

Holding the Silence 2026

Daily Readings from Sunday 20th September – Saturday 3rd October

Collect for Sunday 20th – Saturday 26th September

Lord of Creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 27th September – Saturday 3rd October

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Sunday 20th September

Wisdom says, 'I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.
Proverbs 8.30-31

Hate has caused a lot of problems in our world, but it has not yet solved one. *Maya Angelou*

Monday 21st September

Jesus said, 'Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11.28*

The place God calls you to is the place where your deepest gladness and the world's deepest hunger meet. *Matt Whitlock*

Tuesday 22nd September

If you, Lord were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him, in his word is my hope. *Psalms 130.2-4*

Prayer is so much more than words. *St Basil*

Wednesday 23rd September

The earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2.14

By revealing the grace of connection no matter what is happening, love releases us from our efforts to control life. Love opens our hearts wide enough to admit the unknown, the ungovernable. *Sharon Salzburg*

Thursday 24th September

So I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; search, and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
Luke 11.9, 10

The only journey is the journey within.
Rainer Maria Rilke

Friday 25th September

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God ... For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Ephesians 2. 8-10

To know God is to love God, therefore the paths of knowledge and devotion come to the same. *William Johnston*

Saturday 26th September

For in everything, O Lord, you have exalted and glorified your people, and you have not neglected to help them at all times and in all places. *Wisdom 19.22*

We are Godseekers all, though some be church-going believers and others pilgrims to an unknown shrine. *Robert Breault*

Sunday 27th September

Ten lepers approached Jesus, asking for mercy. He sent them to the priests, and as they went, they were healed. One of them turned back, loudly praising God, and fell at Jesus' feet with thanks. He was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, 'The other nine, where are they? Is the only one to return and praise God a foreigner?'
Luke 17.12-18

Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.
Martin Luther King

Monday 28th September

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence. *Psalm 50.1-2*

Live not for battles won
Live not for the-End-of-the-Song.
Live in the along.
Gwendolyn Brooks

Tuesday 29th September

Ever since the creation of the world, God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.
Romans 1.20

This then is salvation. When you marvel at the beauty of created things and praise the beautiful providence of their creator.
Meister Eckhart

Wednesday 30th September

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to the will of God. *Romans 8.26,27*

God speed you, God lead you, and keep you wrapped around his heart: may you be known by love. *Paul Field*

Thursday 1st October

Nehemiah and Ezra the priest said to the people, 'this day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep. Go your way, eat the fat and drink the wine and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared.'
Nehemiah 8.8-10

I do not understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us. *Anne Lamott*

Friday 2nd October

Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will

not be uncovered, and nothing is secret that will not become known. *Luke 12.2*

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

Saturday 3rd October

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night', even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139.10, 11*

We shall rest and we shall see, we shall see and we shall love, we shall love and we shall praise.
St Augustine

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