



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
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Lectio Divina**

**Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr**

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**First Reading**

*1 Pt 5:1-4*

Beloved:

I exhort the presbyters among you, as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed. Tend the flock of God in your midst, [overseeing] not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

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

***R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

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 the goodness of the Lord.***

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 the goodness of the Lord.***

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 the goodness of the Lord.***

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!'

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**Alleluia**

*Mk 1:17*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come after me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.

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**Gospel**

*Mt 16:13-19*

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."