



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
**Office of Sacred Worship**  
**Lectio Divina**  
**Saint George, Martyr**

**Lectionary: 553: Rv 21:5-7/Ps 126: 1bc-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/1 Pt 4:14/Lk 9:23-26**

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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.*"  
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**First Reading**

*Rv 21:5-7*

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." He said to me, "They are accomplished. I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 126: 1bc-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

***R. Those who sow in tears, shall reap rejoicing.***

When the LORD restored the captives of Zion, we thought we were dreaming. Then our mouths were filled with laughter; our tongues sang for joy.

***R. Those who sow in tears, shall reap rejoicing.***

Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD had done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!

***R. Those who sow in tears, shall reap rejoicing.***

Restore our captives, LORD, like the dry stream beds of the Negeb. Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.

***R. Those who sow in tears, shall reap rejoicing.***

Those who go forth weeping, carrying sacks of seed, Will return with cries of joy, carrying their bundled sheaves.

***R. Those who sow in tears, shall reap rejoicing.***



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**Alleluia**

*1 Pt 4:14*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Lk 9:23-26*

Jesus said to all,

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.