

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Second Week of Lent

We begin our prayer:

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

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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, Second Sunday of Lent)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly

knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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.



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Prayer (*Oratio*)

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

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture passage again, followed by this reflection:

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

He was transfigured before them. In what parts of my life does the glory of God shine most clearly? What parts of my life do I need to ask God to transfigure in his grace?

It is good that we are here! Where is God calling me to be? How can I help others to see and feel God's presence?

So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. What prevents me from sharing my faith with others? What questions do I have about the faith?

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

Closing Prayer:

I believed, even when I said,
 "I am greatly afflicted."
Precious in the eyes of the LORD
 is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
 you have loosed my bonds.
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 and I will call upon the name of the LORD.
My vows to the LORD I will pay
 in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Living the Word This Week

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

Do something to help you grow in your knowledge of the faith so that you can share it more effectively; for example, sign up for a faith formation class, study the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, or read a good Catholic book.

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