



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Office of Sacred Worship  
Lectio Divina**

**Saint Gregory VII, Pope, Religious**

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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**

*Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36*

From Miletus he had the presbyters of the church at Ephesus summoned. When they came to him, he addressed them, "You know how I lived among you the whole time from the day I first came to the province of Asia.

Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears. And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated.

When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4*

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.***

The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand, while I make your enemies your footstool."

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.***

The scepter of your might: the LORD extends your strong scepter from Zion. Have dominion over your enemies!

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.***

Yours is princely power from the day of your birth. In holy splendor before the daystar, like dew I begot you.

***R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.***

The LORD has sworn and will not waver: "You are a priest forever in the manner of Melchizedek."

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**Alleluia**

*Mk 1:17*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come after me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.

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**Gospel**

*Mt 16:13-19*

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."