

Holding the Silence 2026

Daily Readings from Sunday 6th - Saturday 19th September

Collect for Sunday 6th - Saturday 12th September

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.

Collect for Sunday 13th - Saturday 19th September

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.

Daily Readings

Sunday 6th September

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4.5-6*

Explore daily the will of God. *Carl Jung*

Monday 7th September

Everyone whose spirit was stirred got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbours aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. *Ezra 1.5*

Church in 14 words: Invite Others, Gather Regularly, Eat Food, Pray Expectantly, Learn Scripture, Bless Locally, Engage Globally.
Matt Whitlock

Tuesday 8th September

The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. He was told 'Your mother and brothers are outside, wanting to see you.

But he said to them, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.' *Luke 8.19-21*

Life must be measured rather by depth than by length, by thought and action rather than by time. *Sir John Lubbock*

Wednesday 9th September

For we are slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to give us new life to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins and to give us a wall in Judea and Jerusalem. *Ezra 9.9*

Let never day nor night unhallowed pass, but still remember what the Lord hath done.
William Shakespeare.

Thursday 10th September

Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel praise his name in the dance; let them praise him with timbrel and lyre. Let the faithful be joyful in glory. *Psalms 149.1,3,5*

Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message. *Malcolm Muggeridge*

Friday 11th September

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. *Psalms 19.1,2*

Faith is courage; it is creative while despair is always destructive. *David S. Muzzey*

Saturday 12th September

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.' But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him. *Luke 9.43-45*

We all bear the marks of loving in our hearts. That is the plan. In our own truth we shall find that Truth in whom we all began.
June Boyce Tillman

Sunday 13th 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 14th 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 15th 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 16th September

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 17th September

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*

The best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God, knowing that that goodness can reach right down to our lowest depths of need.
Julian of Norwich

Friday 18th September

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 19th September

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

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