



**Come & See Year 5 – Mission & Evangelisation**  
**LECTIO DIVINA 2009**  
**ADVENT WEEK 2**

**1. Opening Prayer**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

*Come Holy Spirit, open our hearts  
and minds to receive the word of God.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen*

Prayer from the Mass for the Second  
Sunday of Advent:



**Let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**2. Reading the text:** *Ask someone to read the gospel. Allow time for silent reflection, then ask another person to read the same gospel (preferably a male if the first reader was female or vice versa).*

A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke 3:1-6

**In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:**

**A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.**

### 3. Reflecting on the text

- Ponder the words and phrases in silence
- What kind of text is this? (parable, miracle, encounter, healing, teaching etc.)
- Look at the people and events in the story
- Speak out any words or phrases that strike you (without having to say why)

**3. Participation:** Moving from in that time (*in illo tempore*) to in this time (*in hoc tempore*). Sharing any thoughts on:

- *What is the Lord saying to me through the text?*
- *What is the Lord saying in relation to issues in the Church, in the world, and in my life?*
- *Does the text inspire, console, question, direct?*

**5. Finish the sentence:** *In this passage God is...*

**6. Praying out of the text:** *Lord, in the light of this text...*

**7. Conclude by praying the *Our Father***

