



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
**Office of Sacred Worship**  
**Lectio Divina**  
**Alleluia Verses for Weekdays of Advent from December 17 to December 24**  
**Lectionary: 201**

Read the following passage four times.

- The first reading, simply read the scripture and pause for a minute.  
Listen to the passage with the ear of the heart. Don't get distracted by intellectual types of questions about the passage. Just listen to what the passage is saying to you, right now.
  
- 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.*"  
Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

**Alleluia**

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

**Alleluia**

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

**Alleluia**

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

**Alleluia**

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness.

**Alleluia**

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death!

**Alleluia**

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

**Alleluia**

O Emmanuel, our King, and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!