

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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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.

November 3, 2019
The Sacrifice of Isaac
Genesis 22:1-19



Sunday Vespers: Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. Alleluia.

HYMN

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| 1. O Christ, you are the light and day
Which drives away the night,
The ever shining Sun of God
And pledge of future light. | 3. Remember us, poor mortal men
We humbly ask, O Lord,
And may your presence in our souls,
Be now our great reward. |
| 2. As now the ev'ning shadows fall
Please grant us, Lord we pray,
A quiet night to rest in you
Until the break of day. | |

PSALMODY C = CANTOR A = ALL

Antiphon 1 The Lord said to my Master: Sit at **my** right hand, **al-le-lu-ia**.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

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| C: The Lord's revelation to my Master:
"Sit on my right:
your foes I will put be- neath your feet." | A: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchize- dek of old." |
| A: The Lord will wield from Zion
your scep- ter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. | C: The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath. |
| C: A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you. | 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. |

Antiphon 1 (repeated by all) The Lord said to my Master: Sit at **my** right hand, **al-le-lu-ia**.

Antiphon 2 Our compassionate Lord has left us a memorial of his wonderful **work**, **al-le-lu-ia**.

Psalm 111

C: I will thank the Lord with all my **heart**
in the meeting of the just and **their** assembly.
Great are the works of the **Lord**;
to be pondered by **all** who love them.

A: Majestic and glorious his **work**,
his justice stands **firm** for ever.
He makes us remember his **wonders**.
The Lord is compas-**sion** and love.

C: He gives food to those who **fear him**;
keeps his covenant **ev-er** in mind.
He has shown his might to his **people**
by giving them the lands **of** the nations.

A: His works are justice and **truth**:
his precepts are **all of** them sure,
standing firm for ever and **ever**:
they are made in upright-**ness** and truth.

C: He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for **ever**.
Holy his name, **to** be feared.

A: To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves **wise**.
His praise shall **last** for ever!

C: Glory to the Father and to the **Son**
and to the **Ho-ly** Spirit,

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

Antiphon 2 (repeated by all) Our compassionate Lord has left us a memorial of his wonderful **work**, **al-le-lu-ia**.

Antiphon 3 All power is yours, Lord God, our mighty King, alleluia.

Canticle: See Revelation 19:1-7

Alleluia.
Salvation, glory, and power to our God:
R/ Alleluia.
his judgments are honest and true.
R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia.
Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,
R/ Alleluia.
all who worship him reverently, great and small.
R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia.
The Lord our all-powerful God is King,
R/ Alleluia.
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.
R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia.
The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,
R/ Alleluia.
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.
R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Antiphon 3 (repeated by all) All power is yours, Lord God, our mighty King, alleluia.

READING – 1 Peter 1:3-5 (Reader)

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who in his great mercy gave us new birth; a birth unto hope which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance, incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed

RESPONSORY

The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

R/ The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

Eternal ages praise

R/ the greatness of your glory.

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

R/ The whole creation proclaims the greatness of your glory.

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: The world was created by the Word of God, re-created by his redemption, and it is continually renewed by his love. Rejoicing in him we call out: Renew the wonders of your love, Lord.

R/ Renew the wonders of your love, Lord.

Reader:

We give thanks to God whose power is revealed in nature, and whose providence is revealed in history. **R/ Renew the wonders of your love, Lord.**

Reader:

Through your Son, the herald of reconciliation, the victor of the cross, free us from empty fear and hopelessness. **R/ Renew the wonders of your love, Lord.**

Reader:

May all those who love and pursue justice, work together without deceit to build a world of true peace. **R/ Renew the wonders of your love, Lord.**

Reader:

Be with the oppressed, free the captives, console the sorrowing, feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, in all people reveal the victory of your cross. **R/ Renew the wonders of your love, Lord.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Cardinal: O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Genesis 22: 1-19

After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place The LORD will provide as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

Dates for 2019-2020 Lectio Divina Series

December 1, 2019

Joseph and his brothers

Genesis 37:1-28

January 5, 2020

Moses

Exodus 2:11-3:14

February 2, 2020

Naomi and Ruth

Ruth 1:1-22

March 1, 2020

The Call of Samuel

I Samuel 3:1-21

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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