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.

3rd Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)

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#### **Intent - Gift of Wisdom**

#### The Collect

Send down upon us O Lord the gift of your wisdom, that by it we may more easily discern the right and proper decisions of this life, and thereby impart your heavenly wisdom to others by our example, as we learnt by the example of Our Lord the Christed One. Amen.

## The Epistle for the 3rd Sunday before Lent called Septuagesima is from the recorded words of the Buddha.

The gift of wisdom is for all. Open your consciousness to its glory. Do not complain and cry and pray, but open your eyes and see; for the light of wisdom is all about you, and it is so wonderful, so beautiful, so far beyond anything of which humanity has ever dreamt, or for which they have ever prayed, and the greatest beauty is that it is freely available for ever and ever.

### Here Endeth The Epistle.

# The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday before Lent called Septuagesima is from the writings of Annie Besant.

I came to you bearing the divine testimony, not luring you with human wisdom but with the power of the spirit. Truly we speak of wisdom among them that are perfect, this is no human wisdom. We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even which God ordained before the world began, and which none of the princes of this world know. The things of that wisdom are beyond human thinking, but God has revealed them into us by his spirit. These are spiritual things, to be discerned by only spiritual people in whom is the mind of the Christ. Jesus said I have laid the foundation, and you are the rest of the temple of God, and the spirit of God dwelleth in you. Let us therefore travel forth as stewards of the mysteries of God.

## Praise Be to Thee O Christ.