

**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.**

### **3rd Sunday in Advent**

**Intent - Recognise the Messenger**

#### **The Collect.**

We pray thee Heavenly One, that by your continual assistance we may readily see your divine plan for us, and follow this example of the messengers you send us; we implore you to allow us the privilege of one day being able to assist in this work and become a messenger for your evolution of humanity; all this we request through the promise of the Christed one. Amen.

O Universal Creator, grant to us the wisdom to recognise the Avatar you send to us, and with this recognition we may cease our searching for the pathway to you; knowing our feet are pointing in your direction and guided by your love, this we ask in the name of your Christed Messenger. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 3rd Sunday in Advent is from the writings of St Augustine of Hippo.**

Awake you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light. Pitiably creature that I was; what was to set me free from a nature doomed to death. Nothing else but the Grace of God through the Christed Lord Jesus. My inner self was a house divided against itself. I probed the hidden depths of my soul and all at once I heard a singing voice telling me all. Then no longer was I in darkness; now I am in the Lord, I am in daylight.

**Here Endeth The Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Advent is from the Aquarian Gospel.**

Joseph, Mary and their son were down in Egypt in Zoan, and John was with his mother in the Judean hills. Elihu and Salome sent messengers in haste to find Elizabeth and John, and bring them to Zoan. Now Mary and Elizabeth were marvelling about the circumstances of their deliverance. Elihu said, it is not strange; nothing just happens; cosmic law governs all events. From olden times it was ordained that you should be with us, and in this sacred school be taught. Elihu and Salome took Mary and Elizabeth out to the sacred grove where they were taught. Elihu said to Mary and Elizabeth, you may esteem yourselves thrice blessed, for you are chosen mothers of long promised sons, who are ordained to lay a sure foundation on which a temple of the perfect human shall rest; a temple that shall never be destroyed. We measure time by cycles of ages, and an age has passed. The gates to another age flie open, and these your sons will be the first to carry the news, and preach the gospel of good will and peace on earth.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**