

## Lectio Divina

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- **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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**April 15th 2012**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year B – John 20:19-31**

In this week's gospel we read the words of Jesus to his disciples "Peace be with you" three times. We also read of Thomas doubting that his friends had seen Jesus in the room until he put his hands into the wounds of Jesus. Jesus was pleased to give him the assurance he was looking for but then challenges him to look forward to the day when he would believe without seeing. Jesus invites us to celebrate great people of faith who take up their cross with confidence in the resurrection.

### **Prayer:**

Lord we thank you for the example of Thomas as he teaches us that we cannot separate the resurrection from the cross since we are called to be followers of Jesus and that Jesus is pleased when we question our beliefs as he is only willing and waiting to give us reassurance.

Forgive us for the times we reach out to help people without trying to understand their pain and confusion by thinking we know where they are at. We cannot look for their resurrection without first seeing their wounds.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to all because he has promised those of us who reach out in our disbelief or confusion that he will give us a peace that the world cannot give.

