

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 the light.

Candles Many.

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

The Collect.

O Lord we rejoice as we gradually ascend to you through the teaching of your messengers and Masters, and we pray that you will continue to give us enlightenment through these teachers, that we will overcome these bonds of carnal life and rise to greater things in the name of our Christed Lord. Amen.

The Epistle for Ascension Day is from the writings of Bishop Herman Spruit.

By his resurrection, the ascension, the Master Jesus achieved the final victory over matter and death, and assumed the post of divine spiritual guide of the Earth for the Piscean age. He has willingly assumed the role and responsibility to provide for us, the people of Earth. The victory was not only for Himself, but on behalf of us the ordinary lowly people of this earthly orb. By His action the Master Jesus has built a road that we may travel easier to our evolutionary goal and not get lost. While Jesus has ascended to higher things, he has not left us comfortless. We remain overshadowed by His love and compassion. Accept this in the manner it is given, with love.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for Ascension Day is from the Aquarian Gospel.

Jesus said "If you would hear the message The Holy One sends to you, come and listen. This light is abundant, and is for all. The Holy One regards all worthy of the ancient knowledge, but this lore cannot be bought with any amount of gold or gems. When any person will see that their lower self is transmuted into spirit self, then will the knowledge and light be opened to them and allow them to enter to the dominion of God.

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.