

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 2nd Sunday in Lent

Violet.

Intent - Yearning For Higher Things

Candles 6.

The Collect.

O merciful Lord, assist us to satisfy our craving for closer bonding with you, and allow us to reach the spiritual ladder and climb upwards toward you, and one day rest with you in eternity through the Christed Lord. 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 2nd Sunday in Lent is from the writings of Archbishop Bugge.

Dearest friends, to listen to the voice crying out within, is but another step in our evolution. This voice cries out for guidance to the path of enlightenment, and is the Holy Ones way of piloting us to the ladder of perfection. As we climb this ladder we must examine every rung carefully, for only with a sound rung and a sound footing upon that rung can we raise ourselves to the next rung. Never let our yearning for advancement be without care, for if we in haste or carelessness place our all upon an unsound and immature rung, we can crash to the bottom of the ladder of advancement. To build sound rungs in this ladder of spiritual growth we first need Longing. This gives us the desire for growth. Next Opening, in this we open our hearts; next comes Vortex, created by the opening of hearts and creating compassion. The last need is Evolvement. L for longing, O for opening, V for vortex. E for evolvement spells the final requirement. Love.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday in Lent is from the words of the Druid Arch Mage Drucius.

Brethren for ages we have shone with the glory of the power and light. A new age is beginning and it is our task and responsibility to nurture and encourage the spreading of the light, and to see that it grows to full power. I charge you most solemnly that it is your honour to spread the light to those who are yearning for greater understanding. In the name of the most Holy and Omnipotent Great One I lay this task before you all. Let your duty be fulfilled with such zeal that all who yearn and thirst for knowledge shall be accommodated within the halls of learning.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.