

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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June 4th 2017 Pentecost Sunday - Year A - John 20: 19 - 23

In this week's gospel we see the disciples locked in a room because they were afraid of the Jews. Jesus then appeared among them and he said to them twice "Peace be with you." He showed them His wounds in his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy. He then breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit". For those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain they are retained".

Why do we find it so difficult to recognise and own our wounds? When we have the grace and courage given by The Holy Spirit to share our wounds we can often enable others to recognise that we are all as Henry Nouwen says Wounded Healers.

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for giving us our own Pentecost moments: our prayer life was totally dry or we were overcome with fear or sadness. You sent someone to talk to us and it was as if Jesus came into our locked lives, stood with us and said "Peace be with you."

Forgive us if we tried to influence others through aggressive argumentation causing them great fear. Let us be with them in a peaceful, gentle way like Jesus would want us to.

Help us Lord to have a deep union with your Son Jesus. Let Him breathe into us, so that when we breathe he is breathing in us, and when we love, He is loving in us.

