



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Pontian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr
Lectionary: 620: 1 Pt 4:12-19/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/see Te Deum/Jn 15:18-21

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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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First Reading

1 Pt 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as if something strange were happening to you. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name. For it is time for the judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, how will it end for those who fail to obey the gospel of God? "And if the righteous one is barely saved, where will the godless and the sinner appear?" As a result, those who suffer in accord with God's will hand their souls over to a faithful creator as they do good.



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Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

We escaped with our lives 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

see Te Deum

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 15:18-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me.