

to a land flowing with milk and honey. Go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt. *Exodus 3.1-12*

Only when we offer our minds to God do we receive the illumination of his wisdom. *Bede Griffiths*

Friday 7th May

If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his spirit that dwells in you. *Romans 8.10-11*

I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it. *Maya Angelou*

Saturday 8th May

After his resurrection Jesus suddenly appeared to his disciples as they talked with the two who had met him on the road. They thought he was a ghost, but he showed them his wounds, invited them to touch them and asked them for food. Then he explained how what was written in the law, the prophets and the psalms had been fulfilled in him; that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead, and that forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed. He asked them to stay in the city until the Father's promise of power from on high came upon them. *Luke 24.36-49*

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



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Weekly Collects and Daily Readings from Sunday 25th April - Saturday 8th May

Collect for Sunday 25th April - Saturday 1st May
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Collect for Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th May
Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

Daily Readings

Sunday 25th April

When he was at the table with them he took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road, while he was opening up the scriptures to us?' *Luke 24.30-32*

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.
Lau Tzu

Monday 26th April

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. *John 6.37-39*

If you are looking for the way by which to go, take Christ, because he himself is the way.
St Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday 27th April

Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your neighbour, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye' while the log is in your own eye? You

hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye. *Matthew 7.3-5*

The more carefully you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside.

Dag Hammarskjöld

Wednesday 28th April

Be imitators of God, and live in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us. For once you were in darkness, but now in the lord you are light. Live as children of light for the fruit of light is found in all that is good, right and true. Everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. *Ephesians 5.1, 8-14*

Lighthouses don't go running all over the island looking for bats to save; they just stand there shining.

Anne Lamott

Thursday 29th April

A man ran up and knelt before Jesus, asking, 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said, 'You know the commandments.' He replied, 'Teacher, I have all these since my youth.' Jesus looking at him loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell all you own, give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven and follow me.' When he heard this he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Mark 10.17-22

There must be more to life than having everything.

Maurice Sendak

Friday 30th April

How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6.2-4

Maybe you have to know darkness before you can appreciate the light. *Madeline L'Engle*

Saturday 1st May

I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness, that the years of your life may be many. When you walk your step will not be hampered; and if you run you will not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. *Proverbs 4.11-13*

Behind me and before me is God and I have no fears.

Helen Keller.

Sunday 2nd May

I am the true vine and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

John 15.1-4

When love and skill work together expect a masterclass. *John Ruskin*

Monday 3rd May

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. *1 Peter 1.3-5*

A light to you in the darkness; a light when all other lights go out. *J.R.R. Tolkien*

Tuesday 4th May

Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

1 Peter 1.13-15

What is most contrary to salvation is not sin but habit.

Charles Peguy

Wednesday 5th May

I am saying flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. I will tell you a mystery! We will not die but we will all be changed. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable. Thus the saying will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where O death, where is your victory? Where O death is your sting?' *1 Corinthians 15.50-55*

There is no such thing as coming too late to God. all the way to God is the Way. *Joan Chittister*

Thursday 6th May

Moses led his flock into the wilderness to Mount Horeb. He saw a bush on fire, but it was not burnt. He looked closer and God called to him from the bush, telling him to remove his shoes on holy ground. God said, 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt and I will deliver them from their suffering and bring them