

## Lectio Divina

### January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas– Year C – John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known."

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</p>
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In this week's gospel God is described as the Word and the Light. The Word of God is the divine energy. John tells us that no one has ever seen God, but through Jesus, God has been made known. "The word was made flesh and lived among us." In Jesus, every word of God, every promise ever made comes to fruition, is bound in a human person and touches us in a real and physical way. Only faith and wisdom helps us believe in this great gift. How has Jesus and the message of Jesus been a light for you in your life?

#### Prayer:

**Lord thank you** that the human spirit is unconquerable, it is the light that comes from you, a light that continues to shine even when there is great darkness, a light that no darkness can overcome.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we did not shine your light for all to see because of fear or intimidation, forgetting you are with us always and will `put your words in our mouth.` (Jeremiah 1:4-9).

**Help us Lord** to practice the faith given to us as a gift in Baptism, Help us to grow in Wisdom and accept things we do not fully understand in faith, a faith based on our experience of goodness in our lives. It is our faith in you that helps us on our Christian journey.

