

Holding the Silence 2025

Daily Readings from Sunday 14th - Saturday 27th September 2025

Collect for Sunday 14th - Saturday 20th September

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, through Jesus Christ or Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 21st - Saturday 27th September

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the Apostles teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Sunday 14th September

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone. *George Fox*

Monday 15th September

The master of those slaves came and settled his accounts with them. Then the one who had received five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying 'Master you handed over to me five talents; and see I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done good and trustworthy slave, you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' *Matthew 25.19-21*

By virtue of the creation, and still more of the incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see. On the contrary, everything is sacred. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

Tuesday 16th September

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us; that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among the nations. Let the peoples praise you, O Lord. Let all the peoples praise you. *Psalm 67. 1-3* If our prayer is not a response to the call of the one who initiates the entire process, then there is little profit. *Br. Patrick Moore*

Wednesday 17th September

Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. 1 Timothy 3.14-16

We have not yet arrived, but every point at which we stop requires a redefinition of our destination. *Ben Okri*

Thursday 18th September

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. *John 17.19*

Our identity rests in God's relentless tenderness for us revealed in Jesus Christ.

Brennan Manning

Friday 19th September

Jesus went through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities; Mary, called Magdelene, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward, Susanna and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. Luke 8.1-3

God is a circle whose centre is everywhere and circumference nowhere. *Timaeus of Locris*

Saturday 20th September

O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you. I will bless you as long as I live, and lift up my hands in your name. For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice. *Psalm 68.1,5,8*

'What do you think of God?' the teacher asked. After a pause the young pupil replied, 'He's not a think, he's a feel.' *Paul Frost*

Sunday 21st September

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4.5-6

Explore daily the will of God. Carl Jung

Monday 22nd September

Everyone whose spirit was stirred got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbours aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. *Ezra 1.5*

Church in 14 words: Invite Others, Gather Regularly, Eat Food, Pray Expectantly, Learn Scripture, Bless Locally, Engage Globally. *Matt Whitlock*

Tuesday 23rd September

The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. He was told 'Your mother and brothers are outside, wanting to see you. But he said to them, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.' Luke 8.19-21

Life must be measured rather by depth than by length, by thought and action rather than by time. Sir John Lubbock

Wednesday 24th September

For we are slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to give us new life to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins and to give us a wall in Judea and Jerusalem. *Ezra* 9. 9

Let never day nor night unhallowed pass, but still remember what the Lord hath done. William Shakespeare.

Thursday 25th September

Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel praise his name in the dance; let them praise him with timbrel and lyre. Let the faithful be joyful in glory. *Psalm 149.1,3,5*

Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message. *Malcolm Muggeridge*

Friday 26th September

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. *Psalm 19.1,2*

Faith is courage; it is creative while despair is always destructive. *David S. Muzzey*

Saturday 27th September

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.' But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him. Luke 9.43-45

We all bear the marks of loving in our hearts. That is the plan. In our own truth we shall find that Truth in whom we all began.

June Boyce Tillman

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