



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
**Office of Sacred Worship**  
**Lectio Divina**  
**Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
**Lectionary: 512: 1 Jn 2:18-25/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mt 5:16/Mt 5:13-19**

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- The second reading, look for a key word or phrase that draws your attention.  
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.*"  
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**First Reading**

*1 Jn 2:18-25*

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that the antichrist was coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. Thus we know this is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of our number; if they had been, they would have remained with us. Their desertion shows that none of them was of our number. But you have the anointing that comes from the holy one, and you all have knowledge. I write to you not because you do not know the truth but because you do, and because every lie is alien to the truth. Who is the liar? Whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Whoever denies the Father and the Son, this is the antichrist. No one who denies the Son has the Father, but whoever confesses the Son has the Father as well.

Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made us: eternal life.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek***

The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand, while I make your enemies your footstool."a

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek***

The scepter of your might: the LORD extends your strong scepter from Zion. Have dominion over your enemies!

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek***

Yours is princely power from the day of your birth. In holy splendor before the daystar, like dew I begot you.

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek***

The LORD has sworn and will not waver: "You are a priest forever in the manner of Melchizedek."

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**Alleluia**

*Mt 5:16*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

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**Gospel**

*Mt 5:13-19*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.