



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
**Office of Sacred Worship**  
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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?*"  
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**Reading**

*Jer 15:10, 16-21*

Woe to me, mother, that you gave me birth! A man of strife and contention to all the land! I neither borrow nor lend, yet all curse me. When I found your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit celebrating in the circle of merry-makers; under the weight of your hand I sat alone because you filled me with indignation. Why is my pain continuous, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? You have indeed become for me a treacherous brook, whose waters do not abide! Thus the LORD answered me: If you repent, so that I restore you, in my presence you shall stand; if you bring forth the precious without the vile, you shall be my mouthpiece. Then it shall be they who turn to you, and you shall not turn to them; and I will make you toward this people a solid wall of brass. Though they fight against you, they shall not prevail, for I am with you, to deliver and rescue you, says the LORD. I will free you from the hand of the wicked, and rescue you from the grasp of the violent.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18*

**R. (17d) God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

Rescue me from my enemies, O my God; from my adversaries defend me. Rescue me from evildoers; from bloodthirsty men save me.

**R. God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

For behold, they lie in wait for my life; mighty men come together against me, Not for any offense or sin of mine, O LORD.

**R. God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

O my strength! For you I watch; for you, O God, are my stronghold, as for my God, may his mercy go before me; may he show me the fall of my foes.

**R. God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

But I will sing of your strength and revel at dawn in your mercy; you have been my stronghold, my refuge in the day of distress.

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O my strength! Your praise will I sing; for you, O God, are my stronghold, my merciful God!

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**Alleluia**

*Jn 15:15b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I call you my friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.

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**Gospel**

*Mt 13:44-46*

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."