

## Lectio Divina

Divine Reading

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Read the following scripture passage. You will read the passage four times, slowly and deliberately. Before each reading, look at the question, and then after you read, allow a time of silence to let the words permeate your heart. Write down anything you think God might be speaking to you.

### Isaiah 43:16-21

This is what the LORD says—  
he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise.

- **Reading 1 - READ:** On the first reading, read slowly, simply listening to the words. Reading aloud helps. What word or phrase stands out to you?
- **Reading 2 - REFLECT:** On the second reading, ask: What in the passage touches my life today?
- **Reading 3 - RESPOND:** After the third reading, ask yourself: What is God inviting me to today?
- **Reading 4 - REST:** During the fourth and final reading, ask nothing; simply rest in the presence of the Lord.

Often it helps to have a journal – a place to capture your thoughts and God’s whispers.