at the world with eyes of wonder, not knowing already, but wanting to know, seeking the life hiding within.

Offering up our knowing and asking for the light of the spirit to shine upon it, receiving it anew, enables us to create life anew every day. With this insight out of the spirit we are led to an understanding of the world, which shows us the love of God and that the Son of Man has come into the world to heal, not to condemn. Our impulses for new life can arise out of this.

Now we have reached the time of year when the light of the sun begins to recede each day on the way towards Christmas, at which point it will increase again. At Christmas- time the Spirit incarnates on the earth, during St John’s-tide the Spirit wants to conceive human beings and the harvest of our heart.

With hope and love,



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