# WONDERMENT

Those things which are full of marvels for an investigation deeper than we can reach have become cheap from custom in the eyes of men . . .

- If a dead man is raised to life, all men spring up in astonishment. Yet everyday one that has no being is born, and no man wonders . . . it is a greater thing for that to be created which was without being than for that which had being to be restored.
- The dry rod Aaron budded, all men were in astonishment; yet every day a tree is produced from the dry earth . . . and no man wonders . . .
- Five thousand men we filled with five loaves; . . . yet every day the grains of seed that are sown are multiplied in a fullness of ears, and no man wonders . . .
- Water once turned to wine, yet every day the earth's moisture, being drawn into the root of the vine, is turned by the grape into wine, and no man wonders . . .

Full of wonder then are all the things which men never think to wonder at, because . . . they are by habit become dull to the consideration of them.

Gregory the Great (ABC's of the Pilgrimage, 2014 Rev. Dr. Paul H. Lang)

### **Read** [read passage twice]

Silence 3-5 minutes\* - silently repeat a word or phrase that interests you... Sharing aloud (if in group): Simply share the word or phrase that spoke to you. No elaboration.

## **Reflect** [read once]

Silence 3-5 minutes - reflecting on "Where does this touch my life?" Sharing aloud: "I hear, I see, I was struck by..."

## Respond [read once]

Silence 3-5 minutes - reflecting on "How is God calling me to Respond?" Sharing aloud: Briefly pray - spontaneously expressing your response to God's call.

#### **Rest** [read once]

Rest in God's grace, in silence 2-3 minutes

\*The time allotted for each period of silence can vary.

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