



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Dedication of Saint Mary Major in Rome
Lectionary: 613: Rv 21:1-5a/Jdt 13:18, 19, 20/Lk 11:28/Lk 11:27-28

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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?*"
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- The fourth reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*I believe that God wants me to today/this week.*"
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First Reading

Rv 21:1-5a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."



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Responsorial Psalm

Jdt 13:18, 19, 20

R. you are the highest honor of our race.

"Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, the creator of heaven and earth.

R. you are the highest honor of our race.

Your deed of hope will never be forgotten by those who recall the might of God.

R. you are the highest honor of our race.



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Alleluia

Lk 11:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.

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Gospel

Lk 11:27-28

While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."