

The Following Collect, Epistle & Gospel will be read during the Eucharist today in the personal Chapel of the Presiding Archbishop of the Australian Church of Antioch, The Most Reverend Frank Bugge.

Advent Sunday

Violet.

Intent - Discrimination

Candles Many.

The Collect.

Almighty God, we pray for the ability to discriminate properly between the works of darkness, and the light of your Love; and by this we may hasten the coming of thy kingdom upon earth, through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Collect is to be repeated every day after the normal Collect of the day until Christmas Eve.

The Epistle for Advent Sunday is from the writings of Bishop Leadbeater.

To become a student of the path one must cease to fuss over trifles in business or household affairs. This involves a lack of discrimination and sense of perspective. It is quite true that household and business must be orderly, but the way to achieve this is to set up a high ideal and press steadily towards it. A person who is irritated by useless worry creates a tremor in the astral body which is equally disquieting to oneself as well as others. One must discriminate and master the good, and reject the thoughts which his highest self does not approve. If the person allows themselves to be filled with the divine love, the correct pathway for that individual is assured.

Here Endeth the Epistle

The Gospel for Advent Sunday is from the writings of Archbishop Bugge.

It is easy for one to lapse into the habit of accepting good or bad advice without much thought. This means we do not have to strain ourselves with excess thinking, and can let others think for us. Easy as this is to do, we find that if we allow this to happen life eventually becomes chaotic, and a complete disaster. We are then forced to think for ourselves and try to straighten out the mess. This of course involves much more effort than if we did our own thinking work in the first place. Our lack of discrimination has given us much more work because we tried to evade the effort our karma has put there for us to overcome. The same is also true for the Spiritual side of us. By careful effort of will we can escape many pitfalls, simply by intelligent use of discrimination.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.