



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

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

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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

1 Thes 2:2b-8

Brothers and sisters:

We drew courage through our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle. Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives, nor did it work through deception. But as we were judged worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel, that is how we speak, not as trying to please human beings, but rather God, who judges our hearts. Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know, or with a pretext for greed—God is witness—nor did we seek praise from human beings, either from you or from others, although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Proclaim his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and might; give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Declare among the nations: The LORD is king. The world will surely stand fast, never to be shaken. He rules the peoples with fairness.

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Alleluia

Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 9:35-38

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."