

**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.**

**Good Friday**

**Violet.**

**Intent - Christ's Death.**

**Candles 6.**

**All Crosses shall be veiled in violet gauze.**

*No Eucharist is celebrated this day. Communion from reserved Sacrament.*

**The Collect.**

Lord Christ, grant us that we may have strength so as to follow thee through suffering and mystical death, that we may rise with thee into the ineffable splendour of Easter, this we ask in your name. 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 Good Friday is from the writings of the Master Phyllos (the Thibetan).**

Jesus the man of Nazareth gave us a pattern. He sacrificed for others. He said - if any one will come after me, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow me. This self is the lower self, it is the animal. All animals are in mankind concreted. No Hyena is so treacherous, no Tiger so ferocious, no Hog so brutish, no Weasel so destructive; no animal creature of any sort is so perfect in its own peculiar way, as is the person who allows any or all of these animal characteristics within them to run riot; and this is because their human soul is enslaved to the animal. Animal is only force undirected, whether it exist in a body or not. Directed, guided by will, it ceases to be animal. But in yielding to that guidance it must give up its free lawlessness, something never pleasant and often painful. It is sacrifice always, its symbol is the cross.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the day called Good Friday is from the Book of Luke.**

Jesus asked his disciples --- whom say the people that I am? They answering said --- John the Baptist, but some say Elias, and others say that one of the old prophets is risen again. He said unto them - but whom say ye that I am. Peter answered --- The Christ of God. And he extracted their promise that they tell no one this saying --- the son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. And he said to them all --- If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple, likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall save it.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**