



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

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

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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?*"
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

Sir 15:1-6

Whoever fears the LORD will do this; whoever is practiced in the Law will come to Wisdom. She will meet him like a mother; like a young bride she will receive him, She will feed him with the bread of learning, and give him the water of understanding to drink. He will lean upon her and not fall; he will trust in her and not be put to shame. She will exalt him above his neighbors, and in the assembly she will make him eloquent. Joy and gladness he will find, and an everlasting name he will inherit.



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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 15:9b, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in my love, says the Lord; whoever lives in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

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Gospel

Jn 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."