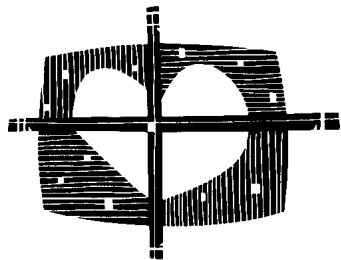


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Catechizing Corner!

Today's liturgy is an invitation to enter into the abiding love and presence of Christ, to allow ourselves to be pruned and to suffer as Christ suffered for the sake of the Gospel—a theme also picked up by the first reading. It is an invitation to commit more fully to the paschal mystery with the assurance that God's love will sustain us. The readings are rooted in self-sacrificing love. All of our work is to flow from the example of Christ. We are to lay down our lives for the reign of God and for each other.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

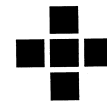
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
John 15:1-8

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own

unless it remains on the vine,

Gospel Glossary

Disciples are the personal followers of Jesus. **Glorified** is to be made glorious. **Wither** is to become dry and shriveled.

so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

will be thrown out like a branch and wither;

people will gather them and throw them into a fire

and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,

ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person ?

Teen: What does the image of the Vine and Branches say to you about your spirituality ?

Family: Have you experienced God's pruning? How is pruning comfortable for us ?

Adult: When have you been 'pruned' by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance ?

Closing Prayer

Risen Lord, you are the true vine and we are the branches. By your Spirit, produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, and patience in us for others to taste and enjoy. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

5th Sunday of Easter