

**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.**

**Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)**

**Violet.**

**Intent – Prepare for the Light**

**Candles 6.**

**All Crosses shall be veiled in violet gauze.**

*No Eucharist is celebrated this day. Communion from reserved Sacrament.*

*Blessing of fires takes place this evening.*

**The Collect.**

O God of Love, prepare us for the wondrous festival of Easter, commemorating the triumph of the Spirit, grant that we may one day rise to deserve the sacrifice that was made for us, and become one of your instruments of spreading the fire of enlightenment through this world, this we ask in the Christ name. Amen.

Be with us O Lord in all our doings, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy name through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Epistle for Easter Eve is from the Book of John.**

Let not your heart be troubled; you believed in God so believe in the Christ. In the Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you to me, that where I am now, one day you may be also. Now that you know this before it comes to pass you might believe. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**Here Endeth The Epistle.**

**The Gospel for Easter Eve is from the Aquarian Gospel.**

A moment past midnight as the Sabbath begun all was well when suddenly the tomb of the Lord became a blaze of light from within. From down the path to the tomb came a troop of white clad soldiers marching in single file. The Jewish soldiers thought the friends of Jesus had come to steal the body of the Nazarene. The Jewish captain cried out to charge. They charged, but not a white clad soldier fell. They did not even stop, but marched and countermarched among the frightened Jewish soldiers. The white clad soldiers did not speak, nor did they unsheath their swords; it was the silent brotherhood. The Jewish soldiers fled to a safe distance and watched. The Jewish soldiers stood away until the white clad soldiers marched away, and then the light within the tomb grew dim. The Jewish soldiers returned, the seal was intact, so they resumed their posts. The garden and the tomb was then silent for the rest of the Sabbath Day.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**