

# Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Silence is not God's absence.

Bible Portion:

Luke 23:56

Focus:

The Tomb: Silence is not  
God's absence.



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## A daily devotional for lent season

### 40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

John 20



Have you Read your  
Bible today?

### Memory Verse for the day

“Let all that I am wait  
quietly before God, for  
my hope is in him.”

Psalms 62:5

“But these are written so  
that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the  
Son of God, and that by  
believing you may have  
life in his name.”

John 20:31 (ESV)

### Quote

“God is never in a hurry,  
but He is always on  
time.”

— Elisabeth Elliot

*“Then they went home and  
prepared spices and perfumes.  
But they rested on the Sabbath  
in obedience to the  
commandment.”*

- Luke 23:56

Some of us may be familiar  
with the song “Even when  
he is silent.”

I believe in the sun even  
when it's not shining.

I believe in love when I  
feel it not.

I believe in God even  
when he is silent.

These words were originally  
found on the walls of an  
underground passageway  
where nine Jews had taken  
shelter for four months to  
escape from the Gestapo,  
the secret police of Nazi  
Germany. This reflects their  
deep faith, love, and hope,  
even in the face of their  
physical and emotional dark  
moments.

We see such courage, faith,  
love, and devotion in the  
lives of Joseph of Arimathea,  
and the women who had  
come with Jesus from Galilee,

who followed Joseph to see  
the tomb and how his body  
was laid in it. From the lives  
of the women in Luke  
23:56, we can glean a  
couple of helpful insights:

**Their devotion to Jesus  
remained steady.** These  
women must have had so  
many unanswered questions  
about what they witnessed  
on that Friday. There was  
pain, grief, and a sense of  
loss, but they remained  
steadfast in their devotion.  
They prepared spices accord-  
ing to the Jewish tradition,  
a customary act of honouring  
the dead. Despite all that  
had happened, they had  
faith, love, and hope, which  
is seen in their act of devotion.

**They rested on the  
Sabbath.** Having prepared  
what they could, they rested  
on the Sabbath according  
to God's command. Grief did  
not override their faith-  
fulness to God's command-  
ment of the keeping the  
Sabbath. There was restraint  
besides hope on the silent  
Saturday. They did not rush

ahead of God's timing. They waited till the Sabbath was over. Their actions affirm that discipleship continues even when God appears silent.

In our lives, too, we have seasons of grief, anxiety, expectations, and disap-

pointments, when we feel that God is silent. We are called to hold together love and obedience in our relationship with our Lord. God works even when human hands are still. His promises are sure.

### **Prayer:**

Lord, teach us to remain faithful even when hope seems buried and you seem silent. Give us courage like Joseph, and patient trust like the women who waited



and acted in obedience. Help us to honour you in times of darkness, trusting that your promises are at work even when unseen. Amen.

**-Rev. Thomas Jacob**



### **Prayer Point**



Let us pray for our diocesan staff  
Mrs. Annamma Joseph, Mr. Sebastin F. Tribhuvan,  
Mr. Suresh Khabade, Mr. John Chandran ,  
Mr. Praveen Nanaware, Mr. Mandar M. Khabade,  
Mr. Michael Yohan Saket, and for their families and the  
work entrusted to them.

