



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

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor, Memorial**

**Lectionary: 522: Wis 7:7-10, 15-16/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mt 23:9b, 10b/Mt 23:8-12**

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Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply. No elaboration. In a group setting, you can share that word/phrase or simply pass.
- 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.

**First Reading**

*Wis 7:7-10, 15-16*

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, And deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; Because all gold, in view of her, is a bit of sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and beauty I loved her, And I chose to have her rather than the light, because her radiance never ceases.

Now God grant I speak suitably and value these endowments at their worth: For he is the guide of Wisdom and the director of the wise. For both we and our words are in his hand, as well as all prudence and knowledge of crafts.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

How can the young keep his way without fault? Only by observing your words.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

With all my heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

In my heart I treasure your promise that I may not sin against you.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

With my lips I recite all the judgments you have spoken.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***



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I find joy in the way of your testimonies more than in all riches.



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**Alleluia**

*Mt 23:9b, 10b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You have but one Father in heaven; you have but one master, the Christ.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Mt 23:8-12*

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples: "Do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.