



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

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First Reading

Sir 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do people's faults when they speak. The furnace tests the potter's vessels; the test of a person is in conversation. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so speech discloses the bent of a person's heart. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness in the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD, they shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age, they will stay fresh and green, To proclaim: "The LORD is just; my rock, in whom there is no wrong."

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Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



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Alleluia

Jn 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told them a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.