

Lectio Divina

with **Cardinal Thomas Collins**



**Join us on Sundays at
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**
65 Bond Street, Toronto ON

Vespers (evening prayer): 7 p.m.
Lectio Divina: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.



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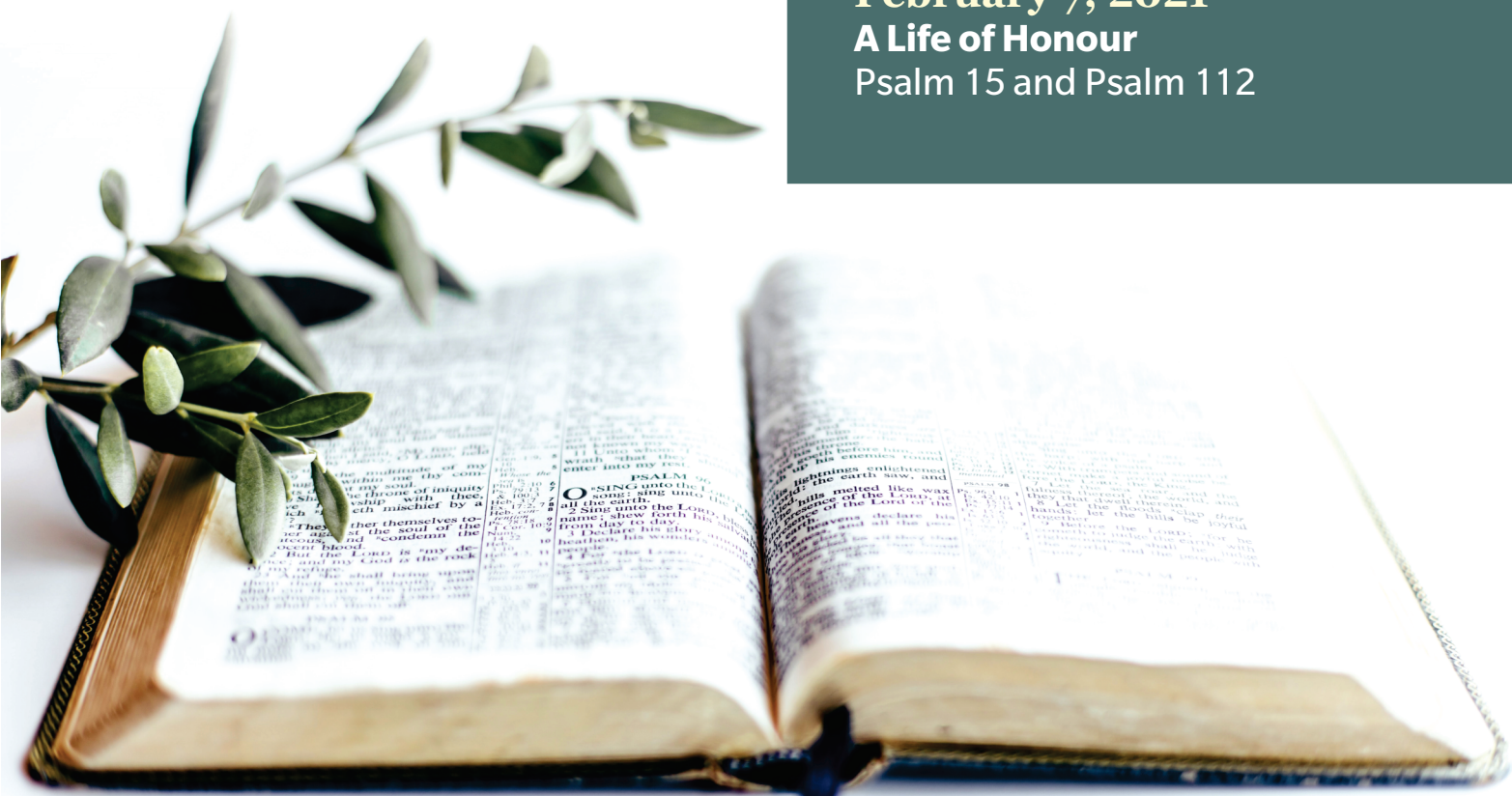


Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is a 2,000-year-old spiritual tradition among Christians, in which they attentively and prayerfully read the word of God. We seek to be humbly attentive to God's Holy Word, to savour it, and to let it enter into our heart as much as our heads, so that it may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

THEME FOR 2020-2021: ***Psalms and Canticles***

The Psalms and Canticles are the songs of the Bible. For 3,000 years, they have given life to the People of God in times of sorrow and joy. On the Cross, Jesus prayed a psalm. Since the earliest days of the Church, the psalms have been at the centre of private prayer and liturgical prayer - in the Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours prayed throughout the day by priests, deacons, religious and laity. Join us in meditating upon selected psalms during Lectio Divina in 2020-2021.

February 7, 2021
A Life of Honour
Psalm 15 and Psalm 112



VESPERS – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

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

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;
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.
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.
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

Ant. 1 The Lord will stretch forth his mighty scepter from Zion, and he will reign for ever, alleluia.

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 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.

A: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
"You are a **priest** for ever,

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) The Lord will stretch forth his mighty scepter from Zion, and he will reign for ever, alleluia.

Ant. 2 The earth is shaken to its depths before the glory of your face.

Psalm 114

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) The earth is shaken to its depths before the glory of your face.

Ant. 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.

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

READING – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation! He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him.

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

Ant. Master, we have worked all night and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I will lower the nets again.

C: My + soul proclaims the greatness of the
Lord, †
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly
servant.

thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

A: He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

A: From this day all generations will call me
blessed: †
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

C: He has come to the help of his servant
Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of
mercy,

C: He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

A: the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

A: He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

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

C: He has cast down the mighty from their

A: as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. (repeated by all) Master, we have worked all night and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I will lower the nets again.

INTERCESSIONS

Cardinal: Christ the Lord is our head; we are his members. In joy let us call out to him:
R/ Lord, may your kingdom come.

Reader: Christ our Savior, make your Church a more vivid symbol of the unity of all mankind, make it more effectively the sacrament of salvation for all peoples. **R/ Lord, may your kingdom come.**

Reader: Through your presence, guide the college of bishops in union with the Pope, give them the gifts of unity, love and peace. **R/ Lord, may your kingdom come.**

Reader: Bind all Christians more closely to yourself, their divine Head, lead them to proclaim your kingdom by the witness of their lives. **R/ Lord, may your kingdom come.**

Reader: Grant peace to the world, let every land flourish in justice and security. **R/ Lord, may your kingdom come.**

Reader: Grant to the dead the glory of resurrection, and give us a share in their happiness. **R/ Lord, may your kingdom come.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cardinal: Let us pray with confidence in the words that Jesus taught us.
Our Father...

CLOSING PRAYER

Cardinal: Father, watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.
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

Salve Regina, Mater Misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae, Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende.

O Clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Lectio Divina

A Life of Honour

Psalm 15

LORD, who shall be admitted to your tent
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault,
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbor;
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the LORD;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Psalm 112

Alleluia!

Happy the man who fears the LORD,
who takes delight in his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the LORD.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,
gnashes his teeth and pines away;
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

DATES FOR 2020-2021:

Psalm*s* and Canticles

March 7, 2021

My God, My God

Psalm 22

April 11, 2021

With My God I Can Scale Any Wall

Psalm 18:1-30

May 2, 2021

A Canticle of Triumph

Through Sorrow

Tobit 13:1-8

June 6, 2021

The Majesty of God

Psalm 29 and Psalm 150



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