



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

Saint Jospaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Lectionary: 674: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Jn 15:9b, 5b/Jn 17:20-26

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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

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters:

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. Blessed are they who hoe in the Lord.

R. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the LORD is his joy; and on his law he meditates day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hoe in the Lord.

R. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near streams of water that yields its fruit in season; its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hoe in the Lord.

R. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

But not so are the wicked, not so! They are like chaff driven by the wind. Because the LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

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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.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

"Holy Father, 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."