



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**

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**Lectio Divina**

**Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

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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**

*Acts 4:8-12*

Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.' There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."



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**Responsorial Psalm**

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

***R. Here am I, 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. Many shall look on in fear and they shall trust in the LORD.

***R. Here am I, 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."

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

With an inscribed scroll written upon me. I delight to do your will, my God; your law is in my inner being!"

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

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

***R. Here am I, 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.

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**Alleluia**

*Jn 8:12*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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**Gospel**

*Lk 9:57-62*

As Jesus and his disciples were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "[Lord,] let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." [To him] Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."