



**Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina**

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

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First Reading

2 Cor 5:14-20

Brother and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1bc-2, 3-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18

R. O, bless the Lord, my soul!

O, bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts.

R. O, bless the Lord, my soul!

Who pardons all your sins, and heals all your ills, Who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with mercy and compassion.

R. O, bless the Lord, my soul!

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. He will not always accuse, and nurses no lasting anger.

R. O, bless the Lord, my soul!

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. For he knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

R. O, bless the Lord, my soul!



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But the LORD's mercy is from age to age, toward those who fear him. His salvation is for the children's children of those who keep his covenant, and remember to carry out his precepts.



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Alleluia

Lk 21:36

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

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Gospel

Lk 12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciple:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."