

**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 Epiphany**

**Green.**

**Intent - The Desire for Liberation.**

**The Collect**

We thank you O Lord that you have implanted within us the opportunity to seek and find Spiritual Liberation, and thereby hasten our personal evolution; we pray that you allow us to pass this on to others that they may share in the freedom of spirit given to us, and this we ask in the name of the Christed One. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 2nd Sunday in Epiphany is from the writings of Bishop H. Spruit.**

We must know from our experience that God uses his grace to transform our heart centre of consciousness and then another. God will heal and restore this organ and then pass on to another liberating each in turn. One centre after another this liberation continues, and to those who open their lives to God there is not an idle moment when the Divine is not at work within. In some cases the Holy Inspiration will be felt within when an emotional centre is touched with the divine surgeon's knife, and then we say. **"I FELT THE POWER OF GOD TOUCH MY HEART AND SOUL, AND LIBERATE ME FROM IGNORANCE"**. Prayer and love are the keys to such restoration, and this God gives for free.

**Here Endeth The Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday in Epiphany is from the words of the Buddhist Monk Barato Arabo.**

Humanity is the marvel of the universe. We are a part of everything for we have been living things on every plane of life. Time was when we were not, and then we were a bit of formless substance in the moulds of time, and then protoplasm. By universal law all things tend upward to a state of perfection. The protoplasm then evolved, becoming mineral, plant, worm, then reptile, then beast, and then at last it reached the form of human. Now human itself is mind, and mind is here to gain perfection by experience; and mind is often manifested in flesh form; and in the form best suited to its growth. Thus mind may manifest as mineral, plant, worm, beast or human. The time will come when everything of life will be evolved in the state of human perfection. After humanity has reached perfection, it will evolve to higher forms of life.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**