

# Lectio DIVINA

## ***Lectio Divina* for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*We begin our prayer:*

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

Constantly shape our minds, we pray, O

Lord,

by the practice of good works,  
that, trying always for what is better,  
we may strive to hold ever fast to the

Paschal Mystery.

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, Saturday of the Sixth Week  
of Easter)

### **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.*

### **Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)**

*Read the scripture passage again, followed by this reflection:*

How does this passage connect with the experience of your daily life?

*If you love me, you will keep my commandments.* What commandments present a challenge for me? How do I experience and show my love for God in my daily life?

*The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept.* What truths are most difficult for me to embrace and accept? How does my faith lead to rejection in the world?

*I will not leave you orphans.* When do I feel most alone? How do I experience the presence of God in these times?

### **Prayer (*Oratio*)**

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

*After all have had a chance to make their prayer, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

### **Closing Prayer:**

Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
The LORD is God and has enlightened  
us.

Join in procession with leafy branches  
up to the horns of the altar.

(Psalm 118:26-27)

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