

Holding the Silence 2025

Daily Readings from Sunday 31st August - Saturday 13th September

Collect for Sunday 31st August - Saturday 6th September

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 7th - Saturday 13th September

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.

Daily Readings

Sunday 31st September

When you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 14.10.11

The stuff that doesn't matter matters too.
Clive James

Monday 1st September

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing for your flesh and refreshment for your body. Honour the Lord with your substance and the first fruits of all you produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats bursting with wine. *Proverbs 3. 7-10*

Peace is achieved by creating a world that is in alignment with God, not the ego.
James Twyman

Tuesday 2nd September

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live in him.

1 Thessalonians 6-9

Love is a place and through this place of love move (with brightness and peace) all places.
e.e. cummings

Wednesday 3rd September

After leaving the synagogue Jesus entered Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. *Luke 4 38,39*

Wherever love is offered at sufficient cost, it has explosive power to change people.
Kenneth E. Bailey

Thursday 4th September

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1.13.14

Community is not about emotional harmony but forgiveness and celebration. *Heni Nouwen*

Friday 5th September

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. *Colossians 1.15,16*

Not knowing the scope of your own ignorance is part of the human condition.
David Dunning and Justin Kruger

Saturday 6th September

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*

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

Sunday 7th September

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 8th September

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 9th September

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 10th September

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 11th September

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 12th September

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*

To God belongs the east and west, and
wherever you turn there is the face of God.
The Qur'an

Saturday 13th September

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*

You can have other words – chance, luck,
coincidence, serendipity. I'll take grace.
I don't know what it is exactly, but I'll take it.
Mary Oliver

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