



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

Alleluia Verse and Verse before the Gospel

Lectionary: 705: 2 Chr 7:16/Is 66:1/Ez 37:27/see Mt 7:8/Mt 16:18

Read the following passage four times.

- The first reading, simply read the scripture and pause for a minute.
Listen to the passage with the ear of the heart. Don't get distracted by intellectual types of questions about the passage. Just listen to what the passage is saying to you, right now.

- The second reading, look for a key word or phrase that draws your attention.
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.*"
Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

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2 Chr 7:16

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever.

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Is 66:1

"The heavens are my throne, the earth is my footstool, says the Lord; What kind of house can you build for me?"

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Ez 37:27

My dwelling shall be with them, says the Lord; I will be their God and they shall be my people.

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see Mt 7:8

In my house, says the Lord, everyone who asks will receive; The one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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Mt 16:18

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.