

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 4th Sunday in Lent
(Refreshment Sunday)**

Rose or Violet.

Intent - Spiritual Refreshment.

Candles Many.

The Collect.

Almighty God, grant that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of the passion and resurrection, that we may be refreshed by the continual outpouring of your power from on high; through the Christ our 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 4th Sunday in Lent is from the writings of Alice Bailey.

The Churches in general today are the tomb of the Christ, and the stone sealing out people is theology. There is no point in attacking Christianity, for this cannot be attacked. Christianity is an expression of the love of God within the universe. But churchianity has however laid itself open to attack, and the mass of thinking people are now aware of this. Sadly the number of thinking people are still in the minority. Never the less it is this minority which will become the majority and spell the doom for the churches that do not endorse the true teaching of The Christ. How can light shine in the minds of humanity when the churchmen keep the people in a state of fear unless they accept the old theological ideas of approaching God. How can the spiritual needs of the people be met when the church does not teach anything but stale and outdated interpretations which have no foundation. Theology has brought the human race to the very gates of despair, and the beauty of Christ's teaching is stunted in dark caves of human thinking. The cries of the Christian, along with Buddhists, Hindus and others must be met. The demands of humanity are rising, and will seek the light of Christ, and this light will shine giving blessings to those who seek it.

Here Endeth the Epistle.

The Gospel for the 4th Sunday in Lent is from the well known author Alexander Cannon.

I am not here to fill you with alarm, but to warn you about times that will grow difficult. The planetary influences are even now to be felt enhancing the powers of all souls. All will be feeling the test of great spiritual strength. Some will openly challenge the Christ powers by trying to prove with their perversion of the sacred texts that they are supreme on this planet. Motivated by greed they will not wish to share one iota of anything they have. At this time they will say, there is no God of spirit, for their god is one of carnal possessions. There are others will feel the influence of the spiritual strength enhancing their wish to aspire to far greater things. These are the people who will waver not in their knowledge and faith of the Christed Master's teaching. These are the ones who will revere and accept the spiritual refreshment that will rapidly take them along the road to enlightenment. It is at this time that the Christ shall say, the earth is mine, and as mine I take it, and it will be done.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.

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