



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

**The Common of Pastors - Alleluia Verse and Verse before the Gospel**

**Lectionary: 723: Mt 23:9b, 10b/Mt 28:19a, 20bc/Mk 1:17/Lk 4:18/Jn 10:14/Jn 15:5/Jn 15:15b/2 Cor 5:19**

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 23:9b, 10b*  
You have but one Father in heaven; you have but one master, the Christ!

**Alleluia** *Mt 28:19a, 20bc*  
Go, and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia** *Mk 1:17*  
Come after me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.

**Alleluia** *Lk 4:18*  
The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives.

**Alleluia** *Jn 10:14*  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia** *Jn 15:5*  
I am the true vine, you are the branches, says the Lord: whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

**Alleluia** *Jn 15:15b*  
I call you my friends says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.



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**Alleluia**

*2 Cor 5:19*

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.