



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

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First Reading

Rv 19:1, 5-9a

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying: "Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God,

A voice coming from the throne said: "Praise our God, all you his servants, [and] you who revere him, small and great." Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder, as they said: "Alleluia! The Lord has established his reign, [our] God, the almighty. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment." (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.) Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These words are true; they come from God."



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18

R. O bless the Lord, my soul!

Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts,

R. O bless the Lord, my soul!

Who pardons all your sins, and heals all your ills, Who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with mercy and compassion,

R. O bless the Lord, my soul!

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. He will not always accuse, and nurses no lasting anger.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul!

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. For he knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul!

But the LORD's mercy is from age to age, toward those who fear him. His salvation is for the children's children of those who keep his covenant, and remember to carry out his precepts.



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Alleluia

Mt 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Bless are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

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Gospel

Mt 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."