

**Our Gospel Value this
week is
Love**

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**Our Virtue this week is
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We gather together to love,
value and respect each other
within our Catholic family, to
nurture each individual's
talents and skills as Jesus
taught us.

*Everyone matters and is loved
by God.*

Peace be with you
and with your Spirit

Jesus Christ light of the world
... **shine brightly in our lives**



Jesus Christ God's living
Word
... **speak to us your truth**



Jesus Christ God's love
revealed
... **dwell among us**



Our lit candle reminds us that
we are in God's presence as
we mark ourselves with the
sign of the cross

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen**

We Say Sorry

You call us to love one another
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You make us all children of God
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You invite us all to call God our
Father
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Today we hear how Jesus is the vine and how he gives life to us, his branches.

Let's think a bit about what that means today...

Dear Lord, you are the vine,
we are the branches. Help us
to bear your fruit and follow
your word.

Amen



Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We listen to the word

Gospel according to John 15:1-8

May the words of Jesus be

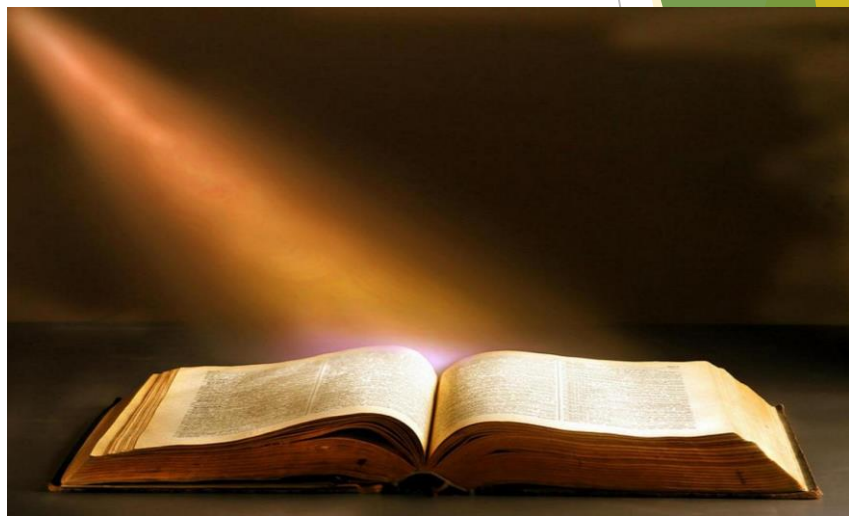
On my mind

On my lips and

In my heart

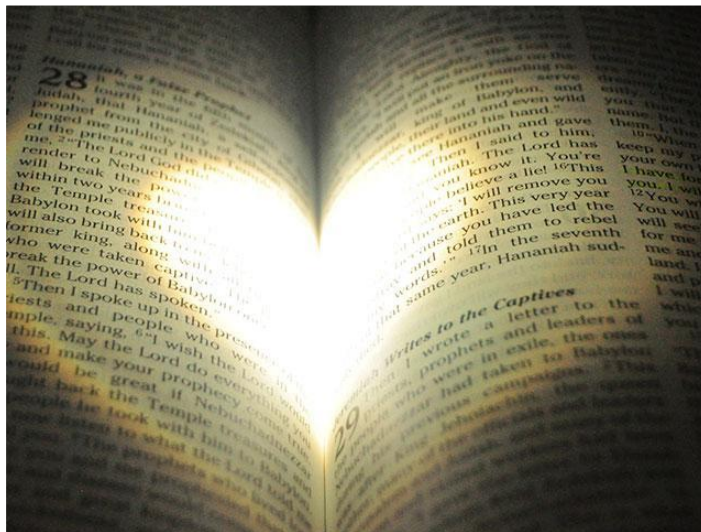
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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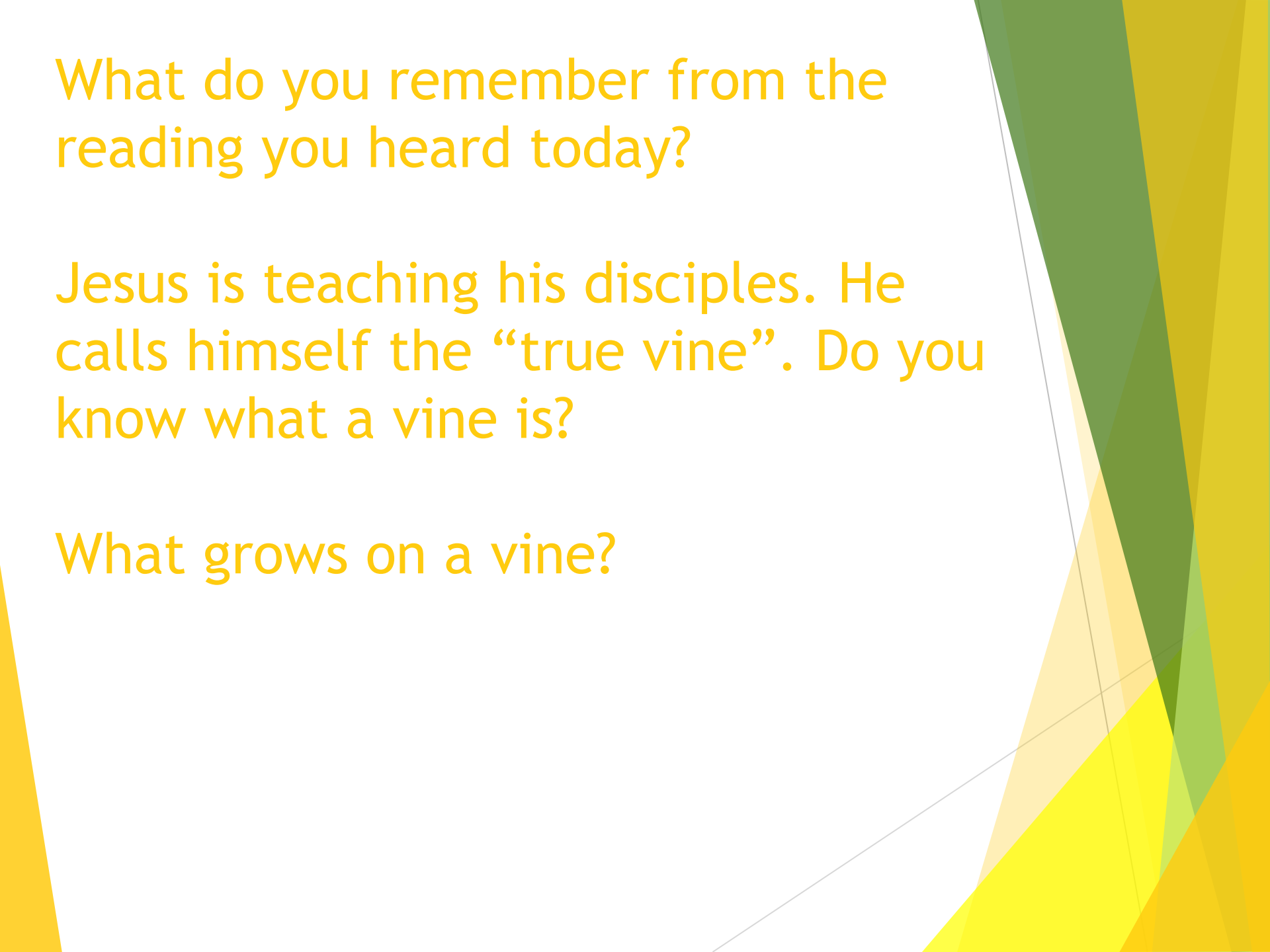
We are still and silent as we reflect on God's word for us in the Gospel.



What do you remember from the reading you heard today?

Jesus is teaching his disciples. He calls himself the “true vine”. Do you know what a vine is?

What grows on a vine?





Jesus calls us his branches because he supports us, like a tree trunk supports its branches. And he wants us to bear fruit for him.

What do you think this means? Do you think he wants us to grow grapes?!



What Jesus means is that he wants us to stay close to him and follow his teachings.

This means being the best we can be, loving each other, and loving the beautiful world he has given us.



But this world is changing. Because we humans have treated the planet badly, our climate is heating up. And the hotter it gets, the more we see big weather disasters like storms or droughts - when there is no rain and everything dries up like the vine we heard about in today's gospel.



Everyone is affected, but the poorest people suffer the most.

Florence is from a country in Africa called Zimbabwe. Here many people rely for food on what they can grow. The rain is not coming when it should anymore, so it is very hard for Florence's parents to grow crops. People are going hungry and thirsty.



How would you feel if you had hardly anything to eat or drink?

We all have a part to play to protect our world, so that it stays a beautiful place for us all to live in safely.



There are many ways that we can show love for our neighbour and care for our world.

Can you think of some, so that you will be like the strong, healthy branches on the vine that Jesus talks about?



In silence, pray for each other -
that God will be with all of us.



We know that Jesus is the true vine always supporting us, his branches.

Let us keep this in mind as we pray together.

We pray for the Church
throughout the world: that it
may follow Christ's example
and show love and welcome to
all people.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all those who have been badly affected by the changing climate; may we always show care for our planet and not damage it any more.

Lord, in your mercy

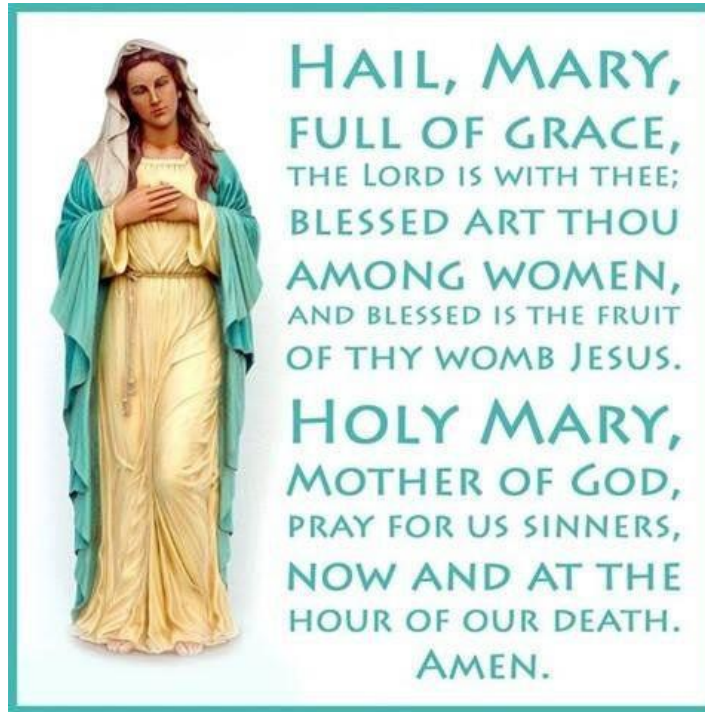
Hear our prayer

We pray for our school,
parish, families and
friends: that we may be
moved to show love for
our neighbours, both
here and around the
world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We take a
moment now
to pray for our
own intentions

We ask Our
Lady to
intercede on
our behalf as
we say
together



Generous God, support us in
all that we do as a vine
supports its branches, and
help us to support and share
with others around the world

Amen.

St Anthony

Pray for us

St Mark

Pray for us

St Francis

Pray for us

St Alban

Pray for us

How will
you follow
Jesus this
week?

In the week ahead let's ...

- ▶ show love for our neighbour and care for our world
- ▶ be like the strong, healthy branches on the vine that Jesus talks about

Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you



Let us go in
peace

Thanks be to God

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