

## Holding the Silence 2025

### Daily Readings from Sunday 27th April - Saturday 10th May 2025

#### Collect for Sunday 27th April - Saturday 3rd May

Risen Christ for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

#### Collect for Sunday 4th - Saturday 10th May

Risen, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Daily Readings

#### Sunday 27th April

A week later the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God.'

*John 20.26-28*

Faith is courage. It is creative, while despair is always destructive. *David S. Muzzey*

#### Monday 28th April

Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants are not greater than their master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name because they do not know him who sent me. *John 15.20,21*

In Jesus there is the quiet, strong serenity of one who seeks to conquer by love, and not by strife of words. *William Barclay*

#### Tuesday 29th April

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the

whole body, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. *Ephesians 4.14-16*

Faith can move mountains, but don't be surprised if God hands you a shovel. *Anon*

#### Wednesday 30th April

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. *John 3.16,17*

Jesus is not a figure in a book. He is a living presence. *William Barclay*

#### Thursday 1st May

God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the richness of his grace that he lavished on us. *Ephesians 1.5-7*

Your life is shaped by the end you live for. You are made in the image of God.

*Marva J. Dawn*

#### Friday 2nd May

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord, be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. *Psalms 27.4,6-8*

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

#### Saturday 3rd May

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God; who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; who gives justice to those who suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger. *Psalms 146.4-6*

Time is eternity; and we live in eternity now. *Herman Melville*

#### Sunday 4th May

Jesus said to Peter the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he asked him a third time, and he said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you are old someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go. (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' *John 21.17-19*

Self knowledge comes to us only in dark times, when we are stripped of illusion and naked to truth. *Mary Craig*

#### **Monday 5th May**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him. 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered, 'Truly I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, that the Son of Man will give you.' *John 6.25-27*

We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never give up infinite hope.  
*Martin Luther King*

#### **Tuesday 6th May**

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

In our era the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action.  
*Dag Hammerskjöld*

#### **Wednesday 7th May**

I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life. *John 6.39,40*

You don't *have* a soul, doctor. You *are* a soul. You *have* a body, temporarily.  
*Walter M. Miller Jr*

#### **Thursday 8th May**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, and that alone I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his shelter; in the secret place of his dwelling he shall hide me, and set me high upon a rock. *Psalms 27.4-6*

The spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it. *Henri Nouwen*

#### **Friday 9th May**

O praise the Lord, all you nations; praise him all you peoples. For great is his steadfast love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. Alleluia. *Psalms 117*

O God, help me to believe the truth about myself, no matter how beautiful it is.  
*Macrina Wiederkehr*

#### **Saturday 10th May**

Because many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him, Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.' *John 6. 66-69*

We do not see things as they are. We see them as we are. *The Talmud*

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