March Lectio Divina

Scripture: John 6: 35-40 Due: March 30th, 2023

BEGIN with the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit you inspired the authors of Sacred Scripture to write what you wanted us to know for the sake of our salvation. Inspire us now to hear those words not only with our ears, but our hearts, so that we might know your saving Word for us today.

Lectio (Reading): READ the scripture passage.

Take your time and read the passage together. Get a sense of what it is saying. Read or listen to the passage a second time. Listen for any words or phrases that strike you, and listen in your heart. (Observe a brief silence after first step)

Meditatio (Reflecting):

Read the passage again, slowly. As you pause on the words or phrases that strike you, take time to consider what the word, phrase, or passage means, particularly in your life.

MEDITATE. In this step, ask and answer questions provided in the space below:

What stood out for you in the reading? What words, images, or ideas did the Holy Spirit bring to your heart?

Child's response:

Parent (or other family member) response:

How do those words, images, or ideas relate to your life right now? *Child:*

Parent (or other family member)

What might God be saying to you (us) in this reading? What action might you (we) be called to take?

Child:

Parent (or other family member):

Oratio (Responding):

Read the passage again, slowly. Think about how God has spoken to you in this passage and respond back to Him in prayer.

PRAY:

Say: Let's respond to God's word for us in prayer.

Offer thanksgiving to God for what you learned from reading this passage.

If the text was difficult or confusing, ask God to guide you and help you understand better.

Ask God to show you the ways that he is asking you to act differently by reading this passage.

<u>Contemplatio (Remaining): CONTEMPLATE. Invite family members to still themselves and simply remain in the presence of God.</u>

Let's quiet our hearts for a few moments so we might hear God's response to our prayer. Rest now in God's presence.

CLOSE. After a few moments of silence, end with the Sign of the Cross.

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