

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 after Easter

White.

Intent - Awake to understanding

Candles 6.

The Collect

O Lord the Christ, grant us that with your help we may rise from the darkness of ignorance into the ineffable splendour of conscious life with you, O light of light who lives and reigns with the Father. Amen.

The Epistle for the 3rd Sunday after Easter is from the writings of Blavatsky.

Because the final goal cannot be reached in any way but through life experiences, we mainly learn from pain and suffering. Joys and pleasures teach us nothing. Our constant failure to find any permanent satisfaction in life which meets the wants of our higher nature, shows us plainly that those wants can be met only on their own plane of understanding, to wit --- the Spiritual. It is to that final goal which all in nature aspires and grows towards.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday after Easter is from the words of Sir Oliver Lodge.

Death is separation of soul and body. Death is not extinction, as life is continuous. The condition of the whole universe is unchanged by death, and life goes on under different surroundings. Those who have parted company with their physical body find that they have a body made of something else than the physical matter we are accustomed to here, but it is substantial, just as good as their old bodies, and indeed rather better. The teachings of Jesus and other great masters and philosophers are turned into truths for those who have experienced the touch of death; but it is better for everyone to grasp these truths while still living in the physical body. There can be no possible doubt about this, just as there is no room for doubt in the reality of a spiritual world. As the great Socrates said – **THE SOUL IS IMMORTAL AND IMPERISHABLE AND WILL ALWAYS EXIST IN ANOTHER WORLD OF SPIRIT, AND THAT IS WITHOUT ANY DOUBT.**

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.

