

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.

The 2nd Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

Red.

Intent - The Holy Spirit as Sanctifier.

Candles Many.

The Collect.

O God, we pray thee to direct and govern our hearts and minds; that through thy protection we may be pure in body and soul; through Christ our Lord, who with thee liveth and reigneth for ever. Amen.

The Epistle for the Sunday called Sexagesima is from the writings of Pastor Don Basham, a Canadian Baptist.

The Holy Spirit does not really change the personality, but its abiding presence most certainly enhances it. The spirit makes dull people bright and bright people brilliant. When we see one whose personality was bound and crippled by selfishness and fear, then set free by the Holy Spirit's power, they may appear to have undergone a personality transformation. But the Holy Spirit is a gentleman. He works in our lives only to the extent that we are willing. He prompts, woos, leads, and persuades, but he does not force. To allow this gentleman in, a person must want to accept the Holy Spirit. From that moment when acceptance is shown to the Holy Spirit, we become glorified, blessed and sanctified.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima) is from the Aquarian Gospel.

Rabbi Barachia said to Jesus --- Which is the greatest of the ten commands? Jesus said, --- I do not see a greatest command. I see a golden cord running through all the ten commands that binds them fast and makes them one. This cord is love, and it belongs to every word of the ten commands. If one is full of love he can do nothing else than worship God; for God is love. If one is full of love he cannot kill; he cannot falsely testify; he cannot covet, he can do naught but honour God and mankind. If one is full of love he does not need commands of any kind. Rabbi Barachia said, --- your words are seasoned with the salt of wisdom that is from above. Who was the teacher who opened the truth up to you? Jesus said, --- I do not know that any teacher opens up this truth for me. It seems to me that truth was never shut; that it was always opened up, for truth is one and it is everywhere. If we open up the windows of our minds the truth will enter in and make herself at home; for truth can find her way through ant crevice, window, or open door. The Rabbi said, --- what hand is strong enough to open up the windows and the doors of mind so truth can enter in? Jesus said, --- it seems to me that love, the golden cord that binds the ten commands in one, is strong enough to open any human door so that truth can enter in and cause the heart to understand.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.