



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

The Common of Virgins - Responsorial Psalm

Lectionary: 733: Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Ps 148:1bc-2, 11-12, 13, 14

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17

R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

Or The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

Listen, my daughter, and understand; pay me careful heed. Forget your people and your father's house, that the king might desire your beauty. He is your lord.

R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

Or The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters, her raiment threaded with gold. In embroidered apparel she is led to the king. The maids of her train are presented to the king.

R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

Or The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

They are led in with glad and joyous acclaim; they enter the palace of the king. The throne of your fathers your sons will have; you shall make them princes through all the land.

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Psalm

Ps 148:1bc-2, 11-12, 13, 14

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; give praise, all you his hosts.

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all who govern on earth; Young men and women too, old and young alike.

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

Let them all praise the LORD's name, for his name alone is exalted, His majesty above earth and heaven.

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

He has lifted high the horn of his people; to the praise of all his faithful, the Israelites, the people near to him.

R. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.

Or Alleluia.