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Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer Service

Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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We welcome all of you tonight to our Lectio Divina and Taize prayer service. We invite you to allow the living Word to speak to you through the three guided scripture readings that make up the Lectio Divina. Through Taize Prayer, we work to open our hearts and minds wider to the Word of the Lord through music, scripturally inspired chants, and bold, receptive silence.

After the opening prayer, as the music begins, we will be lighting a candle for your prayer intentions that you have shared with us. You are also welcome to light a candle at home for your personal prayer intentions and for the prayer intentions of our entire community.

Thank you for your presence here tonight. Let us prepare our hearts in prayer together.



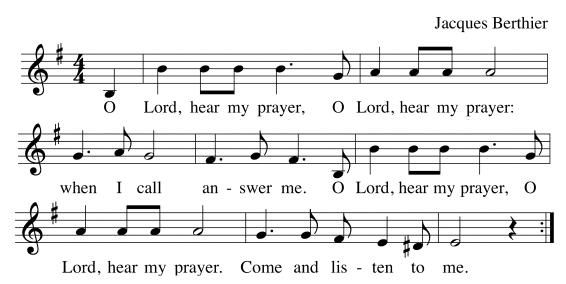
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



LECTIO DIVINA

Listen to the Word of the Lord.

What one word or phrase
does the Holy Spirit impress on you?

The first reading from the Gospel of John (John 20:19-23)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst

and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

What one word or phrase does the Holy Spirit impress upon you?

As we sit in silence, let us become aware of the presence of our Lord.

Use this time to invite Him into Your heart.

(You are welcome to write down what you wish to remember from this prayer experience below.)



LECTIO DIVINA

Listen again to the Word of the Lord.

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit impressing on you?

Enter into the scripture passage.

How is the Word calling out to you at this moment in your life?

The second reading from the Gospel of John (John 20:19-23)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst

and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

How is the Word calling out to you at this moment in your life? Does your heart call back in need, or in thanksgiving, or both?

As we sit in silence, let us ask for the desire for a deep relationship with Jesus. Let us invite Him to walk with us in each moment of our days, but especially this moment, now.

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LECTIO DIVINA

Open your whole heart and mind to the Word of the Lord. How is the Lord inviting you into closeness with Him?

The third reading from the Gospel of John (John 20:19-23)

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when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,

for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst

and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

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Your Father knows your needs before you tell Him. Rest quietly in the peaceful presence of the Lord.

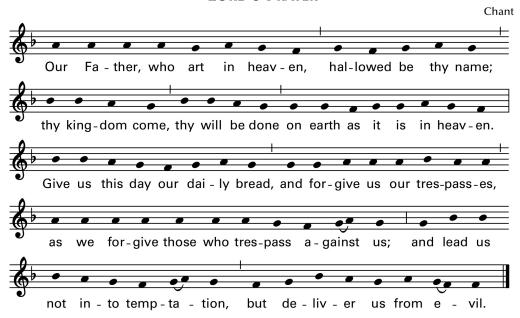
As we sit in silence, let us offer our hearts to the Lord. Let us give ourselves, our wills, our desires, and our thoughts as an offering.

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CLOSING PRAYER and CONCLUDING SONG

LORD'S PRAYER



Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926-1998.

GIVE US YOUR PEACE

