

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 5th Sunday after Lent (Passion Sunday)

Violet.

Intent - Humility

Candles 6.

The Collect.

O Lord, we pray for wisdom to avoid the snare of pride, and ever to walk humbly and heedfully in your sight, O great Lord who lives and reigns throughout the ages of ages. 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 the 5th Sunday in Lent is from the writings of the Master Kuthumi.

So many adults fear to be thought child-like. They wish to appear worldly wise and sophisticated. If they only knew they are running from deep seated fears and insecurities which have been buried beneath the clamour of social doings. What a shock some men and women will face when they are struck with the blazing truth of reality and realize that all this is wrong, and so much of what they learned must now be unlearned, and what they thought to be their own greatness must be sacrificed upon the altar of true greatness, the Christ self. Then perhaps they will compare what they know, with what they think they know, and they will see how lacking in lustre they are in the eyes of the cosmic hierarchy. It is not needed to impress the Heavenly Masters with any quality you may deem yourself to have. They know the truth of every fibre of your being.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 5th Sunday in Lent is from the words of Rabu.

A wealthy man of noble birth was taken to a healing house after having the misfortune to contract a most unpleasant disease. This man disliking fuss was admitted to the hospital in the guise of a penniless beggar. The chief healer of the area recognised this man and made great fuss and show of attending him, but when the unpleasant tasks came about the same chief healer was always absent. The underling who performed these tasks did so with great compassion beyond the call of duty and without care of who this man was. Do you know who I am, said the man. Yes said the underling. You are a person in need of assistance. The man said, don't you know I am a penniless beggar, and as such you are above me in station, yet you treat me like a king. The underling said Sir, it does not matter who you are, my task is to assist you to recover. When the time came for the man to be discharged from the healing house the chief healer made a great show of falsely claiming to have looked after and treated the man, while the underling stood by going about her proper tasks. The man was not blind or stupid, and calling the underling to him said, your humility does you justice. Disclosing his true identity to the underling he then said, from this time on you will serve me in far greater things than you do here. The underling said, while I appreciate what you say sir, I must do what I am best suited for. Then you shall be put in charge here to see that all people will get the same benefit. And so it came to pass that the underling was made chief, and the chief was made underling. Truly all who laud themselves shall be abased, but they who do well and not praise themselves shall be exalted.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.