

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 3rd Sunday in Advent

Violet.

Intent - Love.

Candles Many.

The Collect.

Almighty God, we pray you to inspire your universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord, that all who confess to your Holy Name may agree in truth and love; through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we pray for the ability to discriminate properly between the works of darkness, and the light of your Love; and by this we may hasten the coming of thy kingdom upon earth, through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle for the 3rd Sunday in Advent is from the writings of internationally known healer Alan Young.

I say without fear of argument that Jesus was most likely the greatest exponent of Spiritual Love the world has ever seen, Jesus claimed his healing powers were the peoples gift from God, demonstrating the love he had for them. The whole message that Jesus brought was one of love, and his healing demonstrated and exemplified that love in the most beautiful way. The Buddha was also an example of this uncontained and effervescent love. In all history, all who exhibit the bringing of that love to practical use, namely healing power, that this sort of love always carries. This unselfish giving is one of the highest forms of showing pure love.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Advent is from the Writings of Rev. J. C. King.

So often people come and say AH! “This is the church that has the truth and that I've been looking for”, but it isn't very long before they drift away again, showing they haven't found the truth in themselves at all. They have had a glimpse of reality, but have no intention of trying to live up to what is demanded of them, but never forced upon them. They are offered positions of authority, but when they find that they must use that authority with kindness and love as Jesus taught, they find it hard to continue. They do not obey the simple law of giving to get. The more you try to give love away, the more you develop it within yourself. One must love, and love to offer love, for love to flow.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.