



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

**Saint Albert the Great, Bishop 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**

*Sir 15:1-6*

Whoever fears the LORD will do this; whoever is practiced in the Law will come to Wisdom. She will meet him like a mother; like a young bride she will receive him, She will feed him with the bread of learning, and give him the water of understanding to drink. He will lean upon her and not fall; he will trust in her and not be put to shame. She will exalt him above his neighbors, and in the assembly she will make him eloquent. Joy and gladness he will find, and an everlasting name he will inherit.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

How can the young keep his way without fault? Only by observing your words.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

With all my heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

In my heart I treasure your promise that I may not sin against you.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

With my lips I recite all the judgments you have spoken.

***R. Lord, teach me your statutes.***

I find joy in the way of your testimonies more than in all riches.



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**Alleluia**

*see Acts 16:14b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Mt 13:47-52*

Jesus said to the crowds:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."