

Lectio Divina

with **Cardinal Thomas Collins**



Join us on Sundays at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

65 Bond Street, Toronto ON

Music by the Cathedral Vespers Choir: 6:45 p.m.

Vespers (evening prayer): 7 p.m.

Lectio Divina: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.



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Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is a 2,000-year-old spiritual tradition among Christians, in which they attentively and prayerfully read the word of God. We seek to be humbly attentive to God's Holy Word, to savour it, and to let it enter into our heart as much as our heads, so that it may transform us. Lectio Divina is intended to draw us closer to God, and to transform our attitudes and behaviour.

THEME FOR 2019-2020:

Men & Women of the Old Testament

We learn about God from the stories of how people encounter God, and make him present in their life. During Lectio Divina this year, we will prayerfully meditate on passages about men and women in the Old Testament who illustrate the human condition, with its temptations to sin, and its opportunity for the grace of repentance and salvation.

March 1, 2020

The Call of Samuel

I Samuel 3:1-21



VESPERS – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTRODUCTION

Cardinal: God, + come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

HYMN

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
The vain delights that charm me most:
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet
What grief and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such Love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were all the realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PSALMODY C = CANTOR A = ALL

Ant. 1 Worship your Lord and God; serve him alone.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

C: The Lord's revelation to my Master:
"Sit **on** my right:
your foes I will put be-**neath** your feet."

A: The Lord will wield from Zion
your scep-**ter** of power:
rule in the midst of **all** your foes.

C: A prince from the day of your birth
on the **holy** mountains;
from the womb before the dawn **I** begot you.

A: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
"You are a **priest** for ever,
a priest like Melchize-**dek** of old."

C: The Master standing at **your** right hand
will shatter kings in the day of **his** great wrath.

A: He shall drink from the stream **by** the wayside
and therefore he shall lift **up** his head.

C: Glory to the Father and **to** the Son
and to the **Holy** Spirit,

A: as it was in **the** beginning,
is now and will be fore-**ver**. Amen.

Ant. 1 (repeated by all) Worship your Lord and God; serve him alone.

Ant. 2 This is the time when you can win God's favor; the day when you can be saved.

Psalm 114

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| C: When Israel came forth from Egypt ,
Jacob's sons from an a- lien people , | A: Mountains, that you leapt like rams ,
hills, like yearling sheep ? |
| A: Judah became the Lord's temple ,
Israel be- came his kingdom . | C: Tremble, O earth, before the Lord ,
in the presence of the God of Jacob , |
| C: The sea fled at the sight :
the Jordan turned back on its course , | A: who turns the rock into a pool
and flint into a spring of water . |
| A: the mountains leapt like rams
and the hills like yearling sheep . | C: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit , |
| C: Why was it, sea, that you fled ,
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course ? | A: as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be fore- ver . Amen. |

Ant. 2 (repeated by all) This is the time when you can win God's favor; the day when you can be saved.

Ant. 3 Now we must go up to Jerusalem where all that has been written about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

Canticle: 1 Peter 2:21-24

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| C: Christ suffered for you,
and left you an example
to have you follow in his footsteps. | A: In his own body
he brought your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin,
could live in accord with God's will. |
| A: He did no wrong;
no deceit was found in his mouth.
When he was insulted,
he re- turned no insult. | C: By his wounds you were healed. |
| C: When he was made to suffer,
he did not counter with threats.
Instead he delivered himself up
to the One who judges justly. | C: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit , |
| | A: as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be fore- ver . Amen. |

Ant. 3 (repeated by all) Now we must go up to Jerusalem where all that has been written about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

READING – 1Cor 9:24-25

While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race,
the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win!
Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things.
They do this to win a crown of leaves that wither,
but we a crown that is imperishable.

RESPONSORY

Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

R/ Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

Christ Jesus, hear our humble petitions,

R/ for we have sinned against you.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R/ Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you.

CANTICLE OF MARY

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm.

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things.

And the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel

as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Cardinal: All praise to God the Father who brought his chosen people to rebirth from imperishable seed through his eternal Word. Let us ask him as his children: Lord, be gracious to your people.

R/ Lord, be gracious to your people.

Reader: God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer for all your people, may they hunger for your word more than bodily food. **R/ Lord, be gracious to your people.**

Reader: Give us a sincere and active love for our own nation and for all mankind, may we work always to build a world of peace and goodness. **R/ Lord, be gracious to your people.**

Reader: Look with love on all to be reborn in baptism, that they may be living stones in your temple of the Spirit. **R/ Lord, be gracious to your people.**

Reader: You moved Nineveh to repentance by the preaching of Jonah, in your mercy touch the hearts of sinners by the preaching of your word. **R/ Lord, be gracious to your people.**

Reader: May the dying go in hope to meet Christ their judge, may they rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory. **R/ Lord, be gracious to your people.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cardinal: Remember us Lord, when you come into your kingdom and teach us how to pray:
Our Father...

CLOSING PRAYER

Cardinal: Father,
through our observance of Lent,
help us to understand the meaning
of your Son's death and resurrection,
and teach us to reflect it in our lives.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

PONTIFICAL BLESSING

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

Cardinal: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

R/ Now and forever

Cardinal: Our help is in the Name of the Lord

R/ Who made heaven and earth

Cardinal: And may Almighty God bless you...

SALVE REGINA

Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.

I Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for thy servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood forth, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for thy servant hears." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel, at which the two ears of every one that hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I tell him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever."

Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

Dates for 2019-2020 Lectio Divina Series

April 5, 2020

David, Bathsheba, and Uriah

II Samuel 11:1-27

May 3, 2020

Elijah

I Kings 19:1-18


June 7, 2020

Jonah's Mission to Nineveh

Jonah 3 and 4



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