

**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 Easter**

**White.**

**Intent - Preach the Word.**

**Candles 6.**

**The Collect.**

O Lord the Christ, we pray that with your help we will hasten the process to triumph over our carnal desires, and following your example we may rise to the fullness of our spiritual heritage to be carriers of your message to humanity; O Christed Son of the God of ages. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 5th Sunday after Easter is from the writings of Bishop Fulten Sheen.**

A spoken word is a kind of sacrament, because there is something material or audible about it; there is also something spiritual about it, namely its meaning. A horse can hear a funny story as well as a man, but it is very doubtful that the horse will laugh at the story. The reason is the horse gets only the material side of the story, just the sound; but the man gets the true spiritual meaning of the tale. Always digest the Gospels thoroughly and completely, until the true spiritual meaning seeps through the mind elevating us to higher consciousness.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 5th Sunday after Easter is from the words of Bishop Raymond.**

Jesus told his followers to go throughout the world and preach the gospel. We are now faced with a major decision. Should we like so many brainwashed people of the past reiterate the words in the bible like a mindless raucous parrot, or do we get to the crux of the matter and there find and preach the true meaning of these words. For years we have heard so many people trying to impress with their misquotings of the good book, when they really do not know, and in some instances do not care, exactly what they are saying. Have we not the responsibility to find the truth and pass this on to others. By the truth I do mean just that, and not our opinion. We all have personalities that will colour all readings somewhat, but that does not stop us from really knowing the truth. Our colourings we must learn to omit, the truth and only the truth, is what we pass on. It matters not how, when, where, or why, the source of information springs from, if it is truth, if it enlightens and assists evolution, then we should preach it as gospel.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**