

LECTIO DIVINA – February 13, 2021—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle B

Good afternoon

Today we are presented with the gospel of Jesus healing a man with leprosy.

The scene is illuminated by Jesus' words: whoever comes to me, I will not throw them out.

When the leper appeared in the square where Jesus was healing and teaching, everyone drew back in horror... maybe some of them even attacked him... from a distance, of course!

However, Jesus stayed... "moved with pity", he even went to meet him... and cured him. Jesus did what no one had dared to do: he stretched out his hand and touched him, while saying: Be clean...

Let us come with the leper and pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, touch us with your touch, that "delicate touch" John of the Cross speaks about in his poem *The Living Flame of Love*, a touch that tastes of "eternal life, and pays every debt..." Help us to really see one another, hear one another, and touch -in immense delicacy, respect, and wonder-, the lives of our sisters and brothers.

Show us what eternal life tastes like, and inflame our hearts with your love.

Amen.