

Holding the Silence 2026

Daily Readings from Sunday 23rd August - Saturday 5th September

Collect for Sunday 23rd - Saturday 29th August

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 30th August - Saturday 5th 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 our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Sunday 23rd August

How great are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them! If I count them,
they are more in number than the sand, and at
the end I am still in your presence.

Psalms 139.17,18

Faith in Christ on the cross is a key to unlock
those undiscovered reserves buried deep
inside us. *Kalil Gibran*

Monday 24th August

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;
from him comes my salvation. He alone is my
rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so I shall
never be shaken. *Isaiah 49.3,4*

Do with us according to your will. Whether we
live or die, we are with you, and you, our God,
are with us. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Tuesday 25th August

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind
from birth. His disciples asked, 'Rabbi, who
sinned, this man or his parents, that he was
born blind? Jesus answered, 'Neither this man
nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so
that God's works might be revealed in him.'
John 9.1-4

We are absorbed by 'how' questions, but
remarkably silent on 'why'. *Gerard Hughes*

Wednesday 26th August

So, if you have been raised with Christ seek the
things that are above, where Christ is, seated at
the right hand of God. set your minds on things
that are above, not on things that are on earth,
for you have died and your life is hidden with
Christ in God. *Colossians 3.1-3*

The first key to wisdom is assiduous and
frequent questioning. For by doubting we
come in enquiry and by enquiry we arrive at
the truth. *Peter Abelard*

Thursday 27th August

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which
binds everything together in perfect harmony.
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one
body. And be thankful. *Colossians 3.14,15*

God in Christ is saying, 'This is what will last -
my life and my love will always and forever
have the final word'. *Richard Rohr*

Friday 28th August

Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who
were far off and peace to those who were near;
for in him both of us have access in one spirit to
the Father. *Ephesians 2.18*

However many blessings we expect from God,
his infinite liberality will always exceed all our
wishes and our thoughts. *John Calvin*

Saturday 29th August

I will show you what someone is like who comes
to me, hears my words and acts upon them.
That one is like a man building a house,
who dug deeply and laid the foundation on
rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against
the house but could not shake it because it had
been well built. *Luke 6.46-48*

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

Sunday 30th August

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 31st August

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 1st 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. *Psalms 67. 1-3*

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 Salzberg*

Wednesday 2nd 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 3rd 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 4th 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 Magdalene, 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 5th 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. *Psalms 68.1,5,8*

When you get to the end of all the light you know and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: either you will be given something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly. *Edward Teller*

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