

Lectio Divina

- **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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October 8th 2017 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 21:33-43

This week's gospel is first of all the story of the landowner deeply aggrieved at the conduct of his tenants. The land owner represents us when we give our all as parents, teachers, church and community leaders. The landowner also represents God so that we are invited to enter into God's feelings when we see how we humans treat His precious sons and daughters and our beautiful nature. We can see that at the root anger in the tenants is that they want to own the vineyard. This parable tells us of the destructive effects of greed - doing violence to the rights of others. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for those who have loved us without being possessive. When the time came for us to go, often to far away lands, they let us go with peace and calm in their heart.

Forgive us Lord if we are resentful or angry when we experienced our frailty or criticism especially when it was undeserved.

Lord help us to put into practice what we received from you, both in words and actions. Let your peace be with us and help us to be aware of the loving God present in our everyday experience.

