



**Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Lectio Divina**

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

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Reading

Is 61:1-3d

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God; To comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 and 27

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

I will sing of your mercy forever, LORD proclaim your faithfulness through all ages. For I said, "My mercy is established forever; my faithfulness will stand as long as the heavens.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will make your dynasty stand forever and establish your throne through all ages."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

I have chosen David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him. My hand will be with him, my arm will make him strong.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

My faithfulness and mercy will be with him; through my name his horn will be exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

He shall cry to me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock of my salvation!'

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Alleluia

Lk 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy [-two] others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'