

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.

Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)

Violet.

Intent – Prepare for the Light

Candles 6.

All Crosses shall be veiled in violet gauze.

No Eucharist this day. Communion from reserved Sacrament.

Blessing of fires takes place this evening.

The Collect.

O Lord the Christ, grant that we may follow you through mystical burial into newness of life, and imitate your earthly incarnation as we follow the example you set for us of wisdom, love, and purity; we seek this in your name, O Son of the Father who forever reigns in eternal splendour. 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 Holy Saturday (Easter eve), is from the 37th Psalm.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord and be doing good; delight thou in the Lord and he shall give thee thy hearts desire. Commit thy ways unto the Lord and put thy trust in him and he shall bring it to pass. He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light and thy just dealing as the noonday. O rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him; for the weak shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for Easter Eve is from the Book of Mathew.

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimithea named Joseph, who was a disciple of Jesus, as well as being his uncle. He went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus, and Pilate commanded the body of Jesus to be delivered to him. When Joseph received the body, he wrapped it in clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which was hewn out of solid rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. The next day the chief priests and Pharisees came to Pilate saying --- Sir we remember that the deceiver said after three days he will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made secure until after the third day, lest his disciples steal him away and try to trick the people into believing he has risen. Pilate said to them -- You have your own soldiers, set your own watch and make it as secure as you can. So they went and made the sepulchre secure and sealed the stone, and then set a watch of soldiers to guard.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.