

## Reading: Prayer of Silence

Companions,  
the wise tell us that God abides  
in silence—  
that God speaks in the silent serenity  
of the heart.  
Let us not speak of silence;  
rather, let silence speak to us  
of God.

Together,  
let us enter, through the door of serenity,  
the silence of our heart.

The chatter of our fears, our angers, our anxiety—  
the chatter of our desires and curiosity,  
of our projected plans and unfinished work—  
falls away in serenity  
and makes space,  
an open space,  
for a new heart,  
created in the silence of prayer,  
created in the prayer of silence...

a heart that is free,  
peaceful, quiet and calm;  
a heart that is one...

a heart so large and wide  
that it embraces the God of all  
and the all of God,  
the God who in silence speaks all languages,  
the God who in silence speaks in all creatures,  
the God who in silence speaks one word,  
the God who speaks of love.