

**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.**

**Ascension Day**

**White.**

**Intent - Returning to God.**

**Candles Many.**

*The same Collect, Epistle and Gospel shall be used until Whitsunday.*

**The Collect.**

O God our King of Glory, we pray that as your Master Jesus The Christed one has ascended into your abode, we may also in heart and mind ascend to higher things, and there be a willing helper in your divine plan for humanity's progression, this we ask in the name of the Avatar Jesus. Amen.

**The Epistle for the Sunday called Ascension Day is from the writings of Eckanker Master Paul Twitchell.**

The way to success in God consciousness lies in the path of giving up the feeling of need, letting go your hold, resigning the care of your destiny to God; being genuinely indifferent to what becomes of all. You will not only gain a perfect inner relief, but often the particular things you sincerely thought you were renouncing. This is salvation through self renunciation, the dying to be truly born. To get to it a critical point must be passed, a corner turned within. Something must give way, a native hardness must break down and liquefy. This is frequently sudden and natural, and leaves one with the impression that they truly have received the blessings of God.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the Day called Ascension Day is from the Aquarian Gospel.**

Jesus said --- The secret things I told you that may not be told to the world shall be told only to the faithful and true, who in turn shall reveal them only to other people who are faithful and true. This will continue until the time shall come when all the world will be advanced enough to receive and truly comprehend the words of truth and power. And now I ascend to God, as you and all of humanity will one day rise to God. Behold upon the day of Pentecost you all shall be endowed with power from on high. You shall remain here together until then in Holy Thought.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**

*The Gospeller shall then extinguish the paschal candle while saying:*

The great forty days are over; the Lord has ascended into heaven; and so in his name I extinguish this paschal candle, which for forty days has symbolised among us his risen body, for a token that as its light, leaving this lower world, passes to higher realms, so may we in heart and mind thither ascend and with him continually dwell.