



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

Saint Toribio De Mogrovejo, Bishop

Lectionary: 544: 2 Tm 1:13-14, 2:1-3/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8c, 10/Jn 10:14/Mt 9:35-38

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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

2 Tm 1:13-14, 2:1-3

Beloved:

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

You know that everyone in Asia deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the family of Onesiphorus because he often gave me new heart and was not ashamed of my chains. But when he came to Rome, he promptly searched for me and found me. May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day. And you know very well the services he rendered in Ephesus.

So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well. Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8c, 10

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Proclaim his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and might; give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Declare among the nations: The LORD is king. The world will surely stand fast, never to be shaken. He rules the peoples with fairness.

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Alleluia

Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 9:35-38

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."