

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.

September 8, 2019

Adam and Eve

Genesis 3:1-19



Sunday Vespers: Twenty-third 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 blest Creator of the light,
Who mak'st the day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all; | 3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of woe and crime. |
| 2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears. | 4. But grant them grace that they may strain
The heav'nly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past. |

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:

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.

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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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

After your Son's death and burial you raised him up again in glory, grant that the faithful departed may live with him. **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 3:1-19

Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Dates for 2019-2020 Lectio Divina Series

October 6, 2019

Lot

Genesis 19:1-28

November 3, 2019

The Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-19

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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