

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 after Easter (Low Sunday)

White.

Intent - Belief in the Rising.

Candles Many.

The Collect.

O Lord The Christ, by whose eternal sacrifice we exist, and in whose victory we triumph, grant that in our joy, or in sorrow, we may never lose our grateful memory of your unchanging love, O Lord who reigns with God throughout the age. Amen.

The Epistle for the 1st Sunday after Easter is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said --- we are witnesses of all things which Jesus did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. This Jesus that they hanged on a tree; but he rose on the third day and was shown to people openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen by the Holy Ones, and to us who did drink and eat with him after he rose from the dead. We are commanded to preach the truth of this unto the people, and tell and explain this wondrous event.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 1st Sunday after Easter is from the words of Bishop Raymond.

There is no mysticism in the crucifixion and resurrection, for it is simple plain cosmic law. In the normal cycle of events, the ruling hierarchy of the cosmos graciously supplies us at regular intervals with an Avatar. This is to assist the advance of humanity in the best possible way. This task can be horrific by our human standards, but this Avataric personality does willingly accept this for the betterment of mankind. Could any normal person endure such a role, I think not. Only a person dedicated to the advancement of humanity, and with the incredible love of the Christ power within them could possibly carry forth this task. Acknowledging all the strange things the Avatar Jesus did (many of which have been recorded as miracles) even the person with the poorest logic must now admit that such an entity is a very special person. Why then is it so hard for some people to realize that the resurrection is not only possible, but a definite fact of history. Instead of wasting our time looking for physical answers to divine happenings, let us just be thankful that such Avatars favour us with their presence.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.