

Lectio Divina

- > **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - > **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - > **Pray** - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
 - > **Action** - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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December 16th 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C - Luke 3:10 - 18

In this week's gospel again we see John the Baptist on his mission to "speak for the light". He was growing very impatient not allowing himself to be categorised and affirming his mission humbly but courageously. We see John the Baptist's conviction that "the One who is to come after" is actually standing there even though the community does not recognise him.

There is a lot of darkness around us at the moment and it can get us down. Have we become cynical and settle for mediocrity?

Have we been overcome with apathy?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the people you send us when we trust in you as a beacon of your light. They bear witness to us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines. Forgive us for the times when we feel incompetent. Forgive us for becoming discouraged when we feel the church is not doing enough instead of believing that the "one who is to come after" is actually standing with us even though we do not see him.

Help us Lord to be your voice reaching out to those crying in the wilderness telling them that you want to be present with them with your love and compassion if only they open themselves to you.

