

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Fifth Week of Easter

We begin our prayer:

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

O God, restorer and lover of innocence,
direct the hearts of your servants towards
yourself,
that those you have set free from the
darkness of unbelief
may never stray from the light of your truth.
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 Fifth Week of
Easter)

Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three
times.*

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now
is the Son of Man glorified, and God is
glorified in him. If God is glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself, and
God will glorify him at once. My children, I
will be with you only a little while longer. I
give you a new commandment: love one
another. As I have loved you, so you also

should love one another. This is how all will
know that you are my disciples, if you have
love for one another."

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.*

Prayer (*Oratio*)

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



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Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. When have I become aware of God's glory? How can I glorify God in my life?

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Who has shared God's love with me? With whom do I need to share God's love today?

This is how all will know that you are my disciples. How do people know that I am a disciple of Christ? How can I share my faith more effectively?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks,
O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of
your kingdom
and speak of your might.

Let them make known your might
to the children of Adam,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,
and your dominion endures through
all generations.

(From Psalm 145)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Reach out to someone in need: send a note, make a phone call, volunteer some time, make a donation.

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