

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 Sunday before Easter (Palm Sunday)

Violet.

Intent - On to Victory.

Candles 6.

Altar Cross Veiled In Violet Gauze.

The Altar Cross and the Processional Cross are already veiled in violet gauze.

After the Adeste the following shall take place.

Blessing Of The Palms

P. Hosanna to the Avatar of God, and blessed be this Holy Messenger who carries the mantle of The Christ.

C. O Lord The Christ Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant sprinkles the palms thrice with Holy Water and says:

P. Let us pray.

The people kneel.

P. O God, who gathers the things that are dispersed and draws them unto divine protection, O same God who did bless the people bearing branches who went out to meet Jesus, purify (+) and bless (+) these branches of palm, which your servants take up in honour of your name, that wherever these branches be placed, the dwellers therein may obtain your blessing, and every kind of adversity may be banished from this place, we ask this through The Christed One. Amen.

The people are seated while the incense is blessed and the palms are censed thrice

The celebrant then turns to the people and says:

P. Let us go forth in peace.

C. In the name of The Christed Lord.

P. Those who desire to greet The Lord with joy and gladness, accept a branch of palm as you leave today.

The palms are now given to the Clergy who will place a palm cross upon the processional cross, then the remaining palms are placed upon a suitable tray near the door so the congregation may accept them as they leave.

The Mass is now resumed to its conclusion.

The following Collect, Epistle and Gospel shall be used every day until Maundy Thursday.

The Collect.

O Lord The Christ, grant unto thy faithful servants that in thine own good time we too may bear the palm of victory, and be found worthy to stand in thy Holy presence; thou who dwellest ever in the unity of the Father throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

Be with us O Lord in all our 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 Sunday before Easter (Palm Sunday) is from the writings of Bishop Leadbeater.

The life of the disciple is filled with joy, never doubt this for an instant. It is not a life of ease. A disciple's work is hard and the struggle is a very real one. Yet beyond and above all this struggle the disciple has an abiding joy and peace and serenity that nothing on earth can disturb. If this were not so the disciple would indeed be a faithless servant, for the disciple would be allowing the temporary strain of the vehicle to overbear the perception of the self within, thus identifying with the lower instead of the higher self. There is therefore a certain element of the ridiculous in describing this path as one of woe, when it is clearly evident that there would be much greater woe if this path were not taken. Indeed to the one who is doing their duty well, true sorrow is unknown. Never does any who work the path of the righteous really tread the path of woe.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the Sunday before Easter is from the Aquarian Gospel.

On the morning of the first day of the week, the Sunday, Jesus called all his Apostles to him and said, this day we go up to Jerusalem; be not afraid; my time has not yet come. Now, two of you may go unto the village of Bethpathge, and you will find an ass tied to a tree, and you will see a little colt nearby. Untie the ass and bring her to me. If anyone enquires why you take the ass, just say, the master has a need of her; and the owner will come with you. The disciples went as Jesus bade them go; they found the ass and the colt nearby. As they untied the ass the owner said, why do you take my ass. The disciples said, the master has need of her, and the owner said, tis well. When they brought the animal to Jesus, they placed their coats upon the ass and Jesus sat upon her and rode into Jerusalem. Multitudes of people came and filled the way, and his disciples praised the Lord and said, thrice blessed is the King who in the name of God is come. All glory be to God, and peace on earth; good will to man. Many spread their garments in the way, and some tore branches from the tree and cast them in the way. Many children came with garlands of sweet flowers and placed them on the Lord, or strewed them in the way, and said, all hail the King. Long live the King. The throne of David shall be built again. Hosanna to the Lord of hosts.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.