

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 Sunday before Advent

Red.

Intent - Dispelling of ignorance.

Candles Many.

The Collect.

O Holy Spirit, breath of life and fire of love, touch our cold hearts with the glow of your celestial flame, that by your indwelling power we may shine forth as the sun, to enlighten and encourage those our brethren who are lost in the darkness of ignorance, and guide them to you, who with the Father and the Son art worshipped and glorified forever. Amen.

The Epistle for the Sunday before Advent is from the writings of Southern Baptist Pastor John Osteen.

Many people of many denominations love the Lord. They are doing the best they know in trying to serve him. They are walking in all the light they have, but they still do not understand much. People need to take off their denominational glasses, unplug their denominational ears, free their denominational minds, and seek to merge their thoughts with other beliefs. People should read the bible, and believe what it says. Do not let denominational thinking tell you what the bible says; do not let denominational people tell you how to interpret the bible. Read it and then interpret it yourself, using your love, your intuition, your reasoning as the basic translating and interpreting system. This will ensure you of individual and sincere development in the dispelling of myths and fables of the bible, and advance you in your desire for liberation from ignorance.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the Sunday before Advent is from the words of Bishop Raymond.

To dispel ignorance start with God. Look at his commandments. If we follow them, can we still look down our sour snobbish noses at others when the words ring in our ears love thy neighbour as thyself. This immediately shatters so many of our prejudices. If we go one step further after learning the loving of our neighbours, let us simply communicate with them. Seeing their points of view in many things, we now have a different perspective on their thinking. The amazing thing we now see, is how much they have changed since we started conversing. Full of enthusiasm we now talk to them much more, and we discuss cosmic law, and other meaningful things. All of a sudden we realize that our neighbour is no longer ignorant. It is then we come to the crushing reality that it is us that is ignorant.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.