



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Lectionary: 291

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- The third reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?*" Notice what thoughts, feelings, and reflections arise within you. Let the words resound in your heart. What might God be asking of you through the scripture? In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.
- The fourth reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*I believe that God wants me to today/this week.*" Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

Reading

Acts 16:11-15

We set sail from Troas, making a straight run for Samothrace, and on the next day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, a leading city in that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We spent some time in that city. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate along the river where we thought there would be a place of prayer. We sat and spoke with the women who had gathered there. One of them, a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, from the city of Thyatira, a worshiper of God, listened, and the Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what Paul was saying. After she and her household had been baptized, she offered us an invitation, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my home," and she prevailed on us.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

R. (2a) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or: **R. Alleluia.**

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or: **R. Alleluia.**

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations.

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Alleluia

Jn 15:26b, 27a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord, and you will also testify.

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Gospel

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you."