

**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 19th Sunday after Trinity**

**Green.**

**Intent - Death**

**Candles 6.**

**The Collect**

O Merciful Lord, help us to see that the portal of death is just another gateway, and by your inspiration we may use this gate to climb to higher levels of enlightenment, so that we may become greater teachers of your wisdom to all humanity, we ask this through the promises of the Lord Christ. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 19th Sunday after Trinity is from the Aquarian Gospel.**

When John was twelve years old his mother died, and neighbours laid her body in a tomb near to Zacharias' tomb. No language can describe a mother's worth, and John's was tried and true. But she was not called until her tasks were done. The calls of death are always for the best, for we are solving problems there as well as here; and one is sure to find themselves where they can best solve their problems. John was much aggrieved and wept. His teacher said --- it is not well to weep because of death. It is but selfishness that makes one wish to call again to earth the departed souls. Let your mother rest in peace. Let her noble life be strength and inspiration to you. Remember death is no enemy to humanity; it is a friend who when the work of life is done, just cuts the cord that binds the human boat to earth, that it may sail on smoother seas in the lap of the Lord.

**Here Endeth The Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 19th Sunday after Trinity is from the writings of Meher-Baba.**

In normal cases death occurs when all the karma allotted for that life has been worked out. Then the soul drops its physical body, and is completely severed from all connections of the gross world, though the ego and the mind are retained with the impressions accumulated in the earthly career. Unlike the exceptional cases of spirits still obsessed with the gross world, ordinary souls try to reconcile themselves to the severance from the gross world and conform to the limitations of the changed conditions. They sink into a state in which a process begins of mentally reviewing the experiences of the earthly career, and thus learning, evolving, and taking stock of the karma yet to be paid. Thus death inaugurates a period of comparative rest consisting in a temporary withdrawal from the gross sphere of action. It is the beginning of an interval between the last incarnation and the next. In either state of being, humanity or soul dwellers, never does the Divine One leave us without guidance, love, hope, or spiritual direction.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**