



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

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

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- 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

2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7

Brothers and sisters:

since we have this ministry through the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. Rather, we have renounced shameful, hidden things; not acting deceitfully or falsifying the word of God, but by the open declaration of the truth we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even though our gospel is veiled, it is veiled for those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they may not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus. For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ.

But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 10

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Proclaim his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and might; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts and enter his courts;

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Declare among the nations: The LORD is king. The world will surely stand fast, never to be shaken. He rules the peoples with fairness.

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Alleluia

Jn 1:49b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I call you my friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.

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Gospel

Jn 1:45-51

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.