

# Lectio Divina



## Lectio Divina for the Solemnity of Pentecost

*We begin our prayer:*

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the splendor of your glory  
may shine forth upon us  
and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit,  
the light of your light may confirm the hearts  
of those born again by your grace.  
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, Pentecost, Simple Vigil)

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*  
John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples  
were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood  
in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with  
you." When he had said this, he showed them his  
hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when  
they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,  
"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me,  
so I send you." And when he had said this, he  
breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the  
Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven  
them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

### 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?

*Peace be with you.* How have I experienced Christ's peace? How can I share this peace with my family, my co-workers, with the world?

*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.* How did I discern/am I discerning my vocation? How can I support others in their discernment?

*Receive the Holy Spirit.* What gifts have I received from the Holy Spirit? How can I place these gifts at the service of the community?

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

### Closing Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
    Shed a ray of light divine!  
Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
    Come, within our bosoms shine.  
You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
    Sweet refreshment here below;  
In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
    Solace in the midst of woe.  
O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
    And our in most being fill!  
Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
    Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
    Wash the stains of guilt away;  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
    Guide the steps that go astray.  
On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
    In your sevenfold gift descend;  
Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
    Give them joys that never end. Amen.  
Alleluia.

(Sequence for Pentecost)

## Living the Word This Week

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

Become involved in parish or diocesan evangelization efforts.

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