



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

Lectio Divina

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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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

Rom 12:3-13

Brothers and sisters:

By the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 and 27

R. For ever I will sing forever.

I will sing of your mercy forever, LORD proclaim your faithfulness through all ages. For I said, "My mercy is established forever; my faithfulness will stand as long as the heavens.

R. For ever I will sing forever.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will make your dynasty stand forever and establish your throne through all ages."

R. For ever I will sing forever.

I have chosen David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him. My hand will be with him; my arm will make him strong.

R. For ever I will sing forever.

My faithfulness and mercy will be with him; through my name his horn will be exalted. He shall cry to me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock of my salvation!'

R. For ever I will sing forever.



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Alleluia

Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 10:11-16

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."