



Archdiocese of St. Louis

Office of Sacred Worship

Lectio Divina

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Lectionary: 550: Rv 12:10-12a/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Cor 1:3b-4a/Jn 17:11b-19

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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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First Reading

Rv 12:10-12a

I, John, heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who accuses them before our God day and night. They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death. Therefore, rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them. But woe to you, earth and sea, for the Devil has come down to you in great fury, for he knows he has but a short time."



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the LORD; let the poor hear and be glad.

R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.

Magnify the LORD with me; and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears.

R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame. This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him.



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Alleluia

2 Cor 1:3b-4a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed be the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction.

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Gospel

Jn 17:11b-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, saying:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."