

# Lectio Divina



## Lectio Divina for the Sixth Week of Easter

*We begin our prayer:*

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that, as we celebrate in mystery  
the solemnities of your Son's Resurrection,  
so, too, we may be worthy  
to rejoice at his coming with all the Saints.  
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, Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter,  
Morning Mass*

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you

orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

### 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, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.* When have I failed to give witness to God's truth? What can I do to help create a more just and truth-filled culture?

*Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.* Which commandments of the Lord do I struggle to observe? How do I demonstrate my love for Jesus through my actions?

*I will love him and reveal myself to him.* How has God revealed himself to me this week? How can I help others to perceive God's actions in their lives?

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

## Closing Prayer:

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,  
his tremendous deeds among the children of  
Adam.

He has changed the sea into dry land;  
through the river they passed on foot;  
therefore let us rejoice in him.  
He rules by his might forever.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what he has done for me.  
Blessed be God who refused me not  
my prayer or his kindness!

*From Psalm 66*

## Living the Word This Week

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

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