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# Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer Service

Thursday, June 23, 2022 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.



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## LECTIO DIVINA

As we listen to the Gospel, let us invite our Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts, today and every day.

## **First Reading** – *Luke* 9:51-56 When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

*Lord, please call to me in times that I have made my heart inhospitable to You. Give us the grace of your Holy Spirit so that we may make room for You in our lives and in our hearts.* 

#### As we sit in silence, let us become aware of the presence of our Lord. If you cannot focus on His presence, use this time to invite Him into Your heart.

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

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Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit, come to us.

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## LECTIO DIVINA

As we listen to the Gospel, let us ask for the courage to draw nearer to Jesus in all that we do.

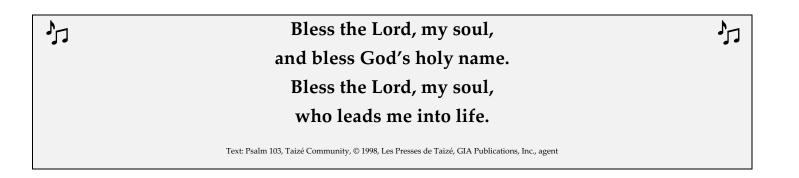
#### Second Reading – Luke 9:57-58

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

Lord, give us the courage and the grace to follow You to the place You have prepared for us, in heaven.

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.

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



## LECTIO DIVINA

As we listen again to the Gospel, let us ask that the Holy Sprit soften our hearts, and teach us to surrender ourselves to our Savior, so that we may be made whole by our union with Him.

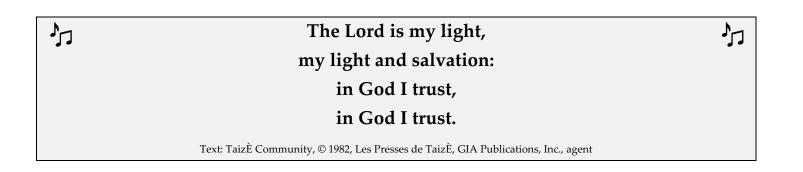
#### Third Reading – Luke 9:59-62

And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

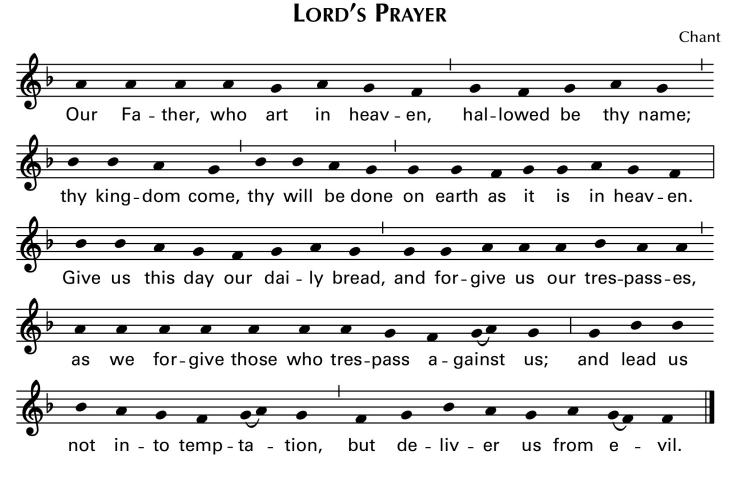
> *Jesus, I trust in You, and I trust in Your will for my life. Help me to desire to do Your will above all other desires.*

#### 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**



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

For tonight's Lectio Divina,

we used the Gospel reading for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

This Sunday in the Diocese of Sacramento, we will celebrate

the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the readings for these celebrations, we are called to follow Christ and to worship in the house of the Lord.

As we go forth, let us sing Center of My Life.

## CENTER OF MY LIFE

Paul Inwood



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