

# MONDAY READINGS

## MORNING TALK (Talk 2)

### 1. References given in talk

John 1: 35-40

Mark 1:16-18

John 4:10

John 15: 1-17

Mark 10: 17-22

Jeremiah 6.16

### The various kinds of Monks – Rule of St Benedict Chapter 1

*“But a third and most vile class of monks is that of Sarabaites, who have been tried by no rule under the hand of a master, as gold is tried in the fire (cf Prov 27:21); but, soft as lead, and still keeping faith with the world by their works, they are known to belie God by their tonsure. Living in two's and three's, or even singly, without a shepherd, enclosed, not in the Lord's sheepfold, but in their own, the gratification of their desires is law unto them; because what they choose to do they call holy, but what they dislike they hold to be unlawful.*

*But the fourth class of monks is that called Gyrovags, who keep going their whole life long from one province to another, staying three or four days at a time in different cells as guests. Always roving and never settled, they indulge their passions and the cravings of the belly; and are in every way worse than the Sarabites. It is better to pass all these over in silence than to speak of their most wretched life.”*

### Elizabeth Barrett Browning - 1806-1861 *How Do I Love Thee? (Sonnet 43)*

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death*

## 2. LECTIO DIVINA

### GOD, THE CARING ONE, LOVES US AND CARES FOR US

WE SEEK THE GRACE TO FIND DEEP CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN GOD'S DESIRE  
TO NURTURE US

Lk 11:1-13	Rabbi, teach us to pray ... how much more will the heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit
Lk 12:22-31	Lilies of the field .seek first the realm of God
1 Jn 4:7-19	Love consists in this: not that we have loved God but that God has loved us first
Psalms 121	Our guardian God is at your right hand

### Supplementary Readings

Ps 23	God our true Shepherd
Ps 62	Trust in God alone
Ps 63:1-8	O God, you are my God whom I seek
Ps 91	You who dwell in the shelter of the most high
Ps 131	Trust ... like a child at its mother's breast
Ps 145	Give praise for God's greatness ... you open your hand and satisfy every living thing
Deut 32:1-14	Song of Moses praising God for taking care of Israel, the apple of God's eye
Is 25:1-9	On this mountain the Holy One will provide for all peoples; you are a refuge for the poor
Is 41:8-16	Israel, I grasp your right hand
Jn 14:16-28	I will not leave you orphans ... peace is my gift to you ...
Rom 5:1-11	The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit ...
Rom 8:26-34	The Spirit helps us in our weakness ... God is for us
Eph 3:14-21	May our God, both mother and father, strengthen you inwardly through the working of the Spirit ... God's power in us can do more than we can ask or imagine
Heb 4:14-16	We have a compassionate high priest

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