

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 - Return to Light.

Candles Many.

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

The Collect

O Lord, we dedicate this day to your Avatar who has ascended to you; grant that we may learn and follow that example so that we may one day return to your light, as did your Avatic messengers of the ages, we ask this in the name of the Christed Lord. Amen.

The Epistle for Ascension Day is from the writings of St Germaine

Within your heart is one of the choicest gifts of God. Within the heart there is a central chamber surrounded by a force field of light and protection. It is the connecting point of the mighty crystal cord of light that descends from God's presence to sustain the beating of the physical heart, giving you life. I urge you to treasure this point of contact that you have with life, and put conscious recognition to it. You do not need to understand the technicalities of it; just be content to know that God is there within you with a spark of his own life. This spark burns as the essence of love, wisdom and power. Each prayer will amplify the power and illumination of love within your being. Neglect not then your heart as the altar of God. Draw from God the power of love and amplify it with your hearts. Remember as long as you face the light in your heart, the shadows are always behind.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for Ascension Day is from the Aquarian Gospel.

Jesus went to Olivet, and his disciples followed him, and in a place not far from Bethany, he met the Marys, Salome, Martha, Ruth Miriam, and a host of others who had come from Galilee. Jesus stood apart from them and said; the Benediction of the Holy Ones of the Almighty God, and of the Holy Breath of the Christ made manifest, will rest upon you all the way till you shall rise and sit with me upon the throne of power. Then they saw a ring of light encircle him and he faded into the light. As they strained to see into the higher realm to where Jesus had departed, two men in white robes appeared and said; why do you people gaze so anxiously after the ascending Lord, for he will come again from heaven as you have seen him go to heaven.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.

The Gospeller shall then extinguish the paschal candle while saying:

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