

Holding the Silence 2025

Daily Readings from Sunday 13th - Saturday 26th April 2025

Collect for Sunday 13th - Saturday 19th April

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross which is the path of glory. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 20th - Saturday 26th April

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way of life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Daily Readings

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks along the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples praise God with a loud voice for all the deeds of power they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' *Luke 19. 36-39*

The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire. *Ferdinand Foch*

Monday 14th April

Then Satan entered Judas called Iscariot who was one of the twelve; he went and conferred with the chief priest about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. *Luke 22.3-6*

God's way may be harder for you, but it will be easier on you. *H. Hanson*

Tuesday 15th April

He said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest of you must become like the

youngest, and the leader like one who serves. *Luke 22.25,26*

The spiritual life is not an ethereal, other-worldly thing, but a gritty, earthy human endeavour. *Ian Adams*

Wednesday 16th April

The Lord has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. *Isaiah 50 4,7*

Before we can surrender ourselves we must become ourselves. No one can give up what they do not possess. *Thomas Merton*

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

After he had washed their feet he put on his robe, returned to the table and said to them 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Lord and teacher, and you are right for that is what I am. So if I have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. *John 13.12-14*

In Jesus there is the quiet strong serenity of one who seeks to conquer by love, not by strife of words. *William Barclay*

Friday 18th April - Good Friday

Pilate brought Jesus outside and sat on the judges bench at a place called The Stone Pavement. It was the day of preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your king!' They cried out, 'Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked, 'Shall I crucify your king?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. *John 19.13-16*

Perhaps all the dragons in our lives are princesses who are only waiting to see us act, just once, with beauty and courage. Perhaps everything that frightens us is, in the deepest sense, something helpless that wants our love. *Rainer Maria Rilke*

Saturday 19th April

Pilate allowed Joseph of Arimathea to take away the body of Jesus and Nicodemus also came with a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. There was a garden in the place where he was crucified where there was a new tomb in

which no one had ever been laid. So because it was the day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. *John 19.40-42*

Faithless is he who says farewell when the road darkens. *J.R.R. Tolkien*

Sunday 20th April

We are witnesses to all that he did in Jerusalem and Judea. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people, but to us who were chosen as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. *Acts 10.39-41*

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. *J.M.C. Crum*

Monday 21st April

Jesus said, 'This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up upon the last day. *John 6.39*

The biggest contributor to happiness is not having tons of stuff, but knowing your address in the universe of meaning. *Chris Arnade*

Tuesday 22nd April

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name, sing the glory of his praise. Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name. *Psalms 66, 1, 2a, 3*

If God had wanted to be a big secret, He would not have created babbling brooks and whispering pines. *Robert Brault*

Wednesday 23rd April

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip. *Psalms 66.7,8*

I think it pisses God off if you walk by the colour purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it ... People think pleasing God is all God cares about. But any fool living in the world can see it is always trying to please us back. *Alice Walker*

Thursday 24th April

Jesus stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought they were seeing a ghost. He said, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts rise in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. He showed them his hands and feet. *Luke 24.36b-39*

Our life is what our thoughts make of it.
Marcus Aurelius

Friday 25th April

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'If we are questioned today because a good deed was done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man was healed, let it be known to all the people of Israel that he is in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. *Acts 4.8-10*

We hold our smallness to your greatness;
Our fear to your love; Our humble acts of
thanksgiving to your great generosity;
Ourselves to you. *Anon*

Saturday 26th April

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. He said, 'Go onto all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.' *Mark 16.14-15*

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back at what is gone and over.

John Henry Newman

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