

Motivation for Lk 2: 22-40

In the gospel we are about to read, Simeon meets the baby Jesus in the Temple and as soon as Simeon lays eyes on Jesus, he recognises him as the salvation he has been waiting for. When God came to earth as Jesus, he came to fully share in our human nature and took on our sins, and on the cross, he made himself a sacrifice for these sins. Through this sacrifice, we are able to have a direct relationship with God and we open ourselves up to this relationship when we pray. Just as Simeon comes face-to-face with God in the baby Jesus, we too come face-to-face with God in his Word when we do Lectio. This encounter provokes a reaction in us which we can share with the people around us, and in the same way as God lets his servant, Simeon, go in peace, God invites you to bring the peace you encounter in Lectio back to your daily lives. So in this Lectio, let God's light of revelation enter your heart. Let it seek out the dark parts and illuminate them. Let it refine you so you may become more fully yourself, full of the Holy Spirit and united with God the Father through the sacrifice of his beloved Son.