



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Margaret of Scotland

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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

Is 58:6-11

Thus says the Lord:

Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke? Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: "Here I am!" If you remove the yoke from among you, the accusing finger, and malicious speech; If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday; Then the LORD will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places, will give strength to your bones And you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Blessed the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commands. His descendants shall be mighty in the land, a generation of the upright will be blessed.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house; his righteousness shall endure forever. Light shines through the darkness for the upright; gracious, compassionate, and righteous.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

It is good for the man gracious in lending, who conducts his affairs with justice. For he shall never be shaken; the righteous shall be remembered forever.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

He shall not fear an ill report; his heart is steadfast, trusting the LORD. His heart is tranquil, without fear, till at last he looks down on his foes.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

Lavishly he gives to the poor; his righteousness shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in honor.



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Alleluia

Jn 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

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Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."