

*Lectio Divina*  
*May 8, 2021*  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

***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 17:11-19 NRSV**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

“Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that[a] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,[b] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.[c] I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.[d] They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**Footnotes**

- a. John 17:12 Other ancient authorities read protected in your name those whom
- b. John 17:12 Gk except the son of destruction
- c. John 17:13 Or among themselves
- d. John 17:15 Or from evil

