

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 20th Sunday after Trinity

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Intent - Following the Bible.

Candles 6.

The Collect.

O Great and wondrous Lord, allow in us the intuition and learning, to find the wisdom of your word within your Holy Scriptures, and to so impart the beauty of these things to all who will receive them in your name through the Christed one. Amen.

The Epistle for the 20th Sunday after Trinity is from the writings of Anglican Priest Rev Norman Alchin.

Once there was a man seeking guidance, so he shut his eyes and jabbed his finger in his open bible. The verse read -- and Judas went out and hanged himself. Quite alarmed the man tried the same method a second time in a different place, to find -- go thou and do likewise. Really upset and quite frightened the man tried it for a third time and read --- what thou doest, do quickly. The point here is that you can prove anything from any document including the bible, if you tear pieces out of context. But misuse is no excuse for disuse. The fact is that the basic principles from the bible can be understood all too well, and many people's problems are not what they don't understand, but with what they do or don't do with what they do understand.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for the 20th Sunday after Trinity is from the Aquarian Gospel.

A rich man lived in luxury with the finest of everything money could buy. A beggar, blind and lame named Lazarus sat at the gate of the rich man's house sharing the garbage with the dogs. It came to pass that Lazarus died, and the angels carried him to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died, and was buried in a costly tomb; but in the purifying fires he opened his eyes. Dissatisfied he looked at the beggar resting peacefully and in bitterness of his soul cried, Father Abraham, please send Lazarus to give me a sip of water to cool my parched tongue. Abraham replied --- my son, in mortal life you had the best of things and Lazarus had the worst, and you would not give him a cup of water there, but drove him from your door. The law must be fulfilled, and Lazarus is now comforted, and you are paying what you owe. There is a great gulf between you and us and we can not come to you until you have paid your debts. The rich man said --- Father Abraham, I beg you send Lazarus to earth that he may tell my brothers the horrors of this place, lest they suffer the same fate. Abraham replied --- they have the words of all the Holy men and prophets let them hear them. The man replied --- they will not listen to the written word, but if one from the grave visited them they would believe. Abraham replied --- if they hear not the words of Moses, the seers and the prophets, they would not be persuaded even if one from the dead stood in their midst.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.