

## Holding the Silence 2025

### Daily Readings from Sunday 17th - Saturday 30th August 2025

#### Collect for Sunday 17th - Saturday 23rd August

Gracious father, revive your church in our day, make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Collect for Sunday 24th - Saturday 30th August

Lord God, the source of truth and life, 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 17th August

He said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain', and so it happens ...

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the earth and the sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? *Luke 12.55.56*

Which understanding is it then that does not seek to make some sense of life and living, dying and the dead? *Thomas Lynch*

#### Monday 18th August

God said to Joshua, 'As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to give them.' *Joshua 1.5*

God is always at work, but that work is not always visible. *Rowan Williams*

#### Tuesday 19th August

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. *Psalms 85.9,10*

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

#### Wednesday 20th August

If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*John 15.7,8*

God is someone present in the quick of being ... in existence as it exists, in the fibre. In the pulse of the world. *Dennis Potter*

#### Thursday 21st August

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that that you have sent me. *John 17.19,20*

Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

#### Friday 22nd August

A lawyer asked a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment is the greatest?' He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' *Matthew 22.36-39*

In the joy of others lies our own. In the good of others lies our own. In the progress of others lies our own. *Bhagwan Swaminayan*

#### Saturday 23rd August

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!'

*Psalms 66.1,2a*

Our life on earth is an invitation to partake fully of the glory of the world. *Martin Israel*

#### Sunday 24th August

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

*Psalms 145.3,4,7*

I have learned that God is to be shared before he is ever understood. *Mark Oakley*

#### Monday 25th August

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, and have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.

*Isaiah 49. 3,4*

Even our worst failures cannot shut the door for God. *Rowan Williams*

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### **Tuesday 26th August**

Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisees! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside may also become clean. *Matthew 23.25.26*

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, there will be true peace. *Sufi wisdom*

### **Wednesday 27th August**

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.  
*1 Thessalonians 2.13*

To affect the quality of the day is the highest of the arts. *Henry David Thoreau*

### **Thursday 28th August**

Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy in your land.'  
*Deuteronomy 15.11*

Man is a creature who walks in two worlds and traces upon the walls of his cave the wonders and the nightmare experiences of his spiritual pilgrimage. *Morris West*

### **Friday 29th August**

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. *2 Chronicles 7.13,14*

The best and most wonderful thing that can happen to you in this life is that you should be silent and let God work and speak.  
*Dag Hammarskjöld*

### **Saturday 30th August**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning. O Israel wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption. *Psalms 130, 5-7*

The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays. *Søren Kierkegaard*