



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

**Saint Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial**

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**First Reading**

*Phil 4:4-9*

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11*

***R. I will bless the Lord at all times.***

***or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

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. I will bless the Lord at all times.***

***or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

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. I will bless the Lord at all times.***

***or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

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. I will bless the Lord at all times.***

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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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Fear the LORD, you his holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him. The rich grow poor and go hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.



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**Alleluia**

*Jn 15:9b, 5b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Remain in my love, says the Lord; whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

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**Gospel**

*Jn 17:20-26*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."