



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

**The Common of Martyrs - Alleluia Verse and Verse before the Gospel
Lectionary: 717: Mt 5:10/Jn 17:19/2 Cor 1:3b-4a/Jas 1:12/1 Pt 4:14/Te Deum**

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.

Alleluia *Mt 5:10*
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia *Jn 17:19*
I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in the truth.

Alleluia *2 Cor 1:3b-4a*
Blessed be the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction.

Alleluia *Jas 1:12*
Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life.

Alleluia *1 Pt 4:14*
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

Alleluia *Te Deum*
We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.