



**Come & See Year 5 – Mission & Evangelisation**  
**LECTIO DIVINA 2009**  
**ADVENT WEEK 4**

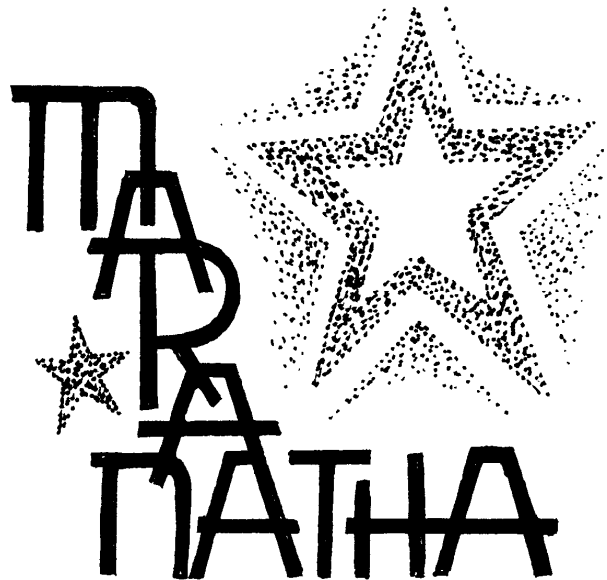
**1. Opening Prayer**

*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 Fourth  
Sunday of Advent:



**Let us pray as Advent draws to a close, that Christ will truly come into our hearts: Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, 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 1:39-44

**Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elisabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."**

### 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***

