

Lectio Divina
October 30, 2021

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 Pat Parachini, SNJM

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

Mark 12:28b-34 The First Commandment

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart,

with all your understanding,

with all your strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself

is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

