

Holding the Silence 2025

Daily Readings from Sunday 28th September - Saturday 11th October 2025

Collect for Sunday 28th September - Saturday 4th October

Lord God, defend your church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th October

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.

Daily Readings

Sunday 28th September

As for those who in this present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes upon the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share. *1 Timothy 6.17,18*

Be ablaze with enthusiasm. Let us be an alive burning offering before the altar of God.
Hildegard of Bingen

Monday 29th September

Nathaneal asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathaneal replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' *John 1.48-50*

A light to you in the darkness; a light when all other lights go out. *J.R.R. Tolkien*

Tuesday 30th September

O keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for my hope has been in you. *Psalms 25.19,20*

Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around,
Faith looks up. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Wednesday 1st October

As Jesus and his disciples were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus said to him, foxes have holes and birds have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. *Luke 9.57,58*

When the best things are not possible, the best may be made of those that are. *Richard Hooker*

Thursday 2nd October

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands. *Psalms 90.17*

If you abide in love you will abide in God and not wander any more in darkness.
Rule for a new brother

Friday 3rd October

The chief priests sent some Pharisees to trap Jesus in what he said. They said to him, 'We know you are sincere and teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor?' Knowing their hypocrisy, he said 'Bring me a denarius. Whose head is this?' They answered, 'The Emperor's.' Jesus said, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and give to God the things that are God's.' They were utterly amazed. *Mark 12.15-17*

Faith, for me, isn't an argument, a catechism or philosophical 'proof'. It is instead a lens, a way of experiencing life, and a willingness to act.
Sara Miles

Saturday 4th October

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6.6,8*

Great works do not always lie in our way, but every moment we may do little ones excellently, that is, with great love.
St Francis de Sales

Sunday 5th October

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*

May your prayer of listening deepen enough to hear in the depths the laughter of God.
John O'Donohue

Monday 6th October

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 7th October

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 8th October

The earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. *Habakkuk 2.14*

Divinity is aimed at humanity.
Hildegard of Bingen

Thursday 9th October

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 10th October

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 11th October

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*

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