

Holding the Silence 2025

Daily Readings from Sunday 22nd June - Saturday 5th July 2025

Collect for Sunday 22nd - Saturday 28th June

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and walk in the ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 29th June - Saturday 5th July

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 22nd June

But now that faith has come we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.
Galatians 3.25,26

God's promises are like the stars; the darker the night the brighter they shine. *David Nichols*

Monday 23rd June

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not judge so you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. *Matthew 7.1-3*

In the world of snake oils, you have to see the world a little differently. Where others see poverty, you see riches; where others see weeds, you see flowers; where others see sickness, you see openness. *Becca Stevens*

Tuesday 24th June

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and the people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. *Isaiah 40.3-5*

All that God created was already in God's presence before the world began, before the beginning of time. *Hildegard of Bingen*

Wednesday 25th June

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a bad tree bear good fruit. *Matthew 7.15-18*

Don't wish...DO! Don't try...BE! Don't think ... KNOW! And above all, bless a stranger with a small, yet powerful, random act of kindness. You feel me? *T.F. Hodge*

Thursday 26th June

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his faithfulness endures for ever. Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord or show forth all his praise? Blessed are those who observe what is right and always do what is just. *Psalms 106.1-3*

For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream. *Vincent Van Gogh*

Friday 27th June

Jesus said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, will save it. *Luke 9.23-25*

A man's action is a picture book of his creed. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Saturday 28th June

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. *2 Peter 1.20,21*

Sometimes the most important thing in the whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inwards in prayer for five short minutes. *Etty Hillesum*

Sunday 29th June

Simon Peter declared, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus answered, 'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.' *Matthew 16.16-18*

The soul is like an inhabited world that comes to life only when God lays his head against us.

Thomas Aquinas

Monday 30th June

A scribe approached Jesus and said, 'Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' *Matthew 8.19,20*

Real love is a pilgrimage. It happens when there is no strategy, but it's very rare because most people are strategists. *Anita Brookner*

Tuesday 1st July

When he and his disciples were in the boat a gale arose, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. They woke him up, saying, 'Master, we are perishing!' He said, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he rebuked the wind and the sea; and there was dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?' *Matthew 8.23-27*

In darkness Gd's truth shines most clear.
Corrie ten Boom

Wednesday 2nd July

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed. *Psalms 34.3-5*

We are not yet what we shall be, but we grow towards it; the process is not yet finished, but is still going on; this life is not the end, but it is the road. *Martin Luther*

Thursday 3rd July

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you are also built together spiritually not a dwelling place for God. *John 20.24-29*

Feelings of peace, tranquillity, joy and delight – whether in prayer or outside of prayer – accept them gratefully from God. They are gifts freely given and through no merits of our own, which we should enjoy and relish. *Gerard Hughes*

Friday 4th July

As he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' He heard and said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' *Matthew 9.10-13*

In essentials unity. In differences dialogue. In all things charity. *Pope John XXIII*

Saturday 5th July

The disciples of John came to him saying, 'why do we and the pharisees fast so often, but your disciples do not fast?' Jesus said, 'The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.' *Matthew 9.14,15*

At times of great turbulence and change, cultures become hedgehogs. They roll up and focus all their energies inwards, presenting only sharp, prickly spines to the world outside. This is a symptom of fear – and faith should be the great antidote to fear. *Rabbi Jonathan Sacks*

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