

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 2nd Sunday in Advent

Violet.

Intent - Self Forgetfulness

Candles 6.

The Collect

O God, creator and preserver of mankind, we do most earnestly desire and resolve to show forth your praise, by giving ourselves to you in service, and striving to follow the path of righteousness all our days, with the help of our Christed Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we pray for the ability to discriminate properly between the works of darkness, and the light of your Love; and by this we may hasten the coming of thy kingdom upon earth, through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle for the 2nd Sunday in Advent is from the writings of Blavatsky.

The highest and noblest attitude is that of self forgetfulness and self sacrifice for others. The giving of oneself to others more than oneself was the standard and measure which marked the greatest teachers and masters of humanity, such as Buddha in history, and Jesus in the Gospels. This trait alone was enough to secure to them the perpetual reverence and gratitude of the generations that come after them. This must be performed with discrimination, for sacrifice in vain is waste; but sacrifice of oneself for many to benefit is truly the highest form of love for humanity.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday in Advent is from the words of Bishop Raymond.

Self forgetfulness is probably the rarest thing to find in this modern world. We are taught from young children that you have got to look after number one because no-one else will. Just think what a disaster the world would be if everyone thought like that. Think of the genuine caring people who over the years have donated great services to mankind showing this self-forgetfulness. Where would the world be without the benefactors and philanthropists who gave of themselves, that humanity might progress to greater things. I tell you this, each one of these great caring people has made for themselves a seat at the feet of some Master, and will in every instance receive just rewards for their unselfish and noble acts. Heed these words and arise from the mire and greed of carnal things. Forget self and let thoughts of spiritual things transport you to your destined meeting with the Holy Ones.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.