**Collatio**

The group form of *lectio divina* requires someone to be the coordinator/ leader.

1 The group leader helps the group take a time to settle and become still and focussed

2 Then an introductory prayer is offered

3 **The passage is read slowly**

4 Some silence/listening

5 An invitation from the leader to repeat a word or a phrase that strikes you personally.

6 **The passage is read a second time, perhaps by a different voice in the group**

7 Silence/listening

8 An invitation from the leader for anyone to offer a brief personal application e.g. ’I sense the Lord is asking me….’ or ‘I guess I know that …..is important for me’. Please use ‘I’ rather than ‘we’. The quiet is as important as the spoken words, as it allows God’s message to resonate and deepen within us. Relax in the silence and savour the contributions.

9. **The passage is read for the third time, perhaps again a different voice**

10 Silence/listening

11 An invitation by the leader to offer brief, spontaneous prayers.

13 A closing prayer.