

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.

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Intent - The Dawning Of Life

The Collect

O Chosen One of God, we dedicate this New Year to you, and we pray that we may earn the right by our endeavours to follow your example, and thus be chosen for higher good works and to walk closer to you in holy and just ways for the rest of our lives. Amen.

The Epistle for the 2nd Sunday after Christmas is from the writings of Annie Besant.

When a person feels that inflow of spiritual life they cry "My prayer has been answered, and God has sent down his spirit into my heart". Truly this is so; yet we rarely understand that God's spirit is always seeking entrance to us but we receive him not. Truly are the words **BEHOLD AT THE DOOR I KNOCK**. If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come unto them. True dawning of life occurs when God perfects our inmost recesses and raises us to the summit of all, and draws upwards the manners of our soul by divesting us of everything foreign to divine nature.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for 2nd Sunday after Christmas is from the Writings of Master Kuthumi.

You belong to God. Your mantle of love, the garment given to you was designated to intensify his love. Do not tear it; do not carelessly force it open; but as a swaddling garment of love keep it tightly wrapped around you. One day like the ugly duckling that turned into a swan, this mantle will become the wedding garment of the Lord --- a white light reinforced by the divine radiance that no person can touch, that literally turns the outer person into perfection of the presence, preserved forever intact, and expanding its light and glowing as it grows with the fires of divine love.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.