

Lectio DIVINA

***Lectio Divina* for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

We begin our prayer:

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

May the power of the Holy Spirit
come to us, we pray, O Lord,
that we may keep your will faithfully in
mind
and express it in a devout way of life.
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, Monday of the Seventh Week
of Easter)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
“Father, the hour has come. Give glory
to your son, so that your son may glorify
you, just as you gave him authority over all
people, so that your son may give eternal
life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal
life, that they should know you, the only
true God, and the one whom you sent,
Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by
accomplishing the work that you gave me
to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you,
with the glory that I had with you before
the world began.

“I revealed your name to those whom you
gave me out of the world. They belonged
to you, and you gave them to me, and
they have kept your word. Now they know
that everything you gave me is from you,
because the words you gave to me I have
given to them, and they accepted them and
truly understood that I came from you, and
they have believed that you sent me. I pray
for them. I do not pray for the world but for
the ones you have given me, because they
are yours, and everything of mine is yours
and everything of yours is mine, and I have
been glorified in them.

And now I will no longer be in the world,
but they are in the world, while I am com-
ing to you.”

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?

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

How do I come to know God? How does this knowledge give me life?

I have been glorified in them. How does my life glorify God? How does the glory of God shine forth in the people I meet?

I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. In what ways does Christ remain present in the world? How can I help make Christ's continuing presence felt in the world?

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:

You are my God, I give you thanks;
my God, I offer you praise.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
his mercy endures forever.

(Psalm 118:28-29)

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