

**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 23rd Sunday after Trinity**

**Green.**

**Intent - Judgement**

**Candles 6.**

**The Collect**

Almighty and eternal God, who lives and reigns in the perfect unity of love; guide us to have right judgement in all things, so we might live with the clear conscience and peace, in unity with the teachings of our Lord. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 23rd Sunday after Trinity is from the words of Master Sanat Kumara.**

Let us take two men. Both have committed the same error in all detail. Can we condemn each man equally. It is not our place to judge at all. But let us look at one man. We find that he has done a certain thing through ignorance of law. The other man had knowledge of the law. It is said in your world that ignorance of the law is no excuse, but in the Father's realm ignorance of the law is an excuse. But once we have learned that law, if we falter and make error, then we are indeed in a different category than those who from ignorance perform the same thing. You see the sin, or error, is not stepping into the hole in the ground, it is stepping into it twice, once we know it is not the thing to do.

**Here Endeth The Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 23rd Sunday after Trinity is from the words of Joseph of Arimathea.**

God is the God of Israel, but also the God of many other races as well; the Father of all humanity if you choose to put it that way. Although we are the chosen ones, that is chosen for only one particular task, who is to say that others have not been chosen for other tasks. Is there any among you so intimate with the mind of God that they can declare unreservedly that we are the only race favoured by his grace. Remember God sent his son to us, and we as a race condoned his crucifixion even if we did not carry out the execution. All should remember that before anyone condemns the action of others. Because others have different ways, it does not make them evil. The fish do not condemn the birds for flying; and the birds do not condemn the fish for swimming. Let each live out their allotted time in their allotted custom and seek not to condemn the ways of others. Remember a fish will die in the air, and a bird will die in the water; neither is evil, but to each his own. Let us all live in peace but understand each must take their own path to God.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**