

# Lectio DIVINA

## ***Lectio Divina* for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*We begin our prayer:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises of which we have learned from you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter)

### **Reading (*Lectio*)**

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you

are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

### **Meditation (*Meditatio*)**

*After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:*

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

*If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.*

## **Contemplation (Contemplatio)**

*Read the scripture passage again, followed by this reflection:*

How does this passage connect with the experience of your daily life?

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.* What things are troubling my heart today? How can my faith help calm the troubles of my heart?

*Where I am going you know the way.* How do I discern the best way to follow God? What helps me in that discernment?

*If you know me, then you will also know my Father.* How does my relationship with Jesus help me to know the Father? How can I help others come into relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

## **Prayer (Oratio)**

*Read the scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.*

*After all have had a chance to make their prayer, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

## **Closing Prayer:**

Open the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter and thank the LORD.  
This is the LORD's own gate,  
through it the righteous enter.  
I thank you for you answered me;  
you have been my savior.  
The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.  
LORD, grant salvation!  
LORD, grant good fortune!

(Psalm 118:19-25)

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