



Lectio DIVINA

***Lectio Divina* for the Second Sunday of Lent**

We begin our prayer:

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

Keep your family, O Lord,
schooled always in good works,
and so comfort them with your protection
here
as to lead them graciously to gifts in high.
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, Wednesday of the Second Week
of Lent)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a

voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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?

Lord, it is good that we are here. Where do I feel closest to the Lord? Where is the Lord calling me to be?

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. In what ways/places/things do I hear the voice of the Lord? What prevents me from listening and responding positively to the Lord's voice?

Rise, and do not be afraid. How do my fears keep me from embracing the Lord's call wholeheartedly? How can I work to strengthen my faith in God so that I will no longer be afraid?

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:

Hear me, O islands,
listen, O distant peoples.
The LORD called me from birth,
from my mother's womb he gave me my
name.
He made of me a sharp-edged sword
and concealed me in the shadow of his
arm.
He made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me.
You are my servant, he said to me,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.
Though I thought I had toiled in vain,
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my
strength,
Yet my reward is with the LORD,
my recompense is with my God.

(Isaiah 49:1-4)

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