

Lectio Divina

Sacred Listening/Reading

Shema – “Sh’ma Israel” – hear O Israel... The prophets were calling the people of God to practice listening to God. Hear and observe. Listen...

I want to use this same call from the prophets to call us into the presence of God. We have a lot of life represented in this room. Many competing voices calling for our attention. I hope to draw us to a stop and now listen to the words of God.

What might He have to say to us personally? What might He want to share with us as servants of His Children’s Ministry at LOPC?

Lectio Divina – Psalm 19

1st Reading – Listen and receive a word or phrase from the reading. Gently recite it to yourself and reflect on it in the silence that follows. (3 minutes of silence)

2nd Reading – The purpose of this reading is to “hear” or “see” Christ in the text. Ponder on that word. If comfortable speak aloud the word you have received to the group. (3 minutes of silence)

3rd Reading – This 3rd and final reading is the “Calling us Forth.” What is Christ calling you to do or become today or this week? I invite you to write that down. (3 minutes of silence)

- Need: Note cards or small piece of paper

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament (the skies) proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is a great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.