

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 1st Sunday in Lent

Violet.

Intent - Self Examination

Candles 6.

The Collect

O God of mercy and love, look within us and guide us to overcome all things that impede our spiritual growth, that we may flower to be blossoms of thy beauty, through the efforts of our Saviour the Christed One. 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 1st Sunday in Lent is from the writings of Sir George Trevelyan.

Let us look around us at all the earth. What is happening under our eyes within the mass of people. What is the cause of this disorder in society, this uneasy agitation, these swelling waves, these new impulses. Humanity is visibly passing through a crisis of growth. Humanity is becoming dimly aware of its shortcomings and its capacities, and it now sees the universe growing luminous like a horizon just before the sunrise. We are developing a sense of premonition and expectation. True examination of ourselves reveals that we desire within ourselves the rays of divine spirituality, and this is through the beating of the heart of the earth deeply within our core. This beating is The Christ.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for the 1st Sunday in Lent is from the words of the Master Danu.

My constant request is for each of you to turn to your idea of God and pray for yourself, your family, and for your world. Is all this strange to you? Ask God to give you the answers to your questions. Dear children of the world, you do not know everything, in fact you know very little. You have raised your level of intelligence and have attained much in technology, but you did not even cause the energy which this level of technology uses. God did. With all your learning and all your worldly knowledge, you cannot add one star to the sky. Did you make electricity or merely find it. Did you make the atom or merely find it. Did you make the waves that carry the energy to your radio and television sets or merely find it? Can you create worlds and beings? Take a good look at yourself and see the truth, for this is God's creation. Examine your moods, examine your feelings, examine your thoughts, examine your deeds. What you think is what you will become, what you fill your mind with, is what you will fill your life with.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.