



Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Lectio Divina
Saint Columban, Abbot

Lectionary: 683: Is 52:7-10/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Jn 8:12/Lk 9:57-62

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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

Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news, Announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Listen! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, For they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD's return to Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted his people, has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; All the ends of the earth can see the salvation of our God.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Proclaim his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and might; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts and enter his courts;

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Declare among the nations: The LORD is king. The world will surely stand fast, never to be shaken. He rules the peoples with fairness.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.



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Alleluia

Jn 8:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

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Gospel

Lk 9:57-62

As Jesus and his disciples were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "[Lord,] let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." [To him] Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."