

Wednesday 19 June

Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But by going out they made it plain that none of them belongs to us. *1 John 2:18-19*

Act as though everything depended on you. But pray as though everything depended on God. *St Ignatius of Loyola*

Thursday 20 June

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. *1 John 2:20-21*

Perhaps God is not partial to the city or the desert. What might interest God on God's strolls in our cities could be to find oases of spirituality where there are individuals capable of waiting and hoping instead of hurrying and worrying. *Alessandro Pronzato*

Friday 21 May

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. *1 John 2:22-23*

If you are generous, little by little you will see the divine world emerging from the shadows. You have been living in it unawares, the hurly-burly of the world not having allowed it to be seen. You then in your turn will wonderingly discover that you are never less alone than when you are alone. *Anon*

Saturday 22 June

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. *1 John 2:24-25*

We mend and renew the world by strengthening inside ourselves what we seek **outside** ourselves, not by demanding it of others or trying to force it on others. *Richard Rohr*

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Holding on to the Silence 2019



Weekly Collects and Daily Readings from Sunday 9 to Saturday 22 June

Collect for Sunday 9 June – Saturday 15 June

Holy Spirit, sent by God, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 June

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Daily Readings:

Sunday 9 June

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. *1 John 1:1-4*

Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be. *Thérèse de Lisieux*

Monday 10 June

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. *1 John 1:5-7*

My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience. *Thérèse de Lisieux*

Tuesday 11 June

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. *1 John 1:8-10*

But we've lost the plot if we use religion as the place where we escape from difficult realities instead of as the place where those difficult realities are given meaning. *Nadia Bolz-Weber*

Wednesday 12 June

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

You cannot travel the path until you have become the path. *Buddha*

Thursday 13 June

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked. *1 John 2:3-6*

When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe . . . No particle is ever wasted or worn out, but eternally flowing from use to use. *John Muir*

Friday 14 June

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. *1 John 2:7-8*

The Maker of all things,
The Lord God worship we;
Heaven White with angels' wings,
Earth and the white-waved sea. *Early Irish Poem*

Saturday 15 June

Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. *1 John 2:9-11*

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil:

God will not hold us guiltless.

Not to speak is to speak.

Not to act is to act. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Sunday 16 June

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. *1 John 2:12-13*

Do not flee from the community. Find God first in the community, then God will lead you to solitude.

Thomas Merton

Monday 17 June

I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. *1 John 2:14*

Never be in a hurry. Do not expect to hear God's word immediately on your arrival in the desert. You must wait in silence. Your whole being should be an attitude of listening. All other activities should be subordinated to the act of waiting on God. And God may speak through God's word of silence. *Alessandro Pronzato*

Tuesday 18 June

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever. *1 John 2:15-17*

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who treat you badly." Grasping the meaning of these words needs maturity and also the experience of having come through inner deserts of our own. *Br Roger of Taizé*