

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 before Lent (Septuagesima)

Red

Intent - The Gift of Wisdom.

Candles Many

The Collect.

O physician of the soul; sprinkle the tree of our being with the water of wisdom and the dew of immortality, so that our lives on this earth may produce the fruits of goodness, truth, and beauty; this we ask in the name of our Master The Christ. Amen.

The Epistle for Septuagesima is from the Book of Solomon.

Wisdom, which is the worker of all things taught me. In wisdom is an understanding spirit, clear, undefiled, plain, not subject to hurt, loving what is good, kindness to humanity, steadfast, sure, and understanding. Wisdom is more moving than any motion; for it is the breath of the power of God, and God loves to dwell with wisdom. Wisdom is more beautiful than the sun, and above the order of the stars. They that hold it fast shall inherit glory, and wherever it shall enter, the Lord will bless. They that serve with wisdom shall minister to the Holy one, and them that minister shall prove their love.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for Septuagesima is from the Gospel of Phillip.

There are animals which are subject to mankind, like the bull and the ass and others of this kind. There are others which are not subject and live apart in the deserts. Mankind ploughs the fields by means of the beasts which are subject, and from this are the beasts and mankind fed as they live in harmony together. We are like the beasts of God, if we in our wisdom trust him and do his bidding, we will live in harmony and be guided to better things. If we are like the beast of the desert and refuse to exercise wisdom, we are left wandering aimlessly and are lost for this aeon of time.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.