



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Lectionary: 608: Eph 3:8-12/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Jn 15:5/Lk 6:43-45

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First Reading

Eph 3:8-12

Brothers and sisters:

To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light [for all] what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens. This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

How can the young keep his way without fault? Only by observing your words.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

With all my heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

In my heart I treasure your promise that I may not sin against you.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

With my lips I recite all the judgments you have spoken.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

I find joy in the way of your testimonies more than in all riches.



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Alleluia

Jn 15:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord: whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 6:43-45

Jesus said to his disciples:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.