

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 Lent

Violet.

Intent - Learning To Understand

Candles 6.

The Collect

Increase in us thy wisdom of your understanding, that by this we may better follow and spread your word through our world, promoting love and peace in your name, O Holy and just Lord of all. Amen.

Be with us O Lord in all thy doings and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle for the 3rd Sunday in Lent is from the Bhagavad-Gita.

Unless one is inquiring as to why they are suffering, they are not a perfect human being. Humanity begins when this inquiry is awakened in the mind. Every activity of the human being is said to be a failure unless this inquiry is present. People should ask, where am I from, where am I going, why am I here. When these inquiries are awakened in the mind of the sane human, then they can start to really understand the mysteries of God. Out of many humans, the mysteries are directed to those who seek to understand their position. The Lord has great mercy for humanity, but only those worthy will receive the mysteries.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Lent is from the writings of the Chinese philosopher Lao-Tsu.

Throughout the ages we have worshipped a God because our instincts tell us that there is more to life than we see. Many of the founded religions ended up murdering any who did not pay allegiance to their particular God. Now more and more astute people are becoming aware of the insanity of this action and are beginning to dream of an age of love and peace. As we dream of this peace we can still retain in our hearts a memory of the spirit, who as a living being visited the people of earth and taught the simple truth about the relationship with humanity and the cosmic Father. We must try to separate the essence of his teaching from the man made laws which were added to his words. If we eliminate all but the core of true faith we become as one with all other people, for the belief of all humanity is the same when stripped of the superfluous; the golden word the world over then becomes --- love your God and others as yourself. In time all religions and cults which are fanatical will fade away, but the love of God will help all to realize that we are members of the same family --- the family of God and humanity.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.