

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.

First Sunday in Christmas.

Intent - The Avataric Birth.

The Collect

O loving and caring Lord, thank you for this festival of Christmas in celebration of the Avataric birth; we pray our eyes be opened to see, and our ears be opened to listen to your chosen messenger, that we may not be a discredit to your plan, but a steadfast follower and a loyal member of your flock, this we ask through the promise of our Lord Christ. Amen.

The Epistle for Christmas Day is from the Book of John.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No living person has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his spirit. We have seen and testify that God has sent his special envoy to be the Saviour of the world.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for Christmas Day is from the Book of Mathew.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, and many wise sages read the signs of the heavens and knew of this event. Some of these wise ones followed the signs and went to where the stars lead them. When they arrived at the birthing place they entered and saw Mary and the child Jesus; and they knowing a great Avatar had arrived, fell down and worshipped him, and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.