

**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 2nd Sunday after Easter**

**White.**

**Intent - A good Shepherd**

**Candles 6.**

**The Collect.**

O Lord The Christ, grant unto your flock the ability to see the correct path to your glory, and that by following your example we may improve ourselves to slowly rise to your ideals, and earn a place in the mansions of the heavenly Father; through your name our Christed Lord. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 2nd Sunday after Easter is from the writings of Peter.**

I appeal to you to be shepherds of the flock that God gave you, and take care of it willingly as God would have you do Do your work, not for mere pay, but from a desire to serve. So not try to rule over those who have been put in your care, but be examples to the flock. When the chief Shepherd appears you will receive the glorious crown which will never lose its brightness. Humble yourselves then, under God's mighty hand, leave all cares with him and be firm in your faith in him, for to him be the power forever.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday after Easter is adapted from the Book of John.**

The first day of the week the disciples were assembled together behind locked doors. This was because they feared what the Jews would do to them if they were all found together. Jesus appeared to them and stood in the middle of them and said --- peace be unto you. When he had done this he proceeded to breathe on them and said to them, receive the Holy Ghost. Of course this is the consecration of the disciples to the rank of Bishop. With this authorisation they were told to give teaching to all who deserved it, but not to cast their pearls before swine. This meant that they were not to waste their teaching on those who were not ready to receive it. Jesus then gave them this power to spread the truth of the universe, and to pass on the right of succession to those who merited it. These people shall be like shepherds to the multitudes.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**