



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

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Lectionary: 649: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/see Mt 11:25/Mt 18:1-4

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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?*" 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.*" Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

First Reading

Is 66:10-14c

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; Rejoice with her in her joy, all you who mourn over her—So that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; That you may drink with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: I will spread prosperity over her like a river, like an overflowing torrent, the wealth of nations. You shall nurse, carried in her arms, cradled upon her knees; As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. You will see and your heart shall exult, and your bodies shall flourish like the grass; The LORD's power shall be revealed to his servants.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

LORD, my heart is not proud; nor are my eyes haughty. I do not busy myself with great matters, with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Rather, I have stilled my soul, Like a weaned child to its mother, weaned is my soul.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Israel, hope in the LORD, now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.



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Alleluia

see Mt 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

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Gospel

Mt 18:1-4

At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.