



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

Lectionary: 598: Mi 6:6-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Jn 14:23/Mt 7:21-27

Read the following passage four times.

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Listen to the passage with the ear of the heart. Don't get distracted by intellectual types of questions about the passage. Just listen to what the passage is saying to you, right now.

- The second reading, look for a key word or phrase that draws your attention.
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?*"
Notice what thoughts, feelings, and reflections arise within you. Let the words resound in your heart. What might God be asking of you through the scripture? In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

- The fourth reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*I believe that God wants me to today/this week.*"
Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

First Reading

Mi 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow before God most high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with myriad streams of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my crime, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Or

R. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the LORD is his joy; and on his law he meditates day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Or

R. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near streams of water that yields its fruit in season; its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Or

R. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

But not so are the wicked, not so! They are like chaff driven by the wind. Because the LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

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Alleluia

Jn 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 7:21-27

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."