

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 24th Sunday after Trinity

Green.

Intent - Openness of Mind.

Candles 6.

The Collect.

O Lord of light unquenchable, grant unto your people that with pure heart and open mind they may reverently receive your Holy word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives; through the Christed Jesus. Amen.

The Epistle for the 24th Sunday after Trinity is from the writings of Authors Denning and Phillips.

There were two women who became friends while working at adjacent desks in an office. They chatted often about many things in their life-styles. Once day three girls came from another department and asked to borrow a wine glass. One woman located a glass and also found out why they wanted it, and then went off to join the three girls in the privacy of the telephone room for an hour of ouija divination. No sooner were they all engrossed when the door burst open and in rushed the workmate of the woman who found the glass. Her face was scarlet with anger, and in a trembling voice delivered a tirade of abuse, ending with a succession of misquotes from the bible about witchcraft and evil doing. The workmate although much surprised kept her cool until the tirade subsided, and at a pause for breath interjected and said --- I respect your beliefs but mine are quite different. I respect your bible, but it isn't my rule of life. Later that day the two women made up and took the trouble to discuss each other's view on things. Having an open mind of differing opinions now represented a clearer picture of many things, even their own religions and beliefs.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 24th Sunday after Trinity is from the words of George Bernard Shaw.

Even death is not to be regarded as natural and inevitable. Often we die because we do not know how to live and kill ourselves by our closed minds and lethal habits. Closed minds can be quite lethal. Let us commence to really live. When we go along in the same old way for a long time it is sometimes a little difficult to act on new ideas. We need to get into the habit of acting on our ideas and intuition. We should not let inactive ideas clog the mind, but let new, creative and life giving ideas express themselves in and through us.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.