



**Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Angels Merici, Virgin**

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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.
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First Reading

1 Pt 4:7b-11

Beloved:

Be serious and sober for prayers. Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 148:1bc-2, 11-13a, 13c-14

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; give praise, all you his hosts.

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all who govern on earth; Young men and women too, old and young alike. Let them all praise the LORD's name, for his name alone is exalted.

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia

His majesty above earth and heaven. He has lifted high the horn of his people; to the praise of all his faithful, the Israelites, the people near to him.

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Alleluia

Mt 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 9:34b-37

The disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."