



SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

Praying the Gospel according to John

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PROGRAMME EACH DAY

Evening

7.30 Lectio 1

Morning

7.30 Quiet Prayer

9.30-11.00 *Available* (time slots will be posted)

12.00 Eucharist

Afternoon

4.30 Quiet Prayer

5.15 Lectio 2

LECTIO PATTERN

Lectio 1

Music, opening prayer

Reading 1: immediate feelings, memories and "gut" reactions

Reading 2: anything in need for a word of explanation?

Reading 3: is there a word there for me personally?

Lectio 2

Reading 4: sharing what came up for me

Reading 5: verbal prayer

Concluding prayer

MEDITATION PATTERN

Music / Prayer / 3 bells

20 minutes in silent prayer

1 bell to indicate the end

3 bells to conclude

The Lord's Prayer

Opening Prayer for meditation

Heavenly Father, open our hearts to the silent presence of the spirit of your Son. Lead us into that mysterious silence where your love is revealed to all who call. Maranatha...Come, Lord Jesus.

Closing Prayer for meditation

May this community be a true spiritual home for the seeker, a friend for the lonely, a guide for the confused. May those who teach here be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve all who come, and to receive them as Christ Himself. In the silence of this Community may all the suffering, violence, and confusion of the world encounter the Power that will console, renew and uplift the human spirit.

May this silence be a power to open the hearts of men and women to the vision of God, and so to each other, in love and peace, justice and human dignity. May the beauty of the divine life fill this community and the hearts of all who pray here, with joyful hope. May all who come here weighed down by the problems of humanity leave giving thanks for the wonder of human life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Opening Prayer for Lectio

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Closing Prayer for Lectio

(As on the handout for each day)

Day 1

Lectio part 1

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John 14:22 "Lord," Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "what has happened that you are going to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" **23** Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and take up residence with him. **24** The person who does not love me does not obey my words. And the word you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

John 14:25 "I have spoken these things while staying with you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and will cause you to remember everything I said to you."

Monday Eucharist

SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (14:5-18)

When both the Gentiles and the Jews (together with their rulers) made an attempt to mistreat them and stone them, Paul and Barnabas learned about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding region. There they continued to proclaim the good news.

In Lystra sat a man who could not use his feet, lame from birth, who had never walked. This man was listening to Paul as he was speaking. When Paul stared intently at him and saw he had faith to be healed, he said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man leaped up and began walking. So when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" They began to call Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of the temple of Zeus, located just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard about it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, "Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men, with human natures just like you! We are proclaiming the good news to you, so that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways, yet he did not leave himself without a witness by doing good, by giving you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying you with food and your hearts with joy." Even by saying these things, they scarcely persuaded the crowds not to offer sacrifice to them.

Psalm 19



Not to us, Lord, not to us,
 but to your name give the glory
 for the sake of your love and your truth,
 lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

But our God is in the heavens;
 he does whatever he wills.
 Their idols are silver and gold,
 the work of human hands.

May you be blessed by the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth.
 The heavens belong to the Lord
 but the earth he has given to us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servants are listening.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:21-26)

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"I have spoken these things while staying with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and will cause you to remember everything I said to you."

Silence

Reflection

Intercessions



Day 2

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John 14:27 [Jesus said:] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be distressed or lacking in courage. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am. **29** I have told you now before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. **30** I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, **31** but I am doing just what the Father commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Get up, let us go from here."

Tuesday Eucharist

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (14:29-28)

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and after winning the crowds over, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, presuming him to be dead. But after the disciples had surrounded him, he got up and went back into the city. On the next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

After they had proclaimed the good news in that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch. They strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "We must enter the kingdom of God through many persecutions." When they had appointed elders for them in the various churches, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the protection of the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia, and when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

When they arrived and gathered the church together, they reported all the things God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. So they spent considerable time with the disciples.

Psalm 145

Sung response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
 and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
 They shall speak of the glory of your reign
 and declare your might, O God,
 to make known to men your mighty deeds
 and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
 your rule lasts from age to age.

Let me speak the praise of the Lord,
 let all mankind bless his holy name
 for ever, for ages unending.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

It was ordained that the Christ should suffer
and rise from the dead,
and so enter into his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John ()**

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be distressed or lacking in courage. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, but I am doing just what the Father commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Get up, let us go from here."

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Day 3

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John 15:1 [Jesus said:] "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. **2** He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit in me. He prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit. **3** You are clean already because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me—and I in him—bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing. **6** If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown out like a branch, and dries up; and such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and are burned up. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is honoured by this, that you bear much fruit and show that you are my disciples."

Eucharist Wednesday

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (15:1-6)

Now some men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." When Paul and Barnabas had a major argument and debate with them, the church appointed Paul and Barnabas and some others from among them to go up to meet with the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this point of disagreement. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they were relating at length the conversion of the Gentiles and bringing great joy to all the brothers. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all the things God had done with them. But some from the religious party of the Pharisees who had believed stood up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise the Gentiles and to order them to observe the law of Moses." Both the apostles and the elders met together to deliberate about this matter.

Psalm 122

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
 'Let us go to God's house.'
 And now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
 strongly compact.
 It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
 there to praise the Lord's name.
 There were set the thrones of judgement
 of the house of David.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you,
 says the Lord;
 whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (15:1-8)

Jesus said: "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit in me. He prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit. You are clean already because of the word that I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me—and I in him—bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown out like a branch, and dries up; and such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and are burned up. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you. My Father is honoured by this, that you bear much fruit and show that you are my disciples."

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