

Motivation for Mark 1:1-8

The silence that preceded this sentence is like the emptiness there was before God created the world, before He created you.

And now you are about to hear the Word; the Word that is life, the Word that gives life, the Word that is calling you into being. I invite you to think about your baptism. About how there was a time, however brief or long, before you were baptised. What is different between before and after? Your baptism makes these words alive for you today. So before we listen to the Word, before we meet Christ in this time of Lectio, I invite you to prepare. In the Gospel you are about to hear, we learn of the Jews' preparations for a new beginning, for the fulfilment of God's promises. What is the desert in your life you need God to water for you? What is the mountain that needs levelling? What is keeping you back from the promise of Joy?

I invite you to seek Christ in the reading, He who is the answer to all these longings. How is he filling you today? What does He reveal of himself to you, to help you on our way?