

Facilitator Guide
4th Sunday of Lent
March 27th, 2022

Gospel

The Prodigal Son

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

When you have completed Lectio Divina, transition to group sharing by providing copies of this week's readings as found on the webpage in facilitator resources. Ask each person to read through any one of the 1st reading, psalm or second reading. Invite each person to underline or anything that they have an emotional response to when they read it. Reread it now circle anything that they have an intellectual response to. Intellectual responses are thoughts, any mental process the mind begins in contrast to feelings that arise from the readings. There is no need for concern if they have no clear response. We're allow space for familiarity with private reading of scripture. Pray asking for the Holy Spirit to continue speaking to us throughout the week through what we have circled, underlined, or even through the silence.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill our minds with your light.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill our hearts with your joy.

Come, Holy Spirit,

strengthen our wills through your Spirit.

Above all, Holy Spirit, stay with us.

May be evermore convinced of God's love for us, in us and through us.

We pray this in the Name of God who is Love...Amen.

Watch this week's video.

Group Sharing Questions:

1. Is there a particular character in the parable that invites you to be a recipient of God's mercy? Can you share what this looks like in your life?
2. Of the characters in this parable, is there any one of them you feel inspired to be an instrument of God's mercy? How does this apply to your life?
3. What is your experience with God's mercy?
4. How are you called to manifest reconciliation, beginning with your personal injuries ("trespasses" received) then looking at your interactions and attitudes in your family, faith community and workplace?
5. What was your path to reconciliation and repentance? How did God meet you on the way?