

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.

Maundy Thursday

White.

Intent - The Lords Supper

Candles Many.

The Cross veiled in white gauze.

Sufficient Host should be consecrated to supply reserved Sacrament for Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The Collect.

O God, may we by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may the more worthily receive this most glorious gift and blessing; through the Christ our Lord. 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 Maundy Thursday is from the writings of the Rev. Treuhaft of the Californian Church of Antioch.

Liturgy serves many functions both spiritual and practical. In the spiritual sense the Eucharistic Liturgy is a mystical link between God and the people. From a practical perspective this Liturgy serves many functions. It is the vehicle for transmission of knowledge, teaching, etc. It is a representation of the divine reality which exists in the spiritual dimension, and not simply a re-enactment of a one time event. It is also a force which binds together the faithful to form their church. Most importantly it raises the consciousness to a higher level of existence. Minor variations in the Mass may be undertaken, such as elimination of the word sin. Such changes are certainly warranted, yet the Mass must retain the centrality of the Trinity and the primacy of the Christ. To this end, I view the Liturgy of the Eucharistic, as well as the Liturgy of the word as absolutely indispensable, as they have always been.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for Maundy Thursday is from Mathew.

Now on the first day of the feast of un-leavened bread the disciples came to Jesus saying to him; where will we prepare for the Passover. He said to them --- Go to the city to such a man and say to him; the Master said my time is at hand, and I will eat the passover at thy house with my disciples. The disciples did as Jesus had appointed them, and they made ready the Passover. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the disciples. As they were eating, Jesus took the bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples saying --- take eat, this is my body. He then took the cup and gave it to them saying --- drink ye all of this, for it is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.

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