



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.

Almighty ever-living God,
who willed the Paschal Mystery
to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days,
grant that from out of the scattered nations
the confusion of many tongues
may be gathered by heavenly grace
into one great confession of your name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Pentecost, Vigil Mass)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this

reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it 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.

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?

The Spirit of truth ... will testify to me. How can I testify to God's truth? What gifts of the Spirit do I need to become a better witness?

I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. Where do I learn about Jesus and about my faith? What graces do I need to be a more faithful disciple?

He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears. What word of healing and hope does God wish me to share? How can I listen for the Spirit's voice and discern God's will?

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

Closing Prayer:

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures;

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

From Psalm 104

Living the Word This Week

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

Each day this week, pray to the Holy Spirit for the graces you need to be a more effective missionary disciple.

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