

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 15th Sunday after Trinity

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Intent - Reality of Things Eternal.

Candles Many.

The Collect.

O Holy Spirit, increase and multiply within us your heavenly wisdom; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal as never to lose sight of the things eternal, and may ever live in the service of Christ our Holy Lord, who with the Father lives and reigns for evermore. Amen.

The Epistle for the 15th Sunday after trinity is from the writings of Nobel winner Niels Bohr.

We can find nothing in physics or chemistry that has even a remote bearing on consciousness. Yet all of us know there is such a thing as consciousness, simply because we have it ourselves. Hence consciousness must be part of nature, or, more generally, of reality, which means that quite apart from the laws of physics and chemistry, as laid down in quantum theory, we must also consider laws of quite a different kind. Such laws might well include the laws of reincarnation, which govern the passage of consciousness from one physical body into another. I quote my colleague professor John Pfeiffer when he says --- The body does not contain a single one of the molecules that it contained seven years ago. Every seven years one's old body is completely rejuvenated. The self, which is our real identity, remains unchanged. Our bodies grow from infancy to old age, yet the person within the body always remains the same. Consciousness is concrete evidence of the evidence of the presence of a soul within the body, and this soul is proof of an eternal governing force in the cosmos. I call this force God.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 15th Sunday after Trinity is from the "Magical writings of Thomas Vaughn".

God is the principal and sole author of all things, who by his Word and Spirit hath formed and manifested those things we see, and even those things which at present we cannot see. As for the matter whereof he formed them, it being a substance pre-existent, not only to us, but to the world itself. Most people may think the knowledge of it impossible, for how shall we know a thing that was so long before us, and which is not now extant with us, nor ever was (in some opinions) since creation? To this objection, which at first sight may seem invincible, we shall one day gain the answer that shall break it. We will learn how and by what means it happened, and not only to know this, but after long labours and with God's grace, to see it, handle it, and use it.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.