

The Following Collect, Epistle & Gospel was 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 14th Sunday after Trinity

Green.

Intent - Renewal of Spirit.

Candles 6.

The Collect.

O Lord we pray that we may gain the light of truth, abolishing the darkness of misery by ignorance and renewing our Spiritual Strength, and with this renewed vigour lead others to the path of fulfilment as The Christ did for us in your name. Amen.

The Epistle for the 14th Sunday after Trinity is from the writings of Rev. J. P. Kenny

It is a certainty that we are tested in every day living. Think on this: in the sober reality of living, do we slight or welcome the Holy Spirit into ourselves. No true and just person can say that they are forever keeping an open door to the Holy Spirit, although we can do our best to do so. Can a person of any one particular group such as Christian, Pagan, Buddhist, Hindu, claim they are more willing to serve humanity than their neighbouring religion or group. Ordinary every day happenings are a daily test to see if we can hold our principles throughout the rigours of the daily grind. If we cannot hold our own in Spirit, I would deem it highly unlikely that we can advance and renew Spirit. A little deed daily for Humanity will work wonders. It need only be a prayer, or a physical deed, but it is a definite move towards renewal of Spirit.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 14th Sunday after Trinity is from the words of the artist Horrie Costello.

Spirit to me is like a good painting upon a wall. It inspires one to greater things, and gives pleasure and a feeling of beauty. In time even the best painting eventually starts to fade and the picture needs restoring. After cleaning, the picture is carefully restored by an expert until the original beauty once again is for all to see. How like our Spirit. Our everyday mundane life takes its toll of our flagging spirit. We must clean up our base, then accept the Spirit to restore our ebbing supply. What enormous cost does this extract from us? A simple act of prayer to cleanse our base selves, and a simple invitation to the Spirit by humane deeds. What a difference in the final picture now, for not even the best artist's brush can bring the wonder and beauty to us that is possible by simple humane deeds and prayer.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.