

Lectio Divina



April 28th 2024 5th Sunday of Easter Year B John 15: 1 – 8

¹⁵⁻¹'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

- Read and re-read out loud and slowly the Gospel.
- Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.
- Pray Thanksgiving Repentance Petition.
- > Action Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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This week's Gospel tells us that Jesus is the humble servant of us all, suffering that we can all be safe. The father is the General overseer; He is situated in heaven. This tells us something very important about Jesus' mission in the world. It is reminding us of how Jesus saw himself, of his deep relationship with His Father in heaven.

What is our relationship with Jesus? Does it reflect the relationship Jesus had with His Father in Heaven?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the wonder of friendship. We remember those who have become loyal friends to us. They accept us just as we are, just as we accept them reflecting the love & friendship Jesus has for us.

Forgive us Lord for the times that we did not live up to our Christian values by not living our lives as Jesus did by being caring and forgiving especially to those we do not understand or who have hurt us.

Lord help us to let the Word of God be our guide in life and help us to bear much fruit as Jesus promised the disciples. .