

**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 4th Sunday after Easter**

**White.**

**Intent - The Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

**Candles 6.**

**The Collect.**

O Christ our Lord and master, grant that as you have risen from the dead, your people may rise from ignorance to the firm ground of true knowledge, and thence press onwards towards the mount of heavenly wisdom where peace dwells; this we ask in your name O Christed Saviour. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 4th Sunday after Easter is from the writings of Mouni Sadhu.**

Know the truth and it will make you free is the teaching of the Christ. Striving for what is perishable is foolishness, bringing only bonds and more suffering. Sri Auribindo rightly said --- that men call for freedom, but are still enamoured of their own bonds. What a paradox it is, and a very tragic one. There is no physical ultimate desire which when filled would set me free, for there is none that will not create yet another one, still more deceptive and cruel. To cut it here and now is the only way of setting my foot on the path leading to bliss and liberation. We must eventually make this first step, so why not now, today, this very instant.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 4th Sunday after Easter is from the words of Thomas a Kempis.**

Although there are still souls undeveloped enough to deny every idea of a future life after death, we do not have to follow these retarded individuals, but rather those who give proof of higher qualities in themselves. More developed people invariably have intuitional certainty of their spiritual immortality and they regard their physical life only as an intermediary stage for something more important and sublime. They also see clearly the imperfections of the material existence alone, with all of its worries, suffering and frustration, which by far outweigh the pleasures and momentary short happiness. I offer the words of the great teacher Jesus when he said --- I go to prepare a place for you in my Father's mansion. Rest assured brethren that our rooms are reserved there if we wish to avail ourselves of them.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**