Lectio Divina March 13, 2021 4th Sunday of Lent

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 Mary Coloe, PBVM

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

John 3:14-21 NRSV

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.[a]

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."[b]

Footnotes

- a. John 3:15 Some interpreters hold that the quotation concludes with verse 15
- b. John 3:21 Some interpreters hold that the quotation concludes with verse 15

