

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 Trinity (Corpus Christi)

White.

Intent - The Body and Blood

Candles Many.

The Collect

O Christ who in this sacrament of the altar you have placed your divine love, grant us so to receive this thy most precious gift, that our hearts and minds may be dedicated to thy service, O thou who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Epistle for the 1st Sunday after Trinity is from the writings of Annie Besant.

The peculiar characteristic of sacrament resides in two of its properties. First there is the exoteric ceremony, which is a pictorial allegory, a representative of something by actions and materials. The second characteristic property of a sacrament belongs to the facts of the invisible worlds, and is studied by occult science. The celebrant who officiates at a sacrament should possess this knowledge, as much of the power of the sacrament depends on the knowledge of the link between the visible and invisible worlds, and is the method by which the energies from the spiritual world are brought through to us in the physical world. A sacrament is a crucible in which spiritual alchemy takes place. In all sacraments some physical material is used. This (with the aid of ritual) is the means of conveying the grace of God to create a subtle difference within the sacrament. The knowledge of this will enhance the operation of the ritual (the Mass), and we can here assist ourselves in the absorbing of God's subtle power by our own intention to connect with God.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 1st Sunday after Trinity is from the Book of John.

Jesus said, I am the bread of life. This is the food which comes from heaven and will give lasting sustenance. If anyone will eat of my bread, they will endure beyond the ages, for they will inherit immortality. They who eat my bread and drink my wine shall dwell within me and I in them. I come in the name of the living Father, that you might gain spiritual food for eternity.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.