

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 Lent

Violet.

Intent - Understanding.

Candles 6.

The Collect.

O Father of all compassion, grant us the power to be merciful and understanding as you are, and allow us to show this to our fellow beings and exercise this trait more and more in our lives, as we were taught by our Christ Lord. Amen.

Be with us O Lord in all our doings and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle for the 3rd Sunday in Lent is from the writings of the Prophet Mani.

Learn to become a refiner and thus a saviour of your Soul. Then you may be granted the privilege of guiding others to the Holy Ones of the light. Do not lack understanding and think that this must happen in the distance, for this is not so. Right now is the time to start upon the path. You will find the way will become radiant, and fear of the unknown will be a stranger to you. Do not rest on your laurels until the Lord is felt to be dwelling within you, for The Holy One is ever ready to offer a helping hand one way or another. Upon reaching the understanding of this we shall truly be entering into a portal of Heaven.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Lent is from the Oracle of Antioch.

I doubt that any mortal being will ever completely understand the world, or those that dwell within it, for when you rise to this level of understanding you will no longer be tied to the miseries of this carnal existence. In spite of this being a lofty goal, do not lose heart and think you cannot achieve true understanding. You may be years away from this goal, but then again you may only be hours, minutes or even seconds away. Whatever the time that has been allotted for us to achieve this lesson, it can be shortened quite markedly. Listen carefully to the voice within you called conscience. Find common points of harmony with others and with love build upon them. A deep satisfaction will soon develop, and you will find with this comes a peace that truly opens the way to understanding.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.