

Dear People of El Camino Real,

In this letter, you will find the passages for our Diocesan-wide Lectio Divina for 2023. This year, you are invited to consider the call to “Have Courage in the Wilderness (being unafraid to be lost)” while on our pilgrimage. As is our practice, I hope that you will use these readings for vestry meetings, committee meetings, and in our governance bodies. It is my prayer that this shared lectio will bring us to place of deeper reflection and transformation as we move forward to being New Church.

For each reading, I invite you to consider the word, phrase, image, or metaphor that comes to mind on the first reading.

For your second reading, I invite you to reflect upon ways in which scripture calls on us to “Have Courage in the Wilderness” as we continue to guide our communities and people into the Church that we are becoming.

Enjoy the journey.

Faithfully,

+Lucinda

Month in 2023	Scripture for Lectio
January	Luke 4:1-13 (Jesus tempted)
February	Deuteronomy 31:7-13 (Moses and Joshua)
March	Exodus 3:1-6 (The burning bush)
April	Matthew 11:2-11 (Jesus and John)
May	Genesis 37:17b-28 (Joseph and his brothers)
June	Acts 8:26-39 (The Ethiopian Eunuch)
July	Genesis 21:12-21 (Hagar)
August	Jonah 4:1-11 (Jonah pouting)
September	Esther 5:1-8 (Esther)
October	Mark 1:32-39 (In Galilee)
November	John 16:29-17:5 (The hour has come)
December	Luke 1:36-42 (The Visitation)