

Lectio Divina

August 1, 2020

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Part I

- 1) Hear the text read.
- 2) Recall the text by saying a word or short phrase that touched your heart. Listen to what others say. If someone says your word, simply repeat it again.

Part II: Commentary by Dan Horan, OFM

Part III: Hear/See the text again with 5 mins silence

Part IV: Reflection and Sharing in Small Groups

- ◇ Share your reflections on what is happening in the text and what it means today.
- ◇ What do you observe?
- ◇ Is there anything that leaves you perplexed/confused?
- ◇ What does this text mean to you?
- ◇ What has praying with this text called forth from you personally?
- ◇ What needs to change in you having read this text?
- ◇ What difference will this text make in your life?

Part V: Give Thanks

Offer petitionary prayers to God.

Closing Prayer

Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSV)

Feeding the Five Thousand

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it,

they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;

and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,

“This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;

send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

They replied,

“We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”

And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,

he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves,

and gave them to the disciples,

and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled;

and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men,

besides women and children.



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