

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 1st Sunday after Easter (Low Sunday)

White.

Intent - Wealth of Spirit.

Candles Many.

The Collect

O God of love, we praise, bless, and thank thee, for this the most Holy and wondrous festival of Easter, and in the glorious victory which it symbolises and commemorates; showing that surely with your guidance we also can triumph over ill, and that death is but a gateway to your gift of eternal life, which you have presented to us through our Saviour the Lord Christ. Amen.

The Epistle for the 1st Sunday after Easter is from the Book of The Wisdom of Jesus.

After the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the twelve male disciples and seven of the women disciples went to Galilee. Then did the Saviour appear to them, not in his prior form, but in the invisible spirit. His form was that of a great angel of light, his substance indescribable, and was clothed in flesh, and they were all astonished and afraid. The Lord bid them lay their questions before him, and proceeded to allay their fears. After teaching them many things he said, peace be unto you; my peace I leave with you.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for the 1st Sunday after Easter is from the Gospel of Emerson.

Whosoever looks with heed into their thoughts will find that our science of the mind has not got far. We will find that there is something within us that knows more than we do, a certain life within life; a simple yet deep wisdom beyond all acquired wisdom; not educated or able to be educated; not altered or alterable; a divine wit which does not learn by experience or by books, but knew it already; makes no progress for it was wise in youth as in age. More or less to the fore it resides in all of us. Nobody has ever found the limit of its knowledge. Whatever subject is brought before it is already well known to it. Its justice is perfect; its look is catholic and truly universal, its light brighter and purer than the sun. It needs no organs for it rests in mere presence, yet it can change forever the lives of any who let it communicate with them. Its knowledge cannot be received second hand, but only by the realization and acceptance that this is the spark of God within us.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.