



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Lectionary: 548: 2 Tm 4:1-5/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10, 11/Lk 21:36/Lk 12:35-40

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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?*"
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- 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 4:1-5

Beloved:

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10, 11

R. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

I wait for the LORD; who bends down to me and hears my cry, And puts a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice and offering you do not want; you opened my ears. Holocaust and sin-offering you do not request; so I said, "See; I come with an inscribed scroll written upon me.

R. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

I delight to do your will, my God; your law is in my inner being!"

R. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

I sing of your righteousness in a great assembly, See, I do not restrain my lips; as you, LORD, know.

R. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

I do not conceal your righteousness within my heart; I speak of your loyalty and your salvation. I do not hide your mercy or faithfulness from a great assembly.

R. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.



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Alleluia

Lk 21:36

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

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Gospel

Lk 12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."