

# 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,  
God, for ever and ever.

*Collect, Pentecost, Vigil Mass, second option*

### Reading (*Lectio*)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

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.

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told 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?

*He will give you another Advocate to be with you always.*  
How has the gift of the Spirit enriched my life? How can I nurture the fruits of the Spirit in my daily living?

*Whoever loves me will keep my word.* How can I make reading and praying with Scripture part of my life? How can Scripture help me to grow in my love for God and for my neighbor?

*The word you hear is not mine.* How can I discern the voice of God? What reliable sources can I access to learn about my faith?

*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?*

Join a diocesan, state, or national advocacy effort to speak out on behalf of the underprivileged and voiceless.

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