



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

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

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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

2 Cor 6:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

In everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8

R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.

Had not the LORD been with us, when people rose against us, Then they would have swallowed us alive, for their fury blazed against us.

R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.

Then the waters would have engulfed us, the torrent overwhelmed us; then seething water would have drowned us.

R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.

The snare was broken, and we escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

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Alleluia

2 Cor 1:3b-4a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed be the Father of compassion and the God of all encouragement, who encourages us in every affliction.

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Gospel

Jn 17:11b-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, saying:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."