



*Come & See Year 5 – Mission & Evangelisation*

# **LECTIO DIVINA 2009**

## **ADVENT WEEK 3**

### 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 Third Sunday  
of Advent:

**Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ: Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. 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 3:10-18

**When all the people asked John, "What must we do, then?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Exact no more than your rate." Some soldiers asked him in their turn "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!"**

**A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-**



fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.” As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

### 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***

