

**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 3rd Sunday in Epiphany.**

**Green.**

**Intent - Sincerity**

**The Collect**

Almighty God who remains above all earthly failings, assist us in our quest for elimination of all forms of insincerity from our lives, and grant us the strength to rise to be sincere in all the things we do in thought, word and deed, never more to cause hurt or discomfort to any other soul, all this we ask in the name of your Holy messenger the Christ. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 3rd Sunday in Epiphany is from the writings of Bishop Leadbeater.**

It has been said, and very truly so, that God wants people to be more than merely good. Good and sincere they must be, because unless they are they cannot be trusted to use their power rightly, but God does not want an army of pious weaklings. He wants great spiritual powers who will work for Him and with Him. Remember the remark of St. Clement of Alexandria -- purity is a negative virtue, valuable chiefly as a condition of insight. We must have some power and some strength to offer in his service, but above all there must be goodness and sincerity.

**Here Endeth The Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Epiphany is from the Aquarian Gospel.**

The Father of a child came to Jesus and begged for help. My Master, my son is an only child, please take pity on him for he is an epileptic and suffers grievously. Sometimes he falls into the fire and is burned, again he falls into the water and is like to drown, and many times a day he falls to the ground, grinds his teeth and foams at the mouth. I took my son to your disciples and they could not give him relief. Jesus said, faith and sincerity is the power of God. All things are possible for those who in their hearts are true. Jesus said as he took the boy by the hand "ARISE", and he rose and spoke. The disciples said, Lord, why could we not heal the child. Jesus said --- your great work of former days has made you careless, and you forgot to recognise the power of God. Without sincerity, the words are like an idle tale, and you forgot to pray. With prayer and sincerity you can bring down the mountain peaks and cast them into the sea, the little hills will skip at your command. This failure has been a great lesson to you. Great lessons are learned by failures. Let these words sink into your hearts, and faith and sincerity will be your strongest allies.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**