

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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May 6th 2012 5th Sunday of Easter – Year B – John 15:1-8

In this week's gospel we read the parable about Jesus being the vine and his Father who dwells in heaven being the vinedresser. We are reminded how Jesus had a very deep relationship with his Father in heaven. In verse 3 we see how we are pruned by the actual words of Jesus. "It is by means of the word I have spoken to you". The words of Jesus can change our behaviour and can make important things happen in our lives. In order to bear fruit we must remain part of the vine.

Let us remember the many times that we rejoiced in the word of God spoken to us which changed our lives.

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for our loyal friends who accept us as we are just as we accept them. We are part of their lives so that our joys and sorrows affect them as theirs affect us. This is how Jesus wants to relate to us.

Forgive us for the times when we thought we could achieve great things on our own without the need to take into account the needs and feelings of others.

Help us to remember that we are branches of a vine in our family, community and world and a branch cannot bear fruit if it is cut off. Give us the help and courage to remain part of the vine.

