

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 Sunday before Advent

Intent - Adoration of God

The Collect.

O God, shower upon us your adoration, that we receiving your example may return this love to you and all the universe, becoming one of your outposts of light and love in this world, we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

The Epistle for the Sunday before Advent is from the writings of Francis of Assisi.

Our praise should be to God, along with all his creatures, the sun, moon and stars. We should praise God for the wind, the air and cloud which upholds life in all creatures, and we should praise God for water which is precious to us. We should praise God for fire, which gives us warmth and light in darkness. We should praise God for the earth which sustains and keeps us, all these things are given to us with love; and we in turn should praise and serve with great humility.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the Sunday before Advent is from the Book of Thomas.

Jesus said --- Whosoever knows all, but fails to know himself lacks everything. Why are you only concerned with the outside of the cup. Do you not understand that he who made the outside also made the inside? The Kingdom of the Father is inward as without, but many do not see. Think God, and his adoration of us shows, act with God, and we then show his adoration through our deeds. Love with God, and we are then part of God, and one with God.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.