



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Clare, Virgin

Lectionary: 619: Phil 3:8-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 5:3/Mt 19:27-29

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- 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.*"
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First Reading

Phil 3:8-14

More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and [the] sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus]. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me safe, O God; in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, you are my Lord, you are my only good. LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you have made my destiny secure.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me. I keep the LORD always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.



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Alleluia

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 19:27-29

Peter said to him in reply, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life.