

Lesson 15, Wed, Apr 17: ___ & Salvation History

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Prayer:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. (From the [Angelus](#))

I. [Sanctus](#): Glory to God

- Marriage is to glorify God.
- Mass is to glorify God
- Our lives are to glorify God.
- Funeral masses are to glorify God (and not the deceased)

II. *lectio divina*

- meditate upon one of:
 - [John 20:11-18](#): *The Appearance to Mary of Magdala*
 - [John 8:1-11](#): *A Woman Caught in Adultery*
 - [2 Corinthians 12:6](#): *Paul's Boast: His Weakness*
- *lectio divina* = "spiritual reading"
 - meditation and prayer over a passage of Scripture
 - the practice of *lectio divina* includes:
 - *lectio* = reading, usually a short passage from the Bible
 - *meditatio* = meditation
 - or thoughtful discovery of the passage, its setting, people, and actions
 - = a personal encounter with the text
 - *oratio* = prayer and petition
 - asking for graces, healing, forgiveness in prayerful engagement with the text
 - *contemplatio* = contemplation of Christ, God, and things of God
 - in order to seek sight or experience of the *lectio*
 - see [Meditations | USCCB](#)

III. Centurion's prayer, recited at the Rite of Communion, from [Mt 8:8-13](#)

***Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.***

- Jesus commanded that the Centurion's servant be healed
- but what about the rest of us: why would a just God allow injustice and suffering in the world?
 - consider:
 - God is all powerful
 - He can command anything
 - But he does not... for if he did, we would have no free will
 - Note: God does intervene: miracles, answers to prayer, angels ("divine messengers") and other "divine interventions"
 - see [Acts 9](#): *Paul's Conversion*
- God wants us to choose his commands
 - in Heaven, his commands are fulfilled; on earth, we must choose them

Rejoice!!! No matter what happens, take joy in the Lord!

IV. Bishop's quiz - retake