



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Lectionary: 534: 2 Tm 4:1-5/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 15:9b, 5b/Jn 15:1-8

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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?*"
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First Reading

2 Tm 4:1-5

Beloved:

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me safe, O God; in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, you are my Lord. LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you have made my destiny secure.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me. I keep the LORD always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.



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Alleluia

Jn 15:9b, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in my love, says the Lord; whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

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Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciple:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.