



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

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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First Reading

Rom 8:22-27

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance. In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The statutes of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

More desirable than gold, than a hoard of purest gold, Sweeter also than honey or drippings from the comb.

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Alleluia

Jn 15:9b, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.