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ON THE DEVOTIONAL SYSTEM

The Church of England

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"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."—JER. 6:16.

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This work is an attempt to gather into one concise view all the most important information that is extant respecting the devotional system of the Church of England as founded on the Book of Common Prayer.

Much research and study have been expended upon this subject during the last quarter of a century; and the Prayer Book has been largely illustrated by the works of Sir William Palmer, Mr. Maskell, and Archdeacon Freeman. Many smaller books than these have also been published with the object of bringing into a compact form the results of wide and learned investigations: the most trustworthy and complete of all such books being Mr. Procter's excellent "History of the Book of Common Prayer, with a Rationale of its Offices." But it has long seemed to the Editor of the present volume that a work of another kind was wanted, which (without superseding any previous one of established merit) should exhibit more concisely and perspicuously the connexion between the ancient and the modern devotional system of the Church of England by placing the two side by side, as far as the former is represented in the latter: and which should also give a general condensed illustration of our present Prayer Book from all those several points of view from which it must be regarded if it is to be properly understood and appreciated.

Perhaps there is no one book, except the Holy Bible, which has been so much written about as the Prayer Book since the Reformation, and perhaps so much was never written about any one book which left so much still unsaid. The earliest class of commentators is represented by John Boys, who died Dean of Canterbury in 1619, and who had in earlier life published a Volume of Postils which were preceded by a diffuse comment on the principal parts of the Prayer Book. In these there is much ponderous learning, but a total absence of any liturgical knowledge. Bishop Andrewes and Archbishop Laud began to open out the real meaning and the true bearing of our Offices, being well acquainted with the Greek Liturgies, and having some knowledge, at least, of the Breviaries and the Missals of the Church of England. L'Estrange, Sparrow, Cosin,
and Elborow represent a still further advance towards a true comprehension of the Prayer Book; Bishop Cosin especially being thoroughly familiar with the Sarum Missal, and perhaps with the Breviary and other Office-books of the old Church of England. In the latter part of the sixteenth century, Liturgical studies seem, indeed, to have been taken up by many of the Clergy, especially by the Nonjurors, and interleaved Prayer Books are preserved in the Bodleian and other libraries which testify to the industry that was shown in illustrating its text, especially from the Greek Liturgies. None seem so thoroughly to have qualified themselves for the task of illustrating and interpreting the Book of Common Prayer as Fothergill, a nonjuror, whose interleaved Prayer Book in eleven large volumes, together with his unmatched collection of old English Service-books, is now in the Chapter Library at York. But his notes and quotations were not digested into order: and although a work founded upon them would have been invaluable in days when there was no better authority than the superficial Wheatley, they have since been superseded by the publications of Palmer and Maskell.

The works of Comber, Wheatley, and Shepherd, were doubtless of great value in their way; but it is melancholy to observe that they tended in reality to alienate the minds of their readers from all thought of Unity and Fellowship with the Church of our Fathers, and set up two idols of the imagination, a Church originated in the sixteenth century, and a Liturgy "compiled," and in the main invented, by the Reformers. There is not a single published work on the Prayer Book previous to the publication of Palmer's Origines Liturgicæ in 1832, which makes the least attempt to give a truthful view of it, so thoroughly was this shallow conceit of a newly-invented Liturgy ingrained in the minds of even our best writers.

Notwithstanding, therefore, the great abundance of works on the Book of Common Prayer, there seems to be still ample room for one like the present, in which the spirit of our Offices is illustrated from their origin and history as well as from their existing form; and in which a large body of material is placed before the reader by means whereof he may himself trace out that history, and interpret that spirit.

The object of the present work may be stated, then, to be that of illustrating and

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1 Marmaduke Fothergill was born at York in 1652, took his degree at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and became Rector of Skipwith. In 1688 he was offered the Rectory of Lancaster, but not being able to take the oaths to William and Mary, he could neither accept preferment, nor receive the degree of D.D., for which he had qualified. He lived at Pontefract, till driven thence by a whig J. P., but died in Westminster, on Sept. 7, 1731. Mr. Fothergill made a noble collection of ancient Service-books, which, with the rest of his Library, he left to Skipwith parish, on condition of a room being built to receive them. This not being done, the widow applied to Chancery, and by a decree of that court the books were all handed over to York Minster. Mr. Fothergill also left an endowment of £50 a year for a catechist at Pontefract. His volumes show that he was a most industrious reader.
explaining the Devotional system of the Church of England by (1) a careful comparison of the Prayer Book with the original sources from which it is derived, (2) a critical examination of all the details of its history, and (3) a full consideration of the aspect in which it appears when viewed by the light of those Scriptural and primitive principles on which the Theology of the Church of England is founded.

For the plan of the work, the general substance of it, and for all those portions the authorship of which is not otherwise indicated, the Editor must be held responsible. For the details of the text and notes in those parts which have been contributed by others (excepting the Marginal References), the authors must, of course, be considered individually responsible. Circumstances have arisen which threw into the Editor's hands a larger proportion of the work than he originally intended to undertake, especially in connexion with the Communion and the Occasional Offices; but he does not wish to claim any indulgence on this account, being fully assured that a commentary of the kind here offered ought to be judged solely by its merits as an authentic interpreter and guide. The Introduction to the Communion Service, and the earlier portion of the Notes upon it are by the Editor.

In the Offices for the Visitation and Communion of the Sick, the Editor has to acknowledge valuable assistance from a friend who does not permit his name to be used. Those Offices have been treated in a rather more homiletic method than most of the others, in the hope that the Notes may assist in persuading both Lay and Clerical readers to desire a more pointed and systematic application of the Church's gifts in time of Sickness than that which is offered by the prayers ordinarily used.

The text is, of course, that of the Sealed Books; but some liberty has occasionally been taken with the punctuation, which, whether in the Sealed Books, or in the copies sent out by the Universities and the Queen's Printers, is in a most unsatisfactory condition. In the Psalms and Canticles, a diamond-shaped "point" has been used for the purpose of more plainly marking the musical division of verses, as distinguished from the grammatical punctuation. The spelling is also modernized throughout.

In conclusion, the Editor begs to tender his grateful thanks to many friends who have assisted him with their suggestions and advice. Those thanks are also especially due to the Rev. T. W. Perry, of Brighton, and the Rev. W. D. Macray, of the Bodleian Library, who have gone through all the proof-sheets, and have been largely instrumental in securing to the reader accuracy in respect to historical statements.

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The Rev. Joseph Thomas Fowler, M.A., Chaplain of St. John's College, Hurstpierpoint, is the writer of the Notes on the Minor Holydays of the Calendar.


The Rev. Peter Goldsmith Medd, M.A., Dean and Tutor of University College, Oxford, co-Editor with Mr. Bright of the Latin Prayer Book, and author of "Household Prayer," &c., is the principal writer of the Notes on the Communion Office from the Church Militant Prayer to the end; and the compiler of the Appendix to that Office. Mr. Medd has also contributed the references to the hymns of the seasons.


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For more than two centuries the Book of Common Prayer has remained altogether unaltered, the last changes that were made in it being those which brought it into its present, and now venerable, form, in 1661. But the various stages of its development from the ancient formularies of the Church of England extended through a period of one hundred and fifty years; and the history of that development is of the highest importance to those who wish to understand and use the Prayer Book; as well as of consider-able interest to all from the fact of its being an integral part of our national history.

The Church of England has had distinctive formularies of its own as far back as the details of its customs in respect to Divine Worship can be traced. The earliest history of these formularies is obscure, but there is good reason to believe that they were derived, through Lyons, from the great patriarchate of Ephesus, in which St. John spent the latter half of his life. There was an intimate connexion between the Churches of France and England in the early ages of Christianity, of which we still have a memorial in the ancient French saints of our Calendar; and when St. Augustine came to England, he found the same rites used as he had observed in France, and remarks upon them as differing in many particulars from those of Rome. It is now well known that this ancient Gallican Liturgy came from Ephesus. But there can be no doubt that several waves of Christianity, perhaps of Apostolic Christianity, passed across our island; and the Ephesine or Johannine element in the ancient Prayer Books of the Church of England probably represents but the strongest of those waves, and the predominanting influence which mingled with itself others of a less powerful character.

It was in the sixth century [A.D. 598] that the great and good St. Augustine undertook his missionary work among the West Saxons. The mission seems to have been sent from Rome by Gregory the Great, under the impression that the inhabitants of England were altogether heathen; and if he or Augustine were not unacquainted with what St. Chrysostom, St. Jerome, and others had said respecting the early evangelization of Britain, they had evidently concluded that the Church founded in Apostolic times was extinct. When Augustine arrived in England, he found that, although the West Saxons were heathen, and had driven the Church into the highlands of Wales by their persecution, yet seven bishops remained alive, and a large number of clergy, who had very strong views about the independence of the Church of England, and were unprepared to receive the Roman mission except on terms of equality. The chief difficulty felt by St. Augustine arose from the difference just referred to between the religious system of Rome (the only Church with which he was acquainted) and those of France and England. This difficulty, a great one to a man so conscientious and simple-minded, he submitted to Gregory in the form of questions, and among them was the following one on the subject of Divine Worship:—‘Whereas the Faith is one, why are the customs of Churches various? and why is one manner of celebrating the Holy Communion used in the holy Roman Church, and another in that of the Gauls?’ This diversity becomes even

more prominent in the words which Augustine addressed to the seven Bishops of the ancient Church of England, when they met in conference at the place afterwards called St. Augustine’s Oak. “You act,” said he, “in many particulars contrary to our customs, or rather, to the customs of the universal Church, and yet, if you will comply with me in these three points, viz. to keep Easter at the due time; to perform the administration of baptism, by which we are born again to God, according to the custom of the holy Roman and Apostolic Church; and jointly with us to preach the Word of God to the nation of the Angles, we will readily tolerate all your other customs, though contrary to our own.”

The answer of St. Gregory contained wise and Catholic advice; and to it we owe, under Providence, the continued use of an independent form of Divine Worship in the Church of England from that day to the present. “You, my brother,” said Gregory, “are acquainted with the customs of the Roman Church in which you were brought up. But it is my pleasure that if you have found any thing either in the Roman or the Gallican or any other Church which may be more acceptable to Almighty God, you carefully make choice of the same; and sedulously teach the Church of the Angles, which is at present new in the Faith, whatsoever you can gather from the several Churches. For things are not to be loved for the sake of places, but places for the sake of good things. Select, therefore, from each Church those things that are pious, religious, and correct; and when you have made these up into one body, instil this into the minds of the English for their Use.” [Greg. Opera, ii. 1151, Bened. ed.; Bede’s Eccl. Hist. i. 27.]

The Liturgy of the Roman Church spoken of in this reply is represented by the ancient Sacramentary of St. Gregory, to which such frequent references are given in the following pages: that of the Gallican Church is also extant, and has been shown (as was mentioned before) to be the Liturgy of the Church of Ephesus. The words “any other Church” might be supposed to refer to an independent English Liturgy, but there is no reference to any in the question to which Gregory is replying, and he evidently knew nothing of England except through Augustine. From other writers it seems that the Liturgy of England before this time had been the same with that of France; but the native clergy always alleged that their distinctive customs were derived from St. John.

Being thus advised by St. Gregory, the holy missionary endeavoured to deal as gently as possible with those whose customs of Divine Worship differed from his own; but his prepossessions in favour of the Roman system were very strong, and he used all his influence to get it universally adopted throughout the country.

Uniformity in all details was not, however, attainable. The national feeling of the ancient Church steadily adhered to the ancient rite for many years; while the feeling of the Church founded by St. Augustine was in favour of a rite more closely in agreement with that of Rome. As collision was the first natural consequence of this state of things, so some degree of amalgamation as naturally followed in course of time; that which was local, or national, mingling with that which was foreign in the English devotional system, as it did in the English race itself. Some attempts were made, as in the Council of Cloveshoop [A.D. 747], to enforce the Roman Liturgy upon all the dioceses of the country, but it is certain that the previous devotional customs of the land had an exceedingly tenacious hold upon the clergy and the people, and that no efforts could ever wholly extirpate them.

At the time of the Conquest another vigorous attempt was made to secure uniformity of Divine Service throughout the country, and with the most pious intentions. Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, and Chancellor of England, remodelled the Offices of the Church, and left behind him the famous Portiforium or Breviary of Sarum, containing the Daily Services; together with the Sarum Missal, containing the Communion Service; and, probably, the Sarum Manual, containing the Baptismal and other “occasional” Offices. These, and some other Service-books, constituted the “Sarum Use,” that is, the Prayer Book of the Diocese of Salisbury. It was first adopted for that diocese in A.D. 1085, and was introduced into other parts of England so generally that it became the principal devotional Rule of the Church of England, and continued so for more than four centuries and a half: “the Church of Salisbury,” says a writer of the year 1256, “being conspicuous above all other Churches like the sun in the heavens, diffusing its light every where, and supplying their defects.” Other Uses continued to hold their place in the dioceses of Lincoln, Hereford, and Bangor, and through the greater part of the province of York; though in the diocese of Durham the Salisbury system was followed. At St. Paul’s Cathedral, and perhaps throughout the

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1 See the names Menard, Mursitori, and Mabillon, in the List of Authorities.

2 See Mancell’s Ancient Liturgy, Preface, p. liv.
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The diocese of London, there was an independent Use until A.D. 1414; and probably there were several others in Cathedral Churches, while the Roman system was adopted by most monasteries. The Salisbury Use, that of York, that of Bangor, and that of Hereford, are well known to modern ritualists. They appear to be traceable to a common origin; but they differ in so many respects from the Roman Breviary, and even from the Missal (with which a closer agreement might have been expected), that they clearly derive their common origin from a source independent of the Roman Church. And, whatever quarter they may have been derived from in the first instance, it is equally clear that the forms of Divine Service now known to us under these names represent a system which was naturalized so many ages ago that it has been entitled to the name of an independent English rite for at least a thousand years.

There are no means of deciding how far the original Use of Salisbury differed from that which is known to us. The copies remaining belong to a much later period than the eleventh century, and there is reason to think that some accretions had gathered around the ancient devotions of the Church of England by that time. The tide of change by which these were to be removed began to set in a few years after the accession of Henry VIII., when a new edition of the Salisbury Portiforium was issued, perhaps under the influence of Cardinal Wolsey, whose efforts towards bringing about a Reformation have been too little recognized. This edition was printed in 1518; and it is said by a modern learned Editor, the Rev. C. Seager, to have well deserved the name of a Reformed Breviary from the important changes which had been made in it. There was little variation indeed from the old forms; but there was a distinct initiation of the principles which were afterwards carried out more fully in the Book of Common Prayer of 1549. The rubrics were much simplified; Holy Scripture was directed to be read in order, without omission; and the Lessons were restored to their ancient length, which was about double of what they had been reduced to in some previous editions of the Breviary.

In 1531 this Reformed Edition of the Salisbury Portiforium or Breviary was reprinted; and two years later the Missal was published, reformed on the same principles; in the latter special care being taken to provide an apparatus for enabling the people to find out the places of the Epistles and Gospels.

And though no authorized translation of the Bible had yet been allowed by Henry VIII., Cranmer and the other Bishops began to revise Tyndale’s translation in 1534, and encouraged the issue of books containing the Epistles and Gospels in English, of which many editions were published between 1538 and the printing of the Prayer Book. A fresh impulse seems thus to have been given to the use of the old English Prymers, in which a large portion of the Services (including the Litany) was translated into the vulgar tongue, and also a third of the Psalms, and to which in later times the Epistles and Gospels were added. In 1530 also had been published an admirable commentary on some of the daily services (in which the greater part of them is translated into English), under the title of “The Mirroure of our Ladye,” which furnishes a strong indication of the endeavours that were being made to render Divine Service intelligible to those who could not read Latin.

In 1540 the Psalter was printed by Grafton in Latin and English [Bodleian Lib., Douce BB. 71], and there seems to have been an earlier edition of a larger size about the year 1534. The Psalter had long been re-arranged, so that the Psalms were said in consecutive order, according to our modern practice, instead of in the ancient but complex order of the Breviary. [See Intro. to Psalter.]

In 1541 another amended, and still further reformed edition of the Salisbury Breviary was published, in the title-page of which it is said to be purged from many errors. By order of Convocation [March 8, 1541-2] this was adopted throughout the whole province of Canterbury, and an uniformity secured which had not existed since the days of Augustine. With this edition an order was also put forth that Lessons should be read in English after the Te Deum and Magnificat. Nor is it an insignificant circumstance that the book was now printed by Whitchurch (from whose press issued the Book of Common Prayer), instead of being printed in Paris as formerly.

The ancient formularies had, however, by change of circumstances, become unsuitable in several respects for the Church of England. They had grown into a form in which they were extremely well adapted (from a ritual point of view) for the use of religious communities, but were far too complex for that of parochial congregations. When monasteries were abolished, it was found that the devotional system of the Church must be condensed if it was to be used by mixed congregations, and by those who...
who were not specially set apart for that life of rule and continual worship for which monastic communities were intended. The Breviary services had never been familiar to the people of England, any more than they are to the Continental laity of the present day. They were recitations around some shorter and more primitive form of responsive, public service which had been found insufficient for those who formed themselves into special societies for the purpose of carrying on an unceasing round of prayer and praise. But now that the “religious” of the Church were to be so separated no longer, Divine Providence led her to feel the way gradually towards a return to the earlier practice of Christianity; the idea of a popular and mixed congregation superseded that of a special monastic one; and the daily worship being transferred from the Cloister to the Parish Church, its normal form of Common Prayer was revived in the place of the Prayers of a class or the solitary recitation of the Parish Priest. No blame was cast upon the former system for its complexity; but the times were changed, a new order of things was becoming established, and, although the principles of the Church are unchangeable, so entire a remoulding of society entailed of necessity a corresponding adaptation of her devotional practice, both for the honour of God and the good of souls, to the wants that had come to light.

That such was really the object of the steps which were taken towards a Reformed English Breviary or Portiforium is confirmed by the course of events. Something in the nature of a confirmation is also afforded by a comparison of these attempts with others of a similar kind which were made abroad towards obtaining a Reformed Roman Breviary. Some years after the Convocation of the Church of England had issued the 1516 edition of the Salisbury Use, Leo X. gave directions to Zaccharie Ferréi de Vicence, Bishop of Guarda, in Portugal, to prepare a new version of the Breviary Hymns. This was done, and the volume published under the authority of Clement VII. in 1525, with this prominent announcement of a Reformed Breviary on the title-page:—“Breviarium Ecclesiasticum ab codem Zach. Pont. longe brevius et facilius redditum et ab omni errore purgatum propediem exhibit.” The promised reform was effected by Cardinal Quignonez, a Spanish Bishop, and was published under the same authority as the Hymnal, in 1535-6. But this Reformed Roman Breviary was intended chiefly, if not entirely, for the use of the clergy and monks in their private recitations; and its introduction in some places for choir and public use eventually led to its suppression in 1568. No provision whatever was made (as there had been in connexion with the English reform) for adapting it to the use of the laity. During the whole forty years of its use there is no trace of any attempt to connect the Breviary of Quignonez with vernacular translations of prayers or scriptures. And, although it was undoubtedly an initiatory step in the same direction as that taken by our own Reformers (who indeed used the Breviary of Quignonez in their subsequent proceedings), yet it was never followed up, nor intended to be followed up; and the object of the Roman reform throws out in stronger light that of the English.

The measures already taken by the ecclesiastical authorities of England were plainly regarded as being of a temporary nature only. No more Service-books were allowed to be printed than were absolutely necessary for the performance of Divine Worship, as it was seen that a much more thorough revision of them must take place. Meanwhile, a Committee of Convocation was appointed, with the sanction of Henry VIII., to consider the nature of the revision that was to be made. This Committee was appointed in 1542, and consisted of the Bishops of Salisbury and Ely (Shaxton and Goodrich), with six Clergy of the Lower House of Convocation; the object of their appointment being stated to be the examination, correction, and reformation of “all mass-books, antiphoners” [anthem-books], “and portuises,” that is portiforia, or breviaries. This Committee continued in existence for a long period, and its last work was the Book of Common Prayer, published in 1549. But for a time its public action was restrained by the “Statute of Six Articles,” which, in point of fact, made such labours highly penal. There is good reason to think that Henry VIII.

1 The Bishops of Salisbury are ex officio Preceptors of the Province of Canterbury.
2 The Statute of Six Articles was an Act of Parliament passed under the personal influence of Henry VIII., and against the persevering efforts of the Bishops in the House of Lords, in the year 1539. It made highly penal any denial of either of six short statements which embodied the chief points of doctrine then brought into controversy. It formed the key of the position for the time; and, knowing this, Cranmer and other Bishops maintained the debate for eleven days in the hope of preventing the bill from passing, he himself arguing against it for three days. The penalties annexed to this Act were, for preaching or writing against the first article, burning (without pardon on recantation); imprisonment for life, with forfeiture, for preaching or writing against any of the others, with death for the second offence. In his reply to the Devonshire rebels, Archbishop Cranmer writes respecting this statute (which they wished to have restored), “if the King’s Majesty himself had not come into the parliament house, those laws had never passed.”—Strype’s Cranmer, l. 516. Ecc. Hist. Soc.
was himself the author of this Statute, and it was certainly passed by his influence. The Bishops had vigorously opposed it in the House of Lords with an eleven days' debate, and their experience showed them that any reformation of the ancient services must be carried on with extreme caution while this law was in operation under so despotic a monarch. But as soon as Convocation met, after the death of Henry, a resolution was passed, "That the works of the Bishops and others, who by the command of the Convocation have laboured in examining, reforming, and publishing the Divine Service, may be produced, and laid before the examination of this house." This resolution was passed on November 22nd, 1547, and as some of the Clergy complained that it was not safe to do this while the Statute of Six Articles remained in force, Cranmer exerted himself, and successfully, to get it repealed, and so to set the Committee and the Convocation free.

The first efforts of the Committee had been to prune down the complexity and superabundance of the existing Rubrics. This was so great that some pages of the Service-books contained many more words of direction in red letters than of prayers in black. The whole ceremonial of Divine Service was involved in this inquiry, including the ancient and venerable practices of the Church, as well as numberless recent and often superstitious ones. In 1543 they prepared a long Canon on "The Ceremonies to be used in the Church of England, together with an explanation of the meaning and significance of them." How far this was published at the time is not clear; but it is highly probable that the investigation which resulted in this document was also the foundation on which the Rubrics of 1549 were constructed.

The reconstructors of our devotional offices acted wisely in reducing the number of Rubrics, and generally moderating the ceremonial system of the Church of England. They said that "the great excess and multitude of them hath so increased in these latter days, that the burden of them was intolerable," and they spoke with the experience of practical men, who were familiarly acquainted all their lives with that about which they wrote. But one inconvenience has arisen out of the manner in which they did their work, from which later generations have suffered more than they could foresee. They went upon the principle of expressing only the most essential things in the Rubric, and left many others to tradition. As Bishop Cosin states it, "The book does not everywhere enjoin and prescribe every little order, what should be said or done, but takes it for granted that people are acquainted with such common, and things always used already." Many of these usages are referred to in the subsequent pages of this volume, and need not be mentioned now. It is sufficient to say, that some of them dropped out of memory altogether during the persecution of the Church and the suppression of the Establishment under the rule of the Commonwealth; that others, from want of written authority, have become the subject of controversy; and that the ritual tradition to which the Reformers trusted so much when they put forth their condensed form of Rubric, has only been partially recovered even in our own time.

Meanwhile they had also set forth, in 1544, the Litany in English, revised from the old English Litany, which had been in use for a hundred and fifty years or more, and with additions from the Litany of Luther, and that of Archbishop Hermann's Reformed Ritual of Cologne. Though, however, the King consented to this, he seems to have refused to sanction any further labours of the Committee, and they were obliged to proceed with extreme caution during the remainder of his life.

Freedom of action for the Bishops and Clergy of Convocation having been obtained by the repeal of the Statute of Six Articles (or the "Whip with Six Cords," as it was grimly called), they immediately commenced advancing to the practical end of the Revision which had been in view for so many years. On November 30th, 1547, Archbishop Cranmer (now a member of this important Committee) brought before Convocation "a form of a certain ordinance for the receiving of the Body of our Lord under both kinds, viz., of bread and wine." This was adopted,

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1 Yet Cranmer made a vigorous effort to persuade the King into authorising the publication of their revision. On January 24, 1546, he sent Henry a draught of a letter to be addressed to himself by the King, in which it is referred to, and by which it was intended to put it in force. But the King would not adopt the suggestion. The Archbishop wisely pressed on these proposed reforms in the hope that they would be firmly rooted, if established by so vigorous a hand as that of Henry VIII. "It was better," he said to his Secretary in 1547, "to attempt such reformation in King Henry the Eighth his days than at this time, the king being in his infancy. For if the king's father had set forth any thing for the reformation of abuses, who was he that durst gainsay it?" He probably foresaw that there would be Roman and Puritan schisms, and thought that they might have been prevented by the Church, when backed by the concentrated power of Henry, while there was little hope of stemming their forces under his successors.

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and published in March under the title of "The Order of the Communion," being an English addition to the ancient Salisbury Use of the Missal, which was left otherwise untouched. [See Notes on Communion Service.]

The Committee of Revision had now been considerably enlarged, and since it occupies so important a position in respect to the subsequent history of England, it will be well to give their names as they died in 1547-8, and in 1549.

From the Upper House of Convocation.

Henry Holbech (or Randes) . . Bishop of Lincoln.
George Day . . . Bishop of Chichester.
John Skip . . . Bishop of Hereford.
Thomas Thirlby . . . Bishop of Westminster.
Nicholas Ridley . . . Bishop of Rochester [afterwards of London].

From the Lower House of Convocation.

William May . . . Dean of St. Paul's.
Richard Cox . . . Dean of Ch. Ch. [afterwards Bishop of Ely.]
John Taylor . . . Dean of Lincoln [afterwards Bishop of Lincoln].
Simon Heynes . . . Dean of Exeter.
Thomas Robertson . . . Archdeacon of Leicester [afterwards Dean of Durham].

In what manner the Convocation of the Province of York was represented is not on record; but from the proceedings of 1661 (which would be founded on strict precedent) there can be no doubt that its co-operation was obtained in some way; and the names of the Archbishop of York and his Suffragans are indeed contained in a list of Bishops who were indirectly or directly mixed up with those above recorded.

It is evident there had been a conviction all along that it was necessary to adopt the "vulgar tongue" as the language in which the revised Services of the Church of England were to be used. The English Litany, which had been used by the people for many generations, was authorized for public use in Divine Service in 1544. The Processional (containing other Litanies) was translated in the same year, though never brought into use; and the "Order of Communion" was a step in the same uniform direction of progressive reformation. Much interesting light is thrown on the manner in which this cautious progress was made, by a letter of Archbishop Cranmer to Henry VIII., respecting the English Processional just referred to: its date being Oct. 7, 1544 1 :—

"It may please your Majesty to be advertised, that, according to your Highness' commandment, sent unto me by your Grace's Secretary, Mr. Pagett, I have translated into the English tongue, so well as I could in so short a time, certain processions, to be used upon festival days, if after due correction and amendment of the same, your Highness shall think it so convenient. In which translation, forasmuch as many of the processions, in the Latin, were but barren, as me seemed, and little fruitful, I was constrained to use more than the liberty of a translator: for in some processions I have altered divers words; in some I have added part; in some taken part away; some I have left out whole, either for bycause the matter appeared to me to be little to purpose, or bycause the days be not with us festival days" [having been abrogated in 1537]; "and some processions I have added whole, because I thought I had better matter for the purpose than was the procession in Latin; the judgement whereof I leave wholly unto your Majesty: and after your Highness hath corrected it, if your Grace command some devout and solemn note to be made thereunto (as is to the procession which your Majesty hath already set forth in English), I trust it will much excitate and stir the hearts of all men unto devotion and godliness. But in mine opinion, the song that shall be made thereunto should not be full of notes, but as near as may be for every syllable a note; so that it may be sung distinctly and devoutly, as be the

1 Jenkyns' Cranmer, i. 315.
Matins and Evensong, Venite, the Hymns, Te Deum, Benedictus, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, and all the Psalms and Versicles; and in the Mass, Gloria in Excelsis, Gloria Patri, the Creed, the Preface, the Pater Noster, and some of the Sanctor and Agnus. As concerning the Salve festa dies, the Latin note, as I think, is sober and distinct enough; wherefore I have travelled to make the verses in English, and have put the Latin note unto the same. Nevertheless, they that be cunning in singing, can make a much more solemn note thereto. I made them only for a proof, to see how English would do in song. But by cause mine English verses lack the grace and facility that I would wish they had, your Majesty may cause some other to make them again, that can do the same in more pleasant English and phrase. As for the sentence” [the English sense], “I suppose it will serve well enough. Thus Almighty God preserve your Majesty in long and prosperous health and felicity. From Bekisbourne, the 7th of October.

"Your Grace's most bounden
"Chaplain and Beadsman,
"T. Cantuarien.

"To the King's most excellent Majesty."

From other transactions between the Archbishop and the King, it may be inferred that the suggestion was first sent by the former, perhaps at the request of Convocation, to the latter, then returned in the form of an order from the Crown to the Archbishop as head of the Convocation; and that the above letter is the official reply to that order. It does not appear that the King permitted this English Proces
cional to be published. The previous Procession alluded to by Cranmer in this Letter was the Litany nearly as it is now used, which was ordered to be sung in English (as it had long been known to the people through the Prymers) by a mandate of the Crown, dated June 11, 1544.1

It had always, in fact, been the practice of the Church of England to encourage and promote the intelligent use of her services by the people at large: and in this, perhaps, nuncularly, she has always differed considerably from other European churches 2. From the earliest periods we find injunctions imposed upon the Clergy that they should be careful to teach the people the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in their own tongue. Thus, in A.D. 740 there was an excerpt of Egbert, Archbishop of York, to the effect, “that every priest do with great exactness instil the Lord's Prayer and Creed into the people committed to him, and shew them to endeavour after the knowledge of the whole of religion, and the practice of Christianity." About the same time, in the southern Province, it is ordered “that they instil the Creed into them, that they may know what to believe, and what to hope for.” Two centuries later there is a canon of Ælfric, Archbishop of Canterbury, enjoining the clergy to “speak the sense of the Gospel to the people in English, and of the Pater noster, and the Creed, as oft as he can, for the inciting of the people to know their belief, and retaining their Christianity.” Similar injunctions are to be found in the laws of Canute in the eleventh century, the constitutions of Archbishop Peckham in the thirteenth, and in the canons of many diocesan synods, of various dates in the medieval period. Many expositions of the Creed, Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and other principal formulae are also to be found in English, and these give testimony to the same anxious desire of the Church to make the most use possible of the language spoken by the poor of the day 4. Interlinear translations of some, at least, of the offices, were also provided, just as the English and Welsh Prayer Book is printed in parallel columns in modern times.

But in days when books were scarce, and when few could read, little could be done towards giving to the people at large this intelligent acquaintance with the services except by oral instruction of the kind indicated. Yet the writing-rooms of the Monasteries did what they could towards multiplying books for the purpose; and some provision was made, even for the poorest, by means of Hornbooks, on which the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Angelic Salutation were written. The following

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1 The Salisbury Processional was republished in Latin some time in 1544, probably because the king would not consent to have it used in English as proposed by Cranmer.
2 One chief reason of this difference is doubtless to be found in the fact that the Latin language was spoken almost, if not quite, vernacularly in France, Spain, Portugal, and Italy, to a late period, as it is now in Hungary; and that the modern languages of these countries were formed out of it. In England Latin was never vernacular, and it furnished only a small part of our settled English. Yet it was very commonly understood in medieval times.
3 Johnson's Eng. Canons, i. 186.
4 Ibid. 248.
5 Ibid. 398.
6 It must be remembered that English was not spoken universally by the upper classes for some centuries after the Conquest. In 1362, an Act of Parliament was passed, enjoining all schoolmasters to teach their scholars to translate into English instead of French.
is an engraving made from one of two which were found by the present writer under the floor of Over Church, near Cambridge, in 1857. It is of a late date, and has had "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," in the place of the Angelic Salutation; but it is given as an illustration of the traditional practice, and because it is of special interest from being found in a church.

While these horn-books were thus provided for the poor, the Scriptorium of the Monastery also provided Prymers in English and Latin for those who could afford the expensive luxury of a book. The Latin Prymers are well known under the name of "Books of Hours." Vernacular Prymers exist which were written as early as the fourteenth century, and many relics of old English devotion of that date will be found in the following pages of this volume. These English Prymers contained about one-third of the Psalms, the Canticles, the Apostles' Creed, with a large number of the prayers, anthems, and perhaps hymns. They continued to be published up to the end of Henry VIII's reign; and, in a modified form, even at a later date; and they must have familiarized those who used them with a large portion of the Services, even when they did not understand the Latin in which those services were said by the Clergy and choirs.

Books were also provided in which were given tables of reference to the Lessons, Epistles, and Gospels. The following is the title of one, and a specimen of the references is annexed:

"Here begynmeth a rule that tellich in whiche chapitris of the bible ye may fynde the lessouns, pistlis and gospels, that ben red in the churehe aftir the vse of salisbury: markid with lettris of the a. b. c. at the begynnynge of the chapitris toward the myddil or eende: aftir the ordre as the lettris stonden in the a. b. c. first ben sett sundaeis and ferials togidere: and aftir that the sanctorum, the propre and comyn togider of al the yeer: and thanne last the commenmarciouns: that is clepid the temporal of al
the yere. First is written a clause of the begynnynge of the pistle and gospel, and a clause of the endynge thereof.”

"The first sondeyn day) Rom. xiii. c. | d. we knowen this tyne. | ende. in the lord Ihs Ct.
of aduent.) Mattheu. xxi. c. | a. whanne his cam nygh. | ende. osanna in high thingis."

Such provisions for the accompaniment of the Latin Service went a good way towards rendering it intelligible to those who could read. Nor must we omit to mention the sermons for Christian Seasons, and on the elements of Christian Faith and Practice, which went under the name of the “Festivale” or “Libre Festivalis.” These were printed by Caxton in 1483, and often reprinted between then and the time when our present Homilies and other books of the kind were set forth 1.

Soon after the accession of Edward VI., which occurred in January 1546-7, a Visitation of all the Dioceses of England was commenced, and the well-known “Injunctions of Edward VI.” were printed on July 31st, 1547. In May of the same year a King’s letter 2 was sent to the Archbishops, giving notice of an intended Visitation, and in October some other Injunctions were issued by the Royal Visitors, which appear never to have been printed. They are here copied (with the exception of the last three, which have no bearing on our subject) from Fothergill’s MS. Collections in York Minster Library 3.

“Injunctions given by the King’s Majestie’s Visitors in his Highness’ Visitation to Robt. Holdgate Ld. A. B. the Dn. Chapter, and all other the Ecclesiastical ministers of and in the Cathedral Church of York, 26bris An. 1547.

[1] “Ye shall at all days and times when nine lessons ought or were accustomed to be sung, sing Mattins only of six Lessons and six Psalms with the song of Te Deum Laudamus or Miserere, as the time requireth, after the six Lessons: and that daily from the Annunciation of our Lady to the first day of October ye shall begin Mattins at six of the clock in the morning, and residue of the year at seven of the clock.

[2] “Item. Ye shall sing and celebrate in note or song within the said Church but only one Mass, that is to say, High Mass only, and none other, and daily begin the same at nine of the clock before noon.

[3] “Item. Ye shall daily from the said feast of the Annunciation to the said first day of October, sing the Evensong and Complin without any responds: and begin the same at three of the clock in the afternoon. The residue of the year to begin at two of the clock, or half an hour after.

[4] “Item. Ye shall hereafter omit, and not use the singing of any hours, prime, dirige, or commendations; but every man to say the same as he sufficeth or he is disposed.

[5] “Item. Ye shall sing, say, use, or suffer none other Anthems in the Church but these hereafter following, and such as by the King’s Majesty and his most Honourable Council hereafter shall be set forth.

Anthem.

"Like as Moses lift up the serpent in the wilderness, even so was our Saviour Jesus Christ lift upon the Cross, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have joy for ever. For God so loved

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1 The necessity for a vernacular Service is strongly asserted in the Preface to the edition of the Prymer [A.D. 1546] which goes by the name of “the King’s,” though probably the king had nothing to do with it farther than signing an order for its publication. It is there declared, “The party that understandeth not the pith and effectualness of the talk that he frankly maketh with God, may be an harp or pipe having a sound, but not understanding the noise that itself hath made;” and the king is then made to say that he has given to his subjects “a determinate form of praying in their own mother-tongue, to the intent that such as are ignorant of any strange speech, may have what to pray in their own acquainted and familiar language with fruit and understanding.” But the credit thus given to the king was given in the adulatory spirit of the age. Such books had long been provided for the laity by the Clergy, but they were now to be issued under royal authority: and it would have been more honest to have said how the case really stood. After his condemnation, Archbishop Cranmer wrote, in a letter to Queen Mary, that the Revision Committee, through composed of men who held different opinions, “agreed without controversy (not one saying contrary) that the Service of the Church ought to be in the mother tongue.” Ridley also writes to his chaplain that he had conferred with many on the subject, and “never found man (so far as I do remember), neither old nor new, gospel or papist, of what judgment soever he was, in this thing to be of a contrary opinion.”


3 Probably they were issued for the southern Province also.
the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that such as believe in Him should not perish, but have
life everlasting.

"V. Increase, O Lord, our faith in Thee.

"R. That we may work His pleasure only.

Collect.

Let us pray.

"Most bountiful and benign Lord God, we, Thy humble servants, freely redeemed and justified by
the passion, death, and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, in full trust of salvation therein, most
humbly desire Thee so to strengthen our faith and illuminate us with Thy grace, that we may walk and
live in Thy favour, and after this life to be partakers of Thy glory in the everlasting kingdom of Heaven,
through our Lord Jesus Christ. So be it.

Another Anthem.

"Be it evident and known unto all Christians that through our Lord Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins
is preached unto you, and that by Him all that believe are justified from all things from the which we
could not be justified by the law of Moses. So be it.

"V. O Lord, for Christ's sake our Saviour.

"R. Accept and hear our humble prayer.

Let us pray.

"We sinners do beseech Thee, O Lord, to keep Edward the sixth, Thy Servant, our King and Gover-
nor; that it may please Thee to rule his heart in Thy faith, fear, and love; that he may ever have affiance
in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory. That it may please Thee to be his defender and keeper,
giving him the victory over all his enemies, through our Lord Jesus Christ. So be it.

"The residue of the day ye shall bestow in virtuous and godly exercises, as in study and contempla-
tion of God His most holy word.

"All which and singular Injunctions before mentioned the Lord Archbishop of this Church, his
Chancellor, Archdeacon, or Official, shall publish and send, or cause to be published and sent and ob-
erved in to every Church, College, Hospital, and other ecclesiastical places within his Diocese.

[6] "Item. All Sermons, Collations, and Lectures of Divinity hereafter to be had or made in
visitations, Synods, Chapters, or at any other time or place, shall not be used in the Latin Tongue, but
in the English, to the intent that every man having recourse thereunto may well perceive the same."

These remarkable Injunctions have quite the appearance of taking up the reform of the Liturgy
exactly where it had been laid down through the refusal of Henry VIII. to sanction the English
Processional: for what are here called "Anthems" are exactly similar in character to those parts of the
Service which were printed for each Festival in the Latin Processional of Salisbury, the variable part
of the Litany, by which it was adapted to the different seasons of the Christian year. They were also
used in the "Hours," and seem to show the original form of the "Anthem ."

But all sound reasons for offering up the praises and prayers of the Church in Latin had really
passed away many years before this. The reverent prejudices which had still held men to the old habit
were also dying off; and the time had arrived when the English language could with wisdom be wholly
adopted by the English Church in her work of Divine Service.

No records have yet been discovered which throw any light upon the details of
which the Prayer
Book was formed.

The books out of

1 See also the Easter Processional Anthem at p. 105.
following list may be taken as fairly representing the principal books which the Committee of Convocation had before them as the materials for their work of revision:

The York and other Uses.
The Reformed Breviary of Cardinal Quignonze. 1535-6.
*Simplex ac Pia Deliveratio* of Hermann, Archbishop of Cologne. 1545.
The same in English. 1548. (A previous edition also in 1547.)
The Prymer in English, of various dates.
The "Great" Bible.

How far the Book of Common Prayer was influenced by these works will be shown in the margin and the foot-notes of the following pages. But even a superficial glance at the latter will make it apparent that the new book was, substantially, as it still remains, a condensed reproduction, in English, of those Service-books which had been used in Latin by the Church of England for many centuries before.

The Reformation in Germany was in active progress at this time (not having yet lost the impetus given to it by the strong-handed leadership of Luther), and Cranmer had been much in correspondence with Melancthon and some other German divines during the reign of Henry VIII. But these foreign reformers had scarcely any influence upon the Prayer Book of 1549; and were probably not even consulted during its progress towards completion. Melancthon and Bucer assisted the Archbishop of Cologne in preparing his "Consultation" (one of the books referred to), and they probably used Luther’s version of the ancient Nuremberg offices. But this volume contributed little to our Prayer Book beyond a few clauses in the Litany, and some portions of the Baptismal Service; and it is somewhat doubtful whether in the case of the Litany our English form was not in reality the original of that in Hermann’s book. Most likely the latter was translated and brought before Convocation with the hope that it would have much influence; but the Committee of Revision were too wise and too learned in Liturgical matters to attach much importance to it.

It is, in some respects, unfortunate that we cannot trace the book of 1549 into any further detail during the time when it was in the hands of the Committee. We cannot even form any definite conjecture as to the parts respectively taken by its members in the work before them; nor can one of the original collects which they inserted be traced back to its author. And yet there is some satisfaction in this. The book is not identified with any one name, but is the work of the Church of England by its authorized agents and representatives; and as we reverence the architects of some great cathedral for their work’s sake, without perhaps knowing the name of any one of them, or the portions which each one designed, so we look upon the work of those who gave us our first English Book of Common Prayer. 1548. Imprinted at London by John Daye and William Seres dwellynge in Sepulchre’s paryshe at the signe of the Ressurection, stylle abowe Holbourne Conduit. Cum gratia et privilegio impri-mendum solvm.

1 See Maskell’s "Monumenta Rituslae Ecclesiae Anglicae," vol. ii.; and Burton’s "Three Primers of Henry VIII."
2 "The Byble in Englyshe, that is to say, the content of all the holy scripture bothe of ye olde and newe testament, truly translated after the veryte of the Hebreue and Greke texthes, by ye dylygent studye of diverse excellent learned men, expert in the forsayde tonges. Printed by Rychard Grafon and Edward Whitechurch. Cum privilegio ad impri-mendum solvm. 1539."
3 It may be added that Cranmer had married a niece of Osian-der, who is said to have prepared the Nuremberg formularies for Luther, and who was also the original compiler of a Catechism for Nuremberg and Brandenberg, of which that of Justus Jonas is a Latin translation. John & Lasco is said to have had some influence with Cranmer, and he certainly lived with the Archbishop at Lambeth from September to February in the year 1548-9. But the Prayer Book was before Parliament on December 9th, 1548-9, and was before the King in Council previously. It passed the Lords on January 15th, and the Commons on the 21st. Foreigners were very forward in interfering, but their suggestions were civilly put aside at this time.
admirig its fair proportions, and the skill which put it together, and careful but little to inquire whose was the hand that traced this or that particular compartment of the whole.

Although we cannot thus trace out the work of each hand in this great undertaking, we can, however, by means of internal evidence, and a comparison with the older formularies, find out the nature of their labours, and something of the manner in which they went about them. It was made a first principle that every thing in the new Prayer Book was to be in English, a principle respecting which, as has been shown before, there seems to have been not the slightest doubt or hesitation. Their first labour was, then, that of condensing the old services into a form suitable for the object in view, and yet keeping up the spirit and general purpose of the original and ancient worship of the Church.

[1] A great step was made in this direction by substituting a Calendar of Lessons referring to the Holy Bible for the Lessons at length as they had been hitherto printed in the Breviary. This made it possible to combine the Breviary [daily services], the Missal [Holy Communion], Epistles and Gospels (etc.), and the Manual [Occasional Offices], in one volume. A precedent for this was offered by a practice which had been adopted in the fifteenth century of printing the Communion Service (though not the Epistles and Gospels) as part of the Breviary.

The Marriage Service was also printed in the Missal, which was a precedent for introducing the other services of the Manual into the Prayer Book.

[2] The next step towards condensation was the adoption of a less variable system in the daily services, so that the Collect of the day, the Lessons, and the Psalms should be almost the only portions of Mattins and Evensong which needed to be changed from day to day, or week to week.

[3] Lastly, the several hours of Prayer were condensed into two, Mattins and Evensong, with a third added on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, in the form of the Litany. The ancient arrangement of the day for Divine Service was as follows:

Nocturns or Mattins; a service before daybreak.
Lauds; a service at daybreak, quickly following, or even joined on to, Mattins.
Prime; a later morning service, about six o'clock.
Tierce; a service at nine o'clock.
Sexts; a service at noon.
Nones; a service at three o'clock in the afternoon.
Vespers; an evening service.
Compline; a late evening service, at bedtime.

These services were often, if not generally, “accumulated” in the Mediæval Church as they are at the present day on the Continent; several being said in succession, just as Mattins, Litany, and the Communion Service have been “accumulated,” in modern times, in the Church of England. But the different offices had many parts in common, and this way of using them led to unmeaning repetitions of Versicles and Prayers. This evil was avoided by condensing and amalgamating them, so that repetitions took place only at the distant hours of Morning and Evening. The services of Mattins, Lauds, and Prime, were thus condensed into Mattins; those for Vespers and Compline into Evensong. The three other hours appear (from a table of Psalms given in the Introduction to the Psalter) to have fallen out of public use long before the reformation of our offices; and they were probably regarded as services for monastic and private use only.

The general result of this process of condensation will be best seen by the following table, in which the course of the ancient Mattins, Lauds, and Prime, is indicated side by side with that of the Mattins of 1549; and in the same manner, Vespers and Compline are set parallel with Evensong. From this comparison it will be clearly seen that the Book of Common Prayer was framed out of the ancient Offices of the Church of England, by consolidation and translation of the latter, the same principles which have been above indicated being also extended to the Communion Service and the Occasional Offices. The details of the changes that were made will be found in the notes under each portion of the Prayer Book in the following pages.

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1 So in Sarum Breviaries of 1493, 1507, 1510, 1514, 1585.
2 See also No. 4 of the Injunctions which are printed on page xxv.

B. Muns. and Bodleian Libraries.
When these learned Divines had completed their work, the Prayer Book was submitted to Convocation (which met on November 24th, 1548), that it might go forth with the full authority of the Church. It was then communicated to the King in Council, and afterwards laid before Parliament on December 9th, 1548, that it might be incorporated into an Act of Parliament [2nd and 3rd Edw. VI, cap. 1]. This Act (including the Prayer Book) passed the House of Lords on January 15th, and the House of Commons on January 21st, 1548-9. It was the first Act of Uniformity, and it enacted that the Prayer Book should come into use in all churches on the Feast of Whitsunday following, which was June 9th, 1549. The Book itself was published on March 7th, 1548-9, thus allowing three months' interval, during which the Clergy and Laity might become acquainted with the new Order of Divine Service.
Yet, although it was in one sense new, they who had been engaged upon it felt so strong a conviction that it was substantially identical with the old, that in after days Cranmer offered to prove that “the order of the Church of England, set out by authority of Edward the Sixth, was the same that had been used in the Church for fifteen hundred years past.”

In the Act of Parliament which enacted the Book of Common Prayer, it was said to have been composed under the influence of the Holy Ghost; and there is, doubtless, an indication of this belief in the choice of the day on which it was enjoined to be used. So solemn were the views which those who arranged and set forth the Prayer Book took of their work, so anxious their desire that it should be sealed with the blessing of God.

It was unfortunate for the peace of the Church of England, that those who were in authority at this period were disposed to yield too much to the influence of foreigners whose principles were totally alien from those on which the English Reformation was based. That Reformation had been strictly Catholic in its origin and in its official progress, and the repudiation of foreign interference with the Church of England had been one of its main features. But foreign interference now arose from a different quarter, Calvin and his associates endeavouring, with characteristic self-assurance, to bias the mind of England towards Genevan Presbyterianism, rather than Anglican Catholicity. Calvin himself thrust a correspondence upon the Protector Somerset, upon the young King, and upon Archbishop Cranmer. A letter of his still exists in the State Paper Office, which was written to the Duke of Somerset on October 22nd, 1548, and in which he urges the Protector to push the Reformation further than it had hitherto gone. Others to the same purpose may be found in Strype’s Memorials of Cranmer [iii. 25]. Peter Martyr and Martin Bucer (neither of whom could understand the English language) were placed in the most important positions at Oxford and Cambridge by Somerset; John à Lasco, a Polish refugee, was quartered upon Cranmer for six months, and afterwards established in a schismatic position in London; and Poullain [Valerandus Pollanus] was, in a similar manner, established at Glastonbury. These appointments show the manner in which the Church of England was sagaciously leavened with foreign Protestantism by those who wished to reduce it to the same abject level; and they are but a few of the many indications which exist that the Puritanism by which the Church was so imperilled during the succeeding hundred and twenty years arose out of foreign influences thus brought to bear upon the young clergy and the laity of that generation.

These influences soon began to affect the Book of Common Prayer, which had been, with so much forethought, learning, and pious deliberation, prepared by the Bishops and other Divines who composed the Committee to which reference has so often been made. It had been accepted with satisfaction by most of the Clergy and the Laity; and had even been taken into use by many at Easter, although not enjoined to be used until Whitsunday, so desirous were they of adopting the vernacular service. It was, probably, the quiet acceptance of the Prayer Book by the Clergy which raised hopes in the foreign party of moulding it to their own standard of Protestantism.

It is certain that an agitation had been going on, among the latter, from the very time when the Book of 1549 had been first brought into use. A Lasco, Peter Martyr, and Martin Bucer appear to have been continually corresponding about the Prayer Book, and plotting for its alteration, although they knew it only through imperfect translations hastily provided by a Scotchman named Ales, living at Leipsic, and Sir John Cheke. In the Convocation of 1550 a debate on the subject of Revision was started among the Bishops, and the question was sent down also to the Lower House, but it was postponed by the latter until the following Session, and what was done further does not appear; though it is probable that the consideration of the Thirty-nine Articles absorbed the whole attention of

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3 The same hospitable but unwise charity towards religious refugees was shown by James I. in the case of Antonio de Dominis, Archbishop of Spalatro, and with most unfortunate results.
4 Even Bishop Gardiner’s official reply to the Privy Council on the subject was favourable to the Prayer Book. “He had deliberately considered of all the Offices contained in the Common Prayer Book, and all the several branches of it: that though he could not have made it in that manner, had the matter been referred unto him, yet that he found such things therein as did very well satisfy his conscience; and therefore, that he would not only execute it in his own person, but cause the same to be officiated by all those of his diocese.” [Heylin’s Reformation, i. 209. Eccl. Hist. Soc.] Somerset, writing to Cardinal Pole, June 4th, 1549, and sending him a Prayer Book, says that there was “a common agreement of all the chief learned men in the Realm” in favour of the new “form and rite of service.” [State Papers, Dom. Edw. VI., vol. 7.] Edward VI.’s reply to the Devonshire rebels asserts the same thing.
Convocation for several sessions, and that the proposition for a revised Prayer Book was set aside, as far as the official assembly of the Church was concerned. The young King had now, however, been aroused by the meddlesome letters of Calvin, and perhaps by some of the Puritan courtiers, to entertain a strong personal desire for certain changes in Divine Service; and not being able to prevail on the Bishops to accede to his wishes, he declared to Sir John Cheke (with true Tudor feeling) that he should cause the Prayer Book to be altered on his own authority. It was this determination of Edward, probably, which finally turned the scale in favour of a more constitutional Revision.

No records remain to show us in what manner or by whom this Revision was ultimately made. It has been suggested by Dr. Cardwell [Two Liturgies of Edw. VI., xvi. n.] that the Convocation delegated its authority to a Commission appointed by the King, and that this Commission was the same with that which had set forth the Ordinal of 1550, consisting of "six Prelates, and six other men of this Realm, learned in God's law, by the King's Majesty to be appointed and assigned," but of which only the name of Bishop Heath of Worcester is recorded. Archdeacon Freeman considers it to be "all but certain that it was the Ordinal Commission which conducted the Revision of 1552," especially because the Ordinal was affixed to the Act of Parliament by which the revised book was legalized.

There is no certain proof that the Prayer Book of 1552, commonly called the Second Book of Edward VI., ever received the sanction of Convocation; yet it is highly improbable that Cranmer would have allowed it to get into Parliament without it. Edward's second Act of Uniformity, with the revised Prayer Book attached, was passed on April 6th, 1552, with a proviso that the book was to come into use on the Feast of All Saints following; Three editions of the book were printed, but in so unsatisfactory a manner, that on Sept. 27th any further issue of those already printed was forbidden by an Order in Council. At the same time a Royal mandate was sent to Archbishop Cranmer, the purport of which can only be gathered from his reply. This reply is of sufficient interest to be printed at length:

"After my right humble commendations unto your good Lordships.

"Where I understand by your Lordships' letters that the King's majesty his pleasure is that the Book of Common Service should be diligently perused, and therein the printer's errors to be amended. I shall travaille therein to the uttermost of my power—albeit I had need first to have had the book written which was past by Act of Parliament, and sealed with the great seal, which remaineth in the hands of Mr. Spilman, clerk of the Parliament, who is not in London, nor I cannot learn where he is. Nevertheless, I have gotten the copy which Mr. Spilman delivered to the printers to print by, which I think shall serve well enough. And where I understand further by your Lordships' letters that some be offended with kneeling at the time of the receiving of the sacrament, and would that I (calling to me the Bishop of London, and some other learned men as Mr. Peter Martyr or such like), should with them expend, and weigh the said prescription of kneeling, whether it be fit to remain as a commandment, or to be left out of the book. I shall accomplish the King's Majesty his commandment herein:—albeit I trust that we with just balance weighed this at the making of the book, and not only we, but a great many Bishops and others of the best learned within this realm appointed for that purpose. And now the book being read and approved by the whole State of the Realm, in the High Court of Parliament, with the King's majesty his royal assent—that this should be now altered again without Parliament—of what importance this matter is, I refer to your Lordships' wisdom to consider. I know your Lordships' wisdom to be such, that I trust ye will not be moved with these glorious and unquiet spirits which can like nothing but that is after their own fancy; and cease not to make trouble when things be most quiet and in good order. If such men should be heard—although the book were made every year anew, yet it should not lack faults in their opinion. 'But,' say they, 'it is not commanded in the Scripture to kneel, and whatsoever is not commanded in the Scripture is against the Scripture, and utterly unlawful and ungodly.' But this saying is the chief foundation of the Anabaptists and of divers other sects. This saying is a subversion of all order as well in religion as in common policy. If this saying be true, take away the whole Book of Service; for what should men travel to set in order in the form of service, if no order can be got but that is already prescribed by Scripture? And because I will not trouble your Lordships with reciting of many Scriptures or proof in this matter, whosoever teacheth any such doctrine (if your Lordships will give me leave) I will set my foot by his, to be tried by

1 See also Heylin's Reformation, i. 228, 229.
2 The word "perused" has a technical sense, the force of which is shown by the Act which authorized the Book of 1552, in which it is said that the king had caused the former Book of 1549 to be "perused, explained, and made fully perfect." It thus meant more than the correction of clerical errors.
fire, that his doctrine is untrue; and not only untrue, but also seditious and perilous to be heard of any subjects, as a thing breaking their bridle of obedience and losing from the bond of all Princes' laws.

"I beseech your Lordships take in good part this my long babbling, which I write as of myself only. The Bishop of London is not yet come, and your Lordships required answer with speed, and therefore am I constrained to make some answer to your Lordships afore his coming. And thus I pray God long to preserve your Lordships and to increase the same in all prosperity and godliness.

"At Lambeth, this 7th of October, 1552,
"Your Lordships' to command,
"T. Cantr.'"

On July 6th, 1553, Edward VI. died, and it does not appear that any of the revised books had been printed after 1552; the "Declaration on kneeling" being inserted on a fly-leaf. It seems very unlikely, therefore, that this second Prayer Book of Edward VI. was ever taken into common use; and its chief importance is derived from the circumstance that it was made the basis of those further Revisions which resulted in the Prayer Book which has now been used without alteration for two centuries.

1 State Papers, Domestic, Edw. VI. xv. 15.
2 It was never used at all in Ireland.
3 The following is a condensed account of the two Acts of Uniformity passed in the reign of Edward VI.:

§ 2 and 3 Edw. VI. c. 1. [A.D. 1549.]

I. For a long time there have been "divers forms of Common Prayer" used in England, that is to say, "the use of Sarum, of York, of Bangor, and of Lincoln; and besides the same, now of late much more divers and sundry forms and fashions have been used in the Cathedral and parish churches of England and Wales, as well concerning the Mattins or Morning Prayer and the Even-song, as also concerning the Holy Communion, commonly called the Mass, with divers and sundry rites and ceremonies concerning the same, and in the administration of other Sacraments of the Church." Some have been pleased with the use of "rites and ceremonies in other form than of late years they have been used," and others greatly offended. The King, Protector, and Council have tried to stay such innovations, but without success; wherefore to the intent that a uniform, quiet, and godly order should be adopted, his Highness has appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury, with other bishops and learned divines, to arrange such an order, "having as well eye and respect to the most sincere and pure Christian religion taught by the Scripture, as to the usages in the Primitive Church." This "rite and fashion of Common and open Prayer and administration of the Sacraments, has been, BY THE AID OF THE HOLY GHOST, WITH ONE UNIFORM AGREEMENT, concluded by them, and is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer." This form of "Mattins, Evensong, celebration of the Lord's Supper, commonly called the Mass, and administration of each of the Sacraments, and all their common and open prayer," is therefore to be said and used from and after the Feast of Pentecost next ensuing, "and none other or otherwise."

II. Any clergyman refusing to use the Book of Common Prayer, or using any other forms than those set forth therein, shall, on conviction by verdict of a jury, forfeit one of his benefices, and suffer six months' imprisonment for the first offence; for the second offence be imprisoned for twelve months, and forfeit all "his spiritual promotions," and for the third offence suffer imprisonment for life. Unbefriended clergy to be imprisoned six months for the first offence, and perpetually for the second.

III. No "interludes, plays, songs, rhymes," or any other open words, are to be allowed to be spoken "in the derogation, degraving, or despising of the same Book, or of any thing therein contained, or any part thereof." No one shall forcibly compel a clergyman to use other forms than those of the Prayer Book, under penalties similar in character to those enacted in the second clause.

IV. Gives power to the Judges to inquire, hear, and determine all offences committed contrary to this Act.

V. Provides that any Archbishop or Bishop may associate himself with the Judge in the trial of such offences as have been committed within his own diocese.

VI. The Prayer Book may be used in Greek, Latin, or Hebrew, by such as understand those languages, with the exception of the Holy Communion.

VII. In "Churches, Chapels, Oratories, or other places," any Psalm or Prayer taken out of the Bible may be used, provided the proper Service has been previously said.

VIII. That the books shall be bought at the charges of the parishioners, and where they have been obtained before Pentecost shall be put in use within three weeks afterwards.

The five following clauses are of a technical kind, and need not be noticed.
The Acts of Uniformity passed in the reign of Edward were legally repealed by 1 Mary, sess. ii. c. 2, which was passed in October, 1553. By this Act the Services of the Church of England were restored to the condition in which they were in the last year of Henry VIII. A proclamation was also issued, enjoining that no person should use “any book or books concerning the common service and administration set forth in English to be used in the churches of this realm, in the time of King Edward the VIth, commonly called the Communion Book, or Book of Common Service and Ordering of Ministers, otherwise called the Book set forth by the authority of Parliament, for Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments; but shall, within fifteen days bring or deliver the said books to the Ordinary, where such books remain, at the said Ordinary’s will and disposition to be burnt.” This Act and Proclamation were preceded, apparently, by an Act of Convocation of the same tenour; for the Upper House had been requested by the Lower (both being doubtless “packed” assemblies at the time) to suppress the “schismatical book called the Communion Book, and the Book of Ordering Ecclesiastical Ministers.” Thus the work which had been done with so much care and deliberation was, for a time, set aside; Divine Service was again said in Latin, and the customs of it reverted, to a great extent, to their mediæval form. As, however, the monasteries were not revived, the devotional system of Queen Mary’s reign must, in reality, have been considerably influenced in the direction of reformation. We have already seen that “the last year of the reign of Henry VIII.” (which was the standard professedly adopted) was a period when much progress had been made towards establishing the devotional system afterwards embodied in the Book of Common Prayer; and it seems likely that the services of the Church in the reign of Queen Mary were a modified form of, rather than an actual return to, the mediæval system which existed before the sixteenth century.

Queen Elizabeth succeeded to the throne on November 17th, 1558, and for a month permitted no change to be made in the customs of Divine Service.

On December 27th of that year, a Proclamation was issued condemning unfruitful disputes in matters of religion, and enjoining all men “not to give audience to any manner of doctrine or preaching other than to the Gospels and Epistles, commonly called the Gospel and Epistle of the day, and to the ten commandments, in the vulgar tongue, without exposition or addition of any manner, sense, or meaning to be applied or added; or to use any other manner of publick prayer, rite, or ceremony in the Church, but that which is already used and by law received; or the common Litany used at this present in her Majesty’s own chapel; and the Lord’s Prayer, and the Creed, in English, until consultation may be had by Parliament, by her Majesty and her three estates of this realm, for the better conciliation and accord of such causes as at this present are moved in matters and ceremonies of religion.”

The first Act of Parliament in the reign of Queen Elizabeth restored to the Crown the supremacy over persons and causes ecclesiastical, which had been taken away from it in the previous reign. But this does not seem to have been considered sufficient authority for dealing with the subject of Divine Service; nor does it seem to have been possible, at first, to place it in the hands of Convocation. An irregular kind of Committee was therefore appointed at the suggestion of Sir Thomas Smith, the Queen’s Secretary, who were to meet at his house in Cannon Row, Westminster, and who were “to draw in other men of learning and gravity, and opt men for that purpose and credit, to have their assents.” This Committee consisted of the following persons:—

§ 5 and 6 Edw. VI. c. 1. [A.D. 1552.]

I. The Book of Common Prayer, “a very godly order, agreeable to the Word of God and the primitive Church, very conformable to all Christian people desiring to live in Christian conversation, and most profitable to the state of this realm,” having been set forth by authority of Parliament, yet a great number of persons “following their own sensuality, and living either without knowledge or due fear of God,” neglect to come to church on Sundays and Holy-days.

II. For reformation thereof, it is enacted that every person shall duly attend church, unless they have some reasonable hindrance. The two following clauses give authority to punish those who disobey the Act.

V. Doubted about the manner of using the Prayer Book having arisen, “rather by the curiosity of the minister and mistake, than of any other worthy cause,” the said book has, by command of the King, and with the authority of Parliament, been “faithfully and golly perused, explained, and made fully perfect,” and a form for the consecration of bishops, and ordination of priests and deacons, has been annexed to it. The revision book is to be in force under the provisions of the former Act; and shall be put in use by all persons after the Feast of All Saints, under penalties such as those previously enacted: every Curate reading this Act on one Sunday in every quarter of a year; and enforcing the duty of Common Prayer in an exhortation to his people.

Both Acts were repealed by 1 Mary, sess. ii. c. 2; but by the Act of Eliz. this repeal became void, so far as concerned the Book of 1552. That of 1549 still remains under the repeal of Mary’s Act.

1 The English Litany of Henry VIII. See State Papers, Dom. Eliz. i. 68.

2 That is, Lords, Commons, and Clergy. See note at p. 64.
Matthew Parker, subsequently Abp. of Canterbury.
James Pilkington, ″ Bp. of Durham.
Richard Cox, restored, Bp. of Ely.
William May, appointed Abp. of York, but died before consecration.
William Bill, subsequently Dean of Westminster.
Sir Thomas Smith, ″ Dean of Carlisle.
David Whitehead, ″ [Declined the Archbishopric of Canterbury.]
Edmund Guest, ″ Bp. of Rochester, and of Salisbury.

The last two were summoned to attend upon the Committee after its first appointment. It has been supposed, from a vindication of the changes made which was sent by him to Cecil 1, that Guest was the person chiefly concerned in the revision, and that he acted for Parker, who was absent through illness. Cox and May were on the Committee of 1542-1549.

While this Committee was engaged on its labours, an attempt was made to reconcile the extreme Romanist party by a Conference of Divines held before the Privy Council and others in Westminster Abbey; but the attempt failed through the impracticable temper of the leading men on the Romanist side; and thus the way was made clear for a new Act of Uniformity on the basis of those passed in Edward's reign.

The Queen and Cecil both appear to have desired that the original Prayer Book, that of 1549, should be adopted as far as possible; but the second Book, that of 1552, was taken by the Committee of Divines, and with a few alterations of some importance, submitted to the Queen to be set before Parliament. The most important of these alterations were the following:—

1. A Table of Proper Lessons for Sundays was prefixed.
2. The "accustomed place" or Chancel, instead of "in such place as the people may best hear," was appointed for the celebration of Divine Service.
3. The "Ornaments" of the Church and the Ministers which had been in use under the first Book of Edward, but had been reduced to a minimum by the second, were directed again to be taken into use.
4. The Litany clause, "From the tyranny of the Bishop of Rome, and all his detestable enormities," was now omitted.
5. The present form for administering the consecrated Elements to the communicants was substituted for that ordered by the Book of 1552, which was the latter half only of that now used. As the first half of the words is the form that was used in the Book of 1549, the new form was thus a combination of the two.
6. The declaration respecting kneeling, which had been inserted on a fly-leaf at the end of the Communion Service in the Book of 1552, was now omitted altogether.

Thus altered, the Book was laid before Parliament, which (without any discussion) annexed it to the Act of Uniformity. [1 Eliz. cap. 2.] This Act was passed on April 28th, 1559, and it enacted that the revised Prayer Book should be taken into use on St. John the Baptist's day following. It was used, however, in the Queen's chapel on Sunday, May 12th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, May 15th. After the appointed day had passed, a Commission was issued [July 19, 1559] to Parker, Grindal, and others for carrying into execution the Acts for Uniformity of Common Prayer, and for restoring to the Crown its jurisdiction in Ecclesiastical matters. A Royal Visitation was also held in the Province of York, under a Commission dated July 25th. It then appeared that the Prayer Book was so generally accepted by the Clergy, that out of 9400 only 150 refused to adopt it; this number including those Bishops and others of the most extreme Romanist party, who had been appointed in Queen Mary's reign on account of what in modern times would be called their Ultramontane prejudices.

It is worth notice, however, that the Book of Common Prayer as thus revised in 1559 was quietly accepted by the great body of Romanist laity; and also that the Pope himself saw so little to object to in it that he offered to give the book his full sanction if his authority were recognized by the Queen and

1 Cardw. Conf. 48. Strype's Ann. l. 120, ii. 459.
2 Ibid. iv. 62.
3 State Papers, Dom. Eliz. v. 18.
kingdom. "As well those restrained," said Sir Edward Coke, "as generally all the papists in this kingdom, not any of them did refuse to come to our church, and yield their formal obedience to the laws established. And thus they all continued, not any one refusing to come to our churches, during the first ten years of her Majesty's government. And in the beginning of the eleventh year of her reign, Cornwallis, Badingfield, and Silyarde, were the first recusants; they absolutely refusing to come to our churches. And until they in that sort began, the name of recusant was never heard of amongst us."

In the same Charge, Coke also states as follows.—That the Pope [Pius IV.] "before the time of his excommunication against Queen Elizabeth denounced, sent his letter unto her Majesty, in which he did allow the Bible, and Book of Divine Service, as it is now used among us, to be authenticick, and not repugnant to truth. But that therein was contained enough necessary to salvation, though there was not in it so much as might conveniently be, and that he would also allow it unto us, without changing any part: so as her Majesty would acknowledge to receive it from the Pope, and by his allowance; which her Majesty denying to do, she was then presently by the same Pope excommunicated. And this is the truth concerning Pope Pius Quarti as I have faith to God and men. I have oftentimes heard avowed by the late Queen her own words; and I have conferred with some Lords that were of greatest reckoning in the State, who had seen and read the Letter, which the Pope sent to that effect; as have been by me specified. And this upon my credit, as I am an honest man, is most true." It may have been with the object of making the Pope acquainted with the real character of the Prayer Book that it was translated into Latin in the same year; and it is, possibly, to the work of translation that a document in the State Paper Office refers [Eliz. vii. 46] which, on November 30th, 1559, mentions the progress made by the Convocation in the Book of Common Prayer. The Latin Version (differing in no small degree from the English) was set forth on April 6th, 1560, under the authority of the Queen's Letters Patent.

The only other change that was made in the Prayer Book during the reign of Elizabeth was in the Calendar. On January 22nd, 1561, the Queen issued a Commission to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, Dr. Bill, and Walter Haddon, directing them "to peruse the order of the said Lessons throughout the whole year, and to cause some new calendars to be imprinted, whereby such chapters or parcels of less edification may be removed, and other more profitable may supply their rooms." This commission was issued by the authority given in the 13th clause of Elizabeth's Act of Uniformity, which is cited in its opening paragraph; and in the end of it there is a significant direction, "that the alteration of any thing hereby ensuing be quietly done, without show of any innovation in the Church." In the Calendar revised by these Commissioners the names of most of those Saints were inserted which are to be found in that of our present Prayer Book.

But although no further changes were made in the authorized devotional system of the Church during the remainder of the century, continual assaults were being made upon it by the Puritan party, extreme laxity was tolerated, and even sanctioned, by some of the Bishops (as, for example, at Northampton, by Bishop Scambler of Peterborough), and the people were gradually being weaned from their love for a Catholic ritual: while, in the meantime, a great number of the new generation were being trained, by continual controversy and by enforced habit, into a belief that preaching, either in the pulpit or under the disguise of extemporaneous prayer, was the one end and aim of Divine Service. In 1592 the Puritans had grown so rancorous that they presented a petition to the Privy Council in which the Church of England is plainly said to be derived from Antichrist; the press swarmed with scurrilous and untruthful pamphlets against the Church system; and the more sober strength of this opposition may be measured very fairly by the statements and arguments of Hooker in his noble work, the "Ecclesiastical Polity."

On the accession of James I., which occurred on May 7th, 1603, the hopes of those who wished

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2 Sir John Mason, however, writes to Cecil, on Aug. 11th, 1559, that the Book of Common Service in Latin is ready to print: and also the little book of Private Prayers for children and servants. State Papers, Dom. Eliz. vi. 11.

3 Parker Correspondence, p. 132. State Papers, xvi. 7.

4 These foreign fashions and principles were pertinaciously maintained by those who had fled the country in Queen Mary's days, and returned with what Parker called "Germanical natures" in Queen Elizabeth's. [Strype’s Parker, i. 156.] See also Carew, Conf. 117—120, for a strong illustration of this in Convocation.
to get rid of the Prayer Book were strengthened by the knowledge that the King had been brought up by Presbyterians. A petition was presented to him, called the "Millenary Petition," from the number of signatures attached to it, in which it was represented that "more than a thousand" of his Majesty's subjects were "groaning as under a common burden of human rites and ceremonies," from which they prayed to be relieved by a reduction of the Prayer Book system to their own standard. The result of this petition was the "Hampton Court Conference," an assembly of Clergy and Nonconformists, summoned by the King to meet in his presence at the Palace of Hampton Court, and discuss the grievances complained of. This Conference met on the 14th, 16th, and 18th of January, 1603-4, in the presence of the King and the Privy Council; but the former was so disgusted with the unreasonableness of the Puritan opponents of the Prayer Book, that he broke up the meeting abruptly on the third day, without committing the Church to any concessions in the direction they required. Under the same clause of the Act of Uniformity by which Queen Elizabeth had directed a revision of the Calendar, the King did, however, cause a few changes to be made in the Prayer Book.

1. The words "or remission of sins" were added to the title of the Absolution.
2. The "Prayer for the Royal Family" was placed at the end of the Litany; and also some Occasional Thanksgivings.
3. Two slight verbal changes were made at the beginning of the Gospels for the Second Sunday after Easter and the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
4. An alteration was made in one of the Rubrics for Private Baptism. [See the Office.]
5. The title of the Confirmation Service was enlarged.
6. The latter part of the Catechism, respecting the Sacraments, was added.
7. Some slight changes were made in the Calendar.

In the following year a petition was presented to the King from ministers in the Diocese of Lincoln, in which fifty "gross corruptions" were enumerated in the Prayer Book; and they demanded its total abolition as the only means by which the land could be rid of the idolatry and superstition which it enjoined. Such was the spirit of the times upon which the Church of England was now entering, and which culminated, after a struggle of forty years more, in the suppression of the Prayer Book.

An "ordinance" was passed by the Parliament on January 3rd, 1645, which repealed the Acts of Uniformity, and enacted that the Book of Common Prayer should not thenceforth be used in any Church, Chapel, or place of worship in England or Wales. On August 23rd, 1645, another ordinance forbade the use of it in private, required all copies of the Book be given up, and imposed heavy penalties upon those who dared to disobey these singularly tyrannical injunctions. For fifteen years the prayers of the Church of England could only be said in extreme privacy, and even then with danger of persecution to those who used them.

§ The Revision of 1661.

When the new form of government, established by Cromwell, had collapsed after his death, the restoration of the ancient constitution of the country involved the restoration of its ancient Church, and consequently of its ancient system of devotion as represented by the Book of Common Prayer. Notwithstanding the highly penal law which had been passed against its use, there had been many bold and faithful men who had not feared to "obey God rather than men." Bishops Bull and Sanderson had been notable instances of this steadfastness, and they did not by any means stand alone. As the time drew...
near for the return of Charles II. to the throne of his fathers, Prayer Books were brought from their hiding-places, printers began to prepare a fresh supply; and its offices began to be openly used, as in the case of the good and great Dr. Hammond, who was interred with the proper Burial Service on April 26th, 1660. Before the end of 1660, the demand for Prayer Books had been so great, notwithstanding the number of old ones which had been preserved, that three several editions in folio, quarto, and a smaller size are known to have been printed.

Charles the Second landed in England on May 26th, 1660, the Holy Communion having been celebrated on board the "Naseby" at a very early hour in the morning; probably by Cosin, the King's Chaplain, whose influence was afterwards so great in the revision of the Prayer Book. As soon as the Court was settled at Whitehall, Divine Service was restored in the Chapel Royal. On July 8th, Evelyn records in his Diary [ii. 152], that "from henceforth was the Liturgy publicly used in our Churches." Patrick is known to have used it in his church on July 2nd; and Cosin, who reassumed his position as Dean of Peterborough at the end of that month, immediately began to use it in his Cathedral. From Oxford, Lamplugh (subsequently Archbishop of York) writes on August 23rd, 1660, that the Common Prayer was then used everywhere but in three colleges; showing how general had been its restoration in the University Chapels, and perhaps also in the City Churches. By October, 1661, Dean Barwick had restored the Choral Service first at Durham, and then at St. Paul's. The feeling of the people is indicated by several petitions which were sent to the King, praying that their ministers might be compelled to use the Prayer Book in Divine Service, the Mayor and Jurats of Faversham (for example) complaining that their Vicar, by refusing to give them the Common Prayer, is "thus denying them their mother's milk." The non-conforming ministers at first allowed that they could use the greatest part of the Prayer Book; yet when requested by the King to do so, omitting such portions as they could not use, they declined; but on the part of the laity in general the desire for its restoration seems to have been much greater than could be supposed, considering how many had never (as adults) even heard a word of it used in Church; and probably had never even seen a Prayer Book.

Before the King had left the Hague, a deputation of Presbyterian ministers, including Reynolds, Calamy, Case, and Manton, had gone over to him to use their influence in persuading him that the use of the Prayer Book having been so long discontinued, it would be most agreeable to the English people if it were not restored; and especially to dissuade him from using it and the surplice, in the Chapel Royal. No doubt this was a very daring misrepresentation of the state of the public mind on the subject; but the King appears to have been aware that it was so, for he declined, with much warmth, to agree to the impertinent and unconstitutional request, telling them in the end of his reply, that "though he was bound for the present to tolerate much disorder and indecency in the exercise of God's worship, he would never in the least degree, by his own practice, discountenance the good old order of the Church in which he had been bred." As we have already seen, the Prayer Book was restored to use in the Chapel Royal immediately after the King's return.

On July 8th, five weeks afterwards, there was a debate in Parliament respecting the settlement of religion. Some suggested that the restoration of the "old religion" was the only settlement required; but in the end it was agreed to pray the King that he would call an assembly of divines for the purpose of the office of Baptism, as prescribed by the Church of England, which he had got entirely by heart; and he went through it with so much readiness and freedom, and yet with so much gravity and devotion, and gave that life and spirit to all that he delivered, that the whole audience was extremely affected with his performance; and notwithstanding that he used the sign of the cross, yet they were so ignorant of the offices of the Church that they did not thereby discover that it was the Common Prayer. But after that he had concluded that holy action, the father of the child returned him a great many thanks, intimating at the same time with how much greater edification they prayed, who entirely depended upon the Spirit of God for His assistance in their extemporary ejaculations, than those did who tied themselves up to premeditated forms; and that if he had not made the sign of the cross, that badge of Popery, as he called it, nobody could have found the least objection against his excellent prayers. Upon which Mr. Bull, hoping to recover him from his ill-grounded prejudices, showed him the office of Baptism in the Liturgy, wherein was contained every prayer which he had offered up to God on that occasion; which, with further arguments that he then urged, so effectually wrought upon the good man and his whole family, that they always after that time frequented the parish church, and never more absented themselves from Mr. Bull's communion." — Nelson's Life of Bull, p. 31.

1 John Williams and Francis Eglesfield printed an edition against the King's return, and what copies remained in their warehouse were seized by agents of Bill the King's printer on Nov. 7th, 1660. There is extant also a royal mandate to Bill, dated July 25, 1661, commanding him to restore to R. Royston, of Oxford, a quantity of Prayer Books which he had seized by mistake, supposing them to be falsely printed. State Papers, Domestic, Charles II. vol. xxxix. 87; xivii. 67.

2 State Papers, ibid. xi. 27.

3 ibid. xxiii. 107, 109; 1. 22.

4 Kempt's Register, p. 629.

5 Charendon, History of the Great Rebellion, iii. 290.
of considering the subject. The King, however, issued a "Declaration" on October 25th, in which he refers to his letter from Breda promising toleration to all opinions, and to the visit of the Presbyterian preachers; and complains of the intolerant spirit which is shown towards himself by the Presbyterians in wishing to deprive him of the services in the Chapel Royal, and in much misrepresenting his words, acts, and motives. He states, that it had been his intention to call a Synod at once to consider the affairs of the Church, but that personal feeling is so strong as to make such a step unwise for the present. Throughout this Declaration the King assumes that the Church is restored in its integrity; but promises that he will call an assembly of "learned Divines, of both persuasions," to review the "Liturgy of the Church of England, contained in the Book of Common Prayer, and by law established;" again exhorting those who cannot conscientiously use the whole of it, to use such portions as they do not object to.  

It was in fulfilment of this promise that a Royal Commission was addressed on March 25th, 1661, to the following Divines, who constituted what is known as the "Savoy Conference," from its place of meeting:—

**On the Church side.**

Accepted Frewen, Archbishop of York.  
John Cosin, Bishop of Durham.  
John Warner, Bishop of Rochester.  
Henry King, Bishop of Chichester.  
Humphry Henchman, Bishop of Salisbury, afterwards of London.  
George Morley, Bishop of Worcester, afterwards of Winchester.  
Robert Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln.  
Benjamin Lanyon, Bishop of Peterborough, afterwards of Lincoln and Ely.  
Brian Walton, Bishop of Chester.  
John Gaden, Bishop of Exeter, afterwards of Worcester.  

**On the Presbyterian side.**

Edward Reynolds, Bishop of Norwich.  
Anthony Tuckney, D.D., Master of St. John's Cambridge.  
William Spurstow, D.D.  
Thomas Manton, D.D. [offered Deanship of Rochester.]  
Edmund Calamy [offered Bishopric of Lichfield].  
Richard Baxter [offered Bishopric of Hereford].  
Arthur Jackson.  
Thomas Case.  
Samuel Clarke.  
Matthew Newcomen.  

**Coadjutors.**  
John Earle, Dean of Westminster, afterwards Bishop of Worcester and Salisbury.  
Peter Heylin, D.D., Subdean of Westminster.  
John Barwick, D.D., afterwards Dean of St. Paul's.  
Peter Gunning, D.D., afterwards Bishop of Chester and Ely.  
Thomas Pierce, D.D.  
Anthony Sparrow, D.D., afterwards Bishop of Exeter and Norwich.  
Herbert Thorndike, D.D.  

As this Conference was the last official attempt to reconcile what was afterwards called the "Low Church party" and Dissenters to the cordial use of the Catholic Offices of the Church, it will be desirable to give a short account of its proceedings. The Letters Patent authorized the Commissioners "to advise upon and review the said Book of Common Prayer, comparing the same with the most ancient liturgies, which have been used in the Church in the primitive and purest times; and to that end to

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1 Cardwell's Conferences, p. 286.  
2 "And was after by Synod commissioned to review the Common Prayer Book." Fothergill's MS., York Minster Lib.
assemble and meet together from time to time, and at such times within the space of four calendar months now next ensuing, in the Master’s lodgings in the Savoy in the Strand, in the county of Middlesex, or in such other place or places as to you shall be thought fit and convenient; to take into your serious and grave considerations the several directions, rules, and forms of prayer, and things in the said Book of Common Prayer contained, and to advise and consult upon and about the same, and the several objections and exceptions which shall now be raised against the same. And if occasion be, to make such reasonable and necessary alterations, corrections, and amendments therein, as by and between you and the said Archbishop, Bishops, Doctors, and persons hereby required and authorized to meet and advise as aforesaid, shall be agreed upon to be needful or expedient for the giving satisfaction unto tender consciences, and the restoring and continuance of peace and unity in the Churches under our protection and government; but avoiding, as much as may be, all unnecessary alterations of the forms and Liturgy wherewith the people are already acquainted, and have so long received in the Church of England 1.”

This Commission met at the Savoy in the Strand on April 15th, and its sittings ended on July 24th, 1661: the Session of Parliament and Convocation commencing on May 8th of the same year. The “several objections and exceptions” raised against the Prayer Book were presented to the Bishops in writing. These are all on record in two or three contemporary reports of the Conference, of which one is referred to in the foot-note, and they are printed at length in Cardwell’s Conferences on the Book of Common Prayer. Many of these “exceptions” are of a frivolous kind, and the remarks which accompanied them were singularly bitter and uncharitable, as well as diffuse and unbusiness-like. It seems almost incredible that grave Divines should make a great point of “The Epistle is written in,” being an untrue statement of the case when a portion of a prophecy was read and technically called an “Epistle;” or that they should still look upon it as a serious grievance when the alteration conceded went no further than “For the Epistle;” or, again, that they should spend their time in writing a long complaint about the possibility of their taking cold by saying the Burial Service at the grave. Yet sheets after sheets of their papers were filled with objections of this kind, and with long bitter criticisms of the principles of the Prayer Book. The Bishops replied to them in the tone in which Sanderson’s Preface to the Prayer Book is written, but they seem to have keenly felt what Sanderson himself expressed—mild and gentle as he was—when he long afterwards said of his chief opponent at the Savoy, “that he had never met with a man of more pertinacious confidence, and less abilities, in all his conversation 2.” Perhaps too they were reminded of Lord Bacon’s saying respecting his friends, the Nonconformists of an earlier day, that they lacked two principal things, the one learning, and the other love.

The Conference was limited by the Letters Patent to four months’ duration, but when that time had drawn to an end little had been done towards a reconciliation of the objectors to the use of the Prayer Book. Baxter had composed a substitute for it, but even his friends would not accept it as such, and probably Baxter’s Prayer Book never won its way into any congregation of Dissenters in his lifetime or afterwards. In Queen Elizabeth’s time Lord Burleigh had challenged the Dissenters to bring him a Prayer Book made to fit in with their own principles; but when this had been done by one party of Dissenters, another party of them offered six hundred objections to it, which were more than they offered to the old Prayer Book. The same spirit appears to have been shown at the Savoy Conference; and the principle of unity was so entirely confined to unity in opposition, that it was impossible for any solid reconciliation of the Dissenters to the Church to have been made by any concessions that could have been offered. After all the “exceptions” had been considered and replied to by the Bishops’ side (replies again replied to by the untiring controversial pens of the opposite party), the result of the Commission was exhibited in the following list of changes to which the Bishops were willing to assent:—

The Concessions offered by the Bishops at the Savoy Conference.

§ 1. We are willing that all the epistles and gospels be used according to the last translation.

§ 2. That when any thing is read for an epistle which is not in the epistles, the superscription shall be “For the epistle.”

§ 3. That the Psalms be collated with the former translation, mentioned in rubr., and printed according to it.

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1 Cardw. Conf. 257—363. “Grand Debate between the most Reverend the Bishops and the Presbyterian Divines.... The most perfect copy.” 1661.

2 Kennett’s Register, p. 551. This can hardly refer to Baxter, who was a man of some learning; but no doubt his excessive vanity and moroseness were a chief cause of the failure.
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§ 4. That the words "this day," both in the collects and prefaces, be used only upon the day itself; and for the following days it be said, "as about this time."

§ 5. That a longer time be required for significations of the names of the communicants; and the words of the rubric be changed into these, "at least some time the day before."

§ 6. That the power of keeping scandalous sinners from the communion may be expressed in the rubr., according to the xxvith and xxvith canons; so the minister be obliged to give an account of the same immediately after to the ordinary.

§ 7. That the whole preface be prefixed to the commandments.

§ 8. That the second exhortation be read some Sunday or Holy Day before the celebration of the communion, at the discretion of the minister.

§ 9. That the general confession at the communion be pronounced by one of the ministers, the people saying after him, all kneeling humbly upon their knees.

§ 10. That the manner of consecrating the elements be made more explicit and express, and to that purpose these words be put into the rubr., "Then shall he put his hand upon the bread and break it," "then shall he put his hand unto the cup."

§ 11. That if the font be so placed as the congregation cannot hear, it may be referred to the ordinary to place it more conveniently.

§ 12. That these words, "yes, they do perform these," &c., may be altered thus: "Because they promise them both by their sureties," &c.

§ 13. That the words of the last rubr. before the Catechism may be thus altered, "that children being baptized have all things necessary for their salvation, and dying before they commit any actual sins, be undoubtedly saved, though they be not confirmed."

§ 14. That to the rubr. after confirmation these words may be added, "or be ready and desirous to be confirmed."

§ 15. That these words, "with my body I thee worship," may be altered thus, "with my body I thee honour."

§ 16. That these words, "till death us depart," be thus altered, "till death we do part."

§ 17. That the words "sure and certain" may be left out.

The Conference being ended, and with so little practical result, the work of Revision was committed to the Convocations of the two Provinces of Canterbury and York. On June 10th, 1660, a Licence had been issued to the Archbishop of Canterbury [Juxon], empowering the Convocation of his Province to "debate and agree upon such points as were committed to their charge."

Another was issued to the Archbishop of York [Hawen], of a similar tenour, on July 10th [or 23rd]. But little was likely to be done while the Savoy Conference was sitting, beyond preparation for future action. A fresh Licence was issued on October 10th, by which the Convocation of Canterbury was definitely directed to review the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordinal, under the authority of the Commission sent to them on the 10th of June: and on November 22nd a similar letter was sent to the Archbishop of York. This letter enjoined the Convocations to review the Prayer Book, and then to present it to "us for our further consideration, allowance, or confirmation."

It is probable that much consideration had been given to the subject during the five months that elapsed between the issue of the first Licence and that of the second, as a Form for the 29th of May had been agreed upon, and also the Office for Adult Baptism. When, however, the Convocation of Canterbury met on November 21st, 1661, "the King's letters were read," and the revision of the Prayer Book was immediately entered upon with vigour and decision. The Upper House appointed a Committee, consisting of the following:—

Matthew Wren, Bishop of Ely.
John Warner, " " Rochester.
Humphry Henchman, " Salisbury.
George Morley, " " Worcester.

2 Kennett's Register, p. 505.
3 State Papers, Dom. Charles II. xliii.
4 Kennett's Register, p. 564.
5 The Bishops returned to their seats in the House of Lords on Nov. 20th, and from that time the junior Bishop said prayers daily as formerly. The Presbyterian minister had been "excused from attendance" on the House of Commons some time before.
The last-named had been invited (with the Archbishop of York, and the Bishops of Carlisle and Chester) to be present and assist at the previous session of the Southern Convocation; and was now appointed on the Committee as the most learned ritualist among the Bishops. Wren, Warner, and Skinner had been Bishops in the Convocation of 1640.

It was necessary that the co-operation of the York Lower House of Convocation should be secured: the Archbishop and three Bishops of that Province therefore wrote to them, saying that the time was very short for the work in hand, and that it would much facilitate its progress if some Clergy were appointed to act in the Southern Convocation as Proxies for the Northern. Eight such proxies were appointed, three of whom were members of the lower house of Canterbury Province, and five of the lower house of York.

The Committee of Bishops met at Ely House; and Sancroft, at this time Rector of Houghton-le-Spring, Prebendary of Durham, and Chaplain to Cosin, appears to have acted as their Secretary. Bishop Cosin had prepared a folio Prayer Book of 1619, in which he had written down in the margin such alterations as he considered desirable: and this volume, which is preserved in the Cosin Library, Durham [D. III. 5], has been thoroughly examined for the present work, all the alterations so made being either referred to or printed in the Notes. This volume was evidently used as the basis of their work by the Bishops, although (as will be seen) they did not adopt all the changes proposed by Cosin, and introduced others which are not found in his Prayer Book. They were thus enabled to proceed rapidly with the work of revision, and on November 23rd sent a portion of their labours down to the Lower House, which returned it on the 27th. The whole Prayer Book was completed by December 20th, and a form of Subscription was then agreed upon, of which a copy in Bishop Cosin's handwriting is inserted in his Durham Book, and which is also to be found, with all the names attached, in Kennett's Register, pp. 584, 585. The Revised volume, thus prepared, was a MS. of five hundred and forty-four pages, and appears to have been the same that was ultimately attached to the Act of Uniformity. It is said to have been preserved in the Parliament Office as recently as 1825, and is referred to as existing there in the Record Commissioners' edition of the Statutes, vol. v. p. 365; but it has since disappeared.

There was a delay of some weeks before the Prayer Book thus revised received the approval of the King in Council. The Act of Uniformity was under the consideration of the House of Lords, and on February 12th, 1661-2, the Earl of Dorset expressed the disappointment of the House at not receiving the revised Prayer Book; on which the Bishop of London promised that it should shortly be brought in. A Privy Council was then summoned, at which four Bishops were ordered to be present. This met on February 24th, 1661-2, the Bishops of London, Durham, Salisbury, Worcester, and Chester being present: "at which time the Book of Common Prayer, with the Amendments and Additions, as it was prepared by the Lords Bishops, was read and approved, and ordered to be transmitted to the House of Peers, with this following recommendation, signed by His Majesty:'—the recommendation being that the Prayer Book as altered be that appointed to be used by the intended Act of Uniformity.' On the next day it was sent to the House of Lords, with the Great Seal attached; and on March 17th was declared (without any review of its contents) to be the Book referred to in the Act of Uniformity then passing through the House. On March 18th the thanks of the House were conveyed to Convocation for their care in revising the Book, and on April 10th it was sent down to the House of Commons.

On the 16th of April the question was put in the House of Commons whether there should be any debate upon the amendments inserted in the Prayer Book by Convocation, and it was decided in the

1 Archbishops Juxon, Bishops Duppa, Piers, and Roberts, had also been Bishops in 1640. Four other Bishops in the Upper House of 1661, Sheldon, Floyd, Griffith, and Ironside, had been in the Lower House in 1660, and so had about twenty members of the Lower House of 1661.
2 Kennett's Register, pp. 563—565.
3 A fair copy of this volume, written by Sancroft, in a Prayer Book of 1634, is preserved in the Bodleian Library [Arch. Bodl. D. 28], and has been collated with the original for the present work. Cosin had also written three sets of Notes on the Prayer Book; and had prepared a fourth, suggesting amendments which he considered to be necessary several years before. These are collected in the fifth volume of his Works, published in the Library of Anglo-Catholic Theology. Some MS. Notes on the Prayer Book, Harl. MS. 7311, are also said to be his.
5 When the Bill for Uniformity had been sent up from the House of Commons, a Prayer Book (probably that of Elizabeth) had been attached to it, but this was set aside for that of the Convocation. Kennett's Register, p. 642.
negative. A resolution was, however, afterwards passed, that they "might have been debated by the order of the House." Thus, although the Act of Uniformity was much discussed in the House of Commons, the Book of Common Prayer was accepted by them, as well as by the Lords, exactly as it had passed out of the hands of the Bishops; and nothing was ever said about their right to consider the work of the Convocation until it had been decided that it was to pass unaltered through the secular part of the Legislature. This determination was also strongly illustrated by two circumstances that occurred while the Prayer Book was before the two Houses. (1) A strong desire was expressed in the House of Commons that a proviso should be introduced into the Act of Uniformity, enjoining reverent gestures during the time of Divine Service. This proviso was twice read, "but the matter being held proper for the Convocation," it was ordered that those members who managed the Conference with the Lords should intimate the desire of the House, "that it be recommended to the Convocation to take order for reverend and uniform gestures and demeanours to be enjoined at the time of Divine Service and preaching:" this course being ultimately adopted, and an addition made by Convocation to the XVIIIth Canon, in consequence, on May 12th, 1662. (2) The second circumstance is thus stated in the Journals of the House of Lords, on the 8th of May, 1662: "Whereas it was signified by the House of Commons at the Conference yesterday that they found one mistake in the rubrick of Baptism, which they conceive was a mistake of the writer, Persons being put instead of Children, the Lord Bishop of Durham acquainted the house, that himself and the Lord Bishop of Carlisle had authority from the Convocation to amend the said word, averring it was only a mistake of the scribe; and accordingly they came to the Clerk's table, and amended the same.""

The amendments proposed by the House of Commons in the Act of Uniformity all tended to raise the tone in which the Prayer Book was to be used, and to make the provisions of the Act more strict. They especially required that the Surplice, and the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, should continue to be used. [Kennett's Reg., pp. 676. 679.] These amendments were all agreed to by the Lords on May 10th; and thus the Prayer Book, as amended by Convocation, and the Act of Uniformity, as amended by Parliament, both received the Royal Assent on May 19th, 1662.

In answer to inquiries from the House of Lords, the Bishops had guaranteed (on April 21st) that the Book should be in print and ready for use on August 24th, the Feast of St. Bartholomew, which was the day fixed by Parliament for the Act to come into operation. The printing was undertaken by Convocation, which, as early as March 8th, had appointed Dr. Sancroft to be Supervisor, and Messrs. Scattergood and Dillingham, Correctors of the press. The following MS. entry on the fly-leaf of Bishop Cosin's Durham Book, in the Bishop's own hand, will show how much anxious thought he had taken for this and all other matters connected with the Revision of the Prayer Book:—

"Directions to be given to the printer.
"Set a fair Frontispiece at the beginning of the Book, and another before the Psalter, to be designed as the Archbishop shall direct, and after to be cut in Brass.
"Page the whole Book.
"Add nothing. Leave out nothing. Alter nothing, in what Volume soever it be printed. Particularly; never cut off the Lord's Prayer, Creed, or any Collect with an &c.; but wheresoever they are to be used, print them out at large, and add [Amen] to the end of every prayer.

1 Kennett's Register, pp. 671. 680. 684.
2 Kennett's Register, p. 680. An order for correcting this error had passed Convocation 21st. Ibid. p. 686.
A more curious slip of the pen is said to have been corrected with a bold readiness by Lord Clarendon. "Archbishop Tenison told me by his bedside on Monday, Feb. 12, 1710, that the Convocation book intended to be the copy confirmed by the Act of Uniformity had a rash blander in the rubrick after Baptism, which should have run [It is certain by God's word, that children which are baptized dying before they commit actual sin are undoubtedly saved]. But the words [which are baptized] were left out, till Sir Cyril Wych coming to see the Lord Chancellor Hyde found the book brought home by his lordship, and lying in his parlour window, even after it had passed the two houses, and happening to cast his eye upon that place, told the Lord Chancellor of that gross omission, who supplied it with his own hand." Ibid. p. 643. This story was fifty years old when it reached Bishop Kennett, but it has an air of probability; and such strange accidents in the most important matters have not unfrequently occurred. So the word "not" was once omitted from the seventh commandment in a whole edition of the Holy Bible; the printers being heavily fined for the mistake.
3 Among Archbishop Sancroft's MSS. in the Bodleian, there is a letter from one of Bishop Cosin's chaplains, written from Bishop Auckland on June 16th, 1662, in which he says, "My lord desires at all times to know particularly what progress you make in the Common Prayer." There is also a mandate from Charles II. to the Dean and Chapter of Durham among the State Papers, dated June 16th, 1662, likewise, and ordering them to dispense with Prelaty Sancroft's residence, as he "has been for some months, and still is attending the impression of the Liturgy," and adding that "it is not the meaning of the statutes to require the residence of members of the Chapter when service of greater use to the Church requires them." State Papers, Iv. 61.
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"Never print the Lord’s Prayer beyond—deliver us from evil. Amen."
"Print the Creeds always in three paragraphs, relating to the three Persons, &c.
"Print not Capital letters with profane pictures in them.
"In all the Epistles and Gospels follow the new translation.
"As much as may be, compose so that the leaf be not to be turned over in any Collect, Creed, Verse of a Psalm, Middle of a sentence, &c.
"Set not your own Names in the Title-page nor elsewhere in the Book, but only ‘Printed at London by the printers to the King’s most excellent Majesty. Such a year.’
"Print [Glory be to the Father, &c.] at the end of every Psalm, and of every part of cxiv. Psalm.

“In This Book:—

"Where a line is drawn through the words, that is all to be left out.
"Where a line is drawn under the words, it is to be printed in the Roman letter.
"Where a prickt line is drawn under the words, it is not part of the book, but only a direction to the printer or reader.
"Where this note [ is set, a break is to be made, or a new line begun.
"Where a double line is drawn under any words, they are to be printed in Capitals !”

While the Act of Uniformity was passing through Parliament, the House of Commons inserted a clause which provided that “a true and perfect copy of this Act, and of the said Book annexed herunto,” should be provided by the Deans and Chapters of every Cathedral or Collegiate Church before Christmas Day, obtained “under the Great Seal of England,” and also that similar copies should be delivered into the respective Courts of Westminster, and into the Tower of London, to be kept and preserved as records. It was also provided that these books should “be examined by such persons as the King’s Majesty shall appoint under the Great Seal of England for that purpose, and shall be compared with the original Book herunto annexed.” These Commissioners were to have power “to correct, and amend in writing, any error committed by the Printer in the printing of the same book, or of any thing therein contained, and shall certify under their hands and seals . . . . that they have examined and compared the said Book, and find it to be a true and perfect Copy.” The Prayer Books so certified and sealed with the Great Seal were then enacted to be as good Records as the MS. itself.

Soon after the Book was printed, a Commission was therefore issued: a strong Royal mandate having been meanwhile sent to the University of Cambridge, commanding the Vice-Chancellor to inhibit the University printers from sending out any copies printed otherwise than was allowed them. The Commission was dated Nov. 1st, 1662, and was addressed to twenty-five persons, of whom seven or eight appear to have constituted the working part of the Commissioners, their names being found repeated in several of the Sealed Books. Certain alterations were made, chiefly in the headings and titles of Prayers, Psalms, &c., in all the Books which were to receive the Great Seal; and a Certificate was appended to each of them, signed by the Commissioners on December 13th. The Books so certified were afterwards ordered to be passed under the Great Seal, and as many copies sealed as the Lord Chancellor thought fit, Letters Patent, dated January 5th, 1662-3, being appended to each. Thus the Book of Common Prayer was carefully guarded through every stage of its preparation, that it might go forth to the people of England with all the authority that law can give, and that a perfect Record might never be wanting of the true document by which the system of Divine Service is regulated in the Church of England. [See the frontispiece.]

An attempt was made in the reign of William III. to remodel the Prayer Book on principles much less Catholic than those which had been uniformly adopted in former revisions, but the attempt happily failed. No further alteration of its pages has taken place, and the Prayer Book of 1662 is still the Prayer Book of the Church of England in 1866.

1 It is very singular that Burton had alleged, some five-and-twenty years before, that there was “in the great printing house at London a Common Prayer Book,” altered with Cosin’s hand, to show “how he would have it altered.” Pryme makes a somewhat similar assertion in his criticism of Cosin’s Devotions, printed in 1626 and 1627. [Lathbury’s Convocation, p. 273.] These anticipations of Cosin’s influence show that he was marked out for a leader in the work of revision.

2 State Papers, Domestic, Charles II., iviii. 42.

3 Ibid. lx. 144; liii. 42.

4 The whole of the proposed Revision of 1689 was printed in a “blue book” by order of the House of Commons, dated June 2nd, 1854. A full account of it is also given in Procter’s History of the Common Prayer, pp. 144–160. As it has never had any authority or influence, it has been considered unnecessary to give any particulars respecting it here.
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§ National Versions of the Prayer Book.

The English system of Divine Service was adopted by the Church of Scotland in the seventeenth century, and by that of the United States of America in the eighteenth; and although the Churches of both countries are but small bodies, when compared with the numbers of the population, the versions of the Book of Common Prayer adopted by them have an historical claim to be called national versions,—that of Scotland having been adopted under royal and ecclesiastical authority, while that of America was adopted under the most authoritative sanction of the ecclesiastical body to which the original English colonists of the continent belonged.

The Scottish Prayer Book.

The Reformation was not carried forward in Scotland with the same calm, dispassionate, and humble reverence for the old foundations which was so conspicuous in that of the Church of England. For many years no uniform system of devotion took the place of the ancient offices, and it was not until the reign of James I. that any endeavour was made to put an end to that ecclesiastical anarchy which was thinly veiled by Knox’s miserable Book of Common Order. The General Assembly of 1616 agreed to the proposal that a national Liturgy should be framed; but King James wished to introduce the English Prayer Book, and it was used in his presence at Holyrood on May 17th, 1617. Three years afterwards an Ordinal was published for the use of the Scottish Church; and the draft of a Liturgy was submitted to the King by Archbishop Spottiswoode. This was revived on the accession of Charles I., and in 1639 official measures were taken for obtaining its reconsideration and adoption by the Church of Scotland; although both the King and Laud were anxious to have the English Prayer Book introduced without alteration. Eventually the King gave way to the wish of the Scottish Bishops that a national form of Divine Service should be adopted: an episcopal committee was appointed (of whom Maxwell, Bishop of Ross, and Wedderburn, Bishop of Dumblane, appear to have been the most active), and they were engaged on the work for many months, some delay being caused, apparently, by the necessity of communicating with the King and the Archbishop of Canterbury, which had arisen from the altered relations of the two countries. The Scottish Prayer Book of 1637 was the result of these labours. It has been popularly connected with the name of Archbishop Laud, but it was the compilation of Scottish Bishops; and all the English Archbishop did was (as one of a commission of which Wren and Juxon were the other two members) to offer suggestions, prevent rash changes, communicate between the Crown and the Scottish Bishops respecting alterations, and facilitate the progress of the book through the press.

The Book of Common Prayer so prepared was not submitted to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. As the preceding pages have shown, the English book was, from first to last, the work of Convocation; and no doubt the Scottish book ought also to have had the sanction at least of the whole Scottish Church by representation, and not only of the Crown and the Bishops. In the year 1637 it was imposed upon the Church of Scotland by letters patent and the authority of the Bishops: but, as is well known, its introduction was vigorously opposed by a fanatical faction which in the end became supreme, and both the Church and the Prayer Book of Scotland were suppressed. That now in use in the Scottish Church was introduced in later times; but the book of 1637 is so much connected with the history of the period, and has, besides, so much liturgical interest, that a fuller notice of it has been inserted in the Appendix at the end of this work.

The American Prayer Book.

Until the separation of the North American colonies from England, the English Book of Common Prayer was used without any alteration in the American Church. After they became independent, as the United States, it was thought expedient for the Church to make some changes, especially as alterations were being introduced without authority, and there seemed danger of much disorder in Divine worship if a form were not adopted which could have some claim to be called national. The first step towards this was taken at the General Convention of the American Church held at Philadelphia in 1785: during the next four years the various Offices were gradually remodelled until they took the form in which they are now used, and which was authorized by the General Convention of 1789. Committees had been appointed to prepare an entirely new book: but in the end the English Prayer Book was taken as the basis to be adopted. The language was in many parts modernized, the Communion Office was restored to a form similar to that of 1549, a selection of Psalms was appointed instead of our daily order, the use of the Athanasian Creed was discontinued, and some other less
important alterations were made. But the Preface declares that the American Church “is far from intending to depart from the Church of England in any essential point of doctrine, discipline, or worship, or farther than local circumstances require.”

§ Translations of the Prayer Book.

The Book of Common Prayer arose, in no small degree, from a conviction, on the part of the Clergy and Laity of England, that Divine Service should be offered to God in the vernacular tongue of those on whose behalf and by whom it is being offered. The principle thus adopted in respect to themselves has been carried out as far as possible in all the missionary operations of the Church of England; and the establishment of her forms of Divine Service in countries where the English language is not freely spoken, has generally been accompanied by the translation of the Book of Common Prayer into the language of those who are being won over to the Church of Christ. A necessity has also arisen for translations into some European languages: while provision was made for rendering it into Welsh and Irish at the time of its first issue. An account of the Latin translation will be found under the rubric relating to the use of Divine Service in other languages than the English p. 18.

The following list contains the names of forty languages and dialects, into which the Book of Common Prayer has been translated, but the number is constantly increasing as the missionary work of the Church is developed:—

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Most of these translations have been produced under the auspices of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and of the Prayer Book and Homily Society; and some guarantee is thus given for accuracy. It should also be mentioned as a fact of interest and importance that the Hawaiian version was made in 1863 by the native king, Kamehameha IV., who also annexed to it a Preface which shows a thorough knowledge of the principles of the Prayer Book.
Forms and ceremonies in Divine Service are bodily manifestations of spiritual worship, and the ordinary means by which that worship is expressed to God.

The whole scheme of Redemption is based on a principle which shows that God establishes communion between Himself and mankind chiefly through the body and bodily acts, and not through purely mental ones, as the exercise of thought or will. For when a perfect and unimpeded spiritual intercourse was to be renewed between the Creator and His fallen creatures, God, Who “is a Spirit,” took upon Him a bodily nature, and by means of it became a Mediator, through Whom that intercourse could be originated and maintained. For the particular application, also, of the benefits of His mediation, Christ ordained Sacraments, which are outward and visible signs endowed with the capacity of conveying inward and spiritual grace to the soul through the organs of the body.

In analogy with this principle, Ceremonial worship, or Ritual, may be defined as the external body of words and actions by which worship is expressed and exhibited before God and man. As it is ordained that men shall tell their wants to God in prayer, although He knows better than they know themselves what each one’s necessities are, so it is also ordained that spiritual worship shall be communicated to Him by words and actions, although His Omniscience would be perfectly cognizant of it without their intervention.

The Divine Will on this subject has been revealed very clearly and fully in the Holy Bible; from its earliest pages, which record the sacrifices of Cain, Abel, and Noah, to its latest, in which the worship of Heaven is set forth as it will be offered by the saints of God when the worship of Earth will have passed away.

Before the origination of the Jewish system of ceremonial, we find customs which indicate the use of certain definite forms in acts of Divine worship. The chief of these is Sacrifice, in which the fruits of the earth were offered to God, or the body of some slain animal consumed by fire on His altar. Such acts of sacrifice were purely ceremonial, even supposing them to have been unaccompanied by any words; and the account of Abraham’s sacrifice, in Genesis xv. 9—17, illustrates very remarkably the minute character of the ritual injunctions given by God even before the time of the Mosaic system. The Divine institution of the outward ceremony of Circumcision is another instance of the same kind, and one of even greater force, from the general and lasting nature of the rite as at first ordained; a rite binding on the Jewish nation for nearly two thousand years. Another ceremonial custom to be observed in the Patriarchal times, is that of “bowing down the head” when worshipping the Lord [Gen. xxiv. 26. 48]; another, that of giving solemn benedictions, accompanied by laying on of hands [Gen. xxvii. 27—29; xxviii. 1—4; xlvi. 10; xlvi. 9—20]; another, that of setting up a pillar, and pouring oil upon it [Gen. xxxviii. 18; xxxv. 14]; another, purification before sacrifice [Gen. xxxv. 2]; and, to name no more, one other, the reverent burial of the dead [Gen. xxiii. 19; xxxv. 19; l. 10], which even then was an act of reverence towards God, as well as of respect and affection towards the departed.

The introduction of a higher form of corporate worship was accompanied by a great development of
ceremony or ritual. Of what was previously in use, we can only infer that it was divinely instituted; but the divine institution of the Jewish system of ritual is told us in the most unmistakable terms in the Holy Bible, and the narration of it occupies more than seven long chapters of the Book of Exodus [xxiv.—xxxi.], together with the greater part of the twenty-seven chapters of Leviticus.

This system of ritual (sometimes called "Mosaic," but in reality Divine) was revealed with circumstances of the utmost solemnity. After a preparation of sacrifices, Moses, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders, went up into the lower part of Mount Sinai, and from thence "they saw the God of Israel: and there was under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of Heaven in clearness." Moses was then commanded to go up to the summit of the mountain, "and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights" [Exod. xxiv. 9—18]. During this awful time of converse between God and His servant Moses, it appears that the one subject of revelation and command was that of ceremonial worship: the revelation of the moral law being recorded in the single verse, "And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God" [Exod. xxxi. 18].

The revelation of God's will respecting forms and ceremonies, which was thus awfully given to Moses, went into very minute particulars, which were chiefly respecting the construction of the Tabernacle, the dress of those who were to minister in it, the instrumenta of Divine Service, and the ceremonies with which that service was to be carried on. The architecture of the structure itself, the design of its utensils, and of the priestly vestments, and that kind of laws for the regulation of Divine Service which we now know as rubries, were thus communicated to Moses by God Himself, and in the most solemn manner in which any revelation was ever given from Heaven. And when the revelation was completed, "the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship. . . . And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiah, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee" [Exod. xxxi. 1—6]. Thus Divine Inspiration was given to the principal architects and superintendents of the external fabric by means of which Divine Service was to be carried on, as well as a Revelation of its structure, and of the ceremonial itself; and no words can heighten the importance and value which Almighty God thus indicated as belonging to ceremonial worship.

Nor did this importance and value belong to ceremonial worship only in the early period of the Jewish nation's life. It was not given to them as a means of spiritual education, by which they should be gradually trained to a kind of worship in which externals should hold a less conspicuous position. Nothing whatever appears, in the revelation itself, of such an idea as this; but the ceremonial is throughout regarded as having reference to Him in Whose service it was used, looking to the Object of worship, and not to the worshippers. And accordingly, when the Jewish nation attained its highest pitch of prosperity, and probably of intellectual as well as spiritual progress, in the latter years of David and in the reign of Solomon, this elaborate system of ceremonial worship was developed instead of being narrowed. The magnificent preparations which David made for building the Temple are recorded in 1 Chron. xxii., xxviii., and xxix.; and those which he made for establishing the service there, in 1 Chron. xvi., xxiii.—xxvi.: the descriptions of the structure and of the utensils being almost as minute and detailed as in the commandments of God on Sinai respecting the Tabernacle. In this more intellectual age of the Jewish nation, and for this development of ceremonial worship, God vouchsafed to give inspiration to His servants for their work, as He had done to Bezaleel and Aholiah. When the Holy Bible gives the account of David furnishing Solomon with the designs for the Temple and its furniture, these significant words are added, "And the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit." Even more striking are David's own words: "All this the Lord made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. . . . The Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord" [1 Chron. xxviii. 12, 19]. The fulfilment of this prophetic promise is indicated in a subsequent
place by the words, “Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God” [2 Chron. iii. 3]: and the Divine approval of all that was done is strikingly shown in 1 Kings ix. 3. 2 Chron. v. 11—14; and vii. 1, 2. Nor should the fact be overlooked that the most costly and beautiful house of God which the world ever saw was built, the most elaborate and gorgeous form of Divine Service established, by one who was no imaginative enthusiast, but by one whose comprehensive knowledge and astute wisdom exceeded those of any man who had ever before existed, and were perhaps greater than any learning or wisdom, merely human, which have since been known. Solomon was a man of science, an ethical philosopher, and a statesman, yet a ritualist.

Thus the use of Ceremonial Worship in some form is shown to have existed even in the simple Patriarchal ages; and to have been ordained in its most extreme form by God Himself in the times of Moses, David, and Solomon. Let it be reverently added, that it was this extreme form of Ceremonial Worship which our Lord recognized and took part in when He went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the great Festivals, and the restoration of which in its purity He enforced both at the beginning and end of His ministry by His “cleansing the Temple” from the presence of those who bought and sold there. The vain and empty private ceremonies which the Pharisees had invented met with the severe condemnation of our Lord; but there is not one act or word of His recorded which tends in the least towards depreciation of the Temple service; or which can lead to the supposition that the worship of God “in spirit and in truth” is to be less associated with forms and ceremonies when carried on by Christians, than when it was offered by Moses, David, Solomon, and the Old Testament saints of many centuries.

The ritual practices of the Apostolic age are to some extent indicated in the New Testament, but as the Temple service was still carried on, and Jerusalem formed the religious centre of the Apostolic Church, it is clear that an elaborate ceremonial was not likely to be established during the first quarter of a century of the Church’s existence. Yet this earliest age of the Church witnesses to the principle of ceremonial worship, as the Patriarchal age had done; and each foreshadowed a higher development of it. A learned German ritualist has written thus on this subject:—“On mature reflection, I am satisfied that the Apostles by no means performed the Divine Liturgy with such brevity, at least as a general rule, as some have confidently asserted. The faithful, whether converts among the Jews or Gentiles, were accustomed to ceremonies and prayers in their sacrifices; and can we suppose that the Apostles would neglect to employ the like, tending so greatly as these must do to the dignity of the service, and to promote the reverence and fervour of the worshipper? Who can believe that the Apostles were content to use the bare words of consecration and no more? Is it not reasonable to suppose that they would also pour forth some prayers to God, especially the most perfect of all prayers which they had learned from the mouth of their Divine Master, for grace to perform that mystery aright; others preparatory to communion, and again, others of thanksgiving for so inestimable a benefit?” [Krazer de Liturgiis, i. 1—3.]

But there are distinct traces of actual forms of service in the Acts of the Apostles, and in some of the Epistles. In the second chapter of the former, at the forty-second verse, it is said of the first Christians that they continued steadfastly in the doctrine [τῇ διδαγματίᾳ] and in the fellowship [τῇ κοινωνίᾳ] of the Apostles; and in the breaking of the Bread [τῇ κλάσει τοῦ ἄρτου], and in the prayers [ταῖς προσευχαῖς]; the two latter expressions clearly indicating settled and definite ceremonial usages with which the writer knew his readers to be acquainted. St. Paul’s reference to a Sunday offertory [1 Cor. xvi. 1]; to the observance of decency and order in the celebration of Divine Service [1 Cor. xiv. 40]; to the ordinances, or traditions, which he had delivered to the Corinthians, and which he had received from the Lord Himself [1 Cor. xi. 2]; and to the divisions of Divine Service in his words, “I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications [προσευχέων], prayers [προσευχαῖς], intercessions [ἐντολάς], and Eucharists [εὐχαριστίας], be made for all men” [1 Tim. ii. 1],—these show that an orderly and formal system was already in existence; while his allusion to “the traditions” [τὰς παραδόσεις] seems to point to a system derived from some source the authority of which was binding upon the Church. Such an authority would attach to every word of our Blessed Lord; and when we know that He remained on earth for forty days after His Resurrection, and that during that period He was instructing His Apostles in “the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God” [Acts i. 3], it is most natural to suppose that the main points of Christian ritual were ordained by Him, as those of the Jewish ritual had been ordained during the forty days’ sojourn of Moses on Sinai. It is to be remembered also that there are forms and ceremonies in use by the Church which were undoubtedly ordained by Christ, such as the
laying on of hands in Ordination, the use of water and certain words in Holy Baptism, and the munual ceremonies at the Holy Communion.

At a later period, when the Temple service had altogether ceased, when the temporary dispensation of a miraculous Apostolate was drawing to a close, and when the Church was settling into its permanent form and habits, St. John (the last and most comprehensive of the Apostolic guides of the Church) wrote the book of the Revelation; and several portions of it seem intended to set forth in mystical language the principles of such ceremonial worship as was to be used in the Divine Service of Christian churches. In the fourth chapter, the Apostle is taken up to be shown, as Moses had been shown, a “pattern in the Mount;” and as that revelation to Moses began to be made on the Sabbath of the old Dispensation, so it was “the Lord’s Day” on which St. John was “in the Spirit,” that he might have this new revelation made to him. As, moreover, the revelation made to Moses was one respecting the ritual of the Jewish system, so there is an unmistakeable ritual character about the vision first seen by St. John; the whole of the fourth and fifth chapters describing a scene which bears a close resemblance to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, as it was celebrated in the early ages of the Church, and as it is still celebrated in the East.

The form and arrangement of churches in primitive times was derived, in its main features, from the Temple at Jerusalem. Beyond the porch was the narthex, answering to the court of the Gentiles, and appropriated to the unbaptized and to penitents. Beyond the narthex was the nave, answering to the court of the Jews, and appropriated to the body of worshippers. At the upper end of the nave was the choir, answering to the Holy Place, for all who were ministerially engaged in Divine Service. Beyond the choir was the Bema or Chancel, answering to the Holy of Holies, used only for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and separated from the choir by a closed screen, resembling the organ screen of our cathedrals, which was called the Iconostasis. As early as the time of Gregory Nazianzen, in the fourth century, this screen is compared to the division between the present and the eternal world [Carm. xi.], and the sanctuary behind it was ever regarded with the greatest reverence as the most sacred place to which mortal man could have access [Chrys. in Eph. Hom. iii.]; the veiled door which formed the only direct exit from it into the choir and nave being only opened at the time when the Blessed Sacrament was administered to the people there assembled. The opening of this door, then, brought into view the Altar and the Divine mysteries which were being celebrated there. And when St. John looked through the door that had been opened in Heaven, what he saw is thus described: “And behold a Throne was set in Heaven. . . . and round about the Throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold: . . . . and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the Throne . . . . and before the Throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal.” Here is exactly represented an arrangement of the altar familiar to the whole Eastern Church and to the early Church of England, in which it occupies the centre of an apse in front of the seats of the Bishop and Clergy, which are placed in the curved part of the wall. And, although there is no reason to think that the font ever stood near the altar, yet nothing appears more likely than that the “sea of glass like unto crystal” mystically represents that laver of regeneration through which alone the altar can be spiritually approached. Another striking characteristic of the ancient Church was the extreme reverence which was shown to the book of the Gospels, which was always placed upon the altar and surmounted by a cross. So “in the midst of the Throne, and round about the Throne,” St. John saw those four living creatures which have been universally interpreted to represent the four Evangelists or the four Gospels; their position seeming to signify that the Gospel is ever attendant upon the altar, penetrating, pervading, and embracing the highest mystery of Divine Worship, giving “glory and honour and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever.” In the succeeding chapter St. John beholds Him for whom this altar is prepared. “I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the Throne, and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as It had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.” It cannot be doubted that this is our Blessed Lord in that Human Nature on which the septiformis gratia was poured without measure; and that His appearance in the form of “the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing,” represents the mystery of His prevailing Sacrifice and continual Intercession. But around this living Sacrifice there is gathered all the homage of an elaborate ritual. They who worship Him have “every one of them harps,” to offer Him the praise of instrumental music; they have “golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of
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saints,” even as the angel afterwards had “given unto him much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of the saints upon the golden altar which was before the Throne”; they sing a new song, mingling the praises of “the best member that they have” with that of their instrumental music; and they fall down before the Lamb with the lowliest gesture of their bodies in humble adoration. Let it also be remembered that one of the Anthems here sung by the choirs of Heaven is that sacred song, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come;” the Eucharistic use of which is traceable in every age of the Church.

These striking coincidences between the worship of Heaven revealed to St. John and that which was and is offered at the altars of the Church on earth, warrant us in considering this portion of the Revelation as a Divine treasury wherefrom we may draw the principles upon which the worship of earth ought to be organized and conducted. And the central point of the principles thus revealed is that there is a Person to be adored in every act of Divine Worship now, as there was a Person to be adored in the system which culminated in the Temple Service. This Person is moreover revealed to us as present before the worshippers. And He is further represented as our Redeeming Lord, the “Lamb that was slain,” He who said respecting Himself to St. John at the opening of the Apocalyptic Vision, “I am He that liveth and was dead, and am alive for evermore.”

This Presence was promised by our Blessed Lord in words which the daily prayer of the Church interprets to have been spoken with reference not only to Apostolic or Episcopal councils, but also to Divine Service: “Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.” [Matt. xviii. 20.] It is quite impossible to view this promise in the light of Holy Scripture, and especially of that part of the Revelation which has been referred to above, without seeing that its fullest and most essential meaning connects it with the Eucharistic Presence of Christ, the “Lamb as it had been slain.” This truth so pervaded the mind of the ancient Church that in its primitive ages Divine Service consisted of the Holy Eucharist only; and the early Liturgies speak to Christ in such terms as indicate the most simple and untroubled Faith in the actual Presence of our “Master” and Lord. Hence the Ceremonial Worship of the early Church was essentially connected with this Divine Service; and to those who were so imbued with a belief in the Eucharistic Presence of their Lord the object of such ceremonial was self-evident. The idea of reflex action upon the worshipper probably never occurred to Christians in those times. Their one idea was that of doing honour to Christ, after the pattern of the four living creatures, the four and twenty elders, the angels, and the ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands who said “Worthy is the Lamb,” after the pattern of those who, even in Heaven, accompanied their anthems with the music of harps, and their prayers with the sweet odour of incense.

The mystery of our Lord’s Presence as the Object of Divine Worship lies at the root of all the ceremonial practices of the Church; and a conviction that this Presence is vouchsafed chiefly through the Holy Eucharist causes the latter to become the visible centre from which all ritual forms and ceremonies radiate. It is true that there are some ceremonies which may be said to belong to the organization of Divine Service; but even that organization is linked on to acts of worship, since it is in the service of God, who enjoins order, and exhibits it in all His works. But this latter class of ceremonies is not large, and scarcely affects the general principle which has been previously stated. There are, again, some ceremonies which may be called educational or emotional in their purpose, but they are so only in a secondary degree; and such a character may be considered as accidentally rather than essentially belonging to them.

The principles of Ceremonial Worship thus deduced from Holy Scripture may be shortly applied to some of the more prominent particulars of the ritual of the Church of England, leaving exact details for the two subsequent sections of this Introduction, and the Notes throughout the work.

1. The local habitation provided for the welcome of our Lord’s mystical Presence is provided of a character becoming the great honour and blessing which is to be vouchsafed. It is the House of God, not man’s house; a place wherein to meet Him with the closest approach which can be made in this

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1 It is observable that the incense is not a symbolical figure for prayer, but is said to be offered in combination with prayer. [Rev. viii. 3, 4.]

2 The Holy Eucharist was the only distinctively Christian part of Christian worship. The “hours of prayer,” now represented by our Matins and Evensong, were derived from the Jewish ritual; and the Christians of Jerusalem evidently “went up to” those of the Temple Service while it lasted.

3 See a prayer at p. 27, from the Liturgy of St. Mark, but addressed to the First Person of the Blessed Trinity.
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life. Hence, if Jacob consecrated with the ceremony of unction the place where God made His covenant with him, and said of it, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven;" so should our churches be set apart and consecrated with sacred ceremonies making them holy to the Lord. So also, because they are to be in reality, and not by a mere stretch of language, the Presence chambers of our Lord, we must regard them as the nearest to heaven in holiness of all places on earth by the virtue of that Presence. And, lavishing all costly material, and all earnest skill upon their first erection and decoration, we shall ever after frequent them with a consciousness that "the Lord is in His holy Temple," and that all which is done there should be done under a sense of the greatest reverence towards Him.

2. Hence too, the furniture of the House of God, the utensils or instrumenta necessary for Divine Service, should all be constructed with a reverent regard to the Person in whose service they are to be used. Costly wood or marble, precious metals and jewels, used for such an object, do not minister to luxury, and have no direct and primary reference at all to those who will use them or look upon them. But as ministering to the honour of Christ our Lord they cannot be too freely used: nor need we ever fear of expending wealth or skill too abundantly when we read of the manner in which God accepted all that Solomon had done for His holy Temple at Jerusalem, and all the beauty and splendour with which He is worshipped in Heaven. The same principle applies with equal force to the apparel in which the ministers of God carry on His Divine Worship; surplice and albe, cope and vestment, all being used in His honour and for no other primary object whatever. If they are not necessary for the honour of God, the greater part of them are not needed at all.

3. The use of instrumental music, of singing, and of musical intonation, instead of colloquial modes of speech, are all to be explained on the same ground. Universal instinct teaches that the praises of God ought to be sung, and that singing is the highest mode of using in His service the organs of speech which He has given us. An orderly musical intonation is used by priest and people in their prayers, that they may speak to their Maker otherwise than they would speak to their fellow-men, acknowledging even by their tone of voice that He is to be served with reverence, ceremony, and awe.

4. And, lastly, the gestures used in Divine Service are used on similar principles. Kneeling in prayer, standing to sing praise, turning towards the East or the Altar when saying the Creeds, humbly bowing the head at the Name of Jesus or of the Blessed Trinity,—these are all significant gestures of reverence towards One who is really and truly present to accept the worship which they offer; One who accepts such reverence from the holy Angels and the glorified Saints, and who will not be otherwise than willing to receive it from His ministers and members in the Church on earth.

These, then, are the principles of Ceremonial Worship which pervade the Book of Common Prayer; and for the practical expression of which provision is made in the rubrics and in the ritual tradition to which the rubrics directly or indirectly point. They are principles which were originally laid down with the most awful solemnity by God Himself; which were not abrogated by any act or word of our Lord when He was upon earth; which were illustrated afresh on the first formation of the Christian Church in as solemn a manner as that in which they were originally enunciated; which were practically adopted by those Christians who lived nearest to the time of our Lord's ministry and teaching; and which have been carried on in our own Church from the most ancient days. The particular manner in which these Divinely revealed principles of Ceremonial Worship are practically applied to Divine Service as regulated by the present rules of the Church of England will be shown in the following sections.

SECTION II.

THE MANNER OF PERFORMING DIVINE SERVICE.

The performance of Divine Service may be regarded in a twofold relation; as it affects the eye, and as it affects the ear. In other words, it may be considered as coming within the province, and under the superintendence of, one or other of the two representative Church officers, the Sacrist and the Precentor. In the present section some remarks will be offered upon it under its latter aspect, as it bears upon the subject of Church Music.

In looking, then, from the Precentor's point of view, at the question of the manner of performing
Divine Service in the Church of England, the first thing which strikes us is this,—that the directions in our Prayer Book, although scanty, are yet full of significance, implying much more than they seem actually to express. They carry us back to former times for their elucidation, and obviously assume a certain amount of familiarity with pre-Reformation usage. Thus the very brevity of our musical rubrics is one of their most interesting features, as necessarily presupposing a former history, and as referring us to that history for the completion and explanation of their concise verbal injunctions.

There is a world of meaning in the simple little word "Evensong," as applied to our daily Evening Office. So again, such brief notices as, "here followeth the anthem;" "then shall be said, or sung;" "here shall follow;" "then shall be read;" "here the Priest and Clerks shall say;" "these Anthems shall be sung or said;" with many others, all seem to demand some additional explanation over and above what their words actually express.

But before directing attention to the musical notices of our Prayer Book, and their immediate history, it will be necessary to carry our thoughts further back, and see what is the ultimate basis on which they rest. And this will compel us to touch, though very briefly, on the subject of the Divine authority for the employment of music in the worship of Almighty God.

No lengthened remarks will be needed on this head. For the fact of music forming a recognized and Divinely ordained element in the public worship of God, and of the Almighty having herein given His deliberate sanction and approval to that which the instinctive piety of all nations has taught them, is familiar to all careful readers of Holy Scripture. Still it is well that Christians should have this truth, of the Divine origin and authority of Church music, firmly impressed on their minds; that they should be perfectly settled on this point, that it is not only not wrong to employ music freely in Divine Service, but a direct contravention of God's revealed Will not to employ it, where it can be had; that Church music, therefore, should not be regarded with indifference, as a mere "non-essential," but as a matter demanding earnest and reverent consideration.

We pass over the Antediluvian and Patriarchal times, as the notices of a definite and settled Ritual, and consequently of sacred music, are but slight. We pass over, also, the sojourn of the Chosen People in Egypt, and their wanderings in the desert. So long as God's Church was in poverty, and under persecution, struggling for existence, and unable, through sheer necessity, to "put on her garments of praise," God (in Jewish, as afterwards in Christian times) waived her becoming tribute and "Service of Song." We must not look for our example to a state of things confessedly abnormal and transitory. We must refer to a period when the Church was able, through her outward circumstances, to give that full ritualistic form and expression to her worship which God deemed consistent with the duty she owed to Him 1. Let us at once pass on, then, to the period of King David.

The first great religious celebrations in his reign took place in connexion with the removal of the Ark from its place of banishment (after it had been captured by the Philistines in the time of Eli) to its resting-place on Mount Sion. There were two grand Choral Processional Services in connexion with this removal. The former of these, in consequence of certain ritual irregularities which offended God, came to a sad and untimely close. [1 Chron. xiii. 8—12; xv. 11—16.] The latter is the one which, as meeting with God's express approbation, especially demands our notice. It is in reference, then, to this second and successful ceremonial, that we read of David, by God's appointment, "speaking to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psaltery, harp, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy." "Thus all Israel"—the narrative proceeds—"brought up the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps" [1 Chron. xv. 28].

Nor was the work of Praise at an end. So soon as the solemn business of the Translation of the Ark is over, there must still be a special festival of Thanksgiving in commemoration of the auspicious event, as well as provision made for a continuous service of Praise. Hence David "appointed certain of

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1 "In Egypt," writes Hooker, "it may be God's people were right glad to take some corner of a poor cottage, and there serve God upon their knees; peradventure, covered with dust and straw sometimes. . . . In the Desert, they are no sooner possessed of some little thing of their own, but a Tabernacle is required at their hands. Being planted in the land of Canaan, and having David to be their King, when the Lord had given him rest, it grieved his righteous mind to consider the growth of his own estate and dignity, the affairs of Religion continuing still in the former manner. What he did propose it was the pleasure of God that Solomon his son should perform; and perform in a manner suitable to their present, not to their ancient state and condition," &c. [Ecc. Pol. IV. ii. 4]
the Levites to minister before the Ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel; some "with psalteries and harps;" some to make "a sound with cymbals;" besides "the priests with trumpets continually before the Ark of the Covenant of God."

Then it was, that "David delivered first this Psalm to thank the Lord [Ps. cxvii.] into the hand of Asaph and his brethren: 'Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His Name . . . sing unto Him, sing Psalms unto Him . . . Sing unto the Lord, all the earth: show forth from day to day His salvation.'"

And that the words of this Song should be practically realized, and the offering of Praise not cease with the festive occasion which had drawn forth the Psalm, we read of "Asaph and his brethren" being "left before the Ark of the Covenant to minister continually;" of "Heman and Jeduthun," and others, "who were expressed by name," "being chosen to give thanks to the Lord, with trumpets and cymbals . . . and with musical instruments of God" [1 Chron. xvi. 37, 41, 42]; of a great company of Levites being set by David "over the Service of Song in the House of the Lord, after the Ark had rest;" who "ministered before the dwelling-place of the Tabernacle of the Congregation with singing" [ib. vi. 31, 32]; and of "the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites . . . who were employed in that work day and night" [ib. ix. 33]. And so highly developed did the musical department of the Divine Service become, that we see David, later in life, enumerating no fewer than "four thousand, who praised the Lord with the instruments which I made to praise therewith" [ib. xxiii. 5]. And lest we should deem these and kindred ritual arrangements of "the Man after God's own heart," "the Sweet Psalmist of Israel," mere private unauthorized exhibitions of strong musical and aesthetic taste on the part of an individual monarch, we are expressly told in one place, that "all these things were done according to . . . the commandment of the Lord by His Prophets." [2 Chron. xxix. 25.] Solomon carefully perpetuated all the musical arrangements of his father, and after the completion of his glorious Temple, according to the pattern shown him by God Himself, he transferred thither all the "instruments" which David had made for God's service.

On the magnificent ceremonial of the Temple Dedication, with its gorgeous musical and ritual accessories [2 Chron. v.; vii. 1—6], we need not dwell, since it is familiar to all; but it may be as well to remark that it is not for nothing that the Holy Ghost has thought fit to give us such an example of a Consecration Service. Surely if the ordinary bald Consecration and other Festal Services of modern times, with which we ourselves are familiar, are according to the Divine Mind, are suitable to the Dignity of Him to Whom they are offered, and adequate expressions before Angels and Men of His awful and "excellent Majesty," this soul-stirring description would seem somewhat unnecessary, and hardly to have been "given for our learning."

In proportion as subsequent monarchs neglected God, in that proportion did they cease to care for the Ritual of His House, and suffered the music of His Sanctuary to decline. And conversely, as any monarch was mindful of the Lord of Hosts, and zealous for His Honour, so do we ever see one token of his zeal and devotion in his reverent attention to the Ritual and the Music of God's Holy Temple. Of Joash, of Hezekiah, of Josiah, the Holy Ghost recounts with special approbation their efforts for the restoration and encouragement of Church Music. But times grew darker. God's people fell away from Him. They forgot that "God was their strength, and the High God their Redeemer." The sad era of the Captivity ensued. The harps of Sion were hung on Babel's willows. On the return from the Captivity we read of laudable and energetic attempts on the part of Ezra and Nehemiah to restore the ancient choral worship, and with a certain amount of success. But Israel's glory was departed.

Thus we learn, even from this brief and incomplete survey, that God's Church is emphatically "a singing Church;" that music, vocal and instrumental, is designed, by His express appointment, to constitute one essential element, one necessary feature, one integral part, of His public Ritual; that the absence of music and suitable ceremonial in the history of His ancient Church, is, in every case, not the result of His Will, but of man's sinful disregard of that Will; an infallible sign, not of the faithfulness, but of the unfaithfulness of His people.

But has not Christianity introduced a change? At no time and in no manner has God ever given a hint that He has altered His will on this subject. Our Blessed Lord did not utter one single word in disparagement of the general principle of ceremonial worship, or of the ancient ritual, or music, of God's Church. It was one of His chief earthly delights to take part in that worship Himself: and an elaborately ceremonial worship was the only public worship which He attended while sojourning here below. He was first discovered in His youth in His Father's Temple. His first recorded words are, "Wist ye not that I must be in the temple of God?" words which "remind the earthly mother
that it was in the courts of His Heavenly Father's House that the Son must needs be found; that His true home was in the Temple of Him Whose glories still lingered round the heights of Moriah.

Do not we see Him here and elsewhere expressing in deed that which of old He expressed in word by the mouth of His "Sweet Singer,"—"Lord, I have loved the Habitation of Thy House. . . . My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the Courts of My God?"

And even after the Ascension, while we read of our Lord's chosen ones meeting together for their private celebrations of the Blessed Eucharist in their own consecrated Oratory, "the large Upper Room" (that sacred spot, hallowed first by the visible Presence of Christ, and then by that of the Holy Ghost), we find them exhibiting the effect of their Master's reverent example and teaching, by "continuing," none the less, "daily, with one accord, in the Temple," for the public worship of God.

Our Lord came, not to abolish, but to transfigure the old Ritual; not to diminish, but to increase its glory; to breathe into its dead forms a Divine and Life-giving Energy. Christian worship, at its first introduction, was not designed to supplant, but to supplement, the ancient Ritual. It was probably simple in outward character, as being only private; God's public worship being still entrusted to, and conducted by, the Ministers of the Old Dispensation. For a time, doubtless, the two went on simultaneously; the public worship of the Old, the private worship of the New Dispensation. The two were ultimately to be fused together: the outward and expressive forms of the Old, adapted, under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, to clothe the august realities of the New.

It is plainly recorded when and where the first Christian Service took place; viz. on the eve of our adorable Lord's Passion, and in "the large Upper Room"—hereafter to become the first Oratory of the Christian Church. Though outwardly, it may be, without pomp and show, as bearing on it the shadow of the great Humiliation to be consummated on the morrow, yet has the world never beheld, before or since, a Service of such surpassing dignity, sacredness, and significance. Here we witness the meeting-point of two Dispensations; the virtual passing away of the Law, and its transfiguration into the Gospel; the solemn Paschal close of the Old Economy, the Holy Eucharistic Inauguration of the New. Here we see the whole Representative Church assembled together with its Divine Head. And here we find every essential element of Christian Worship introduced and blessed by Incarnate God Himself. The grand central feature of the Service is the Holy Eucharist itself. Clustering round, and subsidiary to it, we find supplication, intercession, exhortation, benediction, excommunication, and Holy Psalmody: "after they had sung (ἰώνωταταις) they went out to the Mount of Olives." Here, in the solemn Eucharistic Anthem which accompanied the first Celebration,—the Celebrant, God Incarnate, "giving Himself with His Own Hands," and the Leader of the Holy Choir, God Incarnate, fulfilling His own gracious prediction, "In the midst of the Church will I sing praise unto Thee" (ἰώνωσο σε)—do we behold the Divine Source of that bright and ever-flowing stream of "Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Song," which was to "make glad the City of God."

In this august and archetypal Service, then, we see all those venerable essentials of Christian Worship which it would afterwards devolve upon the Church, under the guidance of the indwelling Spirit, to embody and express in her solemn Liturgies; and for the clothing and reverent performance and administration of which, it would be needful for her, under the same Holy Teaching, to borrow and adapt from that Divine Storehouse of Ritual which God had provided in the ancient Ceremonial.

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2 Our English version, "breaking bread from house to house" [Acts ii. 46], would lead us to imagine, if it suggested the Eucharist at all, that this solemn Breaking of the Bread of Life—that "Bread which is the Communion of the Body of Christ"—took place irregularly, now in one private house, now in another. This is not, however, the meaning. Kar' olow is not at any house, but "at home," at one particular house, or house. And where was the then Home of the Infant Church but that Sacred Place where the Holy Ghost had descended, "filling the whole House where they were sitting" there, even in that "Large Upper Room," where the first Eucharist had been celebrated, where our Lord had appeared on two consecutive Sundays—"the Upper Room" [τῶς ὑπερτής, Acts i. 13], to which our Lord's chosen ones resorted after the Ascension, in obedience to His command that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait there for His Promised Gift, and "where abode Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and John, and Philip, and James, and Simon, and Judas, and Thaddæus,

3 It is necessary to bear in mind, not only what the Upper Room Service was designed, but also what it was not designed, to teach us. Some would gather from this a lesson against the use of solemn circumstance and ceremonial in Christian worship; but most incorrectly.

Passing over the significant notice, that the "Large Upper Room," even before any of the Holy Company entered it, was by God's secret Providence (working by human or angelic ministration) "furnished and prepared"—words which may imply much—it must never be forgotten that, in the possibly simple arrangements of the Feast, there was something mysteriously in keeping with the then estate of Him who was to be Lord of the Feast.
But the chief point for us, at present, is this; that in the "Hymn" of our Ever-Blessed Redeemer we meet with a new, and, if possible, more constraining sanction to the use of Music in Divine Worship. We learn that the "Service of Song," ordained of old by God for His Church, and commended by so many marks of His approval, so far from being disconsecrated by our Lord, was deliberately sanctioned, appropriated, perpetuated, re-consecrated, "for His Body's sake," by His own most blessed practice and example.

Music was henceforth, no less than of old, to form one necessary adjunct, one essential element in Divine Worship. Nor must we fail to notice that, as music was doubtless intended to find its appropriate place throughout the entire offices of the Christian Church, even as the threefold division of Church Music into "Psalm, Hymn, Spiritual Song"; twice emphatically repeated by the Holy Ghost, would seem to indicate, so its special home is the Liturgy. Wherever absent, it should not be absent here; and the immediate junta-position of the Words of Institution, in both Gospels, with the mention of the Hymns, may be reverently conceived to teach this. So also does the Church seem instinctively to have felt: regarding the Holy Eucharist as the great centre round which her songs of praise should cluster and revolve; the great source from which they should take their rise, and flow forth. Phiny's mention of the early morning meetings of the first Christians to offer Divine Worship and sing hymns to Christ, probably refers to their Eucharistic assemblies. And Justin Martyr's expression must have a similar allusion, when he speaks of their offering up "solemn rites and hymns," Πομπάς καὶ ὄμνους,—where the word Πομπάς is interpreted by Grabius to denote the solemn prayers "in Mysteriorn Celebrations." [Apol. i. 13.]

With regard to the nature of the music used in God's Church in early times, we are utterly in the dark. Over the grand old Temple Music, in fact over the whole of the ancient Jewish Ritual Song, there is an impenetrable veil hanging. There are doublet natural reasons which may, in a measure, account for the fact; especially this, that the ancient Jews seem to have possessed no musical characters; so that the melodies used in their services have been traditional, and as an inevitable consequence, more or less at the mercy of the singers. And we must further bear in mind that, ever since the woful time of the Captivity, the Holy Nation, instead of maintaining its ancient grand Theocratic independence, has been in subjection successively to all the great powers of the world; to the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greco-Macedonian dynasties; then, in turn, to Egypt and Syria; then to the mighty power of Rome. When we consider this, and take into account also their intestine factions, their constant unfaithfulness to God, their gradual loss therefore of their inward strength and glory, and with it of the beauty and completeness of that perfect Ritual which at once clothed, expressed, enshrined, and preserved their Holy Faith; can we wonder that, even before their dispersion into all lands, the memory of much of their own ancient music had faded away, and their Church song had lost its character, under the ever-varying heathen influences to which it had so long been incidentally subjected?

He had "emptied Himself;" and His voluntary self-abasement was on the eve of its full consummation. At this very Re-part He suffers an Apostle to "lean on His Breast" in the unrestrained familiarity of friendly intercourse. From the loving and simple freedom, then, of this first Eucharist (in which God Incarnate was Himself the visible Celebrant) no single argument can be adduced against outward tokens of awe and reverence before our Lord's supernatural and spiritual Presence, which would not equally apply to His natural and visible Presence. Our Lord is now "very highly exalted." The very same Apostle who here reclined on His Bosom, as on that of a dear friend, is careful to narrate to us how that, when next he beheld Him, after His entrance into Glory, he "fell at His feet as dead."

So, again, the Holy Ghost is no less careful to record, "for our learning," the solemn warning which the Christian Church so speedily received, as to the paramount necessity of fencing round this Holy Mystery with suitable ceremonial; telling us of the solemn judgments of the Most High upon those early communicants, who, presuming on the simple exterior of this august Service, ere yet the Church had been able to perfect her expressive Ritual, and approaching the Sacred Table without reverence, "not discerning the Lord's Body," and counting the "Blood of the Covenant" a "common thing," drew down upon them the heavy wrath of God, being smitten with "grievous diseases, and sudden kinds of death."

1 Eph. v. 19. Col. iii. 16.

In this threefold division, it is scarcely possible to miss some special secret relation with the three several Persons of the Ever-Blessed Trinity. (1) The "Psalms," flowing to us from, and uniting us to, the Old Dispensation, primarily lead us up to, and reveal to us, "the Father of an infinite Majesty." (2) The "Hymns," originating as we have seen, from the Eucharistic Hymn in the Upper Room, bring us into special connexion with our Lord Jesus Christ. (3) The "Spiritual Songs," as their very name indicates, rather represent the free, unrestrained out-breathings in Holy Song of that Divine Spirit which animates and inspires the Body of Christ.

So that we find the first in our Psalters; the second chiefly in our Liturgical Hymns, "Gloria in Excelsis," "Ter Sanctus," and the like; the third in our metrical songs, or odes,—those songs in which Christian feeling has ever delighted to find expression.

The first class is rather occupied with God Himself; the second, with God in His dealings with man, through the One Mediator; the third, with man in his dealings with God, through the Spirit of God quickening him. Reverence and devotion speak in the first; dogma finds utterance in the second; Christian emotion in the third.
A RITUAL INTRODUCTION

From the modern Jewish music we can learn nothing. Music, we are told, has been authoritatively banished from the Synagogue ever since the destruction of Jerusalem; the nation deeming its duty to be, rather to mourn over its misfortunes in penitential silence, until the Coming of Messiah, than to exult in songs of praise. Hence the music which still practically exists in so many Jewish congregations throughout the world, is more or less arbitrary, and destitute of traditional authority.

We are in equal doubt as to the nature of the ancient Christian music. All we know is that antiphonal singing was at a very early period introduced: in fact, there can be no reasonable doubt that it was a heritage bequeathed to the Christian Church from her elder Jewish sister, and that the Author of it was none other than the "Chief Musician" Himself. It was at Antioch, however, where the practice seems first to have systematically established itself, and whence it was ultimately spread over Christendom. This was a city of great importance in the history of Church Music. The Church in Antioch was the one which, next in order after that of Jerusalem, rose to pre-eminence. It was in a special way the mother and metropolis of Gentile Christendom. The very name Christian originated here. Socrates' account of the beginning of antiphonal singing in this city is too interesting to be passed over. The passage is thus given in Dr. Hamner's translation (London, 1636):

"Now let us record whence the hymns that are sung interchangeably in the Church, commonly called Antemae [Anthems], had their original. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch in Syria, the third Bishop in succession from Peter the Apostle, who was conversant, and had great familiarity with the Apostles, saw a vision of Angels which extolled the Blessed Trinity with Hymns that were sung interchangeably: and delivered unto the Church of Antioch the order and manner of singing expressed in the Vision. Thence, it came to pass, that every Church received the same tradition. So much of Antemae." [Soc. lib. vi. c. 12.]

Antioch, as capital of Syria, capital also of Roman Asia in the East, seems to have become a great intellectual as well as theological centre. Here we find the principal theological School of Syria and the East; a school exercising a great influence throughout Christendom. Antioch appears to have been the city in which Church Song first worked itself into shape; where Jewish tradition and Gentile intelligence met and blended; where the ancient Hebrew antiphonal system of Psalm recitation, and the shattered fragments of the old Ritual Song, allied themselves with, and were subjected to the laws of, modern Grecian musical science. It seems almost certain that Church music is rather Greek than Hebrew in origin. Hellenism had long been doing a Providential, though subsidiary work in preparing the world for Christianity. And though Greece had fallen under the iron grasp of the power of Rome, she had, in turn, subdued her conquerors to her literature, her language, and her arts. In the department of Christian Song, then, in the Church's first essays at giving musical expression to her sacred services, no doubt she would be mainly indebted to the science and skill of that nation which had already furnished her with a language, and which yet ruled the intellect of the world. The very names of the (so-called) ecclesiastical modes, or scales,—Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixo-Lydian, &c.,—bear incidental testimony to this fact. Perhaps the Church's metrical hymn-music is that branch of her song which is most directly and immediately borrowed from ancient Greece. We find the old Greek and Roman metres freely employed in the ancient Christian hymns; and doubtless the music to which they were first allied, bore no very remote resemblance to that used in the heathen temples.

¹ Dr. Burney says that "the only Jews now on the globe who have a regular musical establishment in their Synagogue, are the Germans, who sing in parts: and these preserve some old melodies or chants which are thought to be very ancient." Padre Martini collected a great number of the Hebrew chants, which are sung in the different-synagogues throughout Europe. Dr. Burney has inserted several of these in his History of Music. But, with a single exception, they show not even the remotest affinity to the Gregorian system of melody; nor, in the sequence of their notes, any possible observance of the ecclesiastical modes or scales.

There is, however, one exception. One single melody bears so strange a resemblance (probably purely accidental) to a Church Chant, that it is worth preserving. Transcribed into modern notation, and written in a chant form, with simple harmony, it is as follows:

Melody to the Title of the L1 Psalm, or Lammaszach, as sung by the Spanish Jews.

[Original Key, F]

² An influence which was eventually exercised towards very pernicious ends.
TO THE PRAYER BOOK.

Metrical hymns appear to have been first used to any extent by heretics, for the promulgation of their tenets; and then by the Church, with the view of counteracting heretical teaching, and popularizing the true faith. St. Chrysostom’s attempts to overcome attractive Arian hymn-singing at Constantinople with more attractive orthodox hymn-singing, are well known. Socrates tells us of “the melodious concert and sweet harmony in the night season;” of the “silver candlesticks, after the manner of crossetes, devised for the bearing of the tapers and wax candles,” presented to the good Bishop by “Eudoxia, the Empress,” and used by him to add beauty to his choral processions.

It was shortly before this period that St. Ambrose had introduced into the West the system of Hymn-singing and Antiphonal Psalm-chanting. He is said to have learnt it at Antioch, and to have brought his melodies thence. Responsive singing seems never to have been practised in the West till his time: and the circumstances attendant upon its introduction,—for the purpose of relieving his people in their nightly services during the Arian Persecution,—form an interesting episode in Church History. St. Augustine’s touching account of the effect produced upon himself by the psalms and hymns in St. Ambrose’s Church in Milan, has often been quoted, and is well known. And it is in reference to the period just referred to, that he informs us [Conf. ix. 7], that “it was then ordained that the Psalms and Hymns should be sung secundum morem Orientalium partium;” and that from Milan this Eastern antiphonal system spread throughout all parts of Western Christendom.

It is very difficult to ascertain accurately (and this is not the place to discuss) the exact nature and extent of the influence exerted by St. Ambrose over the Music of the Church in the West. That his influence was very considerable is shown by the fact of the extended use of the term “Cantus Ambrosianus” for Church song generally. Possibly this wide use of the term may account for the title given to the old melody of the “To Dewm,” which—certainly, at least, in the form in which it has come down to us—cannot be of the extremely early date which its name would appear to imply.

But the name of St. Ambrose, as a musical reformer, was eclipsed by that of his illustrious successor, St. Gregory, who flourished about 200 years after. As Church Song was all “Ambrosian” before his time, so has it, since, been all “Gregorian.” The ecclesiastical modes, or scales, were finally settled by him; until the time when Church music broke through its trammels, rejected the confined use of modes and systems essentially imperfect, and, under the fostering influence of a truer science, developed its hidden and exhaustless resources.

Without entering into any detail respecting the ancient Church scales, it may not be out of place to state thus much:—

I. The four scales admitted by St. Ambrose, called the Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixo-Lydian (modifications of the ancient Greek scales so named), were simply, in modern language, our respective scales of D, E, F, G, without any accidentals; the melodies written in each ranging only from the keynote to its octave, and ending properly on the keynote, thence called the “final.”

Now each particular scale had its own reciting note (or “dominant”), generally a fifth above the final. Thus (had there been no exception) we should have had:—

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But there was one exception. For some reason or other, B was not approved of as a Recitation note; and hence, in the second scale, C was substituted for it.

II. To each of these four scales, St. Gregory added a subordinate, or attendant, scale—just as, in the ancient Greek system, each “principal” mode had two subsidiary, or “plagal,” modes; the one below (ιπτω) it, and the other above (επερ) it—beginning four notes below it, and therefore characterized by the prefix ιπτω (hypdo, or under).

Thus, to St. Ambrose’s 1st (or Dorian) mode, St. Gregory added a Hypo-Dorian.

To his 2nd (or Phrygian), St. Gregory added a Hypo-Phrygian.

1 It is not meant that all the chants or melodies in each mode scale, on which a melody, which came to a full close, would do really end on the “final;” but that this is the note, in the

| naturally terminate. |
To his 3rd (or Lydian), St. Gregory added a Hypo-Lydian.

" 4th (or Mixo-Lydian) "    " Hypo-Mixo-Lydian."

So that the number of the scales, instead of four, became eight.

Each added scale is essentially the same as its corresponding "principal" scale; the "final" (or key-note, so to speak) of each being the same. Thus, D (for instance) is the proper final note for melodies, whether in the Dorian or Hypo-Dorian mode.

The only points of difference between St. Gregory's added, and St. Ambrose's original, scales are these:—

1. That each added scale lies a fourth below its original.

Thus, while the melodies in the four primary scales lie respectively between D, E, F, G, and their octaves; the melodies in the "plagal," or secondary, scales lie between A, B, C, D, and their octaves.

2. And next, that the recitation notes (or dominants) of the two sets of scales are different; those of the added scales being respectively F, A, A, C.

Thus the eight scales as finally settled by St. Gregory are as follows:—

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In strict Gregorian song the notes were all of uniform length; and the only accidental ever allowed was the B flat.

It was necessarily by slow degrees that Ritual song assumed its full proportions, and the Divine Service clothed itself, in all its parts, with suitable musical dress.

Monotonic Recitative forms the basis of "plain song." In fact, in early times it would appear that, except in the Hymns, Church music was exceedingly simple in character. St. Augustine tells us that St. Athanasius strongly discouraged the use of much inflexion of voice and change of note in the saying of the Divine Office. He would even have the Psalms sung almost in monotone: a practice, however, with which St. Augustine's keen musical susceptibilities could not bring him wholly to sympathize.

From the simple monotone, the other portions of the plain song little by little develop themselves. The bare musical stem becomes ever and anon foliate: its monotony is relieved with inflexions, recurring according to fixed rule. Then it buds and blossoms, and flowers into melodies of endless shape.

When the musical service of the Western Church became in a measure fixed, it consisted mainly of the four following divisions:—

1. There was, first, the song for the prayers, the "Cantus Collectarum," which was plain monotone 1.

2. Secondly, there was the song for the Scripture Lections, the "Cantus Prophetarum," "Epistolae," "Evangeli," which admitted certain inflexions. These inflexions were for the most part of a fixed character, and consisted (ordinarily) in dropping the voice,—a. at each comma or colon, a minor third ("accentus medius") ; β. at each full-stop, a perfect fifth ("accentus gravis") 2.

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1 In the Roman use, the monotone was unbroken; but in the Sarum use, there was generally the fall of a perfect fifth (entitled the "grave accent") on the last syllable before the Amen.

2 But in case the clause ended with a monosyllable, the following variations took place:—

a. The "accentus medius" gave way to the "accentus moderatus," or "interrogativus,"

β. And the "accentus gravis," to the "accentus acutus,"

It is noticeable that while the Church of England (following the lead of Merbecke) has retained the use of the "mediante" and
The same rule was followed in intonating the versicles and responses, the versicle and response together being regarded as a complete sentence; the close of the former requiring the "mediate," the close of the latter the "grave" accent.

3. The third division embraces the Psalm-chants. These seem originally to have followed the rule of the "Cantus Prophetae;" to have consisted of plain monotec, relieved only by one of the " accents" at the close of each verse. In course of time the middle, as well as the end of the verse, came to be inflected. The inflexions became more varied and elaborate; the result being a whole succession of distinct melodies, or chants, following the laws of the several ecclesiastical modes.

4. As the third division admitted of far greater licence than either of the two former (ultimately, of very considerable melodic latitude), so was the fourth division more free and unrestrained than all. This embraces the music for the Hymns, metrical or prose; for Prefaces, Antiphons, and the like. From these any continuous recitation note disappears altogether, and an unrestricted melody is the result.

Church Song has passed through many vicissitudes; becoming at times viciously ornate, debased, and emasculated. So long as the people took part in the service, the music was necessarily kept very simple. When they ceased to participate, and the service was performed for them, the once simple inflexions and melodies became expanded and developed,—ten, twenty, or more notes being constantly given to a syllable; and the plain song became the very reverse of plain, and for all purposes of edification practically useless.

Many protests were from time to time issued; but it was not until the period of the Council of Trent, in the sixteenth century, that really effectual and energetic measures were taken to arrest the growing evil. At that time the laborious task of examining and revising the Plain Song of the Western Church was entrusted to Palestrina (who took for his coadjutor the indefatigable Guidetti) by the musical commissioners (one of them the great St. Carlo Borromeo) appointed by the Council of Trent.

But twenty years before Palestrina had set about his toilsome work, a similar movement had been initiated in this country, in connexion with our revised Office-books.

When the great remodelling of our English Services took place, earlier in the same century; when the energetic and successful attempt was made to render them once more suitable, not only for private and clausal, but for public congregational use, and at the same time to disembarrass them of any novelties in doctrine or practice which in the course of ages had fastened round them; when the old Mattins, Lauds, and Prime of the Sarum Breviary were translated into the vernacular, compressed, and recast into the now familiar form of our English "Mattins," or "Morning Prayer;" and the Vespers and Compline of our "Evening Prayer," or "Evensong;" the question of the music for these rearranged offices forced itself upon the notice of our Church rulers. And it is most interesting to note, how the same wise conservative spirit, which had guided the changes in the words, manifested itself in the corresponding changes in the music with which those words were to be allied.

Radical alteration in either department there was none, simplification being the main object. And thus, in the province of Church Music, the great aim was not to discard, but to utilize the ancient plain song, to adapt it to the translated offices, to restore it to something more of its primitive "plainness," to rid it of its modern corruptions, its wearisome "neumas," and ornaments and flourishes; so that the Priest's part, on the one hand, might be intelligible and distinct, and not veiled in a dense cloud of unmeaning notes, and the people's part, on the other, so easy and straightforward, as to render their restored participation in the public worship of the Sanctuary at once practicable and pleasurable.

It has been hastily imagined by some in modern days that our great liturgical revisionists of the sixteenth century designed to abolish the immemorial custom of the Church of God, alike in Jewish and Christian times, of saying the Divine Service in some form of solemn musical recitative, and to introduce the unheard-of custom of adopting the ordinary colloquial tone of voice. But such a serious and uncatholic innovation never appears to have entered into their heads.

The most that can be said of our English Post-Reformation rule on this subject is, that in case of real incapacity on the part of the priest, or other sufficient cause, the ordinary tone of voice may be employed; but this only as an exceptional alternative. The rule itself remains unchanged, the same as of old.

"moderate" accents, she seems practically to have parted with the "grave" and the "acute." 1 Or their substitutes, in case of a monosyllabic termination
See the preceding note.
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The Rubrical directions, "read," "say," "sing," expressed in the old technical language, are substantially what they were before. The first of these words, "legere," was the most general and comprehensive; merely expressing recitation from a book, without defining the "modus legendi," or stating whether the recitation was to be plain or inflected. The usual modes of recitation are expressed in the words "say" and "sing;" the former ("dicere") pointing to the simpler, the latter ("cantare") to the more ornate mode. Thus the old "legere" might signify (and often did) ornate singing; and it might signify (and often did) plain monotone; and it is observable that the words "say" and "sing" are often employed interchangeably in the old rubrics, when their specific distinctions do not come into prominence.¹

Now the same holds good in our present Book. For instance, in one place we find a rubric ordering that the Athanasian Creed shall be "read here." Now, the point of this rubric being the particular position in which the Creed shall be recited, and not the particular mode of its recitation, the general term "legere" is employed. The "modus legendi" is determined by other rubrics, which prescribe that it may be "either said, or sung;" i. e., which allow of both modes of choral recitation, either the plain, or the ornate; either the simple monotone, or the regular chant.

The same thing occurs in another rubric, which (like the former), dealing with the position, not the mode, orders the "Veni" to be "read" in a certain place. Now the general term "read" in this instance is obviously equivalent with the word "sing;" the Church of England always contemplating that the Psalms shall not be said on the monotone, but sung to regular chants.²

The two works which directly illustrate the mind of the English Church as to the musical rendering of her reformed Service are, 1st, the Litany published by Cranmer with its musical notation (the first instalment of our Book of Common Prayer); and, 2ndly, the more important work containing the musical notation of all the remainder of that Book, edited (plainly under the Archbishop's supervision) by John Merbecke, and published "cum privilegio" in the same year with the first Prayer Book of Edward VI.

A word or two may be said respecting both these publications.

1. The Litany was published in 1544 in a work entitled "An exhortation unto prayer thought meet by the King's Majestie and his clergie, to be read &c. Also a Litany with suffrages to be said or sung." Now this Litany was set to the beautiful and simple old Litany chant still used in most of our Cathedrals and Parish Churches where the service is chorally rendered. It was republished by Grafton, with harmonies in five parts, a month after its first appearance. Some twenty years afterwards it was again harmonized by Tallis; and it has been harmonized and set in different forms by many of our English Church musicians.

2. The other publication was entitled "The Booke of Common Praier noted," wherein "is conteyned so much of the Order of Common Praier as is to be song in Churches." Like the Prayer Book itself, it contains nothing absolutely new: the old English Service Music being simplified and adapted to our revised and translated Offices. The adjustment of the musical notation is as follows:

   i. For the Prayers, the old "Cantus Collectarum," or simple monotone, is used.³

   ii. For the Versicles and Responses, the old inflected "Cantus Prophetarum."⁴

   iii. In the Scripture Lections, however, it seems manifest that it was not in contemplation to retain the use of this last-mentioned inflected Song, which of old appertained to them. In the Pre-Reformation Service-books the "Capitals" and the Lections were generally very short; the latter being moreover broken and interrupted by Antiphons. Here, inflected musical Recitative might not be inappropriate. But to sing through a long lesson from the English Bible in the same artificial method, would be plainly wearisome, if not somewhat grotesque.⁵ Hence our rubric ordered that in such places where they do sing, then shall the lesson be sung in a plain tune, after the manner of distinct reading; and likewise the Epistle and Gospel.

¹ How depe and inwarde comorthe shoulde ye be to you to syngge and rede and say this holy servyce." Our Ladyes Myrour, f. v.
² "The Psalter, or Psalms of David, pointed as they are to be sung (or said) in Churches." The Psalter, we see, is specially pointed for singing: the pointing itself plainly expressing the mind and wish of the Church. The "say" only gives a permisiable alternative where there is no choir.
³ In two instances (but only two) Merbecke has adopted a special peculiarity of the Sarum (as distinguished from the Roman) Rite, in the employment of the grave accent (see p. lvii) on the last syllable of the collect preceding the "Amen."
⁴ See also p. lviii.
⁵ See an instance of this method described at p. 96, note.
Now here the emphatic word appears to be "plain," as opposed to "inflected," and the object of the rubric, to recommend the substitution of the "Cantus Collectarum," or monotone, for the Lessons, Epistle, and Gospel, in place of the ancient "Cantus Prophetarum." It is needless to point out, by the way, in the face of a rubric which defines the mode in which even the lessons are to be "sung," how little idea there was on the part of our Liturgical Revisers of interfering generally with the ancient musical performance of Divine Service.

It may not be out of place here to remark, that the above rubric which ordered the "plain tune" for the lessons, was, after the lapse of above a century, ultimately withdrawn. The Puritans strongly urged its withdrawal at the Savoy Conference, prior to the last Review in 1661. Our Divines at first refused to yield, alleging that the objections urged against the use of Monotone for Holy Scripture were groundless. However, they gave way at last: and it is, perhaps, happy that they did. For, while in the case of solemn public addresses to Almighty God, the grave, devout, unsecular, ecclesiastical recitative is alone appropriate; in the case of addresses to men, even though they are lessons of Holy Scripture, which are read for purposes of instruction, a freer and less formal mode of utterance seems alike suitable and desirable.

iv. The _Te Deum_ is set to the ancient Ambrosian melody, simplified and adapted to the English words from the version given in the Sarum Breviary.

v. The other Canticles and the Psalms are assigned to the old Gregorian chants. The Book does not actually contain the Psalter with its chants (just as it does not contain the Litany with its music, which had been already published). A simple Gregorian melody (8th tone, 1st ending) is given for the "Venite;" after which is added, "and so forth with the rest of the Psalms as they are appointed." The primary object of this was, probably, to keep the Book in a reasonably small compass, and avoid the great additional expense of printing a musical notation for each verse of the entire Psalter. But partly, no doubt, it was the uncertainty then felt (and even to the present day, to some extent experienced) as to the best mode of selecting and adapting the old chants to English words, which caused the editors instinctively to shrink from the responsibility of so soon determining these delicate points, and to prefer leaving it to the different Choirs and Preceptors to make experiments, and adapt and select according to their own judgment. There is no proof that it was intended to fasten this particular book upon the English Church. It was probably of a tentative and experimental character. It was put forth as a companion to our Revised Service-book, as a practical explanation of its musical rubrics, and as also furnishing examples and specimens of the way in which the framers of our vernacular offices originally contemplated that they should be allied with the old Latin Ritual Song.

vi. In the music for the Hallelujah ("The Lord's Name be praised"), for the Lord's Prayer in the Post-Communion, and for the Kyrie (the melody of the latter borrowed from the Sarum "Missa pro Defunctis"), we find merely the old Sarum plain-song reproduced in simplified form.

vii. The Nicene Creed, Gloria in Excelsis, and offertory sentences appear, from the structure of the music, to be all set to simplified forms of ancient Gregorian melodies. But their immediate source has not yet been clearly ascertained.

From what has been said it will incidentally appear, 1st, how fully determined were our sixteenth century Revisionists that the Offices in their new form should not lose their old choral and musical character; and thus that Divine Service should still continue what it had ever theoretically been, a "Service of Song." And, 2nd, how earnestly anxious they were that the music should be of a plain and simple character, so that it might be a real aid in the great object they had before them, that of restoring to the people their long-suspended right of due and intelligent participation in the public worship of the Sanctuary.

In illustration of these points, Cranmer's letter to Henry VIII., dated Oct. 7, 1544, is interesting; and although it is printed entire at p. xxxii, it is necessary again to refer to it in connexion with our present subject. After speaking of the English Litany already published with musical notation; and of certain other Litanies, or "Processions," which he had been preparing, and which he requests the King to cause to be set to music, on the ground that "if some devout and solemn note be made thereunto," "it will much stir the hearts of all men to devotion," he proceeds to offer his opinion as to the kind of music suitable for these Litanies, as also for other parts of the Service:

"In mine opinion the Song that shall be made thereunto would not be full of notes, but as near as may be for every syllable a note; as be, in the _Matins and Evensong_ 'Venite,' the Hymns 'Te Deum,' 'Benedictus,' 'Magnificat,' 'Nunc Dimittis,' and all the Psalms and Versicles; and, in the _Mass_ , 'Gloria in excelsis,' 'Gloria Patri,' the Creed, the Preface, the 'Pater noster,' and some of
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The last portion of this letter introduces a subject on which it is necessary to add a few words, viz., the use of Metrical Hymns in public worship.

Cranmer himself was most anxious to have retained the use of them, and with that view set about translating the Breviary Hymns. But he was so dissatisfied with his attempts, that eventually he gave up the idea. This loss was a serious one, and soon made itself experienced. Fervent Christian feeling must find means of expression; and if not provided with a legitimate outlet, such as the Hymns of the Church were intended to furnish, will vent itself in ways irregular, and, perhaps, in unorthodox language.

It is difficult to ascertain the exact time when the practice of popular Hymn and metrical Psalm singing established itself in connexion with our revised ritual, though independently of its direct authority. Such singing was in use very early in Elizabeth's reign, having doubtless been borrowed from the Protestants abroad. For the purpose of giving a quasi-official sanction to a custom which it would have been very unwise to repress, (and thus, through a sort of bye-law, to supply a practical want in our authorized public Ritual,) it was ordained, by a Royal Injunction in the year 1559, that, while there was to be "a modest and distinct song so used in all parts of the Common Prayers in the Church that the same might be understood as if it were read without singing," (in other words, while the old traditional plain-song, in its simplified form, is to be employed throughout the whole of the service; yet,) "for the comforting of such as delight in musick it may be permitted, that in the beginning or at the end of the Common Prayer, either at morning or evening, there may be sung an hymn or such like song to the praise of Almighty God, in the best sort of melody and musick that may be conveniently devised; having respect that the sentence [i.e. sense] of the hymn may be understood and perceived."

To this Injunction of Queen Elizabeth we owe our modern Anthem; on which it is necessary to add a few words.

The term itself is merely an Anglicized synonym of the word Antiphon. Its old spelling was Antem, Antene, or Antemene 1. Its origin is the Greek word ἀντιφωνον, or rather ἀντιφωνα (antiphona: neut. plur.), which is the old ecclesiastical term. From antiphona comes the Italian and Spanish antifiona, as well as the old English form antephne, and the Anglo-Saxon antefn. Now, just as the Anglo-Saxon word stem (the end, or prow, of a ship) became stem in English, so did Antefn become Antem. The further change of the initial ant into anth is merely parallel with the corresponding change of the Old English te and tat into thee and that 2.

From the fact of Barrow in one of his sermons spelling the word "Anthymn," Dr. Johnson and others have hastily inferred that its true origin is to be traced in ἀντί ἔμως or ἄντιθμος (anti-hymnus, or anthymus), which would give it the meaning of a responsive hymn. And it is by no means improbable that the accidental similarity in sound between the final syllable of "Anthem" and the word "hymn," coupled with the fact of the intelligible, and in a measure correct, meaning which this plausible derivation would seem to afford, has not been without its influence in determining the popular sense of the word itself. But there is not a vestige of authority for this latter derivation, nor shadow of doubt that φωνή and not ἔμως is the root out of which "Anthem" grows.

In its earliest form, the Anthem, or Antiphon, seems to have been a single verse out of any Psalm repeated after the recitation of the Psalm (and, in later times, before its recitation also) with a view of fixing the key-note, so to speak, of the Psalm; of bringing into prominence, and fastening attention upon, some special idea contained within it. In course of time the Antiphons came to be selected, not exclusively from the particular Psalms to which they were affixed. Appropriate passages of Scripture from any part, even short uninspired sentences in prose or verse, came to be similarly applied. From the fact of the Antiphon giving the key-note or leading idea of the Psalm to which it was attached, we find the word Anthem frequently used for the text of a sermon 3.

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1 See p. lxi, and "the Myrroure of our Lady," fol. lxxix.
2 For a discussion on the derivation and use of the word Anthem, see Notes and Queries, 2nd Series, xi. 497. 491; xii. 90. 151.
3 It may be remarked, that as the idea of Responsive Music lies at the bottom of Antiphon, or Anthem (whence we find old writers speaking of the Psalms as sung Anthem-wise, i.e. responsively), so, in the actual and varied use of the word, we find, sometimes the Responsive, and sometimes the Melodic, element coming into prominence; occasionally, one or the other element entirely disappearing. In the text of a sermon, for instance, there is nothing musical. In a modern Anthem, there is nothing necessarily responsive.
When the use of a "Hymn, or such like song," was authoritatively permitted at the beginning or end of Common Prayer—not only with a view of adding dignity and interest to the worship of Almighty God, and rendering the Service of Praise more worthy of Him to whom it was offered; but with the twofold secondary end also (1) of "comforting" musical people by allowing the strains of the Sanctuary a greater freedom of development than the mere chant and plain-song intonations admitted, and thus (2) of encouraging amongst all classes the study and practice of music—our Church composers, in casting about for suitable words, seem first to have had recourse to the old Antiphons, many of which they set to music. Other similar brief and characteristic passages of Holy Scripture, Prayers, Hymns, and the like, were speedily selected for the same purpose; but the name "Anthems," whether they happened to have been used as Antiphons or not, equally attached itself to all.

Many have endeavoured to discover some definite ritual significance in the word itself, and in the position occupied by the Anthem in our Service, to account for its name. It has been regarded as the intentional "residuum" of the Antiphons of the old Service-books. But such theories, though interesting, are unsubstantial. It is all but certain, that it was through a loose, accidental, popular application of an old term, the strict meaning of which was not a matter of much concern, rather than through any deliberate conviction of the modern Anthem being, practically or theoretically, identical with, or a legitimate successor and representative of the old Antiphon, that the name Anthem finally allied itself with that class of musical compositions or Sacred Motets which now form a recognized adjunct to our English Service*. It may be added that, in country parishes, where a trained choir could not be obtained, a metrical Psalm would be sung in the place of the Anthem, and fall under the same general designation.

The actual period of the introduction of the term in its familiar modern and popular sense, to denote a piece of sacred music for the use of the Church, may perhaps be approximately illustrated by a comparison of the titles of two successive editions of a very important musical work. Within the year after the publication of Queen Elizabeth's Injunction giving permission for the use of a "Hymn, or such like song," John Day printed his great choral work entitled, "Certain notes set forthe in 4 & 5 parts, to be sung at the Morning, Communion, & Evening Prayer, very necessary for the Church of Xt to be frequented & used. And unto them be added divers godly Prayers & Psalms in the like form to the Honour and Praise of God." Five years later, this fine work, to which Tallis with other famous Church writers contributed, was reprinted, though with a somewhat different title: "Morning & Evening Prayer & Communion set forth in 4 parts, to be sung in Churches, both for men & children, with divers other godly Prayers & Anthems of sundry men's doyings." In the second edition we thus have the word "Anthems" used, where in the first edition "Psalms" had been employed.

An illustration of the early actual use of the Anthem, in its modern English sense, is afforded by Strype, in his description of the Lent Services which took place in the Chapel Royal, within a year of the time when the permissive Injunction for the use of "a Hymn, or such like song," was published, at the beginning of Elizabeth's reign.

"The same day" (he writes, i.e. Midlent Sunday, March 24, 1560), "in the afternoon, Bp. Barlow, one of King Edward's Bishops, now Bishop of Chichester, preached in his Habit before the Queen. His sermon ended at five of the clock: and, presently after, her Chapel went to Evening Song. The Cross as before standing on the Altar; and two Candelsticks, and two Tapers burning in them. And, Service concluded, a good Anthem was sung." [See also Machyn's Diary, 1560.]

Thus the place of the Anthem became practically settled after the third Collect, with which Morning and Evening Prayer at that time concluded; although it was not till above 100 years after this period that there was any rubrical recognition of the Anthem, or direction concerning the time of its performance. When, however, at the last Review, in 1661, the concluding prayers were added, the Anthem was not removed to the end of the Service, as before, but was still allowed to retain its old traditional place after the third Collect. And it was with a view of fixing this position that the Rubric was inserted, "In Choirs and places where they sing, here followeth the Anthem."

But although this is the only place where the introduction of a "Hymn, or such like song," or "Anthem," is definitely authorized, yet custom has sanctioned a much freer interpretation of the

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* It will also be observed, that the two English words—really identical, and coming from the same root—Antiphon and Anthem, have finally parted company; the former retaining its ancient ritual, the latter acquiring a modern musical meaning.
Rubric than its words actually convey. Practical need has asserted and substantiated its claim. The Rubric, or rather the original Injunction on which the Rubric was based, has shown itself conveniently expansive and elastic, and the word “Anthem” proved a pregnant and germinant one, covering at once the Hymn, the Introit, and the Anthem proper. The truth is, however, that it is to custom and necessity, not to Rubrics or Injunctions, that we owe the general introduction of Music, as distinct from Plain song, into our Revised Offices. Custom drew forth the Injunction of Queen Elizabeth; the Injunction subsequently gave rise to the Rubric. But as Music originally found its way into our Reformed Service, independently of written authority, so, independently of written authority, does it continue. For the very necessity which received formal recognition in the Anthem—Rubric, refuses to be satisfied with or limited by the strict terms of that Rubric. The Anthem, in some shape or other, was a fact before ever any written authority called it into legal existence; and in like manner, Hymn-singing, over and above the Anthem, has been, and is, and will be, an actual fact, notwithstanding its apparent want of formal rubrical sanction.

The result of all is, that while “the Anthem” still retains its place, as a special offering to God of the firstfruits of sacred musical skill and science, “in choirs and places” where such an offering is possible, the additional introduction elsewhere of suitable Hymns, whether in the Eucharistic or other Offices, as aids and reliefs to the Services, is not only not thereby excluded, but practically and subordinately and implicitly sanctioned.

This Section may be concluded with some practical rules on the subject of which it has treated.

1. Although, as we have seen, there was no deliberate intention, on the part of our Liturgical Revisers, that the old Antiphon should be reproduced, or find an exact counterpart in the modern Anthem; still, on the other hand, it is most desirable that the Anthem should practically—by its appropriate character, by its responding accordantly to the Service of the day, bringing out and emphasizing its special theme—indicate its right to the title it has obtained, and prove itself a legitimate successor and representative of the Antiphon1. Anthems or Hymns may thus become invaluable auxiliaries; imparting a freedom and variety to our Service which it would not otherwise possess, and rendering it susceptible of easy adaptation to the ever-changing phases of the Church’s year. If the “Hymn, or such like song,” does not possess any of this “Antiphonal” character, if it is regarded merely in the light of so much music interpolated into the Office by way of relief, it becomes simply an element of disintegration, splitting up the Service into several isolated fragments, instead of imparting a unity and consistency and character to the whole. Hence the need of due and reverent care in the selection of the Anthems and Hymns. Judiciously chosen, they may not only give new beauty and meaning to our Services, but may also prove most useful and delightful means of propagating and popularizing Church doctrine, and promoting the growth of genuine and healthy Church feeling.

2. As regards the position of the Hymns. The Elizabethan Injunction specifies the “beginning or end of Common Prayer;” and the Rubric says, “after the third Collect.” So that we have three available places for “Hymns, or such like songs.” The Hymn at the beginning of Common Prayer, although desirable on great Festivals, as a kind of Antiphon fixing the key-note of the whole succeeding Service, is somewhat inconsistent with the general penitential character of the Introduction to our Mattins and Evensong, and should not, therefore, be ordinarily employed. During the Eucharistic Office, the singing of Hymns, independently of the Nicene Creed, and the great Eucharistic Hymn “Glória in Excéllis,” is most desirable. There may be (1) an introductory “Introit;” (2) a Hymn, or (as the alternative provided in Edward’s First Prayer Book) the “Agnus Dei,” or the Prayer of Consecration; and (3) a Hymn, or (as a very suitable alternative) the “Nunc Dimittis,” when the Service is over, and the remains of the Consecrated Elements are being reverently consumed. In the

1 It should, perhaps, be remarked, that there still remain in the Prayer Book a few instances of the word Anthem retaining its old meaning. For example, the Invitatory Psalm, “Veni Creator,” is regarded in some sort as a fixed Anthem before the Psalms for the day, and is in this sense called an Anthem; the Rubric enjoining its constant use, “except on Easter-day, upon which another Anthem is appointed.” The word is also used in its old sense in the following passage from the Introduction, “Concerning the Service of the Church”—“For this cause be cut off Anthems, Responsonis, Invitatories, and such like things as did break the continual course of the reading of the Scripture.”

2 See, however, a note on the invitatory character of the sentences, at p. 1.

3 a: the Communion time the Clerks shall sing—

“O Lamb of God, that tookst away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.”

“O Lamb of God, &c., grant us Thy peace.”

“O Lamb of God, &c.”
Office for Holy Matrimony, the Order for the Burial of the Dead, and other occasional Offices, Hymns may be often most appropriately and happily introduced.

3. With regard to the exact nature of the music to be employed in the Psalms, Hymns, Canticles, Anthems, &c., it would be most unwise, even if possible, to lay down any strict rules. While it would be a great error to discard many of the ancient Hymn-tunes and Psalm-chants of the Church, it would be a no less serious error to keep exclusively to them. The Church must bring forth from her treasure-house "things new and old," not only the severe (and to some ears uncouth) unisonous strains of by-gone times, but also the rich, full harmonies of modern days. All must be freely, fearlessly employed, according as taste, or special circumstances, or choral capability may dictate. Experiments must be made, mistakes perhaps braved; for many questions as to the best practical methods of linking together the "sphere-born, harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse" in the Service of the Sanctuary remain as yet undecided. Hasty dogmatism, and intolerant exclusiveness, in reference to the accessories of Divine Worship, are much to be deprecated, for in all matters of external apparatus the Church of England has yet much to learn. In putting forth the full strength of our Prayer Book, and developing its inward powers and energies, there will be also gradually disclosed outward features and graces which seem new and strange from their having been so long latent. But it is certain that all the resources of the Church, external as well as internal, are needed for modern times; and that all appliances, musical, ritual, aesthetic, should be brought to bear on the services rendered to God by so cultivated an age, and set forth before men to win and help their souls. God having given all these outward aids—music, ritual, art—He means them to be employed for His glory, and in order to influence, and subdue, and attract mankind. As churches should be beautiful, and ritual beautiful, so music also should be beautiful; that it may be a more fitting offering to Him, and better calculated to impress, soften, humanize, and win. None of these Divinely-granted helps may be contemptuously laid aside. All should be reverently, humbly, piously used; used for God, not for self; used in full and fearless confidence that it is His own blessed will that they should be used; used with the single eye to the glory of God, and the spiritual welfare of His people.

SECTION III.

THE ACCESSORIES OF DIVINE SERVICE.

Divine Service being, as the term implies, the act of Worship rendered to God, it follows from the consideration of His Majesty that the place where it is offered, and the persons engaged in conducting it, should be furnished with whatever is suitable to denote its reverent dignity.

The practice of the Jewish Church in this respect, based as it was on a Divine command which prescribed even its minutest details, proves that such accessories are not in their own nature unacceptable to God, or inconsistent with the claims of a Spiritual Being to the homage of His rational creatures.

Further, the sanction given by our Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles to the services of the Temple and the Synagogue, and the application made of the Jewish Ritual by St. Paul in his Epistle to the Hebrews, furnish indisputable authority for incorporating similar symbolic uses with Christianity, in order that it may present itself to mankind in a not less attractive form than the Religious System which it was designed to complete, but did in the end supersede.

That such a Christian adaptation of other existing Religious Ritual Customs was considered to be right and desirable, is evidenced by the fact that the Christian Church, from its earliest days downwards, has every where exhibited, though in varying degrees, this combination of Symbolical Ritualism with the highest spiritual worship; and thus has practically enunciated a law—that Divine Service is to be accompanied with external accessories.

The Rule given by the Church of England in applying this principle is contained in the following general Rubric, which is placed in a prominent position at the beginning of the Prayer Book:

"And here it is to be noted, that such Ornaments of the Church, and of the Ministers thereof, at all Times of their Ministration, shall be retained, and be in use, as were in this Church of England, by the Authority of Parliament, in the Second Year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth."

A Rubric substantially, though not quite verbally, identical with this, first appeared in the Eliza-
bethan Prayer Book of 1559: the necessity for which arose out of the determination, on Queen Elizabeth’s accession, to abandon the Latin Service-books, which had been restored in Queen Mary’s reign, and to revert to the form of Divine Worship arranged in the Second Prayer Book of King Edward VI. [a.d. 1552], though with some revisions which made it more conformable to the First Reformed Prayer Book [a.d. 1549]. This change in the Services necessarily required some adaptation in the Accessories of Divine Worship; and as these had also undergone alterations during the period in which the Prayer Books of 1549 and 1552 were employed, it was requisite to adopt some standard by which to regulate them. The standard chosen was the use which prevailed “by the Authority of Parliament, in the Second Year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth.” The Rubric which declared this decision was also incorporated with the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity; it was retained in the very slightly revised Prayer Book of James I, and was re-enacted at the last revision in 1661. It will facilitate the comparison of these four directions, to place them in parallel columns, thus:—

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“And here is to be noted, that the Minister at the time of the Communion, and at all other times in his Ministration, shall use such Ornaments in the Church as were in use by authority of Parliament in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth, according to the Act of Parliament set in the beginning of this Book.”  

“Provided always, and be it enacted, that such Ornaments of the Church, and of the Ministers thereof, shall be retained and be in use, as was in this Church of England by authority of Parliament, in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth, until other order shall be therein taken by the authority of the Queen’s Majesty, with the advice of her Commissioners appointed and authorized under the Great Seal of England, for Causes Ecclesiastical, or of the Metropolitan of this Realm.”

“But it should be noticed that, though the first three of these directions furnished the primary and general Rule during the period from 1559 to 1662, there were issued contemporaneously other orders relating to the same subject: these occur (1) in the Elizabethan Injunctions of 1559; (2) in the Elizabethan Advertisements of 1564-5; (3) in the Jacobean Canons of 1603-4; (4) in the Caroline Canons of 1640. Of all these, however, it must be remembered that they were not designed to supersede the fuller direction given in the two Rubrics and in the Statute: but that the First were explanatory of the Rubric and Statute of 1559; the Second, Third, and Fourth were drawn out by the laxity of the times, which necessitated endeavours to secure something like a general and uniform decency in the conduct of Divine Worship, and in order to effect this, insisted only upon the fewest and simplest of the Acces-

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1 In Bishop Cosin’s Durham Prayer Book the Rubric is altered from its previous to its present form in his handwriting. At the end of the alteration is a note (not intended for printing, but underscored with a dotted line), “These are the words of the Act itself, v. Supra.” He also began to write a list, but gave over the task after writing the word “Surplise.” Probably he thought that to specify them might peril the Rubric itself; though it is clear that his wish was to name them, for, in his “Particulars to be considered, explained, and corrected, in the Book of Common Prayer,” he alphabetizes this note to the Rubric:—“But what those ornaments of the Church and of the minister were, is not here specified, and they are so unknown to many, that by most they are neglected. Wherefore it were requisite that those ornaments, used in the second year of King Edward, should be here particularly named and set forth, that there might be no difference about them.” [Works, Ang. Cath. Libr. vol. v. p. 507.]
nories which were prescribed under the fuller Rule. But these four series of special orders being sometimes cited as Directions advisedly contrariant to the general rules, it is desirable to state somewhat more particularly their precise character and object.

1. The Injunctions of 1559. Such of these as related to the Accessories of the Services and Offices appointed in the Prayer Book of 1559 were demanded by the then existing condition of things. The Statute 1 Mary, Sess. 2, c. 2, a.d. 1558, had abolished the alterations made in the reign of Edward VI., and legally restored the Services (together with their Accessories) to the condition in which they were left "in the last year of Henry Eighth." The consequence of this was, that the Injunctions of 1547 (whether then or previously having the force of an Act of Parliament or not is here immaterial) ceased to be of any authority, at least so far as they at all affected the character of the Services: nor do they seem to have subsequently regained their authority; for the reviving Statute, 1 Eliz. c. 1, a.d. 1558, does not touch them, and the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity could, at most, only very indirectly refer to them when restoring the book of 1552, "with the order of service," subject, however, to "the alterations and additions" made by the statute of 1559. Probably indeed it was intended not to continue the Injunctions of 1547, whether they had lapsed or not, since the issuing of new Injunctions would furnish a more convenient method of altering the former ones, if requisite, than the mere publication of amendments. But however this may have been, the Marian period having legally reintroduced some of those practices which the Injunctions of 1547 had regarded as abuses, they could not be forbidden on the ground of being unlawful. The obvious plan therefore was to repeat the process of 1547, and thus define legally how much of the existing general custom was designed to be preserved, by distinctly specifying such particular items of it as were thought desirable to be abolished. This was done by the Elizabethan Injunctions, which were founded upon those of 1547, and were followed by certain "Interpretations and further Considerations"; and thus, (except such of them as did not deal at all with any old, or authorized some new, practice in regard to Ritual and Ceremonial matters,) they simply subtracted certain portions from the existing whole, and so enabled the Clergy and Laity of that day to know exactly which and how many of the Accessories of Divine Service then employed were to be regarded as coming within the terms of the Rubric and Statute—"in the Second Year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth." Rather less was, however, abolished by the Injunctions of 1559 than by those of 1547—e. g. nothing was said about the removal of Images, though the second Injunction forbade to "set forth or extol the dignity of any images, robes, or miracles."

2. The Advertisements of 1564-5. The necessity for these sprang from the great and growing negligence of the anti-ritual party, and their opposition to the then existing law which regulated the Ritual and Ceremonial. To so great a height had this attained, that it provoked a letter of complaint from the Queen to Archbishop Parker, dated January 25, 1564-5, wherein Her Majesty said that—"We, to our no small grief and discomfort do hear, that . . . . for lack of regard given thereto in due time, by such superior and principal officers as you are, being the Primate, and other the Bishops of your province, . . . . there is crept and brought into the Church . . . . an open and manifest disorder and offence to the godly wise and obedient persons, by diversity of opinions, and specially in the external, decent and lawful rites and ceremonies to be used in the Churches . . . ." and the Queen further declared that—"We . . . . have certainly determined to have all such diversities, varieties, and novelties . . . . as breed nothing but contention, offence, and breach of common charity, and are also against the laws, good usages, and ordinances of our realm, to be reformed and repressed and brought to one manner of uniformity through our whole realm and dominions. . . ." [Parker Correspondence, p. 224.]

In consequence of this Royal Letter the Archbishop directed the Bishop of London (Grindal), as Dean of the Province, to inform the other Bishops of the Queen's commands, and also to direct them "that they inviolably see the laws and ordinances already established to be without delay and colour executed in their particular jurisdictions." [Parker Correspondence, p. 229.] Moreover, the varieties complained of were to be stated in returns which were to be sent to the Archbishop by the end of February.

But it is not difficult to understand, what seems to have been the case, that it was no easy task to deal with the prevalent disorder, encouraged as it was by a not inconsiderable body of persons (including many Clergy and some Bishops) who had a violent dislike of the prescribed Ritual and Ceremonial. Nor is it surprising to find that the Bishops, in order to promote uniformity, contented themselves with insisting upon the observance of only such of the existing requirements as they thought necessary for the decent conduct of Divine Worship. This minimum requirement was embodied in the Advertisements which, about a month later, were submitted to the Queen for her approval, that so they might be issued
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with the full force of Ecclesiastical Law; yet, anxious as Her Majesty was to stop irregularities, the requisite authorization was withheld; and when, after some delay, they were permitted to be published, their enforcement appears to have depended upon the general authority of the Ordinary; nor is it at all clear that they afterwards obtained that Royal sanction which alone could have armed the Bishops with adequate powers to compel their observance. There does not appear to be any very precise information on the matter, but the little which is available seems to imply that the Queen (if not also some of her Council) was dissatisfied with so low a standard of conformity as the Bishops had set up; and also that there was an unwillingness to supersede the Rubric on Ornaments, and its corresponding clause in the Act of Uniformity, by legalizing what probably it was then hoped would be no more than a temporary step towards attaining a further compliance with the Ecclesiastical Law under more favourable circumstances.

3. The Canons of 1603-4. The history of the thirty-eight years between the publication of the Elizabethan Advertisements and the accession of James I., is that of a continuous strife between the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the non-conforming party in the Church of England; the efforts of the latter being encouraged by the hope, or persuasion, that the new King's familiarity with Scottish practices might favourably incline him towards their Presbyterian prepossessions. The Hampton Court Conference, which was held within the first year of King James's reign, was an effort to convince them, and to remove, if possible, any reasonable ground of complaint; but its proceedings revealed the weakness of the objections, and terminated in a resolution that any changes ought to be in the direction, not of laxity, but of strictness; and so the few alterations which were made in the Book of Common Prayer were of the latter character, and served to bring out more distinctly some points of its Doctrine,—points, however, which were clearly implied in the Services.

But it was easier, no doubt, to make Doctrine more objective in the Formularies than to enforce discipline, especially in Ritual and Ceremonial matters which were peculiarly obnoxious to those of Presbyterian inclinations. The long acquiescence in a low standard of practice in these respects could hardly be other than fatal to any attempt to impose obedience to the larger legal requirements which still subsisted. So, being, as it was, necessary, in the loose and fragmentary condition of many of the then existing Ecclesiastical Ordinances, to provide some complete code of discipline, it was nevertheless impossible probably to do more than re-enforce those more limited Orders which could not be dispensed with, unless the Clergy and Churches in England were to assume a garb little, if at all, distinguishable from the Ministers and Temples of the foreign Reformed bodies or of the Presbyterian Community in Scotland.

Accordingly, in the Book of Canons "collected by Bishop Bancroft out of the Articles, Injunctions, and Synodical Acts passed and published in the reigns of King Edward the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth," and passed by "both Houses" of Convocation [Collier, E. H., ii. p. 687], all that was deemed indispensable was embodied, and in virtue of the King's Letters Patent, which ratified these Canons, became Statutably binding upon the Clergy, and Ecclesiastically obligatory upon the Laity.

4. The Canons of 1640. During the last twenty years of King James's reign, and the first fourteen years of his successor, King Charles I., there was a gradual improvement in the externals of Divine Service, due in part, no doubt, to the Canons just remarked upon, but more probably to greater vigilance among the Ecclesiastical Authorities, and to an increasing desire for the restoration of what had fallen into desuetude, though it was still upheld by Ecclesiastical enactments. But the Puritan leaven was still working in the Church of England, and its fermenting power was increased by Civil proceedings with which it came in contact. The effect of this was that accusations, vaguer or more specific, became current, and presented serious obstacles to those loyal and well-affected Churchmen who were doing what they could to rescue the worship of the Church from the ill condition to which a long period of negligence had reduced it.

It was for the purpose of defending generally this reformation, and of sanctioning particularly some of its more prominent features, that the Convocation of 1640 agreed to a small code of seventeen new Canons: their design being thus distinctly proclaimed in the Letters Patent which were prefixed to them:—

"Forasmuch as We are given to understand, that many of Our subjects being misled against the Rites and Ceremonies now used in the Church of England, have lately taken offence at the same, upon an unjust supposal, that they are not only contrary to Our Laws, but also introductive unto Popish Superstitions, whereas it well appeareth unto Us, upon mature consideration, that the said Rites and
Ceremonies, which are now so much quarreled at, were not only approved of, and used by those learned and godly Divines, to whom, at the time of Reformation under King Edward the Sixth, the compiling of the Book of Common Prayer was committed (divers of whom suffered Martyrdom in Queen Mary's days), but also again taken up by this whole Church under Queen Elizabeth, and so duly and ordinarily practised for a great part of her Reign, (within the memory of divers yet living) as it could not then be imagined that there would need any Rule or Law for the observation of the same, or that they could be thought to savour of Popery.

"And albeit since those times, for want of an express rule therein, and by subtle practices, the said Rites and Ceremonies began to fall into disuse, and in place thereof other foreign and unfitting usages by little and little to creep in; Yet, forasmuch as in Our Royal Chapels, and in many other Churches, most of them have been ever constantly used and observed, We cannot now but be very sensible of this matter, and have cause to conceive that the authors and fomenters of these jealousies, though they colour the same with a pretence of zeal, and would seem to strike only at some supposed iniquity in the said Ceremonies: Yet, as we have cause to fear, aim at Our own Royal Person, and would have Our good subjects imagine that we Our Self are perverted, and doe worship God in a Superstitious way, and that we intend to bring in some alteration of the Religion here established . . . .

"But forasmuch as we well perceive that the misleaders of Our well-minded people do make the more advantage for the nourishing of this distemper among them from hence, that the foresaid Rites and Ceremonies, or some of them, are now insisted upon, but only in some Diocesses, and are not generally revived in all places, nor constantly and uniformly practised throughout all the Churches of Our Realm, and thereupon have been liable to be quareled and opposed by them who use them not . . . ."

Therefore the King had "thought good to give them free leave to treat in Convocation: and agree upon certain other Canons necessary for the advancement of God's glory, the edifying of His holy Church, and the due reverence of His blessed Mysteries and Sacraments:" and further "to ratifie by Our Letters Patent under Our Great Seal of England, and to confirm the same . . . ."

It has been thought that these Canons have ceased to possess authority, owing to the language of the 13 Charles II. c. 12, § 5, a.d. 1661, where it is stated that this Act is not "to abridge or diminish the King's Majesty's Supremacy in Ecclesiastical matters and affairs, nor to confirm the Canons made in the year One thousand six hundred and forty, nor any of them, nor any other Ecclesiastical laws or Canons not formerly confirmed, allowed, or enacted by Parliament, or by the Established Laws of the land, as they stood in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred and thirty-nine."

But, on consideration, it will be seen that the words are cautionary, and were intended to prevent any misconception as to the force of this Act, which was passed "for explanation of a Clause contained in" 17 Charles I. c. 2. The Act merely excludes these Canons from any Parliamentary authority which it might be supposed to confer on them; but then it does precisely the same with "any other Ecclesiastical laws or Canons not formerly confirmed, allowed, or enacted by Parliament:" this necessarily includes the Canons of 1603-4, yet their authority is admitted. The Act in no way affects the recognized authority derived by the Canons of 1640, or by any others, from Royal Letters Patent: on the contrary, it helps to confirm such authority by declaring that it was not meant "to abridge or diminish the King's Majesty's Supremacy in Ecclesiastical matters and affairs:" and of this the confirmation of Canons was made an important part by the Act of Submission 25 Henry VIII. c. 19.

From what has now been said with reference to these four Series of Ecclesiastical Ordinances, it will be seen that only the two latter have any thing more than Historical authority: it is only to the Canons of 1603-4 and 1640 that any legal obligation still attaches: but even these no longer retain the force which they once possessed in limiting or defining or dispensing with in practice the larger and more general Rule prescribed in the Prayer Book; for the revision of that Book in 1661, sanctioned as it was by the Convocations of the two Provinces and legalized by the Act of Uniformity 13 & 14 Charles II. c. 4, provided the latest and most authoritative law for regulating the Services of the Church of England; so that if in any instance a direction of these Canons and a direction of the Prayer Book are found to be conflicting, the Canon must yield to the Prayer Book, as being of supreme authority.

It is only right, however, to observe—that, as custom has so long sanctioned usages in accordance with the Canons of 1603-4, and as the Ordinaries and other administrators of the Ecclesiastical Laws have allowed the superior Rule to remain in abeyance, those who do not act upon the reimposed Rubric ought not to be regarded as culpably negligent of the law: nor is it likely that they would be
considered liable to Ecclesiastical censure or punishment for the omission; unless, indeed, such omission was in disregard of an Episcopal admonition to obey the law.

The Rubric relating to the Ornaments of the Church and of the Ministers, which stood in the Books of Elizabeth and James I., is retained, then, with certain verbal changes (not however affecting its former sense) in the Prayer Book of 1662, that at present in use. And, by travelling back to "the Second Year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth," and fixing upon the Ornaments then in use "in this Church of England, by the authority of Parliament," this Rubric passes over all changes and varieties subsequent to that year, and sets up a standard by which it is easy to decide what are now the proper Accessories of Divine Worship. It has been called "The Interpretation Clause" of the Prayer Book, and with much appropriateness; for it not only furnishes an exact mode of solving doubts which may arise as to the precise meaning of the directions which prescribe things to be used in Divine Service, but also it is a reliable guide in ascertaining whether any thing not prescribed is needful or suitable in executing the Offices which the Prayer Book provides.

But, though the present authority of this Rubric could not be disputed, the meaning of those words of it, "by the Authority of Parliament, in the Second Year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth," had in recent times often been a subject of controversy prior to the year 1657. Then, however, the celebrated Ecclesiastical suits arising out of the opposition to certain Ornaments introduced into the Churches of St. Paul, Knightsbridge, and St. Barnabas, Pimlico, led to a definitive Judgment on this point by the existing Final Court of Appeal in Ecclesiastical Causes, viz. the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council 1.

In judicially interpreting this Rubric, with the view of applying it to the Ornaments complained of, the Judges drew a clear distinction between Ornaments, i.e. Articles "used in the Services," and Articles "set up in Churches as Ornaments, in the sense of decorations."

They expressed themselves "satisfied that the construction of this Rubric which they suggested at the hearing of the case is its true meaning, and that the word 'ornaments' applies, and in this Rubric is confined to those Articles the use of which in the Services and Ministrations of the Church, is prescribed by the Prayer Book of Edward the Sixth."

In proof of this they added, that "the term 'ornaments' in Ecclesiastical law is not confined, as by modern usage, to articles of decoration or embellishment, but it is used in the larger sense of the word 'ornamentum,' which, according to the interpretation of Forcellini's Dictionary, is used 'pro quocumque apparatu, seu instrumento.' All the several articles used in the performance of the Services and Rites of the Church are 'Ornaments.' Vestments, Books, Cloths, Chalices, and Patens, are amongst Church Ornaments; a long list of them will be found extracted from Lyndwood, in Dr. Phillimore's Edition of 'Burn's Ecclesiastical Law' (vol. i. pp. 375—377). In modern times, Organs and Bells are held to fall under this denomination."

Having thus defined the term "Ornaments," their Lordships then interpreted the expressions "Authority of Parliament" and "Second Year" as connected with the Reign of Edward VI.; their conclusion was arrived at thus:—

After noticing the alterations in King Edward's Second Prayer Book (which diminished the number of the Ornaments prescribed in his First Book), and referring to the abolition of the Reformed Services by Queen Mary, they state that "on the Accession of Queen Elizabeth, a great controversy arose between the more violent and the more moderate Reformers as to the Church Service which should be re-established, whether it should be according to the First, or according to the Second Prayer Book of Edward the Sixth. The Queen was in favour of the First, but she was obliged to give way, and a compromise was made, by which the Services were to be in conformity with the Second Prayer Book, with certain alterations; but the Ornaments of the Church, whether those worn or those otherwise used by the Minister, were to be according to the First Prayer Book."

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1 The causes were argued before the Lord Chancellor (Cranworth), Lord Wensleydale, T. Pemberton Leigh (afterwards Lord Kingsdown), Sir John Patteson, and Sir William H. Maule; the Archbishop of Canterbury (Sumner) and the Bishop of London (Tait) being summoned by command of the Queen to attend and advise "the hearing. After seven days' argument in February, their Lordships, on March 21st, made their Report, which was subsequently confirmed by the Queen in Council. The Counsel for the Appellants were Sir Fitzroy Kelly and Dr. Phillimore (now Queen's Advocate); and Dr. Bayford and Mr. A. J. Stephens for the Respondents.
Then they compare the four Directions, as to the Ornaments, which occur in the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity and the Prayer Books of 1559, 1603-4, 1662 (given already at p. lxvi), declaring of them that “they all obviously mean the same thing, that the same dresses and the same utensils, or articles, which were used under the First Prayer Book of Edward the Sixth may still be used.”

Further, they discuss an important question which was raised as to the date of the Royal Assent to the Act of Uniformity which legalized the Prayer Book of 1549, and they resolve that the “use” of the Book “and the Injunctions contained in it, were established by authority of Parliament in the Second Year of Edward the Sixth, and this is the plain meaning of the Rubric.” It has indeed been questioned, and with some reason, whether what can be gathered from the known records of the time warrants this decision as to the date in question; but if it be an error, it is practically unimportant in connexion with their entire interpretation of the Rubric; for, whether 1547—the date of King Edward’s Injunctions, or 1549—the date of the First Prayer Book, be the “Second Year” mentioned in the Rubric, the result is the same, because no change was made in the Ornaments between those years. Moreover, the Rubric has now been judicially interpreted by a Court from which there lies no appeal, and therefore that interpretation, and that only, is the sole ground upon which the members of the Church of England can legally stand in endeavouring to carry out the requirements of the Rubric on Ornaments.

One thing more the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council showed in reference to the meaning of this Rubric, viz. that though it is prescriptive, it is not exhaustive: this opinion was arrived at from their consideration of the fact, that the Second Prayer Book of Edward VI. (like the First Book, and indeed the previous Service-books) “does not expressly mention” every thing which, nevertheless, it is certain was used under it, e.g. the Paten (just as the First Book does not mention, e.g. the Linen Cloth); and also from the circumstance that they had to decide whether the Credence-table (which is not prescribed nomination) could be regarded as a Legal Ornament. The opinion of the Court is thus stated,—“Here the Rubries of the Prayer Book become important. Their Lordships entirely agree with the opinions expressed by the learned Judges [i.e. of the Consistory and Arches Courts] in these cases, and in ‘Faulkner v. Lichfield,’ that in the performance of the services, rites, and ceremonies ordered by the Prayer Book, the directions contained in it must be strictly observed; that no omission and no addition can be permitted; but they are not prepared to hold that the use of all articles not expressly mentioned in the Rubric, although quite consistent with, and even subsidiary to the Service, is forbidden. Organs are not mentioned; yet because they are auxiliary to the singing, they are allowed. Pews, cushions to kneel upon, pulpits, hassocks, seats by the Communion Table, are in constant use, yet they are not mentioned in the Rubric.” So, as their Lordships further argued, there being a Rubric which “directs that at a certain point in the course of the Communion Service (for this is, no doubt, the true meaning of the Rubric) the Minister shall place the bread and wine on the Communion Table,” in their judgment, “nothing seems to be less objectionable than a small side-table, from which they may be conveniently reached by the officiating Minister, and at the proper time transferred to the Communion Table.”

One remark, however, may be made before quitting the consideration of this judicial rendering of the Rubric; and it is this—that, although it so completely covered the whole debateable ground by deciding that “the same” things “which were used under the First Prayer Book of Edward the Sixth may still be used,” it does not follow that all such things can be legally restored now quite irrespective of any differences in the Prayer Book of 1549 as compared with that of 1662,—the one at present in use. It may not be useless to say, that before any Edwardian Ornament is re-introduced, under the terms of this decision, it must first be inquired, whether the particular Ministration in which it is proposed to employ it is now so essentially the same as it was in 1549 that the Ornament has the like symbolical or practical use which it had then. It will probably be found that very few indeed of those Ornaments are inapplicable at this time; but to determine this it is important to proceed now to ascertain,

First, What were the customary Ornaments of that period.

There are four sources from which it may be ascertained with considerable accuracy what “Ornaments were in the Church of England, by the authority of Parliament, in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth.” These are,—

I. The ancient Canon Law, which is held to have been then (as now) statutably binding upon the Church by the 25th Henry VIII. c. 19, in all points where it is not repugnant to; or inconsistent with later Ecclesiastical Law.
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II. The Salisbury Missal, which was the Liturgy chiefly used, and of which a new edition was published by authority in 1541: the Bangor, Hereford, and York books (especially the latter) may also be appealed to as illustrative of or supplementary to the Salisbury book, for they had long been more or less in use. "The Order of the Communion" of 1548 (which provided for the administration of the Lord's Supper in both kinds) directed that "until other order shall be provided," there should be no "varying of any other rite or ceremony in the Mass;" so that these Service-books continued to be used intact until the first Prayer Book of King Edward VI. was published in 1549.

III. The directions, explicit or implicit, in the Prayer Book of 1549.

IV. The Inventories of Ornaments which were made in pursuance of Edward VI.'s Instructions to the Commissioners appointed in 1552 to survey the Church goods throughout the kingdom. These Inventories are very numerous, and for the most part are preserved in the Public Record Office, Fetter Lane, London: they do not indeed exhibit such full catalogues as would have been found in 1549, for many things had been sold (especially where they were duplicates) to meet Church expenses of various kinds; and some too had been embezzled. But they are thus the more reliable as being likely to show what Articles it was deemed needful to retain for the Services then authorized. Three of these Inventories (and they are by no means the richest which might have been chosen) are here selected for comparison, as affording a probably fair specimen of the rest, viz. a Cathedral, a London Parish Church, and a Country Parish Church.

Secondly, It must be determined what Ornaments, whether by express prescription or by plain implication, are now pointed out for use in the Ministrations of the Church of England.

V. These Ornaments are to be sought in the Canons of 1603-4 and of 1640; also in the directions, explicit or implicit, of the present Book of Common Prayer.

"ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH."

I. ENGLISH CANONS A.D. 740 to 1468. II. THE OLD ENGLISH LITURGIES. III. THE PRAYER BOOK A.D. 1549. IV. INVENTORIES. V. MORE RECENT AUTHORITIES.

Altars of stone.
A Table.
Frontal for the High Altar.
A clean white large linen cloth for the Altar.
Corpora (and Casse).
"A very clean cloth" for "the Priest to wipe his fingers and lips after receiving the Sacrament."
Paten.
Chalice.
Wine and Water to be used, implying vessels for them.

1, 2, 3, 4. Altar.
1. Linen Cloth.
1, 2, 3, 4. Corporal.
1, 2, 3, 4. Paten.
1, 2, 3, 4. Chalice.
1, 2, 3, 4. Wine and Water brought to the Priests, implying vessels in which to bring them.

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1 The preference which seems to have been given to the Rites of Sarum is illustrated by the circumstance, that the Convocation of Canterbury decreed, March 3, 1541, that the "use and custom of the Church of Salisbury should be observed by all and singular clergy throughout the Province of Canterbury, in saying their canonical hours." (Wilkins' Concilia, iii. 861-2.)
"ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH" (continued).

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Besides the "Ornaments" contained in this List, there are many others mentioned in the Inventories, which are merely Ornaments “in the sense of Decorations.” Such are the following:— Curtains for the sides of Altars; Hangings for the wall behind the Altar and of the Chancel; Carpets for the Altar steps; Cloths and Veils for Lent.

There were also "Ornaments," i.e., Articles "used in the Services," which, on various grounds, are barely, or not at all, consistent with the character of the present Prayer Book Services, or with some of its directions. Thus we find:—the Pyx, or Monstrance, with its covering and canopy for the Reserved Sacrament (the former of which could only be used in circumstances which really necessitated Reservation for the Sick); Bason and Towel for the Priest to wash his hands before Consecrating; Sanctus, Sacryng, and other Bells; Light and Covering for the Easter Sepulchre; Vessels for Holy Water; the Chrysmary for the oil of Unction in Baptism and Visitation of the Sick; the Pax for the Kiss of Peace; the Reliquary.
"ORNAMENTS OF THE MINISTERS."

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It will be seen, by an examination of these comparative Tables of Ornaments, that very few indeed of those which are mentioned in the Inventories, the old English Canons, and the Sarum and other books, are not distinctly and by name shown to be legally usuable now if the combined authority of the Prayer Books of 1549 and 1662, together with that of the Canons of 1603 and 1640, is, as it must be, taken into account. Moreover, of those excepted, there is not one of which it can be fairly alleged, that it is wholly incongruous with the letter and the spirit of those Services which, in the present Prayer Book, occupy the place of the older Services in connexion with which these Ornaments were employed.

If it were necessary here to resort to a further mode of proving what Ornaments are now lawful in the Church of England, it would be desirable to adopt the test indicated by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as noticed at p. lxx. The Judges referred to a List of Church Ornaments, extracted from Lyndwood, in Burn's Ecclesiastical Law: they all occur in one or other of three series of those old English Canons, already summarized in the foregoing tables, viz. [1] Archbishop Grey's Constitutions, A.D. 1250; [2] Archbishop Peckham's Constitutions at Lambeth, A.D. 1281; and [3] Archbishop Winchelsey's Constitutions at Merton, A.D. 1305. These laws define what Ornaments the Parishioners were required to provide at those periods, and are really the basis of those Rules which professionally guide the Ecclesiastical Courts now in deciding the similar liability of Parishioners in the present day. These Constitutions are contained in Johnson's English Canons (Ang. Cath. Library): a comparison of them would show what was considered to be generally necessary for Divine Service under the Old English Rituals, and so would materially aid in determining what is legally requisite now, so far as the present Services are in unison with the ancient ones.

In considering the legal requirements of the general Rubric on the Ornaments of the Church and of the Ministers, it is very important to recollect that its retention in the present Book of Common Prayer was not the mere tacit permission for an existing direction to remain; for not only (as has been already shown at p. lxvii) were certain verbal changes made in the Rubric, as it had been printed in the Books of 1559 and 1604, but the question of its retention or rejection was pointedly raised by the Presbyterian party at the Savoy Conference, and was then deliberately answered by the Bishops. The Presbyterians said, "Forasmuch as this Rubric seemeth to bring back the Cope, Albe, &c., and other Vestments forbidden by the Common Prayer Book, 5 & 6 Edw. VI., and so our reasons alleged against ceremonies under our eighteenth general exception, we desire that it may be wholly left out." (Cardw., Conf. p. 314.) The Bishops replied, "§ 2. rub. 2. For the reasons given in our answer to the eighteenth general, whither you refer us, we think it fit that the Rubric continue as it is." (Ibid. p. 351.) The "reasons" here referred to are as follows:—"Prop. 18, § 1. We are now come to the main and principal demand as is pretended, viz. the abolishing the laws which impose any ceremonies, especially three,
the surplice, the sign of the cross, and kneeling. These are the yoke which, if removed, there might be peace. It is to be suspected, and there is reason for it from their own words, that somewhat else pinches, and that if these ceremonials were laid aside, and these or any other prayers strictly enjoined without them, it would be deemed a burden intolerable: it seems so by No. 7, where they desire that when the Liturgy is altered, according to the rest of their proposals, the minister may have liberty to add and leave out what he pleases." (Ibid. p. 345.) In what light the excepting Ministers viewed this answer of the Bishops may be gathered from their "Rejoinder" (London, 1661), where, in noticing it, they reply, "We have given you reason enough against the imposition of the usual ceremonials; and would you draw forth those absolute ones to increase the burden?" [Documents relating to the Act of Uniformity, 1862. Grand Debate, &c., p. 118.]

It is plain, therefore, that, in the judgment of the Episcopal authorities at that time, it was considered desirable to legalize a provision for Ornaments which, if acted upon, would conform the appearance of the Churches and Services to those general features which they presented in the second year of the reign of Edward VI., i.e., as the Judicial Committee has decided, to that condition in which the first Prayer Book of Edward VI. designed to leave them. Indeed it seems highly probable that had Bishop Cosin, the chief reviser in 1661, been allowed entirely to guide his Episcopal brethren on this matter, he would have made the Rubric so detailed and explicit as to place it beyond the reach of controversy; for, as already noticed at p. lxvi, in his "Particulars to be considered, explained, and corrected in the Book of Common Prayer," he says, with almost a prophetic instinct of subsequent and present controversies, "But what these Ornaments of the Church and of the Minister were, is not here specified, and they are so unknown to many, that by most they are neglected. Wherefore it were requisite that those Ornaments, used in the second year of King Edward, should be here particularly named and set forth, that there might be no difference about them." (Works, v. p. 507.) Moreover, as is also mentioned in the same note (p. lxvi), he had begun to write a List of the Ornaments, but got no further than the word "Surplice."

There does not appear to be any explanation on record to show why this suggestion, apparently so valuable, was not acted upon. Probably the ground which had to be recovered after fifteen years' banishment of the Prayer Book from Churches which had also been more or less despoiled of their Ornaments, combined with the extensively adverse temper of the time and its special manifestation in the Savoy Conference, warned the Bishops that an authorized catalogue (whether in the Prayer Book or elsewhere) of all the Legal Ornaments of King Edward's Second Year, might raise a too formidable barrier against endeavours to restore the use of any of them at that time. And so it may have been regarded as the more prudent course only to re-establish the general rule as to the Ornaments, trusting to an improved Ecclesiastical tone to develope in time its actual details.

The thirty years which have elapsed since the termination of the first quarter of this Nineteenth Century have been gradually realizing this probable expectation of a future development, in a way and to an extent with which no previous period since 1662 can be at all compared: for, indeed, through a variety of causes, there had been a more or less continuous declension from even that standard of Ritual and Ceremonial which the Restoration practically raised, though in fact it was considerably lower than the one legally prescribed. The renewed understanding and appreciation of doctrine—especially of Sacramental Doctrine—as embodied in the Formularies and taught by old and great Divines of the Church of England; the improved taste for Ecclesiastical Art; the deeper sense of the reverential proprieties with which the acts of Public Worship should be surrounded: these and other favourable circumstances have combined, notwithstanding much indifference and opposition, to produce a re-action in favour of Ceremonial and its corresponding Accessories more extensive probably than that which arose in the time of King Charles I., and, as it may reasonably be believed, of a far more stable character.

The present time, then, would seem to be a not unfavourable one for endeavouring to act upon Bishop Cosin's suggestion by specifying in this Annotated Prayer Book (though of course in a wholly unauthoritative way, except so far as the Law itself is therein correctly represented), "what these Ornaments of the Church and of the Ministers were" at the period referred to in the Rubric which orders

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1 Where it will be seen also that in his Durham Prayer Book he has written the exact words of Elizabeth's Act of Uniformity, except in the slight variation "at all times of their Ministration," thus putting the Rubric into its present form.
that they "shall be retained, and be in use." The account already given in this Section will, it is believed, have described them with sufficient clearness and exactness: the three following Tables are designed to show more explicitly the prescribed use or the inherent fitness of the several Ornaments in connexion with those "all times of their Ministration" at which the Rubric directs the Clergy to employ them. Those which may be said to be Rubrically essential are distinguished from those which may be accounted as Rubrically supplemental by the latter being printed in Italics.

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### EPISCOPAL ORNAMENTS.

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| **Rochette.** | | | | | | do. |
| **Surplice or Albe.** | | | | | | do. |
| **Cope or Vestment.** | | | | | | do. |
| **Pastoral Staff.** | | | | | | do. |
| **Gremial or Apron.** | | | | | | do. |
| **Mitre and Ring.** | | | | | | do. |

**The Episcopal Ornaments are the same for Confirmation, Ordination, Consecration of Churches and Burial Grounds: perhaps the Rubric at the end of the First Prayer Book, in directing "a Surplice or Albe, and a Cope or Vestment," may have intended the use of the Albe and Vestment when the whole Communion Service was used.**

In any consideration of the Ornaments to be used in Divine Service, it is not only unavoidable but important to consider such points as [a] their material, [b] their colour, [c] their form, particularly in
reference to such of them as, by reason of long disuse, are but little known to the greater part of English Church people. The fact—that those Ornaments which have been retained in use among us do exhibit mostly their ancient material, colour, and form, except as altered, for the better or the worse, by any subsequent fashions—may fairly be taken to indicate what would have been the case with those Ornaments which have fallen into disuse: and this view is strongly confirmed by the very general preservation of these ancient characteristics in the Royal, Noble, Civic, Legislative, Judicial, Military, and Naval Ornaments which (unlike so many of the Ecclesiastical) have never ceased to be employed among us. Furthermore it is noteworthy that, in the very extensive modern restorations which have been accomplished, the permanent Decorations of Churches, the Altar-plate, and Altar-coverings have decidedly followed, for the most part, the ancient patterns and models which were familiar at the period selected as the Standard in the Rubric on Ornaments.

The English Church, while presenting in her Ornaments the same ordinary features which were common to the rest of Christendom, always had her own special usages, and those, too, somewhat diversified in details by several local varieties; as, indeed, was and is also the case in Kingdoms or Dioceses connected with other Branches of the Catholic Church. Though most has perished, enough remains in England of actual ancient specimens (besides the more abundant illustrations in old Illuminations) of Windows, Carvings, Monuments, Brasses, Seals, and the like, to furnish authoritative guidance, especially in regard to the Form of ancient Ornaments.

Moreover, in the Inventories, of Church Goods, the descriptions of Material and Colour are so numerous and detailed as to supply what is, to a great extent, unavoidably lacking in these respects in the illustrations just named, owing either to the nature of them, e.g., Carvings which rarely exhibit Colours, or to errors which may be due, for instance, to the glass-painter or the illuminator who, perhaps, was at times less careful to give the actual colour of a Vestment in an Ecclesiastical Function than to furnish a picture in accordance with his own taste. The following Tables contain a summarized analysis of such contents of five Inventories as relate to the Vestments of the Ministers and the Choir, and also to the various Hangings or Articles employed in furnishing and decorating the Altars and Chancels: they are all of the date of 1552 and 1553, and so they exhibit accurately Ornaments which were preserved in the Churches at the very period to which the Rubric on Ornaments directs attention, when prescribing the general Rule as to the things which “shall be retained, and be in use” now in the Church of England. Three of these Inventories, viz., Holy Trinity Cathedral, Winchester, 1552; St. Martin, Outwich, London, 1552-3; and Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berks, 1553, have been used already to illustrate other points: the two additional ones now cited are St. Paul’s Cathedral, 1552, and St. Nicholas, Cole Abbey, London, 1552.

**MATERIAL OF VESTMENTS AND THE NUMBER IN EACH KIND.**

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A cursory inspection of these Lists of Ornaments shows at once that, as respects [a] Material, the choice, while amply varied, ran very much upon the richer fabrics, whether of Home or Foreign Manufacture; Cloth of Gold, and Satin of Bruges, being the more costly, were, as might be expected, the most rare; but Velvet, Satin, Silk, Bawilkyn, and the like, were not uncommonly used; though such inferior stuffs as Taffeta, Chamlett, and Fustian often occur. The nature or quality of what was to be employed seems not to have been prescribed; indeed, had there been a desire to do so (which is very improbable) the varying pecuniary abilities of Parishes would have made it needful to avoid any rule on the subject, except requiring them to provide according to their means the essential (and if they could any supplementary) things appertaining to the Services of the Church.

The same principle is acted upon now in the Holy Eastern Church. A Priest of that Communion informs the writer that “there are no strict rules for the Material: when possible, silken and brocaded Vestments are to be preferred. Where the means are circumscribed, plain linen ones are worn, or of whatever material, so long as it is clean, and made in the proper shape.” With them doubtless it is, as the foregoing catalogue proves it to have been with us, that the instinct of natural piety,—viz. the
devotion of the best to God's service—is not relied upon in vain. Nor was the care and cost bestowed upon the Material limited to the foundation of the Vestments or Hangings; embroidery of all kinds was abundantly displayed in pattern or powdering, whether in Silk or Gold (not seldom in the much valued Gold of Venice), so that the Sacred Name, the Crucifix, the Cross, Crowns, Angels, Imagery, Eagles, Herons, Lions, Dolphins, Swans, the Sun and Moon, Stars, Wheat-sheaves, Grapes, Flowers, and the like, adorned the Fabrics of which the Vestures were made; or composed the rich Orphreys, which were rendered all the more beautiful and costly by Pearls and Precious Stones; as though the donors desired to attain in the adornments of the Sanctuary to somewhat of the fulness of meaning contained in the Psalmist's words, "The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework." [Ps. xlv. 13, 14.]

So, again, as to [b] Colours: the Inventories now under examination show it to have been chiefly of six kinds, viz., White, Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, and Black; besides various combinations of all these. The proportions in which they existed are shown in the following Table of Vestments which were in the five churches at the date of the Inventories:—

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It may be as well to remark here that all the Green Vestments in this List belonged to the two Cathedral churches, except one Chasuble, Dalmatic, and Tunicle, which were in St. Martin, Outwich.

Green occurs much less frequently than other colours: it was an Exeter colour, and is also found in Lists of Vestments belonging to the Northern Province; but there seems very little to indicate with any certainty when it was used, though perhaps it served for ordinary week-days, especially in Trinity-tide.

So, again, with regard to Blue: while it appears to have been a much more usual colour, it is often very uncertain what kind of Blue is meant, whether Cerulean or some darker shade; frequently indeed the latter is indicated by the words "bodilum" and "indicis," which mean a sort of hyacinthine and darker blue; but these must not be confounded with purple, which is also found in the same or other Lists. The occasions, however, on which Blue or Purple was employed are somewhat conjectural, though there is more to guide: light Blue seems sometimes to have been used in Commemorations of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a somewhat darker shade is to be seen in Illuminations of about the fifteenth Century, in Copes used at Funerals.

A similar variety is found, both as to material and colour, in the Coverings and Hangings used for the Altars and Chancels: the annexed list exhibits their Colours:—

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<td>Altar Hangings</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
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Besides the colours already enumerated, others are sometimes mentioned, such as Brown, Tawney, Murrey, Pink, and Cheyney; also combinations of colours, viz., Red and Green, Pale of White and Green, Red and White, Blue and White, Blue and Yellow, White and Red chequered. These different colours, or mixtures of colours, are to be found alike in Vestments of the Ministers, or of the Altars, no less than in the Hangings of the Churches.

It is worth noticing that the more usual Ecclesiastical colours are those which may be especially accounted the Colours of England—Red, White, and Blue—being combined in the National Flag, and designating the Admirals of this Country’s Fleets; possibly the close, though curious and apparently untraceable, relations which have for several centuries subsisted between the Church and the Navy, 1 in the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts, may have tended to perpetuate this correspondence.

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1 Dyer (Modern Europe, p. 189) mentions that in Spain Don Pedro, Archbishop of Toledo, was High Admiral of Castile Philip II. brought naval matters before the Inquisition, and that "by a then not uncommon union of offices."
Further, it may be mentioned, as probably indicating the effect which Ecclesiastical customs produced or helped to perpetuate, that Red, Violet, and Black are mentioned, as colours worn on the Judicial Bench, according to the Term, in some Regulations made by the Judges in 1635. [See Gentleman’s Magazine, Oct. 1768.] Green, also, appears to have been at one time a favourite colour with them.

Moreover, the retention of Red, Purple, and Green—and especially the prevalence of Red—in the rich and decent, no less than (as was once too common) in the miserable and dirty coverings of handsome or unsightly Altar-tables in the churches, are in all likelihood the traditional use of these same colours which formerly were more commonly and more variously employed in the Services of the Church of England, and that, too, not without regard to some written or unwritten rule as to the Services and Seasons at which they should be used.

That a desire has long existed, and increases, again to adopt a greater variety of colour in the Ornaments of the Church, and especially in the coverings of the Altar, is plain from what has been accomplished and is still doing: one object of this wished-for variety is the very useful one of distinguishing, and so teaching, by outward tokens, the changes of the Church Seasons and the occurrence of Ecclesiastical Holydays. For lack of any existing Rule on this subject in the Church of England, the Rule of the rest of the Western Church has not unnaturally been followed in many cases, especially as the ancient English rule or practice was either not at all known, or not easily to be collected, even by those who were aware that some leading points of it were to be found without much difficulty. As the need of some guide in this matter is becoming more general, it may not be without a really practical use to compare the old English rules with those of the Roman and the Eastern Churches; by doing this a somewhat uniform principle will probably be found, sufficient also to furnish a general rule for those who, while rightly wishing to be not out of harmony with the rest of Christendom, would with equal propriety prefer to follow any older practice of the Church of England which would afford a satisfactory direction in the absence of any definite rule authorized by living Ecclesiastical Authority.

The Roman rule is laid down with precision: the old English rule can in part be definitely ascertained, and the rest may be, with some probability, analogically conjectured from the Rubrics of the Sarum Missal compared with St. Osmund’s Register and the Inventories of Church goods already noticed. The Eastern Church, as a learned Priest of it states (in reference to the Vestments of the Clergy), does not give “in her Ritual books” any such “minute rules with regard to the colours of the Vestments, as are to be found in the Western Ritual. The Church enjoins her ministers to care more for the simple purity and propriety of the vestments than for their richness. In those cases where means are at hand, she bids the ministers to wear richer vestments of any colour for the joyful seasons of the year, and Black or Red ones for the times of fasting and sorrow. Thus, in Passion week, and Great Lent, at Burials, &c., Black or Purple Vestments are worn. It is customary to wear White Silk Vestments (if possible) at Epiphany and Easter.” In this description of the general and unspecific character of the Eastern rule, there is a considerable correspondence with the features of the Sarum rule just noticed.

The following Table may be considered as furnishing a fairly reliable view of these three Rules; though, for the reasons above given, the Roman rule alone is the fullest and most explicit:

**COMPARATIVE TABLE OF COLOURS ACCORDING TO THE SARUM, ROMAN, AND EASTERN USE.**

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<td>Advent—Sundays in March—Week-days in</td>
<td>Red.</td>
<td>Violet.</td>
<td>Violet or dark colour.</td>
<td>Circumcision and Transfiguration.</td>
<td>White.</td>
<td>White.</td>
<td>No precise practical rule can be given for these: the general principle which regulates the colour for seasons applies to Festivals which are observed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Septuagesima to Easter—Sundays in Lent—Week-days (Ferial)</td>
<td>Red or Violet.</td>
<td>White.</td>
<td>White or bright colour.</td>
<td>Festivals of the B. V. Mary (perhaps some slight difference).</td>
<td>Red.</td>
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Note: The table provides a comparison of colours and their usage in the Sarum, Roman, and Eastern Churches, including examples of festivals and events where different colours are specified.
### Comparative Table of Colours, &c.—(continued.)

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<td>Ascension—Octave of.</td>
<td>White.</td>
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<td>Holy Innocents—if not Sunday</td>
<td>Red.</td>
<td>Violet.</td>
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<td>Red for White</td>
<td>White</td>
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<td>Green, or White</td>
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<td>Offices for the Dead</td>
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*In further illustration of the principle which (in the absence of detailed rules) serves to direct the Eastern Church in the choice of Colours for use in Divine Service, it may be mentioned that White is regarded as symbolical of Truth, Red of ardent Love and Passion, Green of the Life of Grace, and Violet of Penance.*

Having thus given some description of the Material and Colour of the "Ornaments of the Ministers," their [c] Form may be best shown by reference to the Illustrations and accompanying descriptions which will be found in the General Appendix to this volume; and some further remarks are made as to their use in the Communion Service at p. 159.

This, then, is a general outline of the Legal and Historical grounds on which may be rested the claim to use in the Church of England such principal Accessories of Divine Service as can be fairly considered to form part of the Ritual and Ceremonial heritage of the Church. The fact—that the Anglican Communion is an integral portion of that Mystical Body—furnishes the most valid reason for not being indifferent to the aspect which she should present when viewed, as is essential to a right estimate of her position, in connexion with the rest of Christendom. And the further fact—that the external features of her Public Services have come to be a subject of common and public discussion—renders it necessary that reliable information should be given to those whose opportunities of research are unavoidably, more or less, limited.

These are the considerations which have chiefly influenced the line of argument taken in this portion of the Ritual Introduction to a Volume which professes to deal more or less completely with all the various subjects contained in the Book of Common Prayer. It is hoped that what has been advanced will assist the reader in forming a satisfactory judgment on points which, it seems clear, are acquiring year by year an increasingly practical character. Much more might have been stated in explanation or proof of the several matters considered, but an essay of this kind must bear a reasonable proportion to the other contents of the Book, and moreover it cannot advantageously be very detailed or greatly antiquarian. Those who desire to investigate more fully and particularly the various points here discussed will find in the List of Authorities at the beginning of the Volume a reference to works which may be usefully consulted.

It should be mentioned in conclusion that, while from the nature of the case an account of Ritual Accessories belonging to the Book of Common Prayer now in use, could not merely be a notice of antiquated Ecclesiastical Usages, it is nevertheless not the object of this Section specially to advocate the restoration of what it has endeavoured to prove to be conformable to the law, and consistent with the character of the English Church. The reasons which must influence, and the conditions which must regulate, the revival of long disused, however lawful, Accessories of Divine Service, are so many and so varied as of themselves to relegate the question of their re-introduction to a sphere beyond the legitimate bounds of these pages. The purpose of this Introduction is fulfilled in the attempt to show what Accessories the Church of England apparently designed "to be retained." Where and when they may profitably "be in use" can only be determined by those who, being satisfied with the truth and reasonableness of what is here or elsewhere stated, are in a legitimate position to decide upon the practical application of information thus obtained.
THE BOOK

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Common Prayer. This familiar term seems first to have been used authoritatively in a rubric to the English Litany of 1544: "It is thought convenient in this Common Prayer of Procession to have it set forth and used in the Vulgar Tongue, for stirring the people to more devotion." It is again found in the Injunctions of Edward VI., issued in 1546-7. But it is a very ancient term, being found in use as far back as A.D. 252, in St. Cyprian's Treatise on the Lord's Prayer; of which he writes, "Publico est nobis et Communis Oratio."

Common Prayer and Publico Prayer are not theatologically identical, although the terms are used in the same legal sense in the respective titles of the two Acts of Uniformity. In an exact sense, Common Prayer is defined by the authoritative words of our Lord: "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." [Matt. xviii. 20.] The Name of God is an expression used with great frequency in Holy Scripture to denote the authority of God; in the same manner as we say, that the official agents of the Sovereign act in the Name of the Sovereign when they engage in the duties of their office. To be met together in the Name of Christ is to be met together under His authority, not as an accidental or promiscuous assembly; and officially, that is, in the presence and with the aid of His authorized agents.

Thus, true Common Prayer is that which is offered in Divine Service in the Church, by a Bishop or Priest (or a Deacon as locum tenens in some cases), in the presence and with the aid of three, or at least two other Christian persons. Such prayer presupposes a reverent asent to our Lord's application of the words, "My House shall be called the house of prayer," and to those already quoted. To it also may be applied the words of St. Cyprian: "... They continued with one accord in prayer, manifesting at the same time the instability of their praying, and the agreement. Because God, who 'maketh men to be of one mind in an house,' admits into the house divine and eternal those only among whom is unanimous prayer."

This kind of prayer is therefore the highest kind of all. Other prayer is exalted in kind, and probably in efficacy, in proportion as it connects itself with that which is Common; as it is offered in that sense in which we are taught to say Our Father; as it is offered under the conviction that Christian individuals stand not alone, each one for himself before God, but are parts of one Body whereof all the members are in communion one with another through the One Intercessor, of Whom the ministers of the Church are the earthly representatives.

And administration of the Sacraments] This does not exclude the Sacraments from Common Prayer. The corporate work of the Church is distinctly recognized in the administration of Baptism, and the Holy Communion is the root and apex of Common Prayer. But it puts forward prominence the idea of a never-ceasing round of Divine Service as distinguished from the occasional (however frequent) offering of the Holy Eucharist.

Rites and Ceremonies of the Church. These words claim, as a matter of course, that the substance of the Prayer Book is in accordance with the theological and devotional system of the Catholic Church; and, in connection with those which immediately follow, they plainly enumerate the principle set forth more at large in the Thirty-fourth Article of Religion, that while that system is binding on the whole Church, yet particular Churches have a right to carry it out in their own way, according to their own "use" as to detail and ceremonial. 1

1) Keppe, Kyrie, Church, the house of the Lord.

2) On the Lord's Prayer, iv.

3) The phrase "Rites and Ceremonies" is not at all equivalent to our modern words Ritual and Ceremonial; but refers to the minor services of the Church, such as the Communion, or the Ceremonial of Women. Archbishop Cranmer's fourth article of 1556 is a good illustration of the meaning intended: "IV. Of Rites and Ceremonies. As vestments in God's service; sprinkling holy water; giving holy bread; bearing candles on Candlemas Day; giving of ashes on Ash Wednesday; blessing of palms on Palm Sunday; crossing the Cross, and kissing it, and offering unto Christ before the same on Good Friday; setting up the sepulchre of Christ; bowing the foot, and other like exercises, and benedictions, and laudable customs; that those and the rest be not to be away, but continued, to put us in remembrance of spiritual things. But that none of these ceremonies have power to refit sins."—Strype's Memorials of Cranmer, i. 89. Ecc. Hist. Soc. Ed.

4) The Act of Uniformity empowers the Sovereign to alter the names of the King, Queen, and Royal Family, as occasion shall require; but to alter the name of the Church itself is a very different thing. In Marriage Licences, and in Letters of Orders, the old form is used: but in many documents the alteration has been adopted. It is right to add that in the title-page of Edward VI.'s Injunctions he is called "in earth under Christ, of the Church of England and of Ireland the supreme head."
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AN ACT

FOR THE

UNIFORMITY OF COMMON PRAYER,

and Service in the Church, and Administration of the Sacraments,

Primo Elizabetha.

WHERE at the death of our late Sovereign Lord King Edward the Sixth, there remained one uniform order of Common Service, and Prayer, and of the administration of Sacraments, Rites and Ceremonies in the Church of England, which was set forth in one Book, intituled, The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies in the Church of England, Authorized by Act of Parliament holden in the fifth and sixth years of our said late Sovereign Lord King Edward the Sixth, intituled, An Act for the Uniformity of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments; The which was repealed, and taken away by Act of Parliament, in the first year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Mary, to the great decay of the due honour of God, and discomfort to the professors of the truth of Christ's Religion:

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That the said Statute of Repeal, and every thing therein contained, only concerning the said Book, and the Service, Administration of Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremonies contained or appointed in, or by the said Book, shall be void and of none effect, from, and after the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist next coming: And That the said Book, with the order of Service, and of the Administration of Sacraments, Rites and Ceremonies, with the alteration and additions therein added and appointed by this Statute, shall stand, and be, from, and after the said Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist, in full force and effect, according to the tenor and effect of this Statute: Any thing in the foresaid Statute of Repeal to the contrary notwithstanding.

2] And further be it Enacted by the Queens Highness, with the assent of the Lords and Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all, and singular Ministers in any Cathedral, or Parish-Church, or other place within this Realm of England, Wales, and the Marches of the same, or other the Queens Dominions, shall from and after the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist next coming, be bounden to say and use the Mattens, Even-song, celebration of the LORDS Supper, and administration of each of the Sacraments, and all other Common and open Prayer, in such order and form as is mentioned in the said Book, so Authorized by Parliament in the said fifth and sixth year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth; with one alteration, or addition of certain Lessons to be used on every Sunday in the year, and the form of the Litany altered, and corrected, and two sentences only added in the delivery of the Sacrament to the Communicants, and none other, or otherwise: and, That if any manner of Parson, Vicar, or other whatever Minister, that ought or should sing, or say Common Prayer mentioned in the said Book, or minister the Sacraments, from, and after the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist next coming, refuse to use the said Common Prayers, or to minister the Sacraments in such Cathedral, or Parish-Church, or other places, as he should use to minister the same, in such order and form, as they be mentioned, and set forth in the said Book, or shall wilfully, or obstinately standing in the same, use any other Rite, Ceremony, Order, Form, or manner of celebrating of the Lords Supper openly, or privately, or Mattens, Even song, administration of the Sacraments, or other open Prayers, than is mentioned, [Open Prayer is, and through this Act, is meant that Prayer, which is for other to come unto, or hear, either in Common Churches, or private Chappells, or Oratories, commonly called the Service of the Church]: and shall preach, declare, or speak any thing in the derogation, or depraving of the said Book, or any thing therein contained, or of any part thereof, and shall be thereof lawfully convicted, according to the Laws of this Realm, by verdict of twelve men, or by his own confession, or by the notorious evidence of the fact; shall lose, and forfeit to the Queens Highness, Her Heirs, and Successors, for his first offence, the profits of all his Spiritual Benefices, or Promotions, coming, or arising in one whole year next after his conviction: And also that the person so convicted shall for the same offence suffer imprisonment by the space of six moneths, without Bail, or Mainprize: And if any such person, once convict of any offence concerning the premises, shall after his first conviction, escape, or elude, and be thereof in form aforesaid lawfully convicted; That then the same person shall for his second offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole year, and also shall therefore be deprived ipso facto of all his Spiritual Promotions; and, That it shall be lawful to all Patrons, or Donors of all and singular the same Spiritual Promotions, or any of them, to present, or collate to the same, as though the person or persons so offending were dead: and That, if any such person, or persons, after he shall be twice convicted in form aforesaid, shall offend against any of the premises the third time, and shall be thereof, in form aforesaid, lawfully convicted; That then the person so offending, and convicted the third time shall be deprived ipso facto of all his Spiritual Promotions, and also shall suffer imprisonment during his life: And if the person, that shall offend, and be convict in form aforesaid, concerning any of the premises, shall not be Beneficed, nor have any Spiritual Promotion; That then the same Person, so offending, and convict, shall for the first offence suffer imprisonment during one whole year next after his said conviction, without Bail or Mainprize: And if any such person not having any Spiritual Promotion, after his first conviction, shall escape, or elude, or offend in anything concerning the premises, and shall in form aforesaid be thereof lawfully convicted; That then the same person shall for his second offence suffer imprisonment during his life.

3] And it is Ordained, and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person, or persons whatsoever, after the said Feast of
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the Nativity of St. John Baptist next coming, shall in any Enterludes, Playes, Songs, Dances, or by any open words declare, or speak any thing in the derogation, depraving, or de-
spairing of any or anything therein contained, or any part thereof, or shall by open face or by their Bells or any open signs compel, or cause, or otherwise procure, or maintain any Parson, Vicar, or other Minister in any Cathedral, or Parish-Church, or in Chappel, or in any other Place, to sing, or any Common, or open Prayer, or to minister any Sacrament otherwise, or in any other manner, and form, than is mentioned in the said Book; or that any by the said means shall unlawfully interrupt, or let any Parson, Vicar, or other Minister in any Cathed-
dral, or Parish-Church, Chappel, or any other place to sing or any Common and open Prayer, or to minister the Sacraments, or any of them, in such manner, and form, as is mentioned in the said Book: That then every such person, being thereof lawfully convicted in form aforesaid, shall forfeit to the Queen our Sover-
aigne Lady, Her Heirs, and Successors for the first offence an hundred marks: And if any person, or persons, being once con-
victed of any such offence, afterwards offend against any of the last recited offences, and shall in form aforesaid be thereof lawfully convict; That then the same person, so offending and convict, shall for the second offence forfeit to the Queen our Sovereign Lady, Her Heirs, and Successors Four hundred marks: And if any person, after he in form aforesaid shall have been twice convi-
ccted of any offence concerning any of the last recited offences, shall offend the third time, and be thereof in form aforesaid lawfully convict; That then every person, so offending and convict, shall for his third offence forfeit to our Sovereign Lady the sum of ten all Goods and Chattels, and shall suffer imprison-
ment during his life: And if any person or persons, that for his first offence concerning the premises, shall be convict in form aforesaid, do not pay the sum to be paid by vertue of his conviction, in such manner and form, as the same ought to be paid, within six weeks next after his conviction; That then every person so convict, and so not paying the same, shall for the same first offence, in the stand of the said sum, suffer imprisonments by the space of six months without Bail or Mainprize: And if any person, or persons, that for his second offence concerning the premises shall be convict in form aforesaid, do not pay the said sum to be paid by vertue of his conviction, and this estate, in such manner and form, as the same ought to be paid, within six weeks next after this said second conviction; That then every person so convicted, and not paying the same, shall for the same second offence, in the stand of the said sum, suffer imprisonment during twelve moneths without Bail or Mainprize: and, That from and after the said Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist next coming, all, and every person and persons, inhabiting within this Realm, or any other the Queens Majesties Dom-
inions, shall diligently and faithfully, having no lawful, or reasonable excuse to be absent, invade themselves to resort to their Parish-Church, or Chappel accustomed, or upon reasonable let thereof, to some usual place, where Common Prayer, and such service of God shall be used in such time of Let, upon every Sun-
day, and other days ordained and used to be kept as holy days, and then, and there to abide orderly and soberly, during the time of Common Prayer, Prayings, or other Service of God there to be used and ministered, upon pain of punishment by the censures of the Church; and also upon pain, that every person so offend-
ing shall forfeit for every such offence twelve pence, to be levied by the Churchwardens of the Parish, where such offence shall be done, to the use of the poor of the same Parish, of the goods, lands, and tenements of such offender, by way of distress.

[4] And for due execution hereof, the Queens most excellent Majesty, the Lord Temporal, and all the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doth in Gods Name earnestly require, and charge all the Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinaries, that they shall endeavour themselves to the uttermost of their know-
ledges, that the due and true execution hereof may be had throughout their Diocese and Charges, as they will answer befoe God for such evils and plagues, wherewith Almighty God may justly punish His people for neglecting His good and whol-
son law. And for their Authority in this behalfe, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular the same Archbishops, Bishops, and all other their officers, exercising Ecclesiastical jurisdiction, aswell in place exempt, as not exempt, their respective Dioceses shall have full power and Authority by this Act to reform, correct and punish by censures of the Church, all, and singular persons, which shall offend within any of their jurisdic-
tions, or Dioceses, after the said Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist next coming, against this Act and Statute: Any other Law, Statute, Priviledge, Liberty, or Provision hereetofore made, had, or suffered to the contrary notwithstanding.

[5] And it is Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Justice of Oyer and Determiner, or Justices of Assize shall have full power and Authority in every of their open and general Sessions to inquire, hear and determine all and manner of offences, that shall be committed, or done contrary to any Article contained in this present Act, within the limits of the Commission to them directed, and to make process for the execution of the same, as they may do against any person being indicted before them of trespass, or lawfully convicted thereof.

[6] Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Archbishopp and Bishop shall and may at all time and times at his liberty and pleasure, joye and associate himself by vertue of this Act to the said Justices of Oyer and Determiner, or to the said Justices of Assise, at every of the said open and general Sessions, to be holden in any place within his Diocese for and to the inquiry, hearing, and determining of the offences aforesaid.

[7] Provided also, and beit Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Books concerning the said Service shall at the costs and charges of the Parishioners of every Parish, and Cathedral Church be attained, and gotten before the said Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist next following, and that all such Parishes and Cathedral Churches, or other places, where the said Books shall be attained and gotten before the said Feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist, shall within three weeks next after the said books so attained and gotten, use the said Service, and put the same in use according to this Act.

[8] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no person or persons shall be at any time hereafter impeached, or otherwise molested of or for any of the offences above mentioned, hereafter to be committed, or done contrary to this Act, unless he or they so offending be thereof indicted at the next general sessions to be holden before any such Justices of Oyer and De-
terminer, or Justices of Assise, next after any offence committed or done, contrary to the tenour of this Act.

[9] Provided always, and be it Ordained, and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular Lords of the Parliament, for the third offence above mentioned, shall be tried by their Peers.

[10] Provided also, and be it Ordained, and Enacted by the Au-
thority aforesaid, That the Mayor of London, and all other Mayors, Dayliffs, and other Head-officers of all, and singular Cities, Boroughs, and Towns-corporate within this Realm, Wales and the Marches of the same, to the which Justices of Assise do not commonly repair, shall have full power and Authority by vertue of this Act, to inquire, hear, and determine the offences afores-
said, and every of them yearly, within fifteen days after the Feasts of Easter, and saint Michael the Archangel, in like manner and form, as Justices of Assise, and Oyer, and Det-
miner may do.

[11] Provided always, and be it Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular Archbishops, and Bishops, and every of their Chancellor, Commissaries, Arch-
deecons, and other Ordinaries, having any peculiar Ecclesiastical jurisdiction shall have full power and Authority by vertue of this Act, to proceed to the same in their Visitation, Synods, or elsewhere within their jurisdiction, at any other time, and place, to take accusations, and informations of all, and every the things above mentioned, done, committed, or perpetrated within the limits of their jurisdiction and Authority, and to punish the same by admonition, excommunication, sequestration, or deprivation, or
other censures, and processes, in like form, as heretofore hath been used in like cases by the Queens Ecclesiastical Laws.

[18] Provided always, and be it Enacted, That whatsoever person offending in the premises shall for the first offence receive punishment of the Ordinary, having a testimonial thereof under the said Ordinary's seal, shall not for the same offence eftsoons be convicted before the Justices; and likewise receiving for the said first offence punishment by the Justices, he shall not for the same first offence eftsoons receive punishment of the Ordinary: Any thing contained in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

[19] Provided always, and be it Enacted, That such ornaments of the Church and of the ministers thereof shall be retained, and be in use, as was in this Church of England by the Authority of Parliament in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth, until other order shall be therein taken by Authority of the Queen's Majesty, with the advice of Her Commissioners, appointed and Authorized under the great seal of England for causes Ecclesiastical, or of the Metropolitan of this Realm: And also, That if there shall happen any contempt, or irreverence to be used in the Ceremonies, or Rites of the Church, by the misusing of the Orders appointed in this Book; the Queen's Majesty may by the like advice of the said Commissioners, or Metropolitan, ordain and publish such further Ceremonies, or Rites, as may be most for the advancement of God's glory, the edifying of His Church, and the due reverence of Christ's holy Mysteries and Sacraments.

[14] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, wherein, or whereby any other Service, Administration of Sacraments, or Common Prayer is limited, established, or set forth to be used within this Realm, or any other the Queens Dominions, and Countries, shall from henceforth utterly be void, and of none effect.

AN ACT
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And Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies: And for establishing the Form of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons in the Church of England.

XIV. Carol. II.

WHEREAS in the first year of the late Queen Elizabeth there was one Uniform Order of Common Service and Prayer, and of the Administration of Sacraments, Rites and Ceremonies in the Church of England (agreeable to the Word of God, and usage of the Primitive Church) compiled by the Reverend Bishops and Clergy, set forth in one Book, Entituled, The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies in the Church of England, and enjoined to be used by Act of Parliament, holden in the said first year of the said late Queen, Entituled, An Act for the Uniformity of Common Prayer, and Service in the Church, and Administration of the Sacraments, very comfortable to all good people desirous to live in Christian conversation, and most profitable to the Estate of this Realm, upon the which the Mercy, Favour and Blessing of Almighty God is in no wise so readily and plentifully peared, as by Common Prayers, due using of the Sacraments, and often Preaching of the Gospel, with devotion of the hearers: And yet this notwithstanding, a great number of people in divers parts of this Realm, following their own sensuality, and living without knowledge and due fear of God, do wilfully and Schismatically abstain, and refuse to come to their Parish Churches and other Publick places where Common Prayer, Administration of the Sacraments, and Preaching of the Word of God is used upon the Sundays and other days ordained and appointed to be kept and observed as Holy days: And whereas by the great and scandalous neglect of Ministers in using the said Order, or Liturgy so set forth and enjoyned as aforesaid, great mischief and inconveniences, during the times of the late unhappy troubles, have arisen and grown; and many people have been led into Factions and Schisms, to the great decay and scandal of the Reformed Religion of the Church of England, and to the hazard of many souls: for prevention whereof in time to come, for settling the Peace of the Church, and for allaying the present distemper, which the indisposition of the time hath contrived, The King's Majesty (according to His Declaration of the Fifteenth of October, One thousand six hundred and sixty) granted His Commission under the great Seal of England to several Bishops and other Divines to review the Book of Common Prayer, and to prepare such Alterations and Additions, as they thought fit to offer; And afterwards the Convocations of both the Provinces of Canterbury and York, being by his Majesty called and assembled (and now sitting) His Majesty hath been pleased to Authorize and require the Presidents of the said Convocations, and other the Bishops and Clergy of the same, to review the said Book of Common Prayer, and the Book of the Form and manner of the Making and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; And that after mature consideration, they should make such Additions and Alterations in the said Books respectively, as to them should seem meet and convenient; And should exhibit and present the same to His Majesty in writing, for his further allowance or confirmation; since which time, upon full and mature deliberation, they the said Presidents, Bishops, and Clergy of both Provinces have accordingly reviewed the said Books, and have made some Alterations which they think fit to be inserted to the same; and some Additional Prayers to the said Book of Common-Prayer, to be used upon proper and emergent occasions; and have ex-
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hilited and presented the same unto his Majesty in writing, in one Book, Entituled, The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England, together with the Psalter, or Psalms of David, Pointed as they are to be sung or said in Churches; and the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons: All which His Majesty having duly considered hath fully approved and allowed the same, and recommended to this present Parliament, that the said Book of Common Prayer, and of the Forms of Ordination and Consecration of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with the Alterations and Additions, which have been so made and presented to His Majesty by the said Convocations, be the Book, which shall be appointed to be used by all that Officiate in all Cathedral and Collegiate Churches and Chappels, and in all Chappels of Colleges and Halls in both the Universities, and the Colleges of Eaton and Winchester, and in all Parish-Churches and Chappels within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and by all that Make, or Consecrate Bishops, Priests or Deacons in any of the said Places, under such Sanctions and Penalties as the Houses of Parliament shall think fit: Now in regard that nothing conduceth more to the setting of the Peace of this Nation (which is desired of all good men) nor to the honour of our Religion, and the propagation thereof, than an Universal agreement in the Public Worship of Almighty God; and to the intent that every person within this Realm, may certainly know the rule, to which he is to conform in Public Worship, and Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, and the manner how, and by whom Bishops, Priests, and Deacons are, and ought to be Made, Ordained and Consecrated;

[2] Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by the advice, and with the consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and singular Ministers, in any Catholic, Collegiate, or Parochial Church or Chappel, or other Place of Publick Worship within this Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall be bound to say and use the Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Celebration and Administration of both the Sacraments, and all other the Publick, and Common Prayer, in such order and form as is mentioned in the said Book, annexed and joyed to this present Act, and Entituled, The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England: together with the Psalter, or Psalms of David, Pointed as they are to be sung or said in Churches, and the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons: And That the Morning and Evening Prayers, therein contained, shall upon every Lords day, and upon all other days and occasions, and at the times therein appointed, be openly and solemnly read by all and every Minister or Curate in every Church, Chappel, or other Place of Publick Worship within this Realm of England, and places aforesaid.

[3] And to the end that Uniformity in the Publick Worship of God (which is so much desired) may be speedily effected, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Parson, Vicar, or other Minister whatsoever, who now hath, and enjoyeth any Ecclesiastical Benefice, or Promotion within this Realm of England, or places aforesaid, shall in the Church, Chappel, or place of Publick Worship belonging to his said Benefice or Promotion, upon some Lords day before the Feast of Saint Bartholomew, which shall be in the year of our Lord God, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, openly, publicly, and solemnly read the Morning and Evening Prayer appointed to be read by, and according to the said Book of Common Prayer at the times thereby appointed, and after such reading thereof shall openly and publickly, before the Congregation there assembled, declare his unfeigned assent, and consent to the use of all things in the said Book contained and prescribed, in these words, and no other;

[4] I A B Do here declare my unfeigned assent, and consent to all, and every thing contained, and prescribed in, and by the Book intituled, The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England; together with the Psalter, or Psalms of David, Pointed as they are to be sung, or said in Churches, and the form, or manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

[5] And, That all and every such person, who shall (without some lawful Impediment, to be allowed and approved of by the Ordinary of the place) neglect or refuse to do the same within the time aforesaid, or (in case of such Impediment) within one Moneth after such Impediment removed, shall ipso facto be deprived of all his Spiritual Promotions; And that from henceforth it shall be lawful to, and for all Patrons, and Donors of all and singular the said Spiritual Promotions, or of any of them, according to their respective Rights, and Titles, to present, or collate to the same; as though the person, or persons, so offending, or neglecting were dead.

[6] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every person, who shall hereafter be presented, or collated, or put into any Ecclesiastical Benefice, or Promotion within this Realm of England and places aforesaid, shall in the Church, Chappel, or place of Publick Worship, belonging to his said Benefice or Promotion, within two Moneths next after that he shall be in the actual possession of the said Ecclesiastical Benefice or Promotion, upon some Lords day openly, publickly and solemnly Read the Morning and Evening Prayers, appointed to be Read by, and according to the said Book of Common Prayer, at the times thereby appointed, and after such Reading thereof, shall openly, and publickly before the Congregation there assembled, declare his unfeigned assent, and consent to the use of all things therein contained and prescribed, according to the form before appointed: and That all and every such person, who shall (without some lawful Impediment, to be allowed and approved by the Ordinary of the place) neglect or refuse to do the same within the time aforesaid, or (in case of such Impediment) within one month after such Impediment removed shall ipso facto be deprived of all his said Ecclesiastical Benefices and Promotions; and That from thenceforth, it shall and may be lawful to, and for all Patrons, and Donors of all and singular the said Ecclesiastical Benefices and Promotions, or of any of them (according to their respective Rights and Titles) to present, or collate to the same, as though the person or persons so offending, or neglecting, were dead.

[7] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all places, where the proper Incumbent of any Parsonage, Vicarage, or Benefice with Cure doth reside on his Living, and keep a Curate, the Incumbent himself in person (not having some lawful Impediment, to be allowed by the Ordinary of the place) shall once (at the least) in every month openly and publickly Read the Common Prayers and Service, in, and by the said Book prescribed, and (if there be occasion) Administer each of the Sacraments and other Rites of the Church, in the Parish Church or Chappel, of, or belonging to the same Parsonage, Vicarage, or Benefice, in such order, manner and form, as in, and by the said Book is appointed, upon pain to forfeit the sum of Five pounds to the use of the poor of the Parish for every offence, upon conviction by confession, or proof of two credible Witnesses upon Oath, before two Justices of the Peace of the County, City, or Town-Corporate where the offence shall be committed, (which Oath the said Justices are hereby Impowered to Administer) and in default of payment within ten days, to be levied by distress, and sold of the goods and chattels of the Offender, by the Warrant of the said Justices, by the Churchwardens, or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, rendring the surplusage to the party.

[8] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Dean, Canon, and Prebendary of every Cathedral, or Collegiate Church, and all Masters, and other Heads, Fellows, Chap-
lains, and Tutors of, or in any College, Hall, House of Learning, or Hospital, and every Publick Professor, and Reader in either of the Universities, and in every Colledge elsewhere, and every Parson, Vicar, Curate, Lecturer, and every other person in holy Orders, and every School-master keeping any publick, or private School, and every person Instricuting, or Teaching any Youth in any House or private Family as a Tutor, or School-master, who upon the first day of May, which shall be in the year of our Lord God, One thousand six hundred sixty two, or at any time thereafter shall be Incumbent, or have possession of any Deanery, Canonry, Prebend, Mastership, Headship, Fellowship, Professor-place, or Readers place, Parsonage, Vicarage, or any other Ecclesiastical Dignity or Promotion, or of any Curates place, Lecture, or School; or shall instruct or teach any Youth as Tutor, or School-master, shall before the Feast-day of Saint Bartholomew, which shall be in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred sixty two, or at or before his, or their respective admission to be Incumbent, or have possession aforesaid, subscribe the Declaration or Acknowledgement following, Sealed:

[9] I A. B. Do declare that it is not lawful upon any pretence whatsoever to take Arms against the King; and that I do abhor that Traitoris Position of taking Arms by His Authority against His Person, or against those that are Commissioned by him; and that I will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of England, as it is now by Law established. And I do declare that I do hold, there lies no Obligation upon me, or on any other person from the Oath, commonly called the Solemn League and Covenant, to endeavour any change, or alteration of Government, either in Church, or State; and that the same was in itself an unlawful Oath, and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realm against the known Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom.

[10] Which said Declaration and Acknowledgement shall be subscribed by every of the said Masters and other Heads, Fellows, Chaplains, and Tutors of, or in any College, Hall, or House of Learning, and by every publick Professor and Reader in either of the Universities, before the Vice-Chancellor of the respective Universities for the time being, or his Deputy; And the said Declaration or Acknowledgement shall be subscribed before the respective Arch-bishop, Bishop or Ordinary of the Diocese, by every other person hereby enjoined to subscribe the same, upon pain, that every and all of the persons aforesaid, failing in such subscription, shall lose and forfeit such respective Deanery, Canonry, Prebend, Mastership, Headship, Fellowship, Professor-place, Reader-place, Parsonage, Vicarage, Ecclesiastical Dignity, or Promotion, Curates place, Lecture, and School, and shall be utterly disabled, and ipso facto deprived of the same; and that every such person who shall instruct or teach, on pain of being deprived of the same, and all his Ecclesiastical Promotions shall be void, as if he was naturally dead.

[11] And if any Schoolmaster or other person, Instricuting or teaching Youth in any private House or Family, as a Tutor or Schoolmaster, shall Instricute or Teach any Youth as a Tutor or Schoolmaster, before License obtained from his respective Arch-bishop, Bishop, or Ordinary of the Diocese, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, (for which he shall pay twelve-pence only) and before such subscription and acknowledgement made as aforesaid; Then every such School-master and other, Instricuting and Teaching as aforesaid, shall for the first offence suffer three months Imprisonment without ball or mainprize; and for every second and other such offence shall suffer three months Imprisonment without ball or mainprize, and also forfeit to His Majesty the sum of five pounds.

And after such subscription made, every such Parson, Vicar, Curate, and Lecturer shall procure a certificate under the Hand and Seal of the respective Archbishops, Bishop, or Ordinary of the Diocese, (who are hereby enjoined and required upon demand to make and deliver the same) and shall publickly and openly read the same, together with the Declaration, or Acknowledge-
That and Any to the lawful And Slid month present this thousand unto, day, and the said Colleges, or Orders, and of the said Church, and the said Colleges, or Halls, hereafter to be elected, or appointed, within one month next after his Election, or Collation, and Admission into the same Government, or Headship, shall openly and publicly in the Church, Chappel, or other Public place of the same College or Hall, and in the presence of the Fellows and Scholars of the same, or the greater part of them then resident, Subscribe unto the Nine and thirty Articles of Religion, mentioned in the Statute made In the thirteenth year of the Reign of the late Queen Elizabeth, and unto the said Book, and declare his unfeigned assent and consent unto, and approbation of the said Articles, and of the said Book, and to the use of all the Prayers, Rites and Ceremonies, Forms, and Orders therein contained and prescribed, according to the form aforesaid; and, That all and every such person and persons who shall neglect or refuse to do the same, shall from thenceforth be disabled to Preach the said, or any other Lecture or Sermon in the said, or any other Church, Chappel, or place of Public worship, until such time as he and they shall openly, publicly, and solemnly Read the Common Prayers and Service appointed by the said Book, and Conform in all points to the things therein appointed and prescribed, according to the purport, true intent, and meaning of this Act.

[30] Provided alwayes, that if the said Sermon or Lecture be to be Preached or Read in any Cathedral, or Collegiate Church or Chappel, it shall be sufficient for the said Lecturer openly at the time aforesaid, to declare his assent and consent to all things contained in the said Book, according to the form aforesaid.

[31] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person who is by this Act disabled to Preach any Lecture or Sermon, shall during the time that he shall continue and remain so disabled, Preach any Sermon or Lecture; That then for every such offence the person and persons so offending shall suffer Three months Imprisonment in the Publick gaol for bod or mainstrepe, and that any two Justices of the Peace of any County of this Kingdom and places aforesaid, and the Mayor or other chief Magistrate of any City, or Town-Corporate, within the same, upon Certificate from the Ordinary of the place made to him or them of the offence committed, shall, and are hereby required to commit the person or persons so offending to the Gaol of the same County, City, or Town Corporate accordingly.

[32] Provided alwayes, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That at all and every time and times, when any Sermon or Lecture is to be Preached, the Common Prayers and Service in and by the said Book appointed to be Read for that time of the day, shall be openly, publicly, and solemnly Read by some Priest, or Deacon, in the Church, Chappel, or place of Public worship, where the said Sermon or Lecture is to be preached, before such Sermon or Lecture be Preached; And that the Lecturer then to Preach shall be present at the Reading thereof.

[33] Provided nevertheless, That this Act shall not extend to the University-Churches in the Universities of this Realm, or either of them, when or at such times as any Sermon or Lecture is Preached or Read in the same Churches, or any of them, for, or as the publick University-Sermon or Lecture; but that the same Sermons and Lectures may be Preached or Read in such sort and manner as the same have heretofore Preached or Read; This Act, or any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

[34] And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several good Laws, and Statutes of this Realm, which have been formerly made, and are now in force for the Uniformity of Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, within this Realm of England, and places aforesaid, shall stand in full force and strength to all intents and purposes whatsoever, for the establishing and confirming of the said Book; Entituled, The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England; together with the Psalter or Psalms of David, Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, as are used in the Publick Worship in Churches; and the form and manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; herein before mentioned to be joyned and annexed to this Act; and shall be applied, practis, and put in use for the punishing of all offences contrary to the said Laws, with relation to the Book aforesaid, and no other.

[35] Provided alwayes, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all those Prayers, Litanies, and Collects,
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which do any way relate to the King, Queen, or Royal Progeny, the Names be altered and changed from time to time, and fitted to the present occasion, according to the direction of lawfull Authority.

[28] Provided also, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a true Print Copy of the said Book, Entituled, The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England; together with the Psalter, or Psalms of David, Pointed as they are to be sung or said in Churches; and the form and manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, shall at the costs and charges of the Parishioners of every Parish-Church, and Chappelry, Cathedral Church, Collegiate, and Hall, be attained and gotten before the Feast-day of Saint Bartholomew, in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, upon pain of forfeiture of Three pounds by the month, for so long time as they shall then after be unprovided thereof, by every Parich, or Chappelry, Cathedral Church, Collegi, and Hall, making default therein.

[27] Provided alwais, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Bishops of Hereford, Saint Davids, Asaph, Bangor, and Landaff, and their Successors shall take such order among themselves, for the souls health of the Flocks committed to their Charge within Wales, That the Book hereunto annexed be truly and exactly Translated into the Brittish or Welsh Tongue, and that the same so Translated and being by them, or any three of them at the least viewed, perused, and allowed, be Imprinted to such number at least, so that one of the said Books so Translated and Imprinted, may be had for every Cathedral, Collegiate, and Parish-Church, and Chappel of Eas in the said respective Dioceses, and places in Wales, where the Welsh is commonly spoken or used before the First day of May, One thousand six hundred sixty five; and, That from and after the Imprinting and publishing of the said Book so Translated, the whole Divine Service shall be used and said by the Ministers and Curates throughont all Wales within the said Dioceses, where the Welsh Tongue is commonly used, in the Brittish or Welsh Tongue, in such manner and form as is prescribed according to the Book hereunto annexed to be used in the English Tongue, differing nothing in any Order or Form from the said English Book; for which Book, the said Parishioners of every of the said Parishes shall pay out of the Parish-money in their hands for the use of the respective Churches, and be allowed the same on their Account; and, That the said Bishops and their Successors, or any three of them, at the least, shall set and appoint the price, for which the said Book shall be sold: And one other Book of Common Prayer in the English Tongue shall be bought and had in every Church throughout Wales, in which the Book of Common Prayer in Welsh is to be had, by force of this Act, before the First day of May, One thousand six hundred sixty and four, and the same Book to remain in such convenient places, within the said Churches, that such as understand them may resort at all convenient times to read and peruse the same, and also such as do not understand the said Language, may by conferring both Tongues together, the sooner attain to the knowledge of the English Tongue; Any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding; And until Printed Copies of the said Book so to be Translated may be had and provided, the Form of Common Prayer, established by Parliament before the making of this Act, shall be used as formerly in such parts of Wales, where the English Tongue is not commonly understood.

[29] And to the end that the true and perfect Copies of this Act, and the said Book hereunto annexed may be safely kept, and perpetually preserved, and for the avoiding of all disputes for the time to come; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the respective Deans and Chapters of every Cathedral, or Collegiate Church, within England and Wales, shall at the proper costs and charges, before the twenty fifth day of December, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, obtain under the Great Seal of England a true and perfect printed Copy of this Act, and of the said Book annexed hereunto, to be by the said Deans and Chapters, and their Successors kept and preserved in safety for ever, and to be also produced, and shewed forth in any Court of Record, as often as they shall be therein lawfully required; And also there shall be delivered true and perfect Copies of this Act, and of the same Book into the respective Courts at Westminster, and the Tower of London, to be kept and preserved for ever among the Records of the said Courts, and the Records of the Tower, to be also produced and shewed forth in any Court as need shall require; which said Books so to be exemplified under the Great Seal of England, shall be examined by such persons as the Kings Majesty shall appoint under the Great Seal of England for that purpose, and shall be compared with the Original Book hereunto annexed, and shall have power to correct, and amend in writing any Error committed by the Printer in the printing of the same Book, or of any thing therein contained, and shall certify in writing under their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of any three of them at the end of the same Book, that they have examined and compared the same Book, and find it to be a true and perfect Copy; which said Books, and every one of them so exemplified under the Great Seal of England, as aforesaid, shall be deemed, taken, adjudged, and expounded to be good, and available in the Law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall be accounted as good Records as this Book it self hereunto annexed; Any Law or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

[30] Provided also, That this Act or any thing therein contained shall not be prejudicial or hurtful unto the Kings Professor of the Law within the University of Oxford, for, or concerning the Prebend of Shipston, within the Cathedral Church of Sarum, united and annexed unto the place of the same Kings Professor for the time being, by the late King James of blessed memory.

[31] Provided always, That whereas the Six and thirtieth Article of the Nine and thirty Articles agreed upon by the Arch-bishops, and Bishops of both Provinces, and the whole Clergy in the Convocation holden at London, in the year of our Lord, One thousand five hundred sixty two, for the avoiding of diversities of Opinions, and for establishing of consent, touching true Religion, is in these words following, viz.

That the Book of Consecration of Archbishops, and Bishops, and Ordaining of Priests and Deacons, lately set forth in the time of King Edward the Sixth, and confirmed at the same time by Authority of Parliament, doth contain all things necessary to such Consecration and Ordaining, neither hath it any thing that of itself is superstition, and ungodly; And therefore whosoever are Consecrated or Ordered according to the Rites of that Book, since the second year of the aforesaid King Edward unto this time, or hereafter shall be Consecrated or Ordered according to the same Rites; We decree all such to be rightly, orderly, and lawfully Consecrated and Ordered; It be Enacted, and be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Subscriptions hereafter to be had or made unto the said Articles, by any Deacon, Priest, or Ecclesiastical person, or other person whatsoever, who by this Act or any other Law now in force is required to Subscribe unto the said Articles, shall be confirmed and taken to extend, and shall be applied (for and touching the said Six and thirtieth Article) unto the Book containing the form and manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons in this Act mentioned, in such sort and manner as the same did heretofore extend unto the Book set forth in the time of King Edward the Sixth, mentioned in the said Six and thirtieth Article; Any thing in the said Article, or in any Statute, Act, or Canon heretofore had or made, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

[32] Provided also, That the Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of this Church of England, together with the form and manner of Ordaining, and Consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons hereunto annexed, shall be kept and preserved, and used, and observed in the First and Eighth years of Queen Elizabeth, shall be still used and observed in the Church of England, until the Feast of Saint Bartholomeu, which shall be in the year of our Lord God, One thousand six hundred sixty and two
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This was placed before the Book of Common Prayer in 1661, and with a special regard to the circumstances of the times, the country having just emerged from the Great Rebellion, and the Church of England from a very great persecution. Under such circumstances it is impossible not to admire the temperate and just tone which characterizes it throughout.

The writer of this Preface was Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln, who was probably chosen on account of qualifications such as would fit him for composing in this tone an explanation of the course which it had been necessary to take, and which had been taken, with reference to the Book of Common Prayer. He is, and was then, well known for his works on Conscience, and on the Obligation of an Oath: and he was looked up to with great respect by all parties in those days of religious division.

“For the satisfying all the dissenting brethren and other,” says Kennett, in his Register (p. 638), “the Convocation’s reasons for the alterations and additions to the Liturgy were by them desired to be drawn up by Dr. Sanderson, which being done by him, and approved by them, was appointed to be printed before the Liturgy, and may be now known by this Title, The Preface, and begins thus, It hath been the wisdom of the Church, &c.” In the Acts of the Upper House of Convocation it is recorded that “on Monday the 2nd of December, the Preface or Introduction to the Common Prayer Book was brought in and read.” It was referred to a Committee composed of Wren, Bishop of Ely; Skinner, Bishop of Oxford; Heuchman, Bishop of Salisbury; and Griffith, Bishop of St. Asaph, and some amendments were made in it as it passed through their hands.

first compiling] This is a phrase which could hardly have dropped from Sanderson’s exact pen. No doubt the period referred to is that of the Reformation; but as every page of the following work will show, the change which then took place in the Divine Worship of the Church of England was founded on offices which were re-formed out of the old ones, not “compiled” in any true sense; and that the addition of “first” to the word adopted is calculated to misrepresent the true origin of our “publick Liturgy,”

in their own nature Indifferent] This and other apologetic expressions of the Preface must be read by the light of contemporary history. But it is undoubtedly true that in their own nature, Rites and Ceremonies are “indifferent.” Their importance arises from the relation in which they are placed with reference to God as the Object of worship, and man as the worshipper of God. That relation being established, what was indifferent in its own nature becomes of high import through the new character which is thus given to it.

alterable] In the 34th Article of Religion this statement is more elaborately set forth: “Of the Traditions of the Church.—It is not necessary that Traditions and Ceremonies be in all places one, and utterly like; for at all times they have been divers, and may be changed according to the diversities of countries, times, and men’s manners, so that nothing be ordained against God’s Word. Whosoever through his private judgment, willingly and purposely, doth openly break the traditions and ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the Word of God, and be ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, (that others may fear to do the like,) as he that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and hurtteth the authority of the Magistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weak brethren.

Every particular or national Church hath authority to ordain, change, and abolish ceremonies or rites of the Church ordained only by man’s authority, so that all things be done to edifying.”

those that are in place of Authority] Who are the properly authorized persons may also be known from the 20th Article of Religion: “Of the authority of the Church.—The Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authority in Controversies of Faith: And yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God’s Word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witness and a keeper of holy Writ, yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessity of Salvation.”

As will be seen from the Historical Introduction to this volume, this principle was carried out by throwing the whole responsibility of revising the older Prayer Book on the Convocations of Canterbury and York, which officially represented the Church of England. Statutable authority was given to the work of the Church by the Crown in Parliament, in 14 Carol. II. The principle is further enunciated in the succeeding words of the Preface, where the “Princes” or reigning Sovereigns are named, but the whole work of revision during their respective reigns is attributed to the Church, which “upon just and weighty considerations thereto being moving, hath yielded to make such alterations in some particulars, as in the respective times of those sovereigns were thought convenient.”
time to time seem either necessary or expedient. Accordingly we find, that in
the Reigns of several Princes of blessed memory since the Reformation, the
Church, upon just and weighty considerations her thereunto moving, hath
yielded to make such alterations in some particulars, as in their respective times
were thought convenient: Yet so, as that the main Body and Essentials of it
(as well in the chiefest materials, as in the frame and order thereof) have still
continued the same unto this day, and do yet stand firm and unshaken,
notwithstanding all the vain attempts and impetuous assaults made against it by
such men as are given to change, and have always discovered a greater regard
to their own private fancies and interests, than to that duty they owe to the
publick.

By what undue means, and for what mischievous purposes the use of the
Liturgy (though enjoined by the Laws of the Land, and those Laws never yet
repealed) came, during the late unhappy confusions, to be discontinued, is too
well known to the world, and we are not willing here to remember. But when,
upon His Majesty’s happy Restoration, it seemed probable, that, amongst other
things, the use of the Liturgy also would return of course (the same having
never been legally abolished) unless some timely means were used to prevent
it; those men who under the late usurped powers had made it a great part of
their business to render the people disaffected thereunto, saw themselves in
point of reputation and interest concerned (unless they would freely acknowledge
themselves to have erred, which such men are very hardly brought to do)
with their utmost endeavours to hinder the restitution thereof. In order whereunto divers Pamphlets were published against the Book of Common Prayer, the
old Objections mustered up, with the addition of some new ones more than
formerly had been made, to make the number swell. In fine great importuni-
ties were used to His Sacred Majesty, that the said Book might be Revised,
and such Alterations therein, and Additions thereunto made, as should be
thought requisite for the case of tender Consciences: whereunto His Majesty, out of his pious inclination to give satisfaction (so far as could be reasonably expected) to all his subjects of what persuasion soever, did graciously condescend.

In which review we have endeavoured to observe the like Moderation as we find to have been used in the like case in former times. And therefore of the sundry Alterations proposed unto us, we have rejected all such as were either of dangerous consequence (as secretly striking at some established Doctrine, or laudable Practice of the Church of England, or indeed of the whole Catholic Church of Christ) or else of no consequence at all, but utterly frivolous and vain. But such alterations as were tendered to us (by what persons, under what pretences, or to what purpose soever so tendered) as seemed to us in any degree requisite or expedient, we have willingly, and of our own accord assented unto: Not enforced so to do by any strength of Argument, convincing us of the necessity of making the said Alterations: For we are fully persuaded in our judgments (and we here profess it to the world) that the Book, as it stood before established by Law, doth not contain in it any thing contrary to the Word of God, or to sound Doctrine, or which a godly man may not with a good Conscience use and submit unto, or which is not fairly defensible against any that shall oppose the same; if it shall be allowed such just and favourable construction as in Common Equity ought to be allowed to all Human Writings, especially such as are set forth by Authority, and even to the very best Translations of the holy Scripture itself.

Our general aim therefore in this undertaking was, not to gratify this or that party in any their unreasonable demands; but to do that, which to our best understandings we conceived might most tend to the preservation of Peace and Unity in the Church; the procuring of Reverence, and exciting of Piety, and Devotion in the publick Worship of God; and the cutting off occasion from them that seek occasion of cavil or quarrel against the Liturgy of the Church. And as to the several variations from the former Book, whether by Alteration, Addition, or otherwise, it shall suffice to give this general account, That most of the Alterations were made, either first, for the better direction of

In which review WE have endeavoured] This is the language of men who were sure of the ground, constitutional and ecclesiastical, upon which they were treading. They could speak as the Church of England, because the Convocations of Canterbury and York faithfully represented her.

Catholic Church of Christ] This is one of many places in which the position of the Church of England towards the Catholic Church is taken for granted as sound and firm. Another such has been pointed out already in the Title-page of the Prayer Book.

Frivolous and vain] It is very remarkable to see how trifling these objections, officially made at the Savoy Conference, often were. One of them was to the reading of any part of the Burial Service at the grave, as the minister was sure to catch cold by doing so. The Bishops replied that a cap would remedy this inconvenience; and this was the reply given by the Dissenting Ministers: which, though long, is inserted as being very characteristic of the tone of the whole objections that were offered: “We marvel that you say nothing at all to our desire (that it be expressed in a Rubrick, that prayers and exhortations there used, be not for the benefit of the dead, but only for the instruction and comfort of the living). You intend to have a very indifferent Ministry, if such a needless Circumstance may not be left to their discretion. The contrivance of a Cap instead of a Rubr. showeth that you are all unacquainted with the subject, of which you speak: and if you speak for want of experience of the case of souls, as you now do about the case of men’s bodies, we could wish you some of our experience of one sort (by more converse with all the members of the flock) though not of the other. But we would here put these three or four Questions to you.

1. Whether such of ourselves as cannot stand still in the cold winter at the grave, half so long as the Office of Burial requireth, without the certain hazard of our lives (though while we are in motion we can stay out longer), are bound to believe your Lordships, that a Cap will cure this better than a Rubr., though we have proved the contrary to our cost? and know it as well as we know that cold is cold. Do you think no place but that which a cap or clothes do cover, is capable of letting in the excessively refrigerating air?

2. Whether a man that hath the most rational probability, if not a moral certainty, that it would be his death, or dangerous sickness (though he wore 20 caps) is bound to obey you in this case?

3. Whether usually the most studious, laborious ministers, be not the most invacuatory and infirm? and

4. Whether the health of such should be made a jest of, by the more healthful; and be made so light of, as to be cast away, rather than a ceremony sometime be left to their discretion? And whether it be a sign of the right and genuine spirit of Religion, to subject to such a ceremony, both the life of godliness, and the lives of ministers, and the people’s souls? Much of this concerneth the people also, as well as the ministers.” — Grand Debate, p. 155.

It is to be hoped the time can never return when such trifling and selfish arguments can be used on such a question.
them that are to officiate in any part of Divine Service; which is chiefly done in the Kalenders and Rubricks: Or secondly, for the more proper expressing of some words or phrases of ancient usage in terms more suitable to the language of the present times, and the clearer explanation of some other words and phrases, that were either of doubtful signification, or otherwise liable to misconception: Or thirdly, for a more perfect rendering of such portions of holy Scripture, as are inserted into the Liturgy; which, in the Epistles and Gospels especially, and in sundry other places, are now ordered to be read according to the last Translation: and that it was thought convenient, that some Prayers and Thanksgivings, fitted to special occasions, should be added in their due places; particularly for those at Sea, together with an office for the Baptism of such as are of riper years: which, although not so necessary when the former Book was compiled, yet by the growth of Anabaptism, through the licentiousness of the late times crept in amongst us, is now become necessary, and may be always useful for the baptizing of Natives in our Plantations, and others converted to the Faith. If any man, who shall desire a more particular account of the several Alterations in any part of the Liturgy, shall take the pains to compare the present Book with the former; we doubt not but the reason of the change may easily appear.

And having thus endeavoured to discharge our duties in this weighty affair, as in the sight of God, and to approve our sincerity therein (so far as lay in us) to the consciences of all men; although we know it impossible (in such variety of apprehensions, humours, and interests, as are in the world) to please all; nor can expect that men of factious, peevish, and perverse spirits should be satisfied with any thing that can be done in this kind by any other than themselves: Yet we have good hope, that what is here presented, and hath been by the Convocations of both Provinces with great diligence examined and approved, will be also well accepted and approved by all sober, peaceable, and truly conscientious sons of the Church of England.

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1 Grant's Observations on the Bills of Mortality. 8vo. 1665.
CONCERNING THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH.

There was never anything by the wit of man so well devised, or so sure established, which, in continuance of time hath not been corrupted: As, among other things, it may plainly appear by the Common Prayers in the Church, commonly called Divine Service. The first original and ground whereof if a man would search out by the ancient Fathers, he shall find, that the same was not ordained but of a good purpose, and for a great advancement of godliness. For they so ordered the matter, that all the whole Bible (or the greatest part thereof), should be read over once every year; intending thereby, that the Clergy, and especially such as were Ministers in the congregation, should (by often reading, and meditation in God’s word) be stirred up to godliness themselves, and be more able to exhort others by wholesome doctrine, and to confute them that were Adversaries to the Truth; and further, that the people (by daily hearing of holy Scripture read in the Church) might continually profit more and more in the knowledge of God, and be the more inflamed with the love of his true Religion.

But these many years passed, this godly and decent Order of the ancient Fathers hath been so altered, broken, and

NIHIL enim humano elaboratum ingenio, tam exactum initio unquam fuit, quin postea, multorum accedente judicio, perfectius reddi possit, ut in ipsius etiam ecclesiasticis institutis circa primitivam praestertim ecclesiæ contigisse videamus.

Et prorecto si quis modum precandi olim a majoribus traditum diligenter consideret, plane intelligat horum omnium precipuam ab ipsis habitam esse rationem.

Tertia, ut religionis quoque futuri magistri quotidiana sacra scripture et ecclesiasticarum historiarum lectione erudiantur, complectanturque (ut Paulus sit eum, qui secundum doctrinam est, fidelem sermonem, et potentis sint exhortari in doctrina sana, et eos, qui contradicunt, arguere.

Sed factum est nescio quo pacto precantium negligentia, ut paullatim a sanctissimis illis veterum patrum in-

This explanatory introduction is the original Preface to the Prayer Book, and is supposed to have been written by Cranmer. It was moved to this place when the present Preface was inserted in 1561. Two short sentences were also erased.

By whomever it was written, there can be no doubt that it was composed with the Reformed Roman Breviary of Quignonez lying open before the writer. The passages in the right-hand column are, with two exceptions, taken from an edition of 1537, belonging to Queen’s College, Oxford, and the preface to this edition agrees with all the later copies. But the Paris edition of 1536 (probably following the Roman one of 1535) differs considerably 1. Our English Preface is most like the later edition of Quignonez; but the paragraph enclosed in brackets appears to show that the earlier one was also known to the Reformers of our Services. There are six copies of this Breviary in the Bodleian Library, one at the British Museum, one at the Royal

1 The writer has not been able to meet with this, but copies from Guzman’s Institutions Liturgiques, p. 399.
CONCERNING will reliquam ix. Iuomnia et tarn et the quoted. Responsoria The eodem 16j of Eponding read obliged not offers Bote. ing from, which **

1 Cor. xiv. 5—10.

16j

See p. 214.

Ut exemplo This passage is in the earlier edition of 1566, but not in that from which the rest is quoted. The writer has been obliged to quote it from Gueranger, not being able to meet with this edition in England.

Responds These were short anthems, similar to that which is ten times sung during the reading of the passage of Scripture which contains the Ten Commandments. Theoretically they gave the key-note of the Lection; but this principle was often deviated from, and the sense was frequently broken up rather than illustrated. The practice, in modern times, is very excellent one 1.


Commemorations] Anthems commemorative of festivals.

Synodals] The provincial constitutions or canons which were read in parish churches after the conclusion of synods. The reading of them after the lessons was probably the origin of the corresponding custom of giving out notices after the Second Lesson.

and neglected, by planting in uncertain Stories, and Legends, with multitude of Responds, Verses, vain Repetitions, Commemorations, and Synodals; that commonly when any Book of the Bible was begun, after three or four Chapters were read out, all the rest were unread. And in this sort the Book of Isaiah was begun in Advent, and the Book of Genesis in Septuagesima; but they were only begun, and never read through: After like sort were other Books of holy Scripture used. And moreover, whereas St. Paul would have such language spoken to the people in the Church, as they might understand, and have profit by hearing the same; The Service in this Church of England these many years, hath been read in Latin to the people, which they understand not; so that they have heard with their ears only, and their heart, spirit, and mind, have not been edified thereby. And furthermore, notwithstanding that the ancient Fathers have divided the Psalmas into seven Portions, whereof every one was called a Nocturn: Now of late time a few of them have been daily said, and the rest utterly omitted. Moreover, the number and hardness of the Rules called the Pie, and the manifold chang-

lis preface that others, beside himself, were engaged on the work of revision; and this, as well as the long time occupied over it, offers another point of comparison between the two reformed service-books, those of Rome and England. more majorum Later on occur also the following words: "Ac illud ante omnia visum nobis est in consuetudinem revocare, ut Scriptura Sacra maxime omnium toto anno, et omnes psalmi singulis septimannis perlegentur." Ut exemplo This passage is in the earlier edition of 1566, but not in that from which the rest is quoted. The writer has been obliged to quote it from Gueranger, not being able to meet with this edition in England.

Responds These were short anthems, similar to that which is ten times sung during the reading of the passage of Scripture which contains the Ten Commandments. Theoretically they gave the key-note of the Lection; but this principle was often deviated from, and the sense was frequently broken up rather than illustrated. The practice, in modern times, is a very excellent one. Verses Versicles, a short form of respond. Exam Repetitions] See Historical Introduction, p. xxvii.

Commemorations] Anthems commemorative of festivals.

Synodals] The provincial constitutions or canons which were read in parish churches after the conclusion of synods.

1 See p. 11, where the 9th Respond for Festivals in Advent is given in a note.
CONCERNING THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH.

The following passage was omitted from the Preface at the last revision. — "Furthermore, by this order the Canons shall need none other books for their public service, but this book and the Bible. By the means whereof, the people shall not be at so great charges for books as in times past they have been." It was crossed out by Bishop Cosin; not, probably, from any idea that the passage was an unworthy one, but because it was so entirely out of date when the press had made the advance it had in 1661. Although, moreover, the passage was applicable to the case of poor parish churches, it was not so in that of richer

which is in utter disorder through accident or otherwise by the name of "pie." The ecclesiastical use of the word is thought to have been derived from wizæ, an index, or table, from the wooden boards on which the directions for service were written in primitive days. It is identical with "ordinale" and with "Directorium sacerdotum." The "Pica" type of later days took its name from the large letters in which the pica of the Anglican Portiforia was printed.

A few and easy] The following passage was omitted from the
And whereas heretofore there hath been great diversity in saying and singing in Churches within this Realm; some following Salisbury Use, some Hereford Use, and some the Use of Bangor, some of York, some of Lincoln; now from henceforth all the whole Realm shall have but one Use.

And forasmuch, as nothing can be so plainly set forth, but doubts may arise in the use and practice of the same; to appease all such diversity (if any arise) and for the resolution of all doubts, concerning the manner how to understand, do, and execute, the things contained in this Book; the parties that so doubt, or diversely take any thing, shall alway resort to the Bishop of the Diocese, who by his discretion shall take order for the quieting and appeasing of the same; so that the same order be not contrary to any thing contained in this Book. And if the Bishop of the Diocese be in doubt, then he may send for the resolution thereof to the Archbishop.

Though it be appointed, That all things shall be read and sung in the Church in the English Tongue, to the end, that the congregation may be thereby edified; yet it is not meant, but that when men say Morning and Evening Prayer privately, they may say the same in any language that they themselves do understand.

ones and cathedrals, where as many books as formerly are required for the use of the choirs. There are practically in use by most of the clergy and choirs in one or other class of Churches, separate Breviaries, Missals, Manuals, Antiphonaries, “Service”-books, Psalters, and Lectionaries; the whole volume of the Holy Bible being now used for the latter, instead of those parts only which are needed for the daily and proper Lessons.

But one Use] Another part of the Preface erased by Cosin was this; and it seems to have been suggested by a passage in that of Quignones:

And if any will judge this way more painful, because that all things must be read upon the Book, whereas before, by the reason of so often repetition they could say many things by heart: if those men will weigh their labour, with the profit and knowledge which daily they shall obtain by reading upon the book, they will not refuse the pain, in consideration of the great profit that shall ensue thereof.

shall resort to the Bishop] There is no power here given to the Bishop of the Diocese to deviate from the rules laid down in the Book of Common Prayer. He is the administrator, not the maker, of the ritual law of the Church.

The Latin Prayer Book

In the first Act of Uniformity (2 & 3 Edward VI. c. 1), the fifth clause was as follows: “Provided always that it shall be lawful to any man that understandeth the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew tongue, or other strange tongue, to say and have the said prayers herefore specified of Matins and Evensong in Latin or any such other tongue, saying the same privately as they do understand. And for the further encouraging of learning in the tongues in the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, to use and exercise in their common and open prayer in their Chapels, being no Churches or other places of Prayer, the Matins, Evensong, Litany, and all other prayers, the Holy Communion, commonly called the Mass, excepted, in the said book prescribed in Greek, Latin, or Hebrew; any thing in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.”

In the Act of Uniformity at present in force (14 Car. II.), this clause is also enacted: “Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to use the Morning and Evening Prayer, and all other Prayers and Service prescribed in, and by the said book, in the Chapels or other Publick Places of the respective Colleges and

1 A Greek version was printed in 1572.
PRIVATE RECITATION OF THE SERVICES BY THE CLERGY.

And all Priests and Deacons are to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer, either privately or openly, not being let by sickness, or some other urgent cause.

And the Curate that ministereth in every Parish-Church or Chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise hindered, shall say the same in the Parish-Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's Word, and to pray with him.

Hall in both the Universities, in the Colleges of Westminster, Winchester, and Eaton, and in the Conventions of the Clerges of either Province in Latine; Any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Letters patent were issued by Queen Elizabeth to the same effect, and printed at the beginning of the Latin Prayer Book issued by her authority in 1563; there being no limitation, (as there is not in the present Act of Uniformity) with respect to the Communion Service. Bishop Cosin added to the existing rule the words "especially in the Colleges and Halls of either University, and in the Schools of Westminster, Eaton, and Winchester," and the alteration was not printed, though not erased by the Committee of Revision.

The first Latin Version of the Book of Common Prayer was made in 1551 by a former Canon of St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, named Alexander Aless, and under the direction of Archbishop Cranmer. As some provision would certainly be made by authority for carrying out the proviso of the Act of Uniformity, it is probable that the translation of Aless was made for this purpose; although, because Cranmer used it for giving Martin Bucer a knowledge of the Latin formularies, it is commonly said that he had it done expressly for that object. Bucer in his Censura distinctly says "librum istum Sacram et, per interpret., quantum potui, cognovi diligenter;" and a comparison of dates makes it almost certain that he gained what little knowledge he there had of our English services through an oral interpretation, before he received the copy of Aless' version from Cranmer. But Aless was now a professor in a Lutheran, that is, a Presbyterian, University; and his Latin version is very far from being rendered with that bona fides so cæterius humanum put forth on the title-page.

This version was, however, the foundation of that issued by Queen Elizabeth in 1560, having been revised by Walter Haddon. But Queen Elizabeth's Latin Prayer Book differs considerably from her English one; and although, in many respects, it better represents the original Prayer Book of 1549, it can hardly be taken as having authority under our present Act of Uniformity. In addition to the ordinary services, there were also added to this Latin version an Office, "In commendationibus Benefactorum," and another, "Celebratio cans Domini, in funebribus, si amici et evisi defuncti communicare velit." These two offices were specially mentioned as "peculiaria quaedam" in the Letters Patent. The book was reprinted in 1574 and in 1596, and is to be found in a modern reprint among the Parker Society's publications; and no doubt it was adopted for the private recitation of the Daily Offices in days when Latin was more freely used than it has been in later times. These words are to be found at the close of the Letters Patent: "Eadem etiam formula Latina precandi privatim uiu habere omnes religios Ecclesiae nostra Anglicana ministris, cunctuscum gradus fuerint, iis diebus, quibus aut non solent, aut non tenentur parochianis suis, ad edem sacram pro more acceditibus, publice pressa vernacula lingua, secundum formam dicti Statuti, recitare." Which exhortation may be taken as a contemporary interpretation of the clause to which this note refers.

The Daily Services, the Psalter, and some additional Collects and Prayers were translated into Latin for the use of Christ Church, Oxford, in 1660. But this is not a complete version of the Book of Common Prayer. A Latin Version, which is by far the most complete and exact that has ever been produced, was printed by Messrs. Rivington in 1865. In this, the ancient and original Latin phraseology is adopted wherever it can be traced, and the more recent portions are read into Latin of a similar character.

PRIVATE RECITATION OF THE SERVICES BY THE CLERGY.

The second paragraph of the above Appendix to the Preface of 1549 enjoins the Clergy to say the Daily Offices constantly either privately or openly, unless hindered by some urgent cause. This direction has undergone the following changes:

1549.

Neither that any And all priests and And all priests and man shall be bound deacons shall be deacons are to say to the saying of bound to say daily the Morning them, but such as the Morning and and evening Prayer, evening Prayer, either privately or either privately or Cathedral and Colle Cathedral and Colleges; either or openly, not being let gie churches, gie churches, and be let by preach- and be let by preach- other urgent cause. other urgent cause.

In the Scotch Prayer Book of 1637 the words were added, "of which cause, if it be frequently pretended, they are to make the bishop of the diocese, or the bishop of the province, the judge and allow." Bishop Cosin also added to "urgent cause," "which the Bishop of the Diocese shall approve." But the present form appears to be that which he ultimately adopted, and that which was accepted by the Committee of Revision.

This rule was regarded by Bishop Cosin, as he tells us in his notes to the Prayer Book [Works, vol. v. p. 9] as a continuation of the ancient rule of the unreformed Church: and such has been the opinion of most sound writers since his time. The Letters Patent attached to the Latin Prayer Book of Queen Elizabeth confirm this view; and so also does the practice of many holy clergymen at every period since the Reformation. The principle of it is that the Clergy are bound to offer the

1 An authorized French translation was printed by Archbishop Cranmer's order in 1552. In a letter to Secretary Cecil (Stryde's Memorials, lli. 198, Eccl. Hist. Soc.) the Archbishop says that this was first done by Sir Hugh Paule's commandment (who was Governor of Calais), and overseen by the Lord Chancellor (Godrich, Bishop of Ely), and others, being afterwards revised by a learned Frenchman who was a Doctor of Divinity. This version was for the second book of Edward VI., and was printed in 1553.

2 Ordinatio Ecclesiae, seu Ministerii Ecclesiastic, in florintissimo Regno Anglia, consecrata semina patrii, et in Latinam linguam bene vis conscripta, et ad consecrationem Ecclesiarum Christi, ubi non locum ac agentium, hoc scilicet tempus, edita ab Alexandro Alesio, Socio Sacro Theologiae Doctoris. Lipseis. MDXL.

3 Liber Precum Publicarum, seu Ministerii Ecclesiastic administrantium sacra mentorum, aliorumque rituum & ceremoniarum in Ecclesia Anglicana. Cum privilegio Regius Majestatis.

4 Liber Precum Publicarum in Usus Ecclesiae Cathedrales Christi. Oxon. 1669.

OF CEREMONIES.

WHY SOME BE ABOLISHED, AND SOME RETAINED.

OF such Ceremonies as be used in the Church, and have had their beginning by the institution of man, some at the first were of godly intent and purpose devised, and yet at length turned to vanity and superstition:

Prayers of the Church daily to the glory of God, and as intercessors for their flocks, whether any come to join them in the offering or not. Such private recitation of the daily offices is, however, only to be used when the better way of "open prayer" with a congregation cannot be adopted.

DAILY MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER.

The third paragraph of the above rule very clearly enjoins the use of Daily Service. Bishop Cosin wished to define the hours at which it was to be said within certain limits, by adding to "a convenient time before he begin," which may be any hour between six and ten of the clock in the morning, or between two and six of the clock in the evening; and although this alteration was not adopted, it serves to show us what were then considered the canonical limits of the times for Mattins and Evensong.

The Laity should never allow their Clergy to find the House of God empty when they go there to carry out this most excellent rule of the Church. In the fifteenth Canon, which directs "the Litany to be recited on Wednesdays and Fridays," there is an injunction which shows in what manner the practice of Daily Service ought to be kept up by the Laity as well as the Clergy: "The minister, at the accustomed hours of service, shall resort to the Church and Chapel, and, warning being given to the people by tolling of a bell, shall say the Litany prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer; whereunto we wish every household dwelling within half-a-mile of the Church to come, and send one at the least of his household, fit to join with the Minister in prayers." It was undoubtedly the intention of the first Reformers, and of all who, at any time, revised our Services, to have them used daily, Morning and Evenings, openly in the Church, by the Clergy and as many of the Laity as may be able to attend. Many endowments have been left for assisting to carry out this intention of the Church; and the practice has been kept up in some parish Churches (as well as in the Cathedrals) without any break, except during the persecution of the 17th century. In 1724, when the population of London was only one-sixth of what it is at the present time, there were seventy-five churches open daily for Divine Service; and there are many proofs that the same diligence in prayer was used in the country as well as in large cities.

Such continual public acts of Divine Worship are expedient for various reasons. (1) It is due to the honour of Almighty God that the Church in every place consecrated to His service should begin and end the day by rendering Him a service of praise. (2) Each Church and parish being a corporate being and corporate whole, prayer for God's grace and His mercy should be offered morning and evening, for the body of the Church and such congregation as can assemble represents. Thus the Divine Presence is drawn down to the Tabernacle that it may thence sanctify the whole Camp. (3) The benefit to the Clergy is very great, of offering Divine Worship, prayer, and intercession, in the presence of, and in company with, some of their flock. (4) There are advantages to those who habitually join in Divine Service which can only be fully known by experience, but which will then be appreciated as blessings not otherwise to be obtained. (5) The service of the Sanctuary is the most real and true form of that daily Morning and Evening worship for which Family prayer has been originated as an imperfect substitute; for it is the true Common Prayer (see p. 2) of the Church offered in the Name of Christ by two or three gathered together under His authority, and according to His ordinance.

It may be noticed that the Act of Uniformity enjoins that the Common Prayer shall be said on Sundays and Holy Days, and on all other Days; and that the title of our Morning and Evening Service is, "The Order for Morning or Evening Prayer Daily throughout the Year." In the beginning of the "Form of Prayer to be used at Sea," there is also this rubric, "The Morning and Evening Service to be used daily at Sea, shall be the same which is appointed in the Book of Common Prayer." And the next rubric is, "These two following Prayers are to be also said in Her Majesty's Navy every day.

OF CEREMONIES.

This justification of the course taken at the Reformation with respect to the Ceremonial part of Divine Worship was probably written by Archbishop Cranmer, being included in some early lists of his works. It was originally inserted at the end of the Prayer Book, and was followed by some ritual directions reprinted below. In 1552, the part "Of Ceremonies" was placed after the Preface, and these ritual directions were omitted.

"Certain Notes for the more plain Explication and decent Ministration of Things contained in this Book."

"In the saying or singing of Matins and Evensong, baptizing and burying, the Minister, in parish churches and chapels annexed to the same, shall use a surplice. And in all cathedral churches and colleges, the Archdeacons, Deans, Provosts, Masters, Prebendaries, and Fellows, being Graduates, may use in the quire, beside their surplices, such hoods as pertaineth to their several degrees, which they have taken in any university within this realm. But in so many other places, every minister shall be at liberty to use any surplice or no. It is also seemly, that Graduates, when they do preach, should use such hoods as pertaineth to their several degrees."

"And whatsoever the Bishop shall celebrate the holy Communion in the church, or execute any other public ministration, he shall have upon him, beside his rochet, a surplice or alle, and a cope or vestment; and also his pastoral staff in his hand, or else borne or holden by his chaplain."

"As touching kneying, crossing, holding up hands, knocking upon the breast, and other gestures, they may be used or left, as every man's discretion serveth, without blame."

"Also upon Christmas Day, Easter Day, the Ascension Day, Whitsunday, and the feast of the Trinity, may be used any part of Holy Scripture hereafter to be certainly limited and appointed, in the stead of the Litany."

"If there be a sermon, or for other great cause, the Curate, by his discretion, may leave out the Litany, Gloria in Excelsis, 1"

1 The omission of this is not quite so strange as it seems at first; "Ab Advento Domini usque ad Nativitatem eius [ab Septuagesima usque in Circum Dominii, cap. xlvii.], Te Deum Laudamus, Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Io, missae est, dissonatus, qui sunt, clericus, orbi Testamenti, quam Vetera, eujus typum infra Adventum Domini observamus." Metrolunas de Ecc. Observat. cap. xxx. It was likewise omitted in Septuagesima and in Innocents' Day. There was also a limitation of its use on Palm Sunday, "in Ecclesiis in quibus chrisma concurrunt, et non in aliis." (Dudman. Ration. div. eff. vi. 75. 11.) and one of the first rubrics in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory Is, "Quando vero Litanias agit, neque Gloria in Excelsis Deo, neque Alleluia cantetur."
Some entered into the Church by un-
discreet devotion, and such a zeal as
was without knowledge; and for-
because they were winked at in the be-

ginning, they grew daily to more and
more abuses, which not only for their
unprofitableness, but also because they
have much blinded the people, and
obscured the glory of God, are wor-
thy to be cut away, and clean rejected:
Other there be, which although they
have been devised by man, yet it is
thought good to reserve them still, as
well for a decent order in the Church
(for the which they were first devised),
as because they pertain to edification,
whereunto all things done in the
Church (as the Apostle teacheth) ought
to be referred.

And although the keeping or omit-
ting of a Ceremony, in itself consi-
dered, is but a small thing; yet the
wilful and contemptuous transgression
and breaking of a common order and
discipline is no small offence before
God. Let all things be done among you,
saith St. Paul, in a seemly and due
order: The appointment of the which
order pertaineth not to private men;
therefore no man ought to take in
hand, or presume to appoint or alter
any publick or common Order in
Christ’s Church, except he be lawfully
called and authorized thereunto.

And whereas in this our time, the
minds of men are so diverse, that some
think it a great matter of conscience
to depart from a piece of the least of
their Ceremonies, they be so addicted
to their old customs; and again on the
other side, some be so new-fangled,
that they would innovate all things,
and so despise the old, that nothing
can like them, but that is new: It was
thought expedient, not so much to
have respect how to please and satisfy
either of these parties, as how to please
God, and profit them both. And yet
lest any man should be offended, whom
good reason might satisfy, here be
certain causes rendered, why some of
the accustomed Ceremonies be put
away, and some retained and kept
still.

Some are put away, because the
great excess and multitude of them
hath so increased in these latter days,
that the burden of them was intolera-
ble; whereof St. Augustine in his time
complained, that they were grown
to such a number, that the estate of
Christian people was in worse case
concerning that matter, than were the
Jews. And he counselled, that such
yoke and burden should be taken away,
as time would serve quietly to do it.
But what would St. Augustine have
said, if he had seen the Ceremonies of

the Creed, the Homily, and the Exhortation to the Commu-
nion."

There was a rubric printed at the beginning of the Commu-
nion Service relating to the same subject: and as all three docu-
ments are of the same date (A.D. 1549), it also is here reprinted,
as to bring them under one view:

"§ Upon the day, and at the time appointed for the minis-
tration of the holy Communion, the Priest that shall execute
the holy ministry, shall put upon him the vesture appointed for
that ministration, that is to say, a white albe plain, with a vestment
or cope. And where there be many Priests or Deacons, there so
many shall be ready to help the priest in the ministration, as
shall be requisite; and shall have upon them likewise the vestures
appointed for their ministry, that is to say, albes with tunicles."

The subject of Ceremonies being dealt with at large in the
Ritual Introduction, it is not necessary to go into much detail
respecting this document; but a few notes are annexed pointing
out the principles which actuated the Reformers of 1549 as they
are indicated in their explanation or apology.

institution of man] The distinction implied in these words
shows that Archbishop Cranmer and his associates did not con-
sider themselves at liberty to alter any ceremonies of Divine
Institution, such as the Laying on of Hands, or the breaking of
the Bread in the Consecration of the Holy Eucharist.

turned to vanity and superstition] The primitive love-feasts

and the kiss of peace are illustrations of this assertion; so also is
the excessive use of the sign of the Cross, which provoked a
recoil equally superstitious, leading to the disuse of it altogether.
Some entered ... by undiscreet devotion] Of such a kind were
the ceremonies connected with images, and even with relics.
These ceremonies were prompted, in the first instances, by
the best of feelings; but, in the course of time, they became
converted into usages which can hardly be distinguished from
idolatry, and thus “obscured the glory of God” instead of pre-
senting it more clearly to the eyes of His worshippers.

Some are put away, because the great excess. The minute
directions given in the rubrics of the old Service-books often
occupy page after page, while the prayers to which they are
annexed occupy only a few lines; and it must be a matter of
great doubt, whether any more than a small fraction of the cere-
monies latterly used in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist
were intelligible to any but experienced priests. Their excess
had become insupportable both to the clergy and the people, and
the meaning of many had quite passed away. Nor is there any
reason to doubt the assertion that many ceremonies were so
abused through ignorance on the one hand, and corruption on
the other, “that the abuses could not well be taken away, the
thing remaining still.” A state of things had in fact grown up

late days used among us; whereunto the multitude used in his time was not to be compared? This our excessive multitude of Ceremonies was so great, and many of them so dark, that they did more confound and darken, than declare and set forth Christ’s benefits unto us. And besides this, Christ’s Gospel is not a Ceremonial Law (as much of Moses’ Law was), but it is a Religion to serve God, not in bondage of the figure or shadow, but in the freedom of the spirit; being content only with those Ceremonies which do serve to a decent Order, and godly Discipline, and such as be apt to stir up the dull mind of man to the remembrance of his duty to God, by some notable and special signification, whereby he might be edified. Furthermore, the most weighty cause of theabolishment of certain Ceremonies was, That they were so far abused, partly by the superstitious blindness of the rude and unlearned, and partly by the unsatiable avarice of such as sought more their own lucre, than the glory of God, that the abuses could not well be taken away, the thing remaining still.

But now as concerning those persons, which peradventure will be offended, for that some of the old Ceremonies are retained still: If they consider that without some Ceremonies it is not possible to keep any Order, or quiet Discipline in the Church, they shall easily perceive just cause to reform their judgments. And if they think much, that any of the old do remain, and would rather have all devised anew: Then such men granting some Ceremonies convenient to be had, surely where the old may be well used, there they cannot reasonably reprove the old only for their age, without bewraying of their own folly. For in such a case they ought rather to have reverence unto them for their antiquity, if they will declare themselves to be more studious of unity and concord, than of innovations and new-fangledness, which (as much as may be with true setting forth of Christ’s Religion) is always to be eschewed. Furthermore, such shall have no just cause with the Ceremonies reserved to be offended. For as those be taken away which were most abused, and did burden mens consciences without any cause; so the other that remain, are retained for a Discipline and Order, which (upon just causes) may be altered and changed, and therefore are not to be esteemed equal with God’s Law. And moreover, they be neither dark nor dumb Ceremonies, but are so set forth, that every man may understand what they do mean, and to what use they do serve. So that it is not like that they in time to come should be abused as other have been. And in these our doings we condemn no other Nations, nor prescribe any thing but to our own people only: For we think it convenient, that every Country should use such Ceremonies as they shall think best to the setting forth of God’s honour and glory, and to the reducing of the people to a most perfect and godly living, without error or superstition; and that they should put away other which required strong measures for its reformation: a state of things moreover, to which the present age can never offer a parallel; since, although it is possible to conceive of a great increase in the ceremonies used by the Church, that increase could never again be accompanied by the same ignorance.

But now as concerning those persons] Extreme and superstitions opinions against ceremonies were beginning to be as great a trouble to the Church as the extravagant and superstitions use of them had been. The principles here enunciated against the enthusiasts who hold them are: (1) That some ceremonies are absolutely essential to the order and decency of divine Service. (2) That to invent new ones altogether would be as presumptions as unnecessary. (3) That the old ones which were retained under the new system of the Church of England were of an edifying kind. (4) That the ceremonies retained were never likely to be abused as those which were set aside had been.

We condemn no other Nations] This excellent sentence strongly illustrates the temperate spirit in which the official work of the Reformation of the Church of England was conducted. Recognizing the right which a national Church possessed to make such changes as may be expedient (subject to the retention of Catholic essentials), the Reformers acted upon it; but they also recognized it for other Churches as well as for that of England, and claimed to be the advocates of change and reconstruction only within the bounds of their legitimate jurisdiction. So sound a principle deserves the highest respect, and should be acted upon at all times. Had it been adhered to by the foreign party as well as by the official guides of the Reformation, a great schism would have been prevented.
things, which from time to time they perceive to be most abused, as in mens ordinances it often chanceth diversely in divers countries.

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THE ORDER

HOW THE PSALTER IS APPOINTED TO BE READ.

The Psalter shall be read through once every Month, as it is there appointed, both for Morning and Evening Prayer. But in February it shall be read only to the Twenty-eighth, or Twenty-ninth day of the Month.

And, whereas January, March, May, July, August, October, and December, have One-and-thirty days apiece; it is ordered, that the same Psalms shall be read the last day of the said months, which were read the day before: So that the Psalter may begin again the first day of the next month ensuing.

Note, That the Psalter followeth the Division of the Hebrews, and the Translation of the Great English Bible, set forth and used in the time of King Henry the Eighth, and Edward the Sixth.

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THE ORDER

HOW THE REST OF HOLY SCRIPTURE IS APPOINTED TO BE READ.

The Old Testament is appointed for the first Lessons at Morning and Evening Prayer; so as the most part thereof will be read every year once, as in the Kalendar is appointed.

The New Testament is appointed for the second Lessons at Morning and Evening Prayer, and shall be read over orderly every year thrice, besides the Epistles and Gospels; except the Apo-

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diversely in divers countries] No doubt there are many Ceremonies used in the Eastern Church, and in southern countries of Europe, which seem unprofitable, and even worse, to persons brought up under a different system, and under different circumstances: but to those who use them they may be a true vehicle of adoration as regards Him Whom they worship, and of wholesome religious emotion as respects themselves.

THE PSALTER.

Full notes on the Psalter will be found in the Introduction to the Psalter, pp. 313—317.

THE LESSONS.

The old system of the Church of England, in respect to the reading of Holy Scripture in Divine Service, was very similar throughout all the offices in which it was read, to that now retained only in the Communion Service. Short selections were made from different books of the Holy Bible, and these were read successively (sometimes three, and at others nine), "responds," or short anthems (intended to answer in character to the Lesson read), being sung after each. But the whole of the Lessons of the day were rarely taken from Holy Scripture, some being usually extracts from Patristic writings, or the Lives of Saints.

The responsory system of reading Holy Scripture is still retained in its old form in the case of the Ten Commandments when said at the Communion Service: but one of the principal changes made in 1549, was the substitution for it of longer and continuous lessons,—generally whole chapters,—with responsory Canticles, sung at the end only. No doubt this was a return to ancient practice, as it is said to be in the original preface to the
PRAYER BOOK

The system in use in the fifteenth century (and we know scarcely any thing of what was in use before then) appears to have been the result of attempts to refine the use of Scripture in the Offices of the Church to a degree of pointedness which it never really attained, and which, perhaps, it was almost beyond human skill to give to it. And although such a pointedness is well adapted for educated and devotionally trained minds,
LESSONS PROPER FOR HOLYDAYS.

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1559, the Tables of Proper Lessons were introduced, which were nearly identical with those now in the Prayer Book; and they were settled in their present form in 1661, all the changes being written in the margin of Bishop Cosin's Durham Prayer Book.

It is scarcely probable that any thing more was known of the primitive mode of reading Holy Scripture, by the Reformers of the sixteenth century, than is known by ourselves; yet in the Preface Archbishop Cranmer speaks of the manner in which the "ancient Fathers" ordered the whole Bible to be read over once every year. It has, however, been pointed out that there are some coincidences between our modern customs and those of primitive times, which seem as if they could hardly be accidental. "Thus, during Advent, the lessons for Sundays are selected from the book of Isaiah, and the same book was prescribed to be read during Advent by the Ordo Romanus. From Septuagintina to the Fifth Sunday in Lent, we read the book of Genesis on Sundays. St. John Chrysostom preached his homilies on this book at Antioch during Lent, and be remarks in several places that Genesis was appointed to be read at that season. After Lent, the books of Samuel and Kings are read; and still later the books of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, while Tobit and Judith are read nearer to Advent. The same order may be observed in the forms of the Church described by Rupertus Tuitius (A.D. 1100), and in the Ordo Romanus. Coincidences may also be pointed out between the ancient lessons for par-

It would not produce the effect desired upon mixed congregations, and was better fitted for monastic than for popular use.

Some changes in the direction of our present Lectuary were made in the new and reform'd edition of the Salisbury Pontificium, which were printed in 1516 and 1518 and more extensively by Cardinal Cigognon in his Reformed Roman Breviary of 1536. In this latter two lessons were appointed for ordinary days, one from the Old and another from the New Testament; and a third, generally from a Patristic Homily, for festivals. These were about the length of our Epistles and Gospels, or somewhat longer than most of them.

In the Prayer Book of 1549 our present system of daily and Proper Lessons was established, both being indicated in the Calendar, except in the case of the movable festivals, when the chapters and verses for Matins were referred to the introit (which preceded the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel of the day), and for Evensong after the Gospel. There were no Proper Lessons for ordinary Sundays, the books of Holy Scripture being read continuously on those as well as on weekday lessons: nor were there so many proper lessons for festivals as there now are.

When Queen Elizabeth restored the use of the Prayer Book in
### TABLE OF PROPER PSALMS.—THE TABLES AND RULES.

#### PROPER PSALMS ON CERTAIN DAYS.

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*Salish Missal.

#### TABLES AND RULES

FOR THE MOVEABLE AND IMMOVEABLE FEASTS, TOGETHER WITH THE DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE THROUGH THE WHOLE YEAR.

**RULES TO KNOW WHEN THE-moveable Feasts AND HOLY DAYS BEGIN.**

**EASTER DAY,** on which the rest depend, is always the First Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon, or next after the Twenty-first Day of March; and if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after.

*Advent Sunday* is always the nearest Sunday to the Feast of S. Andrew, whether before or after.

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The cycle of the Sunday Proper Lessons appears to have been formed in illustration of God’s dealings with the Church of the Old Testament, though this idea is sometimes superimposed to the season, as in the Lessons for some of the Sundays in Lent. That for the other Holydays (with a few exceptions) is made up out of the didactic books of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha, and is not connected in any way with the Sunday cycle. The accidental combination of the fixed cycle of Proper Lessons with the variable one of the Second Lessons sometimes throws a wonderful flood of light upon both the Old and New Testament Scriptures: and it may be doubted whether any equal advantage would be gained by the substitution of Proper Lessons from the latter for the present system of reading it in order.

**TABLE OF PROPER PSALMS.**

The only days for which Proper Psalms were appointed previously to 1661, were Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day, and Whitensunday. Those for Ash-Wednesday and Good Friday were then added; and they appear, with the following other important additions to the Table, in the margin of the Durham Prayer Book of Bishop Cosin.

#### Additional Proper Psalms proposed by Bishop Cosin.

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<td>St. Michael and All Angels</td>
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#### THE TABLES AND RULES.

These were nearly all of them new insertions at the last revision of the Prayer Book in 1661, and a large portion of them were 1 In Bp. Cosin’s MS. note the Rogation Psalms are all included under Matins. From a difference in the appearance of the figures which are here placed under Evensong, it is evident they were written in afterwards, and in the wrong column, by mistake. The others are all written as they are printed above.
### A TABLE OF ALL THE FEASTS
THAT ARE TO BE OBSERVED IN THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

All Sundays in the Year.
- The Circumcision of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
- The Epiphany.
- The Conversion of S. Paul.
- The Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
- S. Matthias the Apostle.
- The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin.
- S. Mark the Evangelist.
- S. Philip and S. James the Apostles.
- The Ascension of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
- S. Barnabas.
- The Nativity of S. John Baptist.

**Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week.**
**Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week.**

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There is a curious old rough and ready rule for finding Easter contained in a rhyme found in some old Sarum Missals:

"In Marche after the first C [or new moon] The next prime tell to me. The thridde sunday ful I wis Paske dal silkr [surely] hit is."

This seems as correct as it is easy to use, e.g.:

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<th>New Moon in March.</th>
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**Advent Sunday** To this rule should be added, "or on that feast itself," as Advent Sunday occurs on November 30th about once in every seven years on the average.

### Rules to know when the Moveable Feasts and Holydays begin.

These rules stand exactly as they do in Cosin’s Devotions, as published in 1627: except that the day of the month is substituted for the words “Equinoctial of the Spring in March.” The rule for finding Easter (found on a decree of the Council of Nices) is not quite exactly stated. Instead of “Full Moon” it ought to say, “the 14th day of the Calendar Moon, whether that day be the actual Full Moon or not.” In some years (as in 1818 and 1845) the Full Moon and Easter coincide, and this rule then contradicts the Tables.

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1 It was the strange fate of this learned man to be so poor that he could not get even pen, ink, and paper, and the necessaries of life; and he was buried by the charity of Dr. Busby in the Rector’s vault at St. Giles’s in one Fields.
### A TABLE

#### OF THE VIGILS, FASTS, AND DAYS OF ABSTINENCE,

TO BE OBSERVED IN THE YEAR.

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Note, that if any of these Feast Days fall upon a Monday, then the Vigil or Fast Day shall be kept upon the Saturday, and not upon the Sunday next before it.

#### DAYS OF FASTING, OR ABSTINENCE.

I. The Forty Days of Lent. | The First Sunday in Lent. |
II. The Ember Days at the Four Seasons, being the Wednesday, | The Feast of Pentecost. |
| Friday, and Saturday after . . . | December 13. |
III. The Three Rogation Days, being the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Holy Thursday, or the Ascension of our Lord. |
IV. All the Fridays in the Year, except Christmas Day. |

#### A SOLEMN DAY,

FOR WHICH A PARTICULAR SERVICE IS APPOINTED.

The Twentieth Day of June, being the Day on which her Majesty began her happy Reign.

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§ The Table of Vigils, Fasts, and Days of Abstinence.

This, together with the "certain Solemn Days" (now reduced to one), originally appeared in Cosin's Devotions, and is also written in the margin of the Durham Prayer Book. At the end of the MS. note is written an addition taken from the Devotions, but not eventually printed in the Prayer Book:

"By the ecclesiastical laws of this Realm, there be some times in the year wherein Marriages are not usually solemnized; viz.  
Advent from Septuagesima until eight days after Easter.  
Rogation Sunday."

Cosin also wrote, "All the Fridays in the year except the twelve days of Christmas."

Some notes on the subject of Fasting will be found under the head of Lent [p. 90]; the Ember Days are noticed in connexion with Ordination Services, and the Rogation Days in the Notes to the Fifth Sunday after Easter [p. 110].

All Festivals have Evens, including Sundays, but only some have Vigils. The festivals that fall during the seasons of Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide have no vigils, Fridays being the only days of Abstinence in those joyous periods. St. Luke's day is without a Vigil, either because the Evangelist is thought to have died in peace without martyrdom, or because the minor festival of St. Etheldreda occupies the 17th of October. Michaelmas Day is without a Vigil, because the Holy Angels had no day of trial like the Saints before entering into Heaven; and of this the Vigil is a symbolical observance. The use of the words Vigil and Evens at the time when the Prayer Book was first translated is illustrated by the following passage from Cranmer's answer to the Devonshire rebels:—"For as Vigils, otherwise called Watchings, remained in the calendars upon certain saints' evens because in old times the people watched all those nights . . . . but now these many years those vigils remained in vain in the books, for no man did watch." [Strype's Cranmer, ii. 368.]

The Vigil was originally that which its name indicates, a night spent in watching and prayer. The scandals which arose out of these nocturnal Services, however, made it necessary to abolish them [Durand. vi. 7]; and a fast on the day before was sub-
A TABLE TO FIND EASTER DAY, FROM THE PRESENT TIME TILL THE YEAR 1899 INCLUSIVE, ACCORDING TO THE FOREGOING CALENDAR.

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This Table contains so much of the Calendar as is necessary for the determining of Easter; To find which, look for the Golden Number of the year in the first Column of the Table, against which stands the Day of the Paschal Full Moon; then look in the third column for the Sunday Letter, next after the day of the Full Moon, and the day of the Month standing against that Sunday Letter is Easter Day. If the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, then (according to the first rule) the next Sunday after is Easter Day.

To find the Golden Number, or Prime, add one to the Year of our Lord, and then divide by 19; the remainder, if any, is the Golden Number; but if nothing remaineth, then 19 is the Golden Number.

To find the Dominical or Sunday Letter, according to the Calendar, until the year 1799 inclusive, add to the Year of our Lord its fourth part, omitting fractions; and also the number 1: Divide the sum by 7; and if there is no remainder, then A is the Sunday Letter; But if any number remaineth, then the Letter standing against that number in the small annexed Table is the Sunday Letter.

For the next Century, that is, from the year 1800 till the year 1899 inclusive, add to the current year only its fourth part, and then divide by 7, and proceed as in the last Rule.

Note. That in all Bissextile or Leap Years, the Letter found as above will be the Sunday Letter, from the intercalated day exclusive to the end of the year.

The accession of the Sovereign was first observed as a "Solemn Day" in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; but no mention of such a day was made in the Prayer Book until late in the last century. The above notice of the day has not therefore the authority of the Sealed Books, nor of the Act of 1732, but is printed in deference to Royal Proclamations dated June 21st, 1827, and Jan. 17th, 1859.

§ The Table to find Easter till 1899.

This Table is an extract from the first three columns of the Calendar during the Paschal limits, or the period during which Easter Day must always fall. It was substituted in 1732 (with the succeeding one) for "a Table to find Easter for ever" which had been printed in previous Prayer Books, but which had been framed on a mistaken supposition respecting the perpetual application of the cycle of Golden Numbers to fixed days of the months. A change in the application of the cycle will be necessary in the year 1900, (provided for by another Table further on,) when the above will be superseded for all future calculations.

The Golden Numbers and the Sunday Letters are explained in the notes to the General Tables for finding them.

These Tables are a solution of a difficulty about the determination of Easter Day, which caused considerable trouble to the Church when astronomy, and consequently Chronology, was imperfectly understood. The Nisene Council (A.D. 325) endeav
ANOTHER TABLE TO FIND EASTER TILL THE YEAR
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To make use of the preceding Table, find the Sunday Letter for the Year in the uppermost Line, and the Golden Number, or Prime, in the Column of Golden Numbers, and against the Prime, in the same Line under the Sunday Letter, you have the Day of the Month on which Easter filleth that year. But Note, that the Name of the Month is set on the Left Hand, or just with the Figure, and followed not, as in other Tables, by Descent, but Collateral.

voured to settle this difficulty and the Quarto decimans controversy [see notes on Easter Day] by the following epistolary decrees:—

1. That the twenty-first day of March is to be taken as the vernal equinox.

2. That the full moon happening upon or next after the twenty-first day of March is to be taken for the full moon of the month Nisan.

3. That the next Lord's Day after that full moon is to be observed as Easter Day.

4. Unless the full moon happens upon a Sunday, when Easter Day is to be the next Sunday.

But to observe these rules it was necessary to ascertain the age of the moon: and although this could be done correctly for a period by means of a cycle of the moon discovered by Meton, an Athenian philosopher, which set forth the change of the moon for nineteen years, and which was supposed to repeat itself ad infinitum, yet a more accurate knowledge of astronomy showed that this rule was subject to error, and that Easter Day was sometimes too early and sometimes too late to commemorate our Lord's Resurrection with the accuracy which was intended by the Nicene Council. This erroneous system was not corrected, however, until the introduction of the "New Style" by Pope Gregory XIII. in 1582; and the New Style was not introduced into England until 1752, when the Act of Parliament was passed from which the present Calendar is printed.

These Tables for finding Easter, together with those which follow, are part of the Act of Parliament referred to [24 Geo. II. c. 23], and have not received the same authority as the Prayer Book itself. Nor does there seem to be any practical necessity for hindering them up with every edition of the Prayer Book as is the present custom, since they are of far too recondite a character to be of any use except to highly scientific students; and for ordinary use the Table of Moveable Feasts is amply sufficient.
### A Table of the Moveable Feasts

For the rest of the nineteenth century, according to the foregoing calendar.

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[Note: This Table is only a representative and not a facsimile of the Table in the Act of Parliament. The latter extends from 1752 to 1804.]

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**THE EPACT.**

The difference between the length of the solar year and that of the lunar year is eleven days; the solar year being made up of 365 days, and the lunar year of twelve months or moons, of twenty-nine and a half days each, or 354 days in all. The last day of the lunar year being the last day of the twelfth moon, and the last day of the solar year being the 31st of December, the difference between these constitutes the Epact. 1. In the first year of the present cycle the lunar year and the solar year both commenced on the 1st of January; the Epact for the second year was therefore 11, for the third 22, for the fourth 33, and so forth in a regular succession. The whole months are not reckoned, however, and instead of 33, the Epact is taken as 3, instead of 36 as 6, and so forth.

A cycle of nineteen Epacts is thus formed which always runs parallel to the nineteen Golden Numbers in the following order:

| Golden Numbers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Epacts         | 0 | 11| 22| 3 | 14| 25| 6 | 17| 28| 9 | 20| 1 | 12| 23| 4 | 15| 26| 7 | 18| 19|

The Epact is used for calculating the age of the Moon on any day in any year. To do this, (1) Add together the day of the month and the Epact: (2) If the month is one later on in the year than March, add also the number of months including March and the one for which the calculation is required. The result will give the moon's age within a fraction of a day. Thus:

1866, October 10th.

3 The Epact.

13

8 months from March to October, inclusive.

21 = Approximate age of the Moon.

The true age of the moon on Oct. 10, 1865, at moon, being 20 days and 14 hours.

The use of the Epacts (in connexion with the Sunday letter), for finding out Easter Day, may be thus illustrated for the year 1887. Find out the moon's age for some day on which Easter can fall, say April 1st.

1887. April 1

6 Epact.

2 March and April inclusive.

9 = age of the moon on April 1.

The Paschal Full Moon is the 14th day of the Moon's age, and this will be April 6th. (2) Easter Day being the Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, and B being the Sunday letter for 1887, the first B after April 6th will show that April 10th is Easter Day in that year.
A TABLE OF THE MOVEABLE FEASTS.

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Note, that in a Bissextile or Leap Year, the Number of Sundays after Epiphany will be the same, as if Easter Day had fallen One Day later than it really does. And for the same reason, One Day must, in every Leap Year, be added to the Day of the Month given by the Table for Septuagesima Sunday. And the like must be done for the First Day of Lent (commonly called Ash-Wednesday), unless the Table gives some Day in the Month of March for it; for in that case the Day given by the Table is the right Day.

The order in which this Table follows the others makes its use sufficiently evident. The two first Tables being given for the purpose of finding the date of the Festival by which all the moveable Holydays are regulated, and a third added which sets forth all the moveable Holydays for many years to come, this Table is given as a means of finding out for any year, past or future, the respective dates of these days, according to that of Easter. The Note respecting Leap Year must not be overlooked when this Table is used.
# A Table to Find Easter Day.

## Table to Find Easter Day

### From

The Year 1900 to the Year 2199 Inclusive.

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The Golden Numbers in the foregoing Calendar will point out the Days of the Paschal Full Moons, till the Year of our Lord 1900; at which Time, in order that the Ecclesiastical Full Moons may fall nearly on the same Days with the real Full Moons, the Golden Numbers must be removed to different Days of the Calendar, as is done in the annexed Table, which contains so much of the Calendar then to be used, as is necessary for finding the Paschal Full Moons, and the Feast of Easter, from the Year 1900, to the Year 2199 Inclusive. This Table is to be made use of, in all respects, as the first Table before inserted, for finding Easter till the Year 1800.

This Table is simply for revising the first and third columns of that portion of the Calendar which extends over the Paschal limits, i.e. those days in March and April that Easter can possibly fall on. It will not come into use before the year 1900, and is then applicable for three hundred years.
**GENERAL TABLES FOR FINDING THE DOMINICAL LETTER, &c.**

For finding the Dominical or Sunday Letter, and the places of the Golden Numbers in the Calendar.

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To find the Dominical or Sunday Letter for any given Year of our Lord, add to the year its fourth part, omitting fractions, and also the number, which in Table I. standeth at the top of the column, wherein the number of hundreds contained in that given year is found: Divide the sum by 7, and if there is no remainder, then A is the Sunday Letter; but if any number remaineth, then the Letter, which standeth under that number at the top of the Table, is the Sunday Letter.

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To find the Month and Days of the Month to which the Golden Numbers ought to be prefixed in the Calendar, in any given Year of our Lord consisting of entire hundred years, and in all the intermediate years betwixt that and the next hundredth year following, look in the second column of Table II. for the given year consisting of entire hundred years, and note the number or cypher which stands against it in the third column; then, in Table III. look for the same number in the column under any given Golden Number, which when you have found, guide your eye side-ways to the left hand, and in the first column you will find the Month and Day to which that Golden Number ought to be prefixed in the Calendar, during that period of one hundred years.

The letter B prefixed to certain hundredth years in Table II. denotes those years which are still to be accounted Bisextile or Leap Years in the New Calendar; whereas all the other hundredth years are to be accounted only common years.

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§ The Dominical or Sunday Letters.

The second column of the Calendar is occupied by the first seven letters of the alphabet, which are repeated throughout the year, beginning with A on the first of January. If the first of January is on a Sunday, A is the Sunday Letter for that year;
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if on a Saturday, B is the Sunday Letter, and so on in a retrograde order; the letter which indicates the first Sunday in the year indicating it throughout, except in Leap Year. In Leap Year the letter which indicates the first Sunday of the year indicates it up to the end of February only; and from March onward to the end of the year the next letter backward is taken, so that if B is the Sunday Letter for January and February in Leap Year, A is that for the succeeding months; and G for the year following. The days of the year recur on the same days of the week throughout only after the lapse of twenty-eight years. The cycle of Sunday Letters extends therefore over this period, as may be seen in "the Table of Moveable Feasts for the remainder of the nineteenth century." It is sometimes, but erroneously, called the "Solar Cycle," the name having doubtless arisen from "Dio Solis," as the cycle has no relation to the course of the Sun.

§ The Golden Numbers.

This title was given to the Lunar Cycle invented by Meton the Athenian (B.C. 432), which was called after him the Metonic Cycle, and was anciently written in letters of gold, and hence received its name. It extends over nineteen years, which are numbered respectively from 1 to 19. These were formerly marked throughout the year in the first column of the Calendar; but since 1752 they have been inserted only beside those days which are included within the Paschal full moon limits, i.e., between March 21st and April 25th. At the end of the cycle the phases of the moon begin to recur upon the same days of the month, in the same succession, with a difference of one hour and a half. This difference so far disturbs the application of the cycle of Golden Numbers that it will have to be re-adjusted in the year 1900, and one of the following Tables is already provided for the purpose of making the necessary alteration.

The Golden Numbers in the Calendar indicate the day on which the Ecclesiastical Paschal Full Moon occurs; the Sunday Letter next after indicating (as has been already shown) the Festival of Easter itself.

The three "General Tables" are only of use to those who have to make historical calculations, and all might well be left to the Act of Parliament, and to works on Chronology, but they have been printed here in deference to the custom which has placed them in all our Prayer Books for some time past.
INTRODUCTION TO THE CALENDAR.

The Ecclesiastical Calendar comprises two things: first, a table of the order of days in the year; and, secondly, a catalogue of the saints commemorated in the Church. To this, in the Book of Common Prayer, there is also annexed a table of the daily lessons throughout the year.

Calendars are known to have been in use at a very early date in the Church. One was printed by Bouvier in his Commentary on the Paschal Cycle [Antwerp, 1654], which was formed about the middle of the fourth century, or perhaps as early as A.D. 386; and another is given by Mabillon in his Anecdotae, which was drawn up for the Church of Carthage, A.D. 458. Many others are preserved of early times, and a number are printed by Martene in the sixth volume of his Collection of Ancient Writers.

The origin of Christian Calendars is clearly coeval with the commemoration of martyrs, which began at least as early as the martyrdom of Polycarp, A.D. 168. [Raseb. iv. 15.] The names of these, and their acts, were carefully recorded by the Church in Martyrologies; and Dyptichs—tablets of wood or ivory—were inscribed with their names, to be read at the time when the memorial of the departed was made at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. From one or both of these, lists of names would naturally be transcribed for use at other times, and as a memorial in the hands of private Christians, the names being placed against the day on which the martyrs suffered, or that (generally the same) on which they were annually commemorated. To these two columns of the days of the year and the names of the martyrs were afterwards added two others of Golden Numbers and Sunday Letters, the use of which has been explained in the notes to the Tables.

Several very ancient English Calendars exist in our public libraries; but the earliest known is one printed by Martene [Vet. Scrip. vi. 685], under the title “Calendarium Floriacense,” and attributed by him (with apparently good reason) to the Venerable Bede, whose works it was found in a very old MS. at Fenny. Bede died at Jarrow, A.D. 735, so that this Calendar must date from the earlier half of the eighth century. There is a general agreement between this Calendar and the Martyrology of Bede which seems to show that it is rigidly attributed to him, and we may therefore venture to take it as the earliest extant Calendar of the Church of England, dating it from the latest year of Bede’s life.

In the course of ages the number of names recorded in the Martyrologies of the Church increased to a great multitude, as may be seen in the vast folio “Acta Sanctorum,” printed for every day of the year by the Bollandists, which was commenced two hundred and twenty years ago, and is not yet nearly complete, though it extends to fifty-eight volumes. The Calendars of the Church also began to be crowded, although there was always a local character about them, and did not belong to the Martyrologies. In the twelfth century the original method of recording the names of saints (which was by the Bishop of each Diocese in some cases, and in others by a Diocesan Council) was superseded by a formal rite of Canontization, which was performed only by the Popes; and from this time the names inserted in the Calendar ceased to be those of Martyrs or Confessors only.

The Calendar of the Church of England was always local in its character, and one of the eleventh or twelfth century, which is preserved in the Durham Chapter Library, seems to differ but little from another of the fifteenth century, which is contained in an ancient Missal of that Church, or from that which has been reprinted from a Missal of 1514, belonging to Bishop Cosin’s Library, in the following pages. Comparatively few names were added to the English Calendars during the medieval period, though many were added to the Roman.

Some changes were made in the Calendar by the “Abrogation of certain Holydays” in the reign of Henry VIII., great inconvenience being found to arise from the number of days which were observed with a cessation from labour; and the two days dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury being especially obnoxious to the King were altogether expunged, though by very questionable authority.

When the English Prayer Book was set forth in 1549, it was thought expedient to insert only the chief of the names which had been contained in the Calendar of the Salisbury Use. Two of these were taken away (though the erasure of St. Barnabas was probably a printer’s error), and four others added in 1552. In the following year, 1553, the old Salisbury Calendar was reprinted (with three or four omissions) in the Primer of Edward VI., and in the “Private Prayers” of Queen Elizabeth’s reign, printed in 1554; but not in any Book of Common Prayer. In 1559 the Calendar of 1553 was reprinted with one omission.

It seems now to have been felt by persons in authority, that greater reverence ought to be shown to the names of those who had glorified God in a special manner by their deaths or their lives, and in the Latin Prayer Book of 1550 nearly every day of the year was marked by the name of a saint, the list being compiled from the old Salisbury Calendar and the Roman. This appears to have led to the appointment of a Commission, which met in 1561, and, with a few changes in the Tables and Rules, made also a revision of the list of Saints, bringing it into its present state, with two exceptions, the names of St. Alban and the Venerable Bede having been added since. These successive changes (as far as is necessary to illustrate the transition from the ancient to the modern Calendar) are represented in the following Table:

§ Transition of the English Calendar, from 1549 to 1559.

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    - Philip and St. James.
    - John Baptist.
    - Peter.
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    - Bartholomew.
    - Matthew.
    - Michael.
    - Simon and St. Jude.

  - All Saints.
  - St. Andrew.
  - Thomas.
  - Christmas.
  - St. Stephen.
  - John Evangelist.
  - Innocents.

  - St. Mary Magdalen. In Calendar of 1549 only.
    - Clement.
    - Barnabas.
    - George.
    - Laurence.
    - Lammas.

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From the early part of Queen Elizabeth's reign [1561], until the present day, only three additions have been made to the Saints commemorated by the Church of England; those three being the national saints, St. Alban and the Venerable Bede, previously mentioned, and St. Eusebius. These three names, together with the particular designations by which most of the Saints in the Calendar are now distinguished, are to be found in the Calendar prefixed to Bishop Cosin's Devotions: and, as the first published edition of that work was printed in 1627, we may conclude that they were taken thence into the Book of Common Prayer at the Revision of 1661, as some of the Tables and Rules were.

No records remain to show what was the principle adopted in the re-formation of the Calendar in Queen Elizabeth's reign: but the list of names in itself elucidates that principle to a certain extent, as the following Table will show. It seems a singular omission that the names of two of our greatest national saints, St. Aidan and St. Cuthbert, should have been overlooked, both in 1661 and in 1661. The omission of St. Patrick is almost as extraordinary; and it might have been expected that St. Thomas of Canterbury's name would have been restored when the bitterness of the Tudor times had passed away. The latter two names were always inserted in ordinary Almanacks, which were not bound up with the Prayer Book, and are also found in some Calendars of Queen Elizabeth's time.

§ Saints commemorated by the Church of England.

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In Calendars of the Church of England not printed in the Prayer Book, but published by the Stationers' Company under the authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury 1, the following names are also to be found:—St. Patrick, St. Thomas of Canterbury, and All Souls. King Charles the First was likewise included among the Martyrs in all English Calendars until the special Form of Prayer for the 30th of January was given up in 1659.

It will be seen that the whole number of individual Saints commemorated is seventy-three. Of these, twenty-one are especially connected with our Blessed Lord; twenty are Martyrs in the age of persecutions; twenty-one are specially connected with our own Church; and eleven are either great and learned defenders of the Faith, like St. Hilary and St. Augustine, or Saints of France, whose names were probably retained as a memorial of the ancient close connexion between the Churches of France and England.

The Calendar itself was not in any way altered by the Act of Parliament of 1732, for the alteration of the style, the present tables of the months being a fairly exact reprint of those in the

1 This authority continued to be given as late as 1852.

Sealed Books. They are here given from the Act, but are inserted after the Tables and Rules as in the Sealed Books. This order was evidently adopted with the object of making a definite Festival and Ferial division of this part of the Prayer Book, instead of confusing the two divisions together as in the Act; and while the improved text of the latter has been adopted, it has been thought better to take the more convenient and more ecclesiastical arrangement (in this respect) of the former.

In the "comparative view" of each of the months, all the names in that of Bede, the Salisbury Use of 1314, and the Modern Roman, are represented; but a selection only has been made from the Oriental Calendar, as the great majority of Eastern Saints are unknown to English readers, and their names would convey no information whatever. Those selected are chosen for the object of illustrating the points of similarity between the Calendars of East and West; and they are taken from the Byzantine Calendar printed in Neale's Introduction to the History of the Holy Eastern Church, vol. ii. p. 768. Some remarkable coincidences may be observed between it and the Calendar of Bede, which help to confirm the theory of a direct connexion between England and the Oriental Church.
THE CALENDAR WITH THE TABLE OF LESSONS.

JANUARY hath 31 Days.

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† Note, that Exod. 6 is to be read only to verse 14.

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8] St. Lucian is commemorated (like several other Saints of the Calendar) as a member of the early French or Gallican Church, between which and the early Church of England, with which the existing Calendar originated, there was a very close spiritual bond. He was originally a Roman nobleman, but being converted was exiled to the East, to which he came at the hand of a learned man who was sent from Rome into France with Sts. Denys and St. Quintin, about A.D. 345. St. Denys went to the city of Paris, St. Quintin to Amiens, and St. Lucian to Beauvais, of which cities respectively they probably became the bishops, St. Lucian having the episcopal title assigned to him in a martyrology of the ninth century. After a bold missionary career of many years, St. Lucian was added to the noble army of martyrs, A.D. 290. He is often called St. Lucian of Beauvais, to distinguish him from another Lucian who was a learned predecessor of St. Jerome in Biblical criticism.

13] St. Hilary was another French bishop. He was born at Poitiers, of heathen parents; and was converted and baptized in mature years; after which, in A.D. 356, he became Bishop of his native city. St. Hilary entered the lists against Ariusism, endeavouring to persuade the Emperor Constantius to give up his patronage of it. Several French bishops became Arians, and held a Synod at Lusacolus, where Hilary withstood them, and maintained the Nicene faith. His opposition was for the time ineffectual; and he was thrust out of his see, being also banished to Phrygia by the Emperor, in A.D. 356. The great majority of the Gallican bishops remained steadfast, and it is observable that the British bishops are also commended by St. Hilary for continuing so in his History of Synods. He returned to France about A.D. 380, contending as earnestly as before for that true doctrine of our Lord's Divinity and the Holy Trinity for which he had suffered, and about which he had written a learned treatise during his exile. After a journey to Italy, St. Hilary departed to his rest on Jan. 13, A.D. 368.

This saint is usually represented in Christian art as treading on serpents, in reference to his contest with the venomous heresy of Arius; and Numbers xxii. 7, the petition of the Israelites to Moses that he would pray for the serpents to be taken from them, is annexed as a significant legend.

“Hilary term” in the law courts used to begin on this festival, Advent and Christmas-tide being observed as a vacation of peace; but it is now begun on Jan. 11th, extending to Jan. 31st.

18] St. Priscus was a young Roman bishop of the third century, who “died out of great tribulation” by the sword at a very early age. Some true tale of Christian faith, fortitude, and suffering underlies the uncertain history which tells us that St. Priscus was thrown to the lions in the amphitheatre, that they knelt at her feet refusing to harm her, that she was then beheaded, and that an eagle watched over her lifeless form until it was laid in the grave. In accordance with this legend, St. Priscus is represented with a palm branch, or a sword in her hand, a lion couching at her feet, and an eagle hovering above her head. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. lii. 9—12. St. Matt. xix. 44—52.]

20] St. Fabian was one of that long series of martyred Bishops of Rome by which the church of St. Peter and St. Paul was distinguished from other churches of the third centuries. Eusebius [vi. 29] says that he was elected in consequence of a dove alighting on his head while the election was going on, and also of an irresistible unanimity pointing the thoughts of all to Fabian. This was in the year 236, when his predecessor had died a martyr after a single month's occupation of the see. A similar story to this of the dove is told respecting others; and it probably represents in a materializing allegory the idea that the promise of the presiding Comforter was fully realized in the assembly. St. Cyprian's ninth Epistle is written to the Roman Church respecting the martyrdom of St. Fabian, which occurred under the Emperor Decius, A.D. 250. It is also mentioned by St. Jerome; and the name is found in very ancient martyrlogies.

In the Eastern Church it is commemorated on Aug. 5th. Christian art represents him with the triple crown, holding the sword of martyrdom in his hand, and having a dove hovering above him. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Heb. xi. 32—39. St. Luke vii. 17—23.]

21] St. Agnes left a name behind her which was very much cherished by the early Church. She was a young Roman lady of patrician birth, who was sought—not, probably, in honourable marriage—but by the son of the Prefect of the city, A.D. 304. Her refusal to accede to his desires brought upon her the full force of the Empire, and she was thrown into the lions' den. This was the first of the martyrdoms. Before the Prefecture she made an open confession that she was a Christian, making the sign of the Cross, instead of offering incense to Vesta, as she was required to do for the renunciation of Christianity. The holy maiden was then vilely roasted and tortured on the rack; and after vain endeavours to bring about her apostasy, was at last beheaded. The circumstances of her death made a great impression upon the Christian world, for St. Jerome says that the tongues and pens of all nations were employed in praise of her constancy; and her memory has ever since his time been greatly venerated. It was recorded that while her parents were praying at her tomb (probably in the catacombs) she appeared to them in vision, and spoke words of comfort to them respecting her rest and peace with her Saviour. St. Augustine speaks touchingly of her name: “Blessed is the holy Agnes, whose passion we this day celebrate: for the maiden was indeed what she was called; for in Latin Agnes signifies a lamb; and in Greek it means pure. She was what she was called; and she was found worthy of her crown.” This shows the antiquity of the Holyday.

The symbolical form of her name is used by Christian art in representations of St. Agnes, a lamb standing by her side, while she bears a palm branch or a sword in her hand.

Several churches are dedicated in the name of St. Agnes in England. One built over her resting-place near Rome has attained a kind of historical importance, from the Pope going thither annually to bless the sanctuary; these pilgrims are ultimately to form the palls with which he claims to invest all Archbishops. Such a pall is seen in the arms of the Archbishop of Canterbury. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. li. 1—8. St. Matt. xiii. 44—52.]

22] St. Vincent was a martyr of Spain in that most terrible persecution under the Emperor Diocletian, which he commemorated by a coin with the inscription “Nonine Christianorum delecto,” but which only caused the name of Christ to shine more brightly in Spain and elsewhere. St. Vincent was a deacon to Valerius, Bishop of Saragossa. Both were brought before Diatian, the Prefect of Spain, and endured much suffering at his hands, being thrown into the Libyan desert, that they might afterwards be added to the number of those who “shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more . . . for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living waters.” The Bishop was sent into exile, afterwards to die a martyr. Vincent was first tortured on the rack; and being still immovable in his faith, was then laid on a bed of sharp iron bars under which a fire had been lighted. Being removed from this before death had ended his sufferings, he departed in peace, surrounded by his Christian brethren, on Jan. 22, A.D. 304.

The account of St. Vincent's martyrdom, or his “Acts,” has come down to us in an authentic form; and with much detail. St. Augustine and St. Jerome both refer to them; and this holyday was probably established very shortly after it occurred.

St. Vincent is represented with the bed or gridiron on which he was tortured; and also with a raven hovering near him, significant of the fact that his body was cast to the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air by heathen vengeance. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xiv. 20, and xv. 4—6. St. John xii. 24—25.]

30] This holyday was originally established by a Royal Proclamation of Charles II. The Service for the day was, however, prepared and authorized by Convocation in the same manner as the Prayer Book itself. There were three separate editions of this Service or “Form of Prayer” one issued in 1669, another in 1681, and a third in 1688, which last edition is inserted in the Prayer Book with the following order written at the end of the Service Books, in which it was not printed. The commemoration of King Charles the First's martyr-like death was abolished by a Royal Proclamation, dated Jan. 17, 1859, and since that day the Service has not been printed in the Prayer Book.
THE CALENDAR WITH THE TABLE OF LESSONS.

FEBRUARY hath 28 Days.
And in every Leap Year 29 Days.

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THE MINOR HOLY DAYS OF FEBRUARY.

3] St. BLASius was Bishop of Seleute, now Salvan, of which city he is considered to be the tutelar Saint. He is said to have been a zealous supporter of the Christians in the Diocletian persecution, and himself to have suffered martyrdom [A.D. 316] under Licinius, by command of Agricola, the local governor. After having had his flesh cruelly torn by scourges and an iron wool-comb, he was beheaded. He has for ages been esteemed by the wool-combers as their patron saint, and they had guilds dedicated in his name at Norwich and in several places in Yorkshire and elsewhere. There are still some ancient traditional observances in the seats of the woolen manufacture, though the primitive occupation of hand-combing has almost died out. It is not uncommon there to see "Bishop Blaze" in full episcopal vestments as the sign of an inn. There are only three or four churches dedicated to him in England. His distinguishing emblem is an iron wool-comb; occasionally some or other of the legends connected with him are represented. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Cebul. li. 1—6. St. Matt. x. 26—32.]

5] St. AGATHA was a native of Sicily, of noble birth, and was dedicated to God from her earliest years. She received the crown of martyrdom at Catania, triumphing over the most infamous assaults upon her fortitude and chastity, made at the instigation of Quintianus the consul, who availed himself of the edict of Decius against the Christians to seize upon both her person and her estate. As she was being brought to trial, she wept, and prayed for courage and strength on the way, saying, "O Jesus Christ, Lord of all, Thou seest my heart. Thou knowest my desire, do Thou alone possess all that I am. I am Thy sheep, make me worthy to overcome the Evil One." After long endurance of the most horrible tortures, she fell asleep in Jesus about A.D. 251, commending her soul to the Divine keeping. Only three churches are dedicated in her name in England. Her distinguishing emblem is a breast held in a pair of pincers, or transfixed by a sword, and she is also represented with a chasped book and a palm-branch. Her name is one of those inserted in the canon of the old English Liturgies, and in that of Rome. It is also in the most ancient calendars both Eastern and Western. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. li. 1—8. St. Matt. xiii. 44—62.]

14] St. VALENTINE was a priest who assisted the martyrs at Rome in the persecution under Claudius II. He was beaten with clubs, and beheaded after a year's imprisonment, on the 14th of February, about A.D. 270. His name occurs in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory and other ancient formularies. The custom of "choosing Valentines" seems to have had its origin in a heathen practice connected with the worship of Juno or about this day; and the association of the popular absurdities with the day appears to be wholly accidental. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xxxi. 8—11. St. Matt. xvi. 24—28.]
### The Calendar with the Table of Lessons

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The Numbers here prefixed to the several Days, between the twenty-first day of March and the eighteenth day of April, both inclusive, denote the Days upon which those full Moons do fall, which happen upon or next after the twenty-first day of March, in those years of which they are respectively the Golden Numbers: And the Sunday Letter next following any such full Moon, points out Easter Day for that Year. All which holds until the Year of our Lord 1899 inclusive, after which Year the places of these Golden Numbers will be to be changed, as is hereafter expressed.

### Comparative View of the Calendar for MARCH

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1) St. David was the son of Xantus, prince of Gortiscia, now Cardiganshire. He was religiously educated, and after his ordination to the priesthood embraced the ascetic life through the influence of Paulinus, a pupil of St. Germanus of Auxerre. After a long period of retirement in the isle of Vecta (? Wight) he set out, like St. Paul from Arabia, and preached the Gospel in Britain. He founded a monastery in the vale of Ross, which was celebrated for the austerity of its rule. In A.D. 519 he attended a synod of Welsh clergy, which met to condemn the then prevailed heresy of Pelagius. Here he so ably defended the truth that Dubritius, the aged archbishop of Caerleon, constrained him to become his successor: but he removed the see to Menevis, now called St. David's, after him. He is considered to be the patron saint of Wales, and he died about A.D. 544, in his eighty-third year. He was buried at Waunfawr hill, with a dove on his shoulder. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xlv. 17: 20, 21—28; xlv. 6, 7, 16, 16. St. Matt. xxv. 14—23.

2) St. Chad, together with his three brothers, Cedd, Bishop of London, and the priests, Alin and Cymbel, was trained under St. Aidan at Lindisfarne. He also studied in Ireland, whence he came to preside over a religious house, founded by his brother Cedd, in the Yorkshire wolds. He was consecrated to the see of York A.D. 686, by two British bishops, but soon resigned it in favour of Wilfrid, the two having, in consequence of a misunderstanding, been both consecrated to the same see. In A.D. 670, he was appointed Bishop of Lichfield, where he died of a plague in 709. Lichfield Cathedral, and thirty-one churches in the Midland counties, are dedicated in his honour. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xlv. 1—5. St. Mark xiii. 38—37.]

7) St. Perpetua, St. Felicitas, and their three companions, suffered in the persecution by Severus about A.D. 203, in Africa. St. Perpetua was the wife of a man of rank, and was herself of good family. At the time of her martyrdom she had an infant at the breast. The "Acts of St. Perpetua" are supposed to have been partly written by herself before her death, and afterwards completed by Tertullian. They contain a very remarkable and detailed account of her sufferings. She was first tossed by a wild cow, which is often represented with her, and then slowly butchered by a tormious or unskilful executioner. The day occurs in a Roman calendar of the year 354, and the names are commemorated in the Canon of the Roman Liturgy. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: 1 Cor. vii. 26—34. St. Matt. xxv. 1—13.]

12) St. Gregory, surnamed the Great, was born at Rome, of noble and wealthy parents, about A.D. 540. His education was of the highest class, and included civil and canon law. At the age of thirty-four he was made chief magistrate of Rome, and was obliged to live in great pomp and state. But all his sympathies were with the religious life, and after the death of his father he founded and endowed six monasteries in Sicily, out of the family estates in that island. He also founded a seventh, dedicated to St. Andrew, in his own house in Rome, in which he himself assumed the Benedictine habit at the age of forty-one. He impaired his constitution by the rigour with which he fasted while he was studying. It is to this period of his life that the well-known story about the British slaves refers. He actually set off on a mission to England, but was recalled by Pope Benedict I., the whole city being in an uproar at his departure. Gregory was soon after this made a Cardinal-Deacon, and took a prominent part in public affairs. He was then chosen Abbot of the Monastery he had founded, and in A.D. 600 was elected Pope, and after having manifested the utmost reluctance was consecrated on the 13th of September. It was during the monastic period of his life that he wrote the celebrated "Morals on the Book of Job." In the fifth year of his Pontificate occurs the story of Gregory regarding the title of this book, which he regarded as Antichristian. In July, A.D. 596, he again took up his scheme for the conversion of England, and sent hither St. Augustine with forty companions, to whom, under God, we owe the revival of Christianity in the southern parts of our land. During the rest of his life St. Gregory gave himself much to study, and revised the Divine offices, paying much attention to their ancient music, which from this circumstance has acquired the popular designation of Gregorian. He departed in peace, March 12, A.D. 604, at Rome, and was buried in St. Peter's. St. Gregory is represented as one of the Twelve Apostles, and is represented with the triple crown as a Pope, and with a book in his hand, and a dove on his shoulder, as a Doctor aided by the Holy Spirit. His festival is kept in the Greek Church on the 11th of March, but its observance in England on the 12th was enjoined on the monasteries as early as A.D. 747, at the Synod of Cloveshooe, and on the kingdom generally at the Council of Oxford, A.D. 1222. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xlvi. 8—11. St. Matt. xxiv. 42—47.]

18) St. Edward the King succeeded his father King Edgar, at the age of thirteen, in A.D. 975. He was celebrated for his piety and the amiability of his disposition, which greatly endeared him to his subjects. After a reign of three years and a half, he was unexpectedly stabbed, while drinking the stirrup-cup, by order of his step-mother Elftrida, her object being to obtain the crown for her own son Ethelred. He had gone out of his way from hunting to pay her a visit, and to see his brother, whom he had always treated with affectionate kindness. He was buried deep in a marsh, after which his body was twice re-interred. [See June 20.] He is usually represented as a youthful king, with a cup in one hand and a dagger or sceptre in the other, and often with a falcon, in allusion to his last hunt. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xxxi. 8—11. St. Luke xvi. 26—35.]

21) St. Benedict, the founder of the great Benedictine order of monks, was born of a good family resident at Norcia, in the Italian province of Umbria, about A.D. 480. He was educated in the great public schools at Rome, but was there so shocked at the licentiousness prevailing among the Roman youth, that he secretly quitted the city at the age of fifteen, and betook himself to a cavern at Subiaco, where he lived as a hermit for three years. He had before met with Romanus, a monk, who, during his retreat, supplied him with food. It was at this time that, when distracted by temptations, he used to roll himself in the briars, a circumstance familiar to many through its being mentioned in Bishop Taylor's "Holy Living." He gained such influence over the shepherds of the wild region round about, that some were persuaded by him to become monks. After much solicitation he consented to become Abbot of Vicobarro, near Subiaco, where he diligently endeavoured to reform the abuses that he found existing. This rendered him so unpopular with some of the inmates that they attempted to poison him; and, after praying God to forgive them, he returned to his cave. Here he had many disciples, and organized twelve religious houses, each containing a Superior and twelve monks. These were eventually united in the Monastery of St. Scholastica, the most ancient of the order, as is supposed. Having still many enemies, and being a man of peace, he again sought retirement, and repaired to Mount Cassino, where some of the ancient idolatrous rites still prevailed, and where stood an old temple of Apollo and a grove. Here he was the means of converting many to the faith of Christ. He overthrew the temple and cut down the grove, and upon the site founded two abbeys. This was the origin of the celebrated Monastery of Mount Cassino, whence proceeded the "Benedictine Rule," and where the present monastic system of Western Europe was definitely organized. Towards the close of Benedict's life, his sister Scholastica came to reside near him, with a small community of religious women; where he used to visit her once a year. He died of a fever caught in visiting the poor. Feeling that his end was drawing near, he ordered his grave to be dug, and, supported by the brethren, contemplated it in silence for some time; and then being carried into the chapel, there expired on the eve of the feast of Saint Valentine, A.D. 543. He is represented in various monastic habits, according to circumstances, and often carries an open book with the first words of his Rule—"AVSCBVTLA FILIA VERBA MAGISTRI. Others of his distinguishing emblems are, the thorn-bush; a wine-cup, or loaf, with a serpent crawling out of it (in allusion to attempts made to poison him); and a broken sieve. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xxxix. 5—9. St. Luke xi. 33—36.]
THE CALENDAR WITH THE TABLE OF LESSONS.

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3] St. Richard was Bishop of Chichester about the middle of the thirteenth century. His parents, Richard and Alice de Wico, resided on an estate near Worcester, to which he was heir. But from his earliest years he showed a strong inclination for study and devotion, and studied successively at Oxford, Paris, and Bologna. After having held the Professorship of Civil Law at Bologna for a short time, he returned to Oxford, and was made Chancellor of the University, and subsequently of the diocese of Canterbury, under St. Edmund, with whom he went into exile in France. Here he studied for a while in a Dominican convent, and it was not till this period of his life that he was ordained priest. Returning again to England, he served as a parish priest in the diocese of Canterbury, and resumed the office of Chancellor under Archbishop Boniface. The see of Chichester falling vacant, a.d. 1214, one of these disputes between King and Pope, which were then so common, arose about the appointment. The chapter elected one Robert Pasclaw, Archdeacon of Chichester; but the Archbishop declined to confirm the election, as being that of an unit person. He declared the nomination void, and appointed Richard de Wico to the vacant see. The King then consecrated the revenues, and a strong party of courtiers and others set themselves against the new Bishop. He however appealed to Rome, and got a Papal decision in his favour, which naturally incensed the King all the more. The Bishop however applied himself diligently to the duties of his office, and in his case was fulfilled the text, "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." For, after two years, the King relented, and restored his lands. In a.d. 1258, he was preaching a crusade in the south of England, and when at Dover consecrated a church there, on Mid-Lent Sunday, in honour of his former patron, St. Edmund of Canterbury. While thus engaged he was seized with his last illness, and departed during the week following. Simon of Tarring, a Sussex gentleman, who had protected him during the displeasure of the King, and other friends, were present with him during his last hours. After lying in state for some days, his body was buried before the altar of St. Edmund, in Chichester Cathedral, and some years afterwards removed to a place of greater honour in the same church. He is represented as a Bishop, usually with a chalice at his feet; in allusion to a tradition that, in his old age, falling with the chalice, its contents were not spilled. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecles. xlv. 19—23, and xlv. 6, 7, 15, 16. St. John xiv. 1—7.]

4] St. Ambrose is commemorated on this, the day of his death, in accordance with English usage; but in the Latin and Greek Churches his feast is kept on the 7th of December, the day of his ordination. He was born about a.d. 340, in Gaul, where his father held the office of Praetorian Prefect. Paulinus affirms that while he was in his cradle a swarm of bees settled on his lips, and that this, as in the case of Plato, was thought to predict his future eloquence. After the death of his father he was educated at Rome, where he attained to great proficiency in Greek and Civil Law, which led to his appointment to the Governorship of Liguria. He also practised as an advocate, and displayed so much wisdom and judgment in this capacity during a severe contest between the orthodox and the Arians, relative to an appointment to the see of Milan, that he was, although as yet unlaicized, strongly pressed to accept the office himself—the whole multitude taking up the cry, "Ambrose is Bishop!"—first uttered, it is said, by a child. He reluctantly consented, and, after baptism, was ordained and consecrated, Dec. 7, a.d. 374. Having made over to the church of Milan all his estates, he devoted himself to his duties. He had constant difficulties in consequence of the prevalence of the Arian and Apollinarist heresies, and wrote many theological works, both eclesiastic and devotional. St. Ambrose is spoken of with the most affectionate reverence by St. Augustine in his Confessions, as having been greatly instrumental in the work of his conversion. The saying, "When I am at Rome, I do as they do at Rome," is attributed to St. Ambrose, who replied to St. Augustine, when he consulted him about the different modes of observing Saturday at Rome and Milan: "When I come to Rome I fast on the Saturdays, as they do at Rome; when I am here I do not fast. So likewise you, to whatsoever Church you come, observe the custom of that place, if you mean not either to give or take offence."

But in matters which involved principle, St. Ambrose did not shrink from his duty. It is well known how he excommunicated the Emperor Theodosius, for a cruel abuse of power during an insurrection at Thessalonica; and how he shut the gates of the church of Milan against him, exhorting him with such effect that he became a true penitent. He is said to have introduced metrical hymns into the Offices of the Church, and, like St. Gregory, to have paid great attention both to the construction of these Offices, and to the music used in them, the "Ambrosian rite" being a lasting distinction of the Western Church. He is also reckoned as one of the four great doctors of the Western Church. He died, a.d. 397, on the 4th of April, and his body still lies under the high altar of the basilica dedicated to him at Milan. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecles. xvii. 8—11. St. Matt. xxiv. 42—47.]

19] St. Alphege was an English saint. He was born of a noble family, about a.d. 954, and while very young retired to a monastery, and afterwards became abbot of a house at Bath. In 1014 he was made Bishop of Winchester, and in 1006 translated to Canterbury. In 1011 the Danes broke in upon the city, and imprisoned the Archbishop, offering to set him free for the treasures of the church. He refused to give them up, and after much suffering was slain with a battle-ax, calling upon God, as St. Stephen, to receive his soul, and, like Christ, for the forgiveness of his murderers. This took place on the site of the present parish church of Greenwich, which is dedicated to him. His body was buried first in the Cathedral of St. Paul in London, but afterwards translated to Canterbury. He is represented as an Archbishop, with stones in his vestment, and sometimes with the battle-ax. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Heb. xiii. 9—16. St. John xv. 1—7.]

23] The history of St. George of Cappadocia, the Patron of England, has been from time to time mixed up with that of George, the Arrian bishop of Alexandria, and is so obscure that some have doubted his existence. But churches were dedicated to him under the first Christian Emperors, and his office is found in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory. The Greek Church calls him the Great Martyr, and keeps his festival as a holyday of obligation. He was born in Cappadocia in the latter half of the third century, of noble Christian parents, entered the army, and was rapidly advanced by the Emperor Diocletian. He was himself imprisoned, tortured, and beheaded: being, apparently, the same young man who tore down the edicts for persecution, as related by Lactantius and Eusebius. He was first acknowledged as the Patron of England at the Synod of Oxford, a.d. 1220, and has been regarded as the patron of military men, partly on account of his own profession, and partly because of his alleged appearance to Richard Cœur de Lion in his expedition against the Saracens. Hence, no doubt, the old battle-cry, "St. George for England!" Under his name King Edward the Third [a.d. 1330] instituted the Order of the Garter, the most ancient and most noble order of knighthood in Europe. The stalls and insignia of these knights are at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where special prayers are offered for them in the Daily Service, as well as a special service on "Old Sunday." St. George is usually represented in conflict with a dragon, in allusion to the legend of his having fought with a dragon to save the daughter of a king; though it may be better understood of the conflict of the Christian soldier with Satan on behalf of the Church. He is very distinctly represented in some early pardons, often armoured, and bearing a red cross on his shield or on a banner. This is the famous cross of St. George, and is incorporated with that of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, in the national flag called the "Union Jack." There are more than 163 churches of ancient foundation dedicated to St. George, and his name was retained in the Calendar in the time of Queen Elizabeth, when almost all the other "black-letter" saints had been struck out. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: St. James i. 2—12. St. John xv. 1—7.]
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3) INVENTION OF THE CROSS.—This festival commemorates the finding the Cross on which our Lord suffered, by the Empress Helena, about A.D. 325. At this time the Jews and Pagans together had effaced nearly every trace of the scenes of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, the Holy Sepulchre had been paved over, and heathen temples built on the spot. It was supposed that the crosses of our Lord and of the two thieves were buried near the place where they suffered, and after a long and difficult search they were found. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, in order to distinguish that of our Lord, suggested that the three crosses should be carried to a sick lady, and after much prayer applied them singly to her. By the touch of one of them the sick lady recovered, as those did to whom were brought handkerchiefs and aprons from St. Paul's body. The Empress, full of joy at the discovery, enclosed the precious relic in a silver shrine, and built on the spot a church in which it might be preserved. She also carried a large piece to Rome, and deposited it in a church which in the presence of Domitian. Our Lord had promised that dead things should not hurt those who believed in Him, and thus His word was fulfilled, as it had been before when St. Paul took up the serpent at Melita; and as it had been by anticipation when the form of the Son of God was seen walking with the three young men in the fiery furnace at Babylon. The Emperor attributed the Apostle's deliverance to the power of magic, and banished him to Patmos, where he received and recorded the Apocalypse. There has been a church at Rome on the spot where the event above mentioned occurred, ever since the time of the first Christian Emperors. The day is kept as a great festival at St. John's College, Cambridge, and at the more recent foundation of St. John's in Hurstpierpoint. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Eccl. xv. 1–6. St. John xxi. 19–24.]

19) ST. DUNSTAN.—This Saxon Saint was born about A.D. 924, at Glastonbury, of Christian parents holding a high position in society. He was educated in his native town, under a society of Irish monks there resident, and lived for some time with Athelma, Arch- bishop of Canterbury, his uncle, who introduced him to the notice of King Alfred. At court he for a time enjoyed the highest favours, but some who envied him malignèd him to the King, and he was banished from the royal presence. He was then urged to take monastic vows by Alphege the Bald, Bishop of Winchester, and after a time became a monk, and was also ordained priest. He served the church at Glastonbury, dwelling in a small cell attached thereto. Here he fasted and prayed, and worked at copying and illumination, and at the fabrication of vestments, censers, and other church furniture. Athelstan was succeeded by his brother Edmund, who recalled Dunstan; but he soon again fell into disgrace at court, and retired to the Benedictine monastery of Fleury in France. After a few years he was recalled, and made Superior of the house at Glastonbury. Here he reformed the church and convent on a larger scale, established a rule based on that of St. Benedict, and became himself the first Abbot on the new foundation, and thenceforth from St. Brithwald. King Edmund after a reign of six years and a half was murdered, and his sons, Edwy and Edgar, being too young for the throne, his brother Edred succeeded him, and followed the advice of St. Dunstan in all things. He dying in 955, was succeeded by Edwy, a prodigal youth, whose vices St. Dunstan was obliged to reprove even on the day of his coronation. In revenge he banished the Abbot, presented the Monks every where, and devastated all the abbeys that had been spared by the Danes except Glastonbury and Abingdon. After a year's exile in Flanders, Dunstan was recalled by Edwy, who had been placed on the throne instead of Edwy, deposed by the Mercians. This young King made Dunstan his principal counsellor, and in A.D. 957 he was made Bishop of Worcester, and shortly afterwards of London. Edwy still reigned over the southern provinces for three years longer; but on his death Edgar became monarch of all England, and Dunstan was raised to the see of Canterbury, being also appointed Papal legate by Pope John XII. He exerted himself greatly in the restoration of discipline, and in conjunction with Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, and Oswald, Archbishop of York, re-established most of the chief monasteries. He exercised a rigid control over the secular clergy, ejecting many who were married, and enforcing celibacy on others. At one time King Edgar having fallen into a scandalous crime, he boldly reproved him, and brought him to repentance. He went about preaching and instructing the people in the churches of his diocese, and would sometimes repair to his old retreat at Glastonbury for solitude and contemplation. His last sickness came upon him at Canterbury, where, after preaching thence on Ascension Day, A.D. 988, he died on the Saturday following; and was buried in his own cathedral. Some of his bones were said to have been translated to Glastonbury in 1012, but the greater part of them were found under his tomb in 1508. His distinguishing emblems are a pair of pincers and a harp. Six churches in Kent, six in Middlesex, and six elsewhere, are dedicated to him, including the well-known city churches of St. Dunstan near Temple Bar, and St. Dunstan in the East. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Eccl. xvi. 1–9. Dunstan, i. xxv. 8–12. St. Matt. xiv. 14–15. St. Aug. 25. During Easter-tide, St. John xv. 1–7.]

20) ST. AUGUSTINE, the first Archbishop of Canterbury, has been called the Apostle of England, from the great work which he accomplished in restoring the Church in the south-east part of the country, after the old Clergy had been entirely rooted out by the Saxons. Nothing is known of his history until the time when he was sent on his mission by Gregory the Great. He was then Prior of St. Andrew's Monastery at Rome. [See March 12.] He landed in Kent A.D. 596, and went through the Isle of Thanet towards Canterbury, by invitation of King Ethelbert. The manner in which St. Augustine and his missionary brethren came towards the heathen King is thus recorded by the Venerable Bede: "He came chanting Litany, and beseeching the Lord for the everlasting well, as well of themselves, as of those for whose sake he had come. . . . And when they drew near that city, they chanted the Litany with one accord in these words:—That it may please Thee to turn away the fury of Thy wrath from all Thy people, and chiefly from this city, we sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord." Then being admitted into the royal presence, they proclaimed their mission before the King: and he, having already some acquaintance with Christianity (through his wife Bertha, and her chaplain, Lindlard, Bishop of Senlis), received them kindly, and bade them welcome to his city. "Kent had returned almost entirely to heathenism, and the coming of these missionaries was a great blessing to it. They restored, as it were, its proper use the old church of St. Martin, and thus made Christian worship familiar again to the eyes of the people. They converted large numbers of the Saxon conquerors, and eventually the King himself, who afterwards laboured earnestly for the perfect establishment of the Church among his people, during the twenty remaining years of his life.

But when the new missionaries extended their work into a wider circle, they came into contact with the ancient Church of England, of which in the conquered part of the island they had found only dormant remains. To men of polished education and exact ritual habits the ancient Church of the land presented features which were distasteful to them: and in their own fervent zeal and high prosperity, they seem to have appreciated at too low a value the energies of a depressed and persecuted Clergy. Augustine endeavoured to enforce a Roman ritual and jurisdiction upon the native Bishops; and this they resisted, claiming to possess independent Episcopal jurisdiction, and to have a ritual as Apostolic in its origin as that of Rome itself. These heart-burnings lasted until long after the death of St. Augustine, which happened A.D. 604; and tended in some degree to mar the good work which he had so well begun. Yet it cannot be doubted that England owes a debt of gratitude to him as a second founder of her Church, and the great see of Canterbury is an enduring monument of his missionary zeal. Dying on May 20th, 604,
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St. Augustine was at first buried abroad: but after the completion of the Cathedral at Canterbury his remains were translated thither, having first reposéd for a while in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in that city. How much of the dust of our great churches is the dust of those of whom the Holy Ghost has said, "Eight dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints"? [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xliii. 8—11. St. Luke xiv. 1—7. During Easter-tide, St. John xv. 1—7.]

27] THE VENERABLE BEDE was born a.D. 673 at Jarrow, a village in Durham, not far from the mouth of the Tyne. About the same time the monastery of St. Peter at Wearmouth, and St. Paul at Jarrow, had been founded by a great benefactor of Northern England, St. Benedict Bishop. At seven years of age, Bede was committed to the care of Ceolfrid, Abbot of Jarrow, who built a church there, of which the dedication stone at least, and possibly the whole of the chancel, still remain. Here the child made great progress in learning and piety, under various able masters; and at the unusually early age of nineteen, was ordained deacon by St. John of Beverley, then Bishop of Hexham. At thirty he was ordained priest by the same prelate. From this time he began to compose and compile books principally, but not exclusively, on theological subjects; and he had also a great school, similar to that in which he had himself instructed. He paid great attention to the singing in the conventional church of Jarrow. A very interesting letter from Cuthbert, one of his scholars, addressed to one Cuthwin, a monk who had been his fellow-student, gives an affecting account of the last days of their old master. He died on the Eve of the Ascension, May 26, a.D. 735, and was buried in St. Paul's Church at Jarrow. In 1020 his remains were conveyed to Durham Cathedral, and in 1155 were enclosed in a rich shrine. At the Reformation they were buried, and now rest, under a plain tomb in the Galilee, with this inscription:

HAC SYNT IN FOSSA
BEDE VENERABILIS OSSA.

There is a story told about his shrine, which illustrates the wide-spread reputation possessed by Bede in the middle ages. It is that a French Bishop on his way to or from Scotland offered a very small coin at St. Cuthbert's shrine, saying, "Sancte Cuthberne, si sanctus es, ora pro me." But on coming to Bede's shrine, he offered a French crown, saying, "Sancte Beda, quia Sanctus es, ora pro me." His writings are still day by day instructing the whole of the Western Church, and probably will ever continue to do so. The title of "Venerable" seems to have been first given him about the ninth century, and he has often been styled the English Doctor. [No Epistle or Gospel is appointed for this day in the later Salisbury Missals, if in any.]

THE MINOR HOLYDAYS OF JUNE.

1) ST. NICOMEDE is supposed to have been a disciple and fellow-labourer of St. Peter. During the persecution of Domitian he buried Felicula, a virgin martyr, with Christian rites. Thus incurring the displeasure of the heathen authorities, he himself was put to the test of being asked to sacrifice to idols. He refused to do so, and was accordingly beheaded with whips loaded with lead, or, as some say, with a spiked club. His body was thrown into the Tiber, but was recovered by the Christians, and buried. The day of his martyrdom was Sept. 15th, and is therefore commemorated in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory. He is represented with the instruments of his martyrdom. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xiv. 20, and xv. 3—6. St. Matt. xvi. 24—28. During Easter-tide, St. John xv. 1—7.]

6] ST. BONIFACE, originally named Winfrid, was of English extraction, but by his missionary labours on the Continent earned for himself the title of Apostle of Germany. He was born at Crediton, in Devonshire, about a.D. 680, and was educated in the monastery of Exeter, where also he made his profession as a monk: he afterwards studied at that of Nottulc, in the diocese of Winchester. Here he made such progress that he was appointed by the Abbot to teach others, and at thirty years of age was ordained priest. Having long had a desire to preach the Gospel to the heathen, in the year 716 he crossed over into Friesland for that purpose. Meeting with great opposition from the King, he was obliged to return, whereupon he was appointed Abbot of Nottulc, much against his will. In the course of two years he succeeded in obtaining a release, and in 719 went to Rome, and was sent by Pope Gregory II. to Germany, where he baptized great numbers of converts, and established the Church system. He also laboured with great success in Friesland, Hesse, and Saxony, after which the Pope consecrated him Bishop. Returning to his mission, he boldly cut down an oak consecrated to Jupiter, and built a chapel with the timber. He also founded many churches, and a monastery, and procured many missionaries from England. Having long laboured with great zeal and success, and obtained the titles of a bishop with the French pope, all Germany, he was martyred near Utrecht at the age of seventy-four. He is represented as an Archbishop, beaving down the oak, or with it protruding at his foot, and sometimes with a scourge, or a book pierced through with a sword. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: 1 Cor. iv. 9—14. St. Matt. xvi. 23—26. During Easter-tide, St. John xv. 5—7.]

17] ST. ALBAN, MARTYR.—Our Calendar differs from the ancient English Calendar and the Modern Roman, which dedicate the 22nd to his memory, in placing St. Alban's day on the 17th of June. St. Alban is the first recorded British martyr, and was born at Verulam, near the present town of St. Alban's, an important Anglo-Roman city. It is thought from his name that he was born of Roman parents. It is recorded that they were of high rank, and sent him to Rome for his education. On his return he was one of the chief citizens of Verulam, and, though as yet a heathen, was known for his humane and charitable disposition. He sheltered a certain priest who was fleeing from persecution, and by his example and instructions was won over to the Christian faith. The Roman governor, hearing that he was harbouring the priest, sent soldiers to seek him, but his host had enabled him to escape and continue his work by exchanging clothes with him, and then confessed himself a Christian. Refusing to sacrifice to idols, he was first scourged, and then beheaded. On the way to martyrdom, the executioner was converted, it is said, by the miracles of the river drying up for them to pass, and a fountain springing forth. Both suffered together, and many of the spectators being converted also, were put to death, about a.D. 308. Upon the spot where they suffered, the great Benedictine Abbey, and the present town of St. Alban’s, sprang up. The Abbot of St. Alban’s held precedence over all the rest because of the patron being the first canonized Saint and Martyr of Britain. He is represented as a young layman, having a sword and long cross or crucifix: sometimes he bears the martyr’s palm, or is in armour and coronet, with a sceptre. The priest whom he had sheltered, whose name was Amphibius, fled into Wales, and after making many converts, at last received the crown of martyrdom himself. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Wisd. iv. 7—11. 13—15. St. Matt. xvi. 24—28.]

20] It is mentioned above (March 18) that after the barbarous murder of Edward, King of the West Saxons, at Corfe Castle, his body was buried without any solemnity. Three years afterwards, however, it was translated by Eelfrius, Duke of Mercia, to Shaftesbury, and there solemnly interred, as being that of a king and martyr: and this event is commemorated on the 20th of June. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xxxi. 8—11. St. Luke xiv. 26—33.]
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2] Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.—This minor festival of the Blessed Virgin was instituted A.D. 1389, by Pope Urban VI., and confirmed at the Council of Basle, A.D. 1431, that “she being honoured with this solemnity, might reconcile her son, Who is now angry for the sins of men, by her intercession, and that she might grant peace and amnesty among the faithful.” The event which it commemorates is the visit of the Blessed Virgin to her cousin Elizabeth recorded in the Gospel for the day. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. : Cant. ii. 1—4 and 10—14. St. Luke i. 29—42.]

4] Translation of St. Martin, Bp. and Conf.—This festival commemorates the translation of the relics of St. Martin from the place of his burial at Cande, in the diocese of Tours, to a basilica dedicated in his honour, immediately adjacent to the city of Tours, A.D. 478. The Sarum Calendar also commemorates his ordination. The keeping of his relics was committed to a fraternity which developed into the famous chapter of St. Martin, of which the King of France was ex officio head, under the title of Abbat. The Huguenots tore down the feretory, and burnt the relics, with the exception of some portions which were recovered and still exist. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. : Excles. xlv. 17. 20, 21—29 ; xlv. 6, 7, 15, 16. St. Luke xii. 32—34.]

15] St. Swithin, Bp. of Winchester.—St. Swithin, or Swithun, was born in the kingdom of the West Saxons, was educated in the monastery attached to Winchester Cathedral, and was ordained priest early in the ninth century by Helmstan, Bishop of that see, whom he succeeded A.D. 888, having been consecrated by Cealanth, Archbishop of Canterbury. He devoted himself with great zeal to the work of his diocese, and was celebrated for his humility, as well as his austerity, and works of charity. He died July 2, A.D. 883, and was buried at his own request outside the church, where men might walk over him, and the rain water his grave. In A.D. 971 the relics were translated to a rich shrine within the cathedral; but it is recorded that a most violent rain fell on the destined day, and continued for thirty-nine days, whereas arose the popular notion that if it rain on St. Swithin’s Day, it will for thirty-nine following. The festival is kept on the 15th in honour of this translation; and Winchester Cathedral, which before had been dedicated to St. Peter, was now dedicated also to St. Swithin. When the cathedral was rebuilt by Bishop Walkelyn, the relics were placed in a more costly shrine, A.D. 1093. More than fifty churches in England are dedicated to this saint. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. : Heb. vii. 23—27. St. Luke xii. 35—40.]

20] St. Margaret, V. and M. of Antioch.—Little is known respecting this saint except that she suffered martyrdom at Antioch in Pisidia about A.D. 278, probably in the tenth general persecution. The so-called “Acts of St. Margaret” are not at all to be depended on, though it is probable, from the great popularity of the saint, that they were generally accepted in mediaval times. In the Greek Church she is called St. Marina, and commemorated on the 17th; and it is curious that on an old bell at Pittington, near Durham, are the words “Santia

Marcina, as if the two forms of the name had been amalgamated. No less than 238 churches are dedicated to St. Margaret; but it is probable that some of those, especially in the North of England, may belong to St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland. She is represented with the martyr’s crown and palm; sometimes she stands piercing a dragon with a long cross, or emerges from its rent body, while her robe is yet passing through its mouth. She was esteemed as the patron of women in childbirth. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. : Excles. ii. 9—12. St. Matt. xiii. 44—52.]

22] St. Mary Magdalen.—The Western Church anciently recognised Mary Magdalen, the sister of Lazarus, and “the woman that was a sinner,” as one and the same person, while the Eastern Church has held them to be distinct. This opinion having been to a great extent received in England since the Reformation, the special office has been removed from the First Book of Edward VI., and the festival has ceased to be a “red-letter day.” In the Greek Church she is esteemed as the equal of the Apostles, as having been the first witness of the Resurrection. She is supposed to have retired to Ephesus with the Blessed Virgin and St. John, and to have been buried there. Her relics were translated to Constantinople by the Emperor Leo the Philosopher, and placed in a church dedicated to St. Lazarus, as if under the supposition that she was his sister. In Western art she is represented with long golden hair, and always having near her the alabaster box of ointment. She is often pictured as a penitent, in a cave, with a simple cross and a skull, and sometimes she is being carried by angels to heaven. The Collect in the First Book of Edward VI. was as follows:—“Merciful Father, give us grace that we never presume to sin through the example of any creature; but if it shall chance us at any time to offend Thy Divine Majesty, then we may truly repent and lament the same, after the example of Mary Magdalen, and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins, through the only merits of Thy Son our Saviour Christ. Amen.” The Epistle and Gospel were from the Salisbury Missal, as here given. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. : Prov. xxxi. 10—31. St. Luke vii. 36—50.]

26] St. Anne, Mother of the B. V. M.—We have no information whatever in Holy Scripture respecting the genealogy of the Blessed Virgin, except that she was of the “house and lineage of David.” But St. John Damascene extols the virtue of St. Joachim and St. Anna, speaking of them as her parents; and St. Anne is frequently represented in the catacombs at Rome, with her name in connexion with the figure. She was doubtless honoured in the Primitive Church as the parent of the Mother of God, and as such retains her place in our Calendar. The Emperor Justinian I. built a church at Constantinople in honour of St. Anne, cir. A.D. 550. In the Catacombs and in other early representations she has her hands stretched out as in prayer, and has near her a dove, with a ring or crown in its beak. In Mediaval times she is figured with a book in her hand, teaching the Blessed Virgin to read, and sometimes pointing to the words “Radix Jesse floruit.” [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. : Prov. xxxi. 10—31. St. Matt. i. 1—16.]
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#### Comparative View of the Calendar for AUGUST.

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| 4 St. Lawrence. | St. Oswald. | [Proto-martyr. | [V. M. ad Nives. |
| 5 St. Agapetus. | St. Basil. | Transfiguration of our Lord, SS. Xystus, | Dedication of the Church of the B. |
| 6 SS. Xystus, Felicissimus, Agapetus. | Transfiguration. | Felicissimus, and Agapetus, | Transfiguration. |
| 8 St. Ambrose. | St. Cyrilicus, and his fellow- | St. Cyrilicus, and his fellow- | St. Lawrence. |
| 11 St. Agapetus. | The translituration of | St. Basil. | SS. Lawrence and Susanna. |
| 12 St. Nicholas. | St. Hippolytus and his fel- | St. Clare. | SS. Hippolytus and Cassian. |
| 17 St. Agapetus. | SS. Timothy & Apollinaris. | SS. Timothy & Hippolytus, and Sym- | St. Bartholomew. |
| 22 St. Agapetus. | SS. Felix and Adanucus. | SS. Augustin and Hermas. | SS. Augustin and Hermas. |
| 23 St. Agapetus. | St. Cuthbert. | St. Andrew. | Decollation of St. John Baptist, St. Sa- |
1) **Lammas Day.**—The observation of this day as a feast of thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the corn dates from Saxon times, in which it was called *Haf-masse*, or *Loss-mass*, from the offering, at the Mass, of bread made of the new corn. Other explanations, e.g., Ad. Vulpiana, &c., have been given, but the above is certainly the true one, as appears from the Saxon Menology, &c. This is one of the four *Cross-quarter* days, at which rents were formerly due.

6) **Transfiguration.**—This festival was instituted in the Greek Church as early as A.D. 700, and appears to have been observed at Rome in the time of St. Leo (cir. 450). Pope Caesarius the Third issued a bull for its general observance, A.D. 1467, in remembrance of the deliverance of Belgrade from Mahomet the Second. The glorious mystery of the Transfiguration is related by the three former Evangelists; but the festival has never ranked with the other festivals of our Lord, probably because its theological significance, though great, has appeared to be less evident than that of the rest. [Ser. Ep. and Gosp. 2 St. Pet. 1. 16—19. St. Matt. xvii. 1—9.]

7) **Name of Jesus.**—This commemoration was removed at the Reformation from the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, but in Saxon times it was observed on the Feast of the Circumcision. The special point which it sets before us is the peculiar sanctity of that Name at which every knee should bow, and in the power of which countless miracles have been wrought; a sanctity in some respects analogous to that of the Sacred name Jehovah, but representing to us the Love of the Saviour as well as the Majesty of His Godhead. The acknowledged symbol of this name in our Church for many centuries has been [f] or [f]; Anglicized forms of L.H.C., the first three letters in the Greek form of the name I.H.S. But I.H.S. is a modern alteration originating with the Jesuits, whose symbol it is, and representing "Jesus Hominum Salvator." [Ser. Ep. and Gosp.: Acts iv. 8—12. St. Matt. i. 20—23.]

10) **St. Lawrence** (the Deacon and Martyr), is said to have been of Spanish extraction, but nothing is certainly known respecting his early years. He was ordained Deacon by St. Sixtus II., and soon afterwards appointed chief of the Seven Deacons of Rome. The Christians were at this time suffering under the eighth general persecution, and the Bishop of Rome was led forth to martyrdom in A.D. 258. Laurence, the Deacon, made, as most affecting appeal to be allowed to suffer with his "father," whom he had so often assisted in bringing up in the Holy Sacrifice. This did not come to pass; but within a week he drew upon himself the fury of the persecutors by refusing to deliver up the property of the Church, and showing instead the poor Christians as the real treasures of Christ. He was instantly seized, and put to the torture, but could not be compelled to deny Christ. He was then laid on an iron frame with bars like a gridiron, and slowly burnt to death over live coals. He suffered with marvellous patience and tranquillity, praying for the conversion of Rome. Prudentius, in a beautiful hymn, ascribes the final conversion of the city to this martyr's intercession. He is named in the earliest Roman Calendar, A.D. 354, and his name has always been in the Canon of the Roman mass. No less esteem has the Church, ever since, dedicated to him in England, and he was honoured by a vigil and octave in this country as well as at Rome. He is one of the three "Minor" Saints in the Calendar of Queen Elizabeth's reign. His distinguishing emblem is the gridiron, and he is represented as a young man in alb and dalmatic, carrying a chasped book, or a bag, the latter in allusion to the treasure he refused to deliver up. The Palace of the Reu- rial, about fifteen miles from Madrid, was built by Philip the Second, A.D. 1563, in place of a monastery dedicated to St. Laurence which he had been obliged to demolish in some military operations. It is built on the plan of a gridiron, which form is also carried into all the details. [Ser. Ep. and Gosp.: 2 Cor. ix. 6—10. St. John xii. 24—28.]

29) **St. Augustine, the Bishop.**—St. Augustine, of Hippo, was one of the most illustrious of the Fathers, and is honoured as one of the Four Doctors of the Western Church. He was born, of a good family, A.D. 354, at Tagaste, in Numidia. His mother Monica was a Christian; his father Patricius, a Pagan. Both paid great attention to the education of their son, the mother to his spiritual training, the father to that secular education which was the foundation of his subsequent fame as a scholar. After being taught at home for a while, he was sent to Madaura to be perfected in grammar and rhetoric. Returning home, he was engaged in idleness, and, to the great sorrow of his holy mother, acquired dissolute habits. After this he was sent to complete his education at Carthage, and here he plunged still deeper into vice and dissipation. He did, however, devote some portion of his time to study, and began to read the Holy Scriptures, which, of course, he could not at this period of his life appreciate. He then fell into the Manichean heresy, which appears to have accorded but too well with his pride of intellect and profligacy of life. St. Monica was deeply grieved at the errors of her son, and would not even eat with him; but being assured by a holy Bishop that the son of so many prayers and tears could not be lost, she became reconciled to him again. About this time he began to distrust Manichaeism, and took to asceticism. Being rhetoric professor at Milan in A.D. 384, he was attracted by the Sermons of St. Ambrose, through whose influence he was gradually converted to the Catholic faith, and was baptized A.D. 387. The *Te Deum* is sometimes called the Hymn of St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, from a tradition that it was composed and sung by them on this occasion. [See p. 10.] After a diligent study of St. Paul's Epistles and of theology generally under the direction of St. Ambrose, he returned to Tagaste, where he formed a small society of brethren who devoted themselves to a religious life. In A.D. 391 he was admitted to Holy Orders by Valerius, Bishop of Hippo, whose coadjutor in the episcopate he became in 396, having spent the previous four years in retirement. He began to write against the Donatists in 394. In 396 he succeeded Valerius, and was obliged to occupy the Bishop's residence, but here he also established a community of clerical living by rule, which afterwards developed into the Order of Augustinian Canons. After an episcopate of thirty-five years he lived to see Hippo besieged by the Vandals. Augustine and his clergy earnestly prayed for deliverance from the Church's foes; but in the third month of the siege he died of a fever, on August 28th, A.D. 405, in his seventy-seventh year, and was buried in the Church of St. Stephen. He had been summoned to the third general council, but the Emperor's messenger arrived just too late to find him alive. Nearly fifty years afterwards the African Bishops, with the consent of the whole Church, reburied him with greater magnificence, at Sarrauris, where his body was afterwards banished by Haureric, and about A.D. 710 it was purchased from the Saracens by the Lombards, and solemnly translated to the Church of St. Peter at Favia, where it now rests. His festival was observed at Carthage, a century after his death, and is a holyday of obligation in the Spanish dominions. The distinguishing emblem of St. Augustine is a child with a shield, in allusion to his vision of the Infant Jesus pouring water into a hole in the sand of the shore, to show him the impossibility of understanding the mystery of the Trinity. Sometimes a heart, or an eagle, are represented with him. [Ser. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecclus. xlvi. 8—11. St. Matt. v. 19—19.]

29) **This minor festival of St. John the Baptist commemorates his being behaved at the instigation of Herodias, as related in Matt. xiv. 1—12. It is probable that the event took place shortly before the Passover, A.D. 32; and that it is celebrated on the 29th of August as the day on which some translation of his relics took place. Portions of his head are said to be still kept at Amiens and at Rome. He was held in great honour in this country, upwards of 390 churches being dedicated to him, and his decollation, and the circumstances connected with it, were favourite subjects in medieval representations. The nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24th) is observed as his greater festival, probably because of his miraculous birth, and its connexion with that of our Blessed Lord. The *Agnes Domini* is his distinguishing emblem, and he is represented clad in skins, carrying a vessel or pomegranate with the words Ecce, agnus Dei [Prov. xvi. 28—33. and xi. 3. 6. 8—11. St. Mark vi. 17—20.]*.
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1] The accounts of the life of St. Giles, or Ægidius, are rather confused, on account of there having been an Abbot of Arles of the same name in the preceding century. The saint commemorated on this day was born at Athens, about the middle of the second century, of noble parentage. When a young man he sold all that he had, and retired into a forest in the diocese of Niana, where he lived in seclusion with one companion named Verelemonus. Here they lived on such food as the forest afforded, and were nourished also by the milk of a tame hind. The creature having been scented by the King's dogs, was driven to her master for protection, and thus the King discovered St. Giles in his retreat. Here he gave him land for a monastery of Benedictine monks, where he ruled as abbot for upwards of fifty years, and the spot was called Vallis Flaviana, from the name of its founder, Flavius Wamba. In A.D. 720 he had to take refuge from the Saracens at Orleans. He was, however, enabled to return to his abbey, where he died, A.D. 725. From his being said to have refused to be cured of lameness, he is esteemed as the patron of cripples, and the churches dedicated to him, which are numerous both in this country and on the Continent, have generally been in the suburbs of cities, in order to afford poor and lame travellers a ready opportunity of resorting to them, on their entering from the country. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecles. xxxix. 5—9. St. Luke xi. 33—36.]

7] St. Eunuchus, or Everitus, Bishop of Orleans, was famous in the ancient Western Martyrologies, and hence probably has found a place in our Calendar. There are various stories relating to him, but no important information of a reliable nature, farther than that he flourished about the middle of the fourth century. He is said to have been pointed out as a fit person for the office of a bishop by a dove alighting on his head; but the story is told of others, and is plainly symbolical of his designation for that office by the Holy Ghost.

8] The institution of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin has been ascribed to Pope Sergius, c.i.d. 695, and was universally celebrated in Mediaeval times, with octave and vigil. We have no other particulars respecting the parentage of the Blessed Virgin, than that she was "of the house and lineage" of David. Tradition names her father Joachim, and her mother St. Anne (see July 26). [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecles. xxiv. 17—22, and Wisd. iv. 1—7. Alternates days in the octave, St. Matt. i. 1—16. The octave, St. Luke xi. 27, 28.] This is celebrated as the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; and though it is not in Bohem's Calendar, it, as well as the 3rd of May, was called "Roodmasday" by our Saxon ancestors. It is kept in honour of the public exposition of a portion of the Cross, in the basilica erected at Jerusalem by the Empress Helena (see May 9). This church was solemnly consecrated on Sept. 13, A.D. 335, and on the next day, being Sunday, the precious relic was exposed from a lofty place within the building. The custom was continued annually, and so the festival has been observed on this day ever since, both in the East and in the West. This festival also commemorates that famous appearance of the "sign of the Son of Man in the heavens" which is said to have decided the conversion of the Emperor Constantine, and another report connects with it the recovery by Herculanus (A.D. 529) of that portion of the Cross which had been carried away from Jerusalem by Choraces, King of the Persians, A.D. 614. There are no less than 106 churches in England under the designation either of Holy Rood or of St. Cross.

The Ember Days in September are the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Holy Cross Day. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Gal. v. 10—12, and vi. 12—14. St. John xii. 31—36.]

17] St. Lambert, or Landechert, was born of Christian parents of rank and wealth, at Maestricht, where, after a careful education, he was committed to the care of St. Theodard, the Bishop, at whose death he succeeded to the see. When Childebert, King of France, was deposed and murdered, in A.D. 673, Lambert, who was known to be his friend, was driven into exile. Being afterwards restored he laboured much for the conversion of the heathen. In the fortieth year of his episcopate he was murdered, on the 17th of September, A.D. 700, having incurred the anger of the King's officer, Pepin, Lord of Horstal, by boldly rebuking vice; and thus he came to be considered a martyr. Through the translation of his relics thither, the village of Liége became a city; but the Cathedral of St. Lambert was destroyed at the Revolition. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Heb. v. 1—6. St. Matt. ix. 38, 39. St. Luke x. 30.]

20] St. Cyprian, Archbishop of Carthage, and Martyr. —This festival was originally kept, together with that of St. Cornelius, Bishop of Rome, on the 14th of September, but on account of Holy Cross Day, was transferred to the 16th, on which date the Eastern and Roman Churches still keep it, as did the Mediæval English Church. In the Sarum and Roman Calendars the 26th was devoted to another St. Cyprian, a converted magician of Antioch. The famous St. Cyprian, of Carthage, was born in that city to the rank of a senator, and for many years he was celebrated for his eloquence, and as a teacher of rhetoric. When past middle age he was converted, and having been prepared for baptism by a priest named Cnelilus, he took from him his Christian name. Being ordained priest he soon after this succeeded Donatus in the see of Carthage, A.D. 248. He is described as having been a model of what a bishop ought to be. But the Decian persecution soon disturbed the Church, and the decree reached Carthage, A.D. 250. The heathen furiously raged together, crying, "Cypriana ad leones; Cyprianus ad bestias," and also calling him Copriana in contempt, thus fulfilling literally the words of St. Paul (1 Cor. iv. 13). He used the liberty which our Lord had given (St. Matt. x. 23) to flee from persecution for the sake of his flock, and after the death of the tyrant was enabled to return. Great difficulty was now felt respecting the restoration of those who had lapsed, and St. Cyprian assembled a synod, at which a wise and moderate convention was arrived at. About A.D. 255 arose that famous controversy with St. Stephen, Bishop of Rome, on the subject of heretical baptism, which shows so conclusively that the African Church did not consider that the word of the Bishops of Rome was once settled any such matter. St. Cyprian held, contrary to the opinion which has generally prevailed since, that such baptism, even if administered with the right words and the right matter, was invalid. He was at last beheaded by the Emperor Gaius, Sept. 14, A.D. 258. His works have great value. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Wisd. v. 15—19. St. Matt. x. 29—25.]

26] St. Jerome, Priest, Confessor, and Doctor. —This festival formerly corresponded with that of St. Scholastica (St. Silvia), in Italy, near Aquileia, about A.D. 342. He was educated in his native town for some years, and then was sent to Rome to study under Donatus and Victorinus, two famous grammarians. Here he made great progress, being stimulated by the feeling that the Christians were despised as too illustrious to worthily explain their tenets. He then travelled through Thrace and the provinces of Asia Minor, after which, in disgust at the half-pagan manners of the Christians, he retired, at the age of thirty-one, to a desert in Syria, where he led a very austere and studious life. Here he studied Hebrew with a converted Jew; and after visiting Jerusalem and Bethlehem was ordained priest at Antioch, A.D. 378. After this he led a very wandering life, studying (presumably in Egypt) and teaching in various towns. The latter part of his life was mainly occupied in writing against heretics. He peacefully departed, Sept. 30, A.D. 420, and was buried in a monastery he had founded at Bethleham, whence his body was afterwards translated to the Church of St. Maria Maggiore at Rome. His greatest work was the translation of the Scriptures into Latin, and he was well fitted for it by his knowledge of Eastern languages, localities, manners, and customs. This formed the basis of the Latin Vulgate, from which were taken most of the portions of Scripture used in the Western Offices, and which has been universally received in the Latin Church.

St. Jerome is represented as an old man engaged in study, with his head covered, and a well-worn saddle or hat hanging near him on a broad hat, having cords ending in plain tassels, similar to that of a cardinal, but the cords of the latter end in a sort of network terminating in tassels. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.; Ecles. xlv. 8—11. St. Matt. v. 13—19.]
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1] St. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims.—This saint, often called St. Remi, the “Apostle of France,” was born about A.D. 439, of noble parents, long after their other children, his birth having been foretold by a hermit named Montanus. He received an education suitable to his station, and was always remarkable for the holiness of his life. So celebrated was he for his spiritual and other qualifications, that he was made Bishop of Rheims in the twenty-second year of his age, and was afterwards made Primate of Gaul since which time Rheims has been the Metropolitan See of France. He is most known as having been instrumental in the conversion of King Clovis, from whom the subsequent French kings appear to have derived the titles of “Eldest Son of the Church,” and “Most Christian King.” The ampulla with which St. Remi anointed Clovis at his baptism is still preserved at Rheims, and has generally been used at the coronations of the French kings. He died in the ninety-sixth year of his age, and seventy-third of his episcopate, and was buried in the Church of St. Christopher at Rheims. His body was translated to the Benedictine Abbey, Oct. 1st, 1046, since which, Oct. 1st has been his festival instead of Jan. 15th, the day of his death. His distinguishing emblem is a dove bearing the ampulla. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Heb. viii. 32—37. St. Luke xii. 38—40.]

6] St. Faith, V. and M.—This Virgin Martyr, also called Fides, suffered under Diocletian, the Roman Prefect of Gaul, in the latter part of the third century. She was born of Christian parents, and while still very young was brought to trial. Refusing to sacrifice to Diana, she boldly confessed Christ, notwithstanding the most horrible tortures; endeavouring, as she said, to support in reality what her name signified. She was at last beheaded, having been previously beaten with rods, and bound with chains to a brazen bed, under which fire was placed; when several of the spectators, rebuking the tyrant, and following her example in refusing to sacrifice, suffered with her. St. Vincent (see Jan. 22) endured many tortures under this same Diocletian, who appears to have been one of the greatest masters of cruelty that the ages of persecution ever produced. St. Faith is represented with the instruments of her martyrdom, and wears the crown of victory. Sixteen churches, including that under the choir of St. Paul’s Cathedral, which is now used only for burials, are dedicated to her. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Ecles. iii. 9—12. St. Matt. xii. 44—53.]

9] St. Dantius, Alop., B. and M.—It would seem that in the Roman and Sarum Missals this saint has been confounded with the Patron of France for the “comforting” of the sick. St. Denys is mentioned together with him in the Calendar, Collect, &c., while the Epistle is from the Acts of the Apostles, and relates to the conversion of “Dionysius the Areopagite,” the “woman named Damaris, and others with them,” an inconsistency which remains to this day in the Roman Offices. St. Denys, or Dionysius, was a member of the Upper Council of Athens, which held its sittings on “Mars’ Hill,” and was converted by the preaching of St. Paul when the Apostle was brought before that Court. Eusebius mentions him as having been first Bishop of Athens, where also he is related to have suffered martyrdom under Decianus, c. d. 96. The celebrated treatise on the Heavenly Hierarchies, ascribed to him, is generally considered to be spurious. In the Sarum and French Offices he is commemorated on the 22nd of July. This saint has no distinguishing emblem, but his namesake of France bears a mitred head in his hands, symbolizing his death by decapitation. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Acts xvii. 16—24. St. Luke vi. 17—23.]

13] Transal of King Edward Conf.—St. Edward the Confessor is pre-eminently our national saint. He was born in Oxfordshire, and succeeded his father, King Ethelred, A.D. 1014. Having suffered much at the hands of the Danes, he had in his youth vowed to make a pilgrimage to Rome, and wished to fulfill his intention as soon as he became King. But such was the danger attending his absence from England, that Leo IX. dispensed with the performance of the vow on condition that he would give to the poor the money the pilgrimage would have cost him, and found or re-founded a monastery in honour of St. Peter. This led to the re-establishment of the then ancient Abbey of Westminster on a new and magnificent footing. The buildings were completed and solemnly dedicated to St. Peter on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, A.D. 1065, and considerable portions of them remain to this day. The King was unable, through sickness, to be present at the dedication, and only just lived to know that the work was accomplished, for he died January 6th, A.D. 1066, and was buried in the new Abbey Church before the high altar, a great concourse of nobles and ecclesiastics attending. His tomb was adorned with silver and gold by William the Conqueror, and enclosed in a shrine. The body was removed by St. Thomas of Canterbury to a richer shrine, Oct. 13th, A.D. 1183, and after the rebuilding of the church by Henry III., that monarch had a most sumptuous shrine erected, the wreck of which still remains, with a superstructure of wood in the debased style of the sixteenth century. The former translation, which was probably connected with the canonization of the saint, is the one commemorated. The touching for the King’s Evil dates from St. Edward, and was last performed by Queen Anne, in whose reign a special Office was used. The same power was claimed by the Kings of France for many ages. A ring given by St. Edward in his last illness to the Abbot of Westminster was long preserved in the Wells, and applied to the cure of nervous diseases. Succeeding kings used to bless rings on Good Friday for the same purpose, and these were called “cramp rings.” St. Edward the Confessor is distinguished by holding the ring (often disproportionately large) in his hand. The arms attributed to him are, Az. a cross patonce between five martlets, Or; but these belong to a much later period. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Exclus. xxix. 5—9. St. Luke xi. 33—39.]

17] St. Etheldreda, Virgin Queen.—St. Etheldreda was born in Suffolk, in the seventh century, and was the daughter of Anna, King of the East Angles, whose queen was a sister of St. Hilda, Abbes of Whitby. Having been religiously brought up, she was married to the Prince of the Gyrli. Being left a widow, she retired to Ely, where she led a solitary and mortified life. In A.D. 690 she was married to Egfrid, a Northumbrian prince, with whom she lived as a sister rather than a wife for twelve years. On his succeeding to the throne she retired to a monastery, from which the King attempted to withdraw her, whereupon she fled to her old retreat at Ely. Here she founded a convent, over which she presided as abbess for some years, and at last died during a pestilence, June 23rd, A.D. 699. She was succeeded by her sister, St. Sexburga, who translated her remains, and placed them in a coffin of white marble, Oct. 17th, A.D. 695. Her convent was called the Ely Cathedral, which arose out of the monastery founded by her. She is represented as an abbess with pastoral staff, a celestial crown on her head, and the insignia of earthly royalty lying behind her. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: 2 Cor. x. 17—xi. 2. St. Matt. xxv. 1—15.]

25] St. Crispin, Martyr.—In the ancient Calendar, St. Crispin was commemorated together with his twin brother Crispian. They were famous in France owing to their having been among the companions of St. Denys, together with St. Quinhuit and others who came as missionaries from Rome into Gaul in the third century. Finding their abode at Soissons, they preached and instructed the people by day, and when not so engaged, exerted themselves in the trade of the shoemaker, supplying the poor free of charge. Hence they have been considered the tutelar saints or patrons of that craft, and of two famous societies in France, called Frères Cordonnières. The two brothers were beheaded Oct. 25th, A.D. 288, after severe tortures, under Rictius Vars, the Roman Governor of Soissons, during the progress of the Emperor Maximian through Gaul. In the sixth century a church was built and dedicated to them at Soissons, their probable place of interment, though there is a curious tradition in Kent that they were buried at Stones End, in that county. Their emblems are the martyr’s palm and the shoemaker’s awl, or knife. There is an interesting reference to the “Feast of Crispian” in Shakespeare (Henry V, Act iv. Sc. iii.), in connexion with the great battle of Agincourt. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: 1 Cor iv. 2—14. St. Matt. x. 16—22.]
## THE CALENDAR WITH THE TABLE OF LESSONS.

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[6] ST. LEONARD, DEACON AND CONFESSOR.—This saint was in his youth a nobleman of high station in the court of Clovis I, King of France. Being converted by St. Remigius, he resolved to embrace the religious life, notwithstanding the earnest importunity of the King. After remaining some time in the monastery of Micy, near Orleans, he retreated to a hermitage in a forest near Limoges, converting many as he went along. He was not allowed to remain there in solitude; for many bearing of his fame flocked to him, and eventually a monastery arose on the spot, over which he presided, and which was endowed by the King with a great part of the surrounding forest. He always took a great interest in prisoners and captives; and it is said that King Clovis granted him the privilege of releasing all whom he deemed worthy. Hence he became the patron of prisoners. He died in peace A.D. 659, and became very famous both in France and in England. He is sometimes represented as a deacon, and sometimes as a Benedictine abbot, with pastoral staff and book. Often he has chains or fetters in his hands, or a prisoner chained near him. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Eccl. xxvii. 5—9. St. Luke xi. 33—36.]

[11] ST. MARTIN, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR.—St. Martin was the son of a Roman military tribe in Constantine's army, and was born in Hungary about A.D. 315. He became a catechumen while a child, and was consecrated to the army in his fifteenth year, but nobly gave away in alarm the whole of his property, except what he required for his subsistence. The well-known story of his dividing his military cloak with his sword, and giving half to a poor naked beggar at the gate of Amiens, is recorded by St. Sulpicius. It is said that he afterwards saw in a dream our Lord in the half of the cloak he had given to the poor man, and thought he heard Him say, "Martin, who is but a catechumen, hath covered Me with this garment." This dream at once determined him to receive holy Baptism, being about eighteen years old. Two years after this he sought his discharge, but being reproached with cowardice, he offered to face the enemy unarmed at the head of his regiment, and was elected by the Cross ensuing, he was released from further service. He then retired into solitude, from which he was withdrawn by St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, who wished to ordain him deacon, but he would only consent at that time to be an exorcist. While on his way to visit his parents he was attacked by robbers, one of whom was converted on the spot. His mother and many of his countrymen were also converted, but his father remained a Pagan. He now met with great persecution from the Arians, who being at the height of their power, had succeeded in expelling St. Hilary from his bishopric, A.D. 356. St. Martin retired into solitude near Genoa, but about A.D. 360 rejoined St. Hilary, who had then restored to his see, and founded a monastery, said to have been the first in Gaul. The see of Tours was vacant, and he was elected bishop of the diocese; he was obliged against his will to accept it, but he determined to live a hermit's life notwithstanding. This, as the case of St. Leonard, ended in his gathering around him a large number of recluse, which led to the establishment of one of the largest abbeys in France. St. Martin died November 8th, A.D. 397, and was buried at Cuédo, a monastery at the extremity of his diocese. [See July 4th.] St. Martin's cope (capa) used to be carried into battle, and kept in a tent where Mass was said; hence the origin of the term capella, as applied to places for religious services other than parish churches. In process of time, a blue banner, divided to represent St. Martin's cloak, was carried instead, until it in turn was eclipsed by the famous Oriflamme, or banner of St. Denis. The ancient Cuédo held St. Martin in such veneration that they even erected, two years from the day of his death, "Martinus" is still one of the four Cross-quarter days, coinciding with the Roman Fimbula; hence, perhaps, the origin of Martinmas festivities. There are no less than 160 churches dedicated to St. Martin in England alone, and he was still more popular in France. He is generally represented dividing his cloak with the beggar. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Eccl. xiv. 17. 20, 21—23; xiv. 6, 7, 15, 16. St. Matt. xxv. 14—23.]

[13] ST. BRITitus, BISHOP.—St. Britius, or Brice, was an inmate of the religious house presided over by St. Martin, but gave much offence by his irregularities of conduct. St. Martin, however, seeing in him the germ of good, ordained him deacon and priest, and foretold that he would one day succeed him in the see of Tours. Before the death of St. Martin a crisis came about in the spiritual life of Britius. Having been severely rebuked by his master, he reviled him in return, but soon repented, and bitterly lamented his former evil ways. On the death of St. Martin he was elected to succeed him, but his former sins were visited on him in this world, for he was greatly slandered, and banished from his see for seven years. He then returned, and remained in quiet possession of the see for seven years more, after which he died, A.D. 444. He was buried near St. Martin, in a chapel which he himself built over the tomb of his spiritual father. He is represented as a Bishop with a child in his arms, or with burning coals in his hands or chasuble, in allusion to the belief that he was the first to undergo the Fiery Ordeal which afterwards became so general among Northern nations. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Wind. a. 10—14. St. Luke xix. 12—28.]

[16] ST. MACRUTUS, BISHOP.—This saint, known also as St. Malo, (a Welshman,) was baptized and educated by the Irish Abbot of a monastery in the valley of Llau Carvan, where he was born. During the civil commotions of the age he fled into Brittany, and there led an ascetic life in an island, whence he used to go and preach to the country people. On the nomination of the Abbot appointed Bishop of Aleth, but was driven by persecution to take refuge in Aquitaine. In his old age he was enabled to visit his people again, and give them his blessing. He died A.D. 564, while on his way to visit St. Leontius, Archbishop of Saintes, who had befriended him in his exile. The town of St. Malo is named from his body having once rested there. He is represented as a Bishop, with a child at his feet. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Eccl. xiv. 17. 20—23; xiv. 6, 7, 15, 16. St. Luke xix. 12—28.]

[17] HUGH, Bp. of LINCOLN.—St. Hugh, or Hugh de Gremolone, was born of a noble Burgundian family, A.D. 1140. Ordained at the age of nineteen, he joined the Carthusians, or Reformed Benedictines, and about A.D. 1181, came to preside over the first Carthusian monastery in Britain, in Witham, in Somersetshire, at the request of its royal founder, Henry II. Five years after, the see of Lincoln having been long vacant, the King directed the dean and chapter to elect a new bishop, and to his great satisfaction they decided on the Prior of Witham. He reluctantly accepted his new office: but, once consecrated, discharged his episcopal duties in a most exemplary manner, yearly retiring, however, to his old monastery, and living as a brother, with no other distinction than the episcopal ring. He was overtaken by his last illness on his way back, after one of these visits, and died Nov. 17, A.D. 1200, as the clergy were singing the Compline Nunc Dimittis in his presence. He was solemnly buried in Lincoln Minster, a great part of which had been built under his direction; and two years later his body was translated to the shrine behind the high altar. It is a curious fact that in some Lincolnshire churchwardens' accounts, of the time of Queen Elizabeth, are frequent entries relative to ringing the bells on the 17th of November, the anniversary of his accession, but that it is almost always called St. Hugh's Day. Such entries are also extant in the books of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, of which church two aisles were built by St. Hugh. The latter entries range from 1577 to 1608. In Cle Church is a venerable memorial of St. Hugh in the original dedication inscription: H. ECCLIA . DEBUTATA - EX IN - HONORE S. MARTII - TINTITIT ET SCCR . MARIE . V . III . N . MARTII . A . IDNO . HVNGE LINCOLNIET S . EPO . ANNO . AB . I CARNACIONE . DNI . M . C . X . II . & TPRRE . RICARDI . REGIS. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp.: Eccl. xlv. 1—5. St. Mark xiii. 38—37.]

[20] ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.—This Saxon saint was born A.D. 841, and was crowned King of East Anglia in the fourteenth year of his age. He lived a most saintly life, and restored the churches and monasteries that had been destroyed in the recent wars. About A.D. 870, the Danes made an incursion on our eastern shores, ravaging churches and monasteries wherever they came. Edmund gave them battle, but finding it a hopeless case, fled to a church, and earnestly prayed for constancy in the sufferings which he saw impending. The Danes dragged him
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- 25: Acts 2
- 26: 2 Pet. 1
- 30: 1 John 1
- 62: 3 John

**Lessons for Christmas Day:**
- 5: 2 John

**Lessons for St. Stephen:**
- 20: St. Stephen, Proto-martyr
- 27: St. John, Evangelist
- 29: Holy Innocents

**Lessons for St. Thomas:**
- 21: St. Thomas
- 22: St. Thomas
- 28: Holy Innocents
- 30: St. Thomas of Canterbury

**Lessons for St. Silvester:**
- 31: St. Silvester

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### Comparative View of the Calendar for December.

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The Minor Holydays of November (continued).

6] St. Nicolas, Bishop and Confessor. — St. Nicolas was a native of Patara, in Asia Minor; and having grown up in the fear of God, was appointed abbot of the monastery of the Holy Zion. Some time after this he was made Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, and here acquired a great reputation for sanctity and deeds of charity. He died a.D. 342, and was buried in his church at Myra, whence his remains were carried off, in a.d. 826. The tomb of St. Nicolas was decorated by the Mohammedans. This was done by some merchants, and St. Nicolas has hence been accounted the patron of merchants and seafaring men. Many of the churches dedicated to him are at seaport towns. He is also considered the patron of children and schoolboys, from his remarkable humility and simplicity, and because he took great interest in their instruction. He is represented as a Bishop, with three golden balls, the original significance of which is not known; also with children around him being raised to life from a tub, in which their murdered bodies had been concealed; also with an anchor or ship. The medival ceremonies connected with the "Boy-bishop" began on St. Nicolas' day, and lasted till Christmas or Holy Innocents' day. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. = Eccl. xiv. 17—29; alv. 6, 7, 15, 16. St. Matt. xxx. 14—23.]

18] St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. — St. Lucy was the daughter of a Christian lady in Syracuse, named Eutychia, and was born in the latter part of the third century. Being asked in marriage by a young nobleman of Syracuse, who was a pagan, she declined his suit, having made a private vow of celibacy long before. Her mother was not aware of this, and wished her to marry the youth; but being restored from dangerous sickness at the prayers of her daughter, no longer opposed her resolution, of which, indeed, she now became aware for the first time. St. Lucy then sold all her goods to feed the poor, and openly professed her dedication to Christ. The young nobleman now hated her, and went before the Governor Pachatus, during the Diocletian persecution. She boldly professed Christ before his judges, and was condemned to what was far worse than death, but was delivered by God. After this she was tortured by fire, and her flesh torn with hot pincers, soon after which she died in prison, without having failed in her most severe trial, about a.D. 304. St. Lucy bears the martyr's palm, a lamp, in allusion to her name and a book, or dish, on which are two eye-balls, while sometimes rays of light are emitted from a wound in her throat. She also has the pincers fastened on to her breast. The festival of St. Lucy regulates the Ember Days in December. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. = Eccl. li. 1—9. St. Matt. xii. 44—52.]

The Minor Holydays of December.

18] O Saffrentia. — These words mark the first of the days on which the eight Great Antiphons were sung. [See p. 76.]

31] St. Silvester, Bishop of Rome, and Confessor. — St. Silvester was born at Rome in the latter part of the third century, and was ordained priest just before the Diocletian persecution, during which he was well known among the faithful for his zeal and piety. He was made Bishop of Rome A.D. 314, and was summoned to attend the Councils of Arles and Nice, but was unable through weak health to be present in person. Having filled the see for nearly twenty-two years, he died, Dec. 31, a.D. 335, and was buried in the cemetery of Priscilla on the Salutarian Way, whence his remains were removed to a church dedicated in his name about the end of the seventh century. There is a tradition respecting him, that he restored an ox to life which had been killed by a Christian, and the ox was accordingly his distinguishing emblem. He is represented as a Bishop, holding the cross and book, or the portraits of St. Peter and St. Paul. [Sar. Ep. and Gosp. = Eccl. li. 14. 5—12. 15. 21—23. St. Matt. xiv. 14—23.]
AN INTRODUCTION

TO

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER.

The ordinary daily Offices of the Christian Church were derived from the Jewish economy; the celebration of the Holy Eucharist being the distinctive devotional characteristic of Christianity. As David sang, “seven times a day do I praise Thee” [Ps. cxix. 164]; and as Daniel “kneaded upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God” [Dan. vi. 10], so down to that period during which the old and the new economy overlapped each other, a constant habit of praise and prayer in connexion with the morning and evening sacrifice, and at other hours of the day, was maintained in the Temple at Jerusalem, and in the Synagogues elsewhere. The Apostles continued the practice of devout Jews, and are spoken of in the book of their Acts as being in the Temple at the hour of prayer, or as offering their prayers elsewhere at the same hour. It was while “they were all with one accord in one place” at “the third hour of the day” [Acts ii. 15] that the Holy Ghost descended upon them: “Peter went up upon the house-top to pray about the sixth hour” [Ibid. x. 9]: “Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the sixth hour” [Ibid. iii. 1]: “at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God” [Ibid. xvi. 25]: and in the early zeal of their first love all the believers “continued steadfastly . . . in the prayers” [ταύτα προσευχαί] “daily with one accord in the Temple” [Ibid. ii. 42. 46], as a regular part of the system of that fellowship into which they had been baptized.

When the habits of the Church began to be settled, it appears that the opening and the close of each day were appointed as the principal hours of prayer; and that the three intermediate times, the third, sixth, and ninth hour, were still recognized, and marked by public worship. Tertullian, after giving the Scriptural examples cited above, goes on to say that though these “stand simply without any precept for their observance, yet let it be thought good to establish any sort of presumption which may both render more strict the adoration to pray, and, as it were by a law, force us away sometimes from our business to this service, (even as was the custom of Daniel also, according no doubt to the rule of Israel,) that so we should pray at least not seldomer than three times a day, we who are debtors to the Three, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, exclusive, that is, of the regular prayers which are due, without any adoration, at the beginning of day and night.” [Tert. de Orat. ix. 26.] In his treatise on fasting he also calls the third, sixth, and ninth hours, “Apostolic hours of prayer.” St. Cyprian refers to the habits of Old Testament saints, and draws the rational conclusion that the events of the Gospel gave proof that there was a “sacrament,” or mystery, in the ancient practice of righteous men offering prayers at those seasons, as if the spiritual instincts of good men were already moving in the light of the Cross. “But to us, dearest brethren,” he says, “besides the hours of ancient time observed, both seasons and sacraments of prayer are increased in number. In the morning we must pray,” not waiting, that is, for the third hour, “that the Resurrection of the Lord may be commemorated with an early worship. This of old the Holy Spirit set forth in the Psalms, saying, ‘My King and My God, unto Thee will I cry: My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning; in the morning will I stand before Thee, and will look up.’ [Ps. v. 2.] And again, by the prophet the Lord saith, ‘Early in the morning shall they seek Me, saying, Come and let us return unto the Lord our God.’ [Hosea i. 9.] At ansetting likewise, and the close of day, needful is it that we should again pray. For as Christ is the true Sun and the true Day, when at the going down of this world’s sun and light we make prayer and petition that the day may again return unto us, we are petitioning for that coming of Christ, which will give us the grace of the Light eternal.” [Cyprian, de Orat. Dom. xxix.]

In the Apostolical Constitutions the same habit of the Church is referred to in very distinct terms: “Ye shall make prayers . . . in the morning giving thanks, because the Lord hath enlightened you, removing the night, and bringing the day; at the third hour, because the Lord at that time received sentence from Pilate; at the sixth hour, because in it He was crucified; at the ninth hour, because all things were shaken when the Lord was crucified, trembling at the audacity of the impious Jews, not enduring that their Lord should be insulted; at evening giving thanks, because He hath given the night for rest from our daily labours; at cock-crowing, because that hour gives the glad tidings that the day is dawning in which to work the works of light.” [Apostol. Const. viii. 34.]

No account has come down to us which tells exactly of what these Primitive daily Offices consisted; but St. Basil in the fourth century speaks of them as being made up of psalmody mingled with prayers, and specifies the fourteenth psalm as one which was invariably used at the sixth hour. The fifty-first psalm is also shown, from him and other writers, to have been constantly used in the night service; and the sixty-third was called the “Morning Psalm,” being used at the beginning of the early service. The “Gloria in Excelsis” is also spoken of by St. Chrysostom as “the Morning Hymn” [see note in Communion Service], and the repetition of the Kyrie Eleison many times seems to have formed another part of these ancient services.

The daily Offices of the Eastern Church are of greater antiquity than those of the Western, and there is little doubt that
they represent, substantially, the form into which the Primitive Offices for the hours of Prayer eventually settled down. 1 Sufficient points of resemblance have been traced between these and the daily prayers used under the Jewish economy, to make it almost certain that the former were originally derived from the latter 2. But there are also many particulars in which the Western daily Offices, and especially those of the English Church 3, are analogous to those of the East, and although they cannot be traced higher, in their familiar form, than the Rule of St. Benedict [A.D. 550], it can hardly be doubted that men like SS. Benedict and Gregory would build upon the old foundations of Primitive Services, such as those now represented by the hours of the Eastern Church. In the Ancient Sacramentaries there are several series of Collects for daily use: one set of twenty-three in that of St. Gregory, being entitled “Orationes de Adventu Domini quotidianiis diebus” another, of twenty, apparently for Lent, being headed “Orationes pro pessatis:” a third of many more in number being called “Orationes quotidiane.” There are also other sets in the same Sacramentary, as “ad Matutinas lucemante die,” “Orationes Matutinales,” “Vesperinales,” and “ad Comploturum.” What place such Collects occupied in the daily Offices in not quite clear, but they plainly show that the Primitive habit of the Church was kept up, and that daily prayers were continually being offered in the Western as well as in the Eastern Church. Lessons from Holy Scripture were only read in the Synagogue on the Sabbath day; in the Temple none at all (except the Decalogue) were ever read. This custom was continued throughout the Church even until the time of St. Gregory: Epistles and Gospels being read at the Holy Communion, but no Lessons at the hours of Prayer. St. Gregory established a system which afterwards developed into that of the Breviary Lessons, but in the Eastern Church the Primitive practice of reading Holy Scripture at the celebration of the Eucharist, and on Sunday only at other offices, is still maintained.

In Mediæval times the daily Offices were developed into a very beautiful, but a very complex form; being moulded exclusively to the capacities of clergy and laity living in communities, separated from the world especially for a work of prayer and praise, which was seldom interrupted by the calls of other vocations. Those used in England differed in several important respects from the Roman Breviary 4, and are supposed to have had the same origin as the Communion Office, the lineage of which is traced at p. 147 to the Church of Ephesus. Like those of the Eastern and Roman Churches, they consisted nominally of seven separate services or hours [see p. xxviii], but as in those churches at the present day these seven hours are aggregated into three, or even two services, so it is probable was the case, to a great extent, in the Mediæval Church of England, and the whole seven were only kept by a small number of the most strict among the Clergy and religious. The Reformers 5 condensed the seven hours, instead of aggregating them, and thus gave us Mattins and Evensong, as in the manner shown by the Table at p. xxxii. At the same time, the publication of Edward VI.’s and Queen Elizabeth’s Primers showed that they by no means intended to hinder, but rather to encourage those who still wished to observe the ancient hours of Prayer: and the Devotions of Bishop Cosin, with other Manuals framed on the same model, have given many devout souls the opportunity of supplementing the public Mattins and Evensong with prayers at other hours that equally breathed the spirit of the ancient Church.

In making this change the Reformers were doubtless endeavouring to secure by a modification of the Services what the theory of the Church had always required, the attendance of the Laity as well as the Clergy at the Daily Offices of Praise and Prayer. From very early days the Church of England had enjoined the Laity to be present at them, as may be seen in the collection of Decrees and Canons on the subject printed by Maskell [Mon. Rit. Ang. II. xxv.—xxxii.]; but these injunctions appear to have been little obeyed, and their constant absence led the clergy to deal with the Breviary as if it was intended for their own use alone, its structure becoming so complex that none but those who had been long used to handle it could possibly follow the course of the services day by day. In forming out of these complex services such simple and intelligible ones as our present Morning and Evening Prayer, a new opportunity was offered to the Laity of uniting their hearts and voices with those of the Clergy in a constant service of daily praise and prayer.

Churches without such an offering of Morning and Evening Prayer are clearly alien to the system and principles of the Book of Common Prayer; and to make the offering in the total absence of worshippers seems scarcely less so. But as every Church receives blessing from God in proportion as it renders to Him the honour due unto His Name, so it is much to be wished that increased knowledge of devotional principles may lead on to such increase of devotional practice as may make the omission of the daily Offices rare in the Churches of our land. Then indeed the time come when the Church of England could say, “Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon Thine inheritance; and refreshedst it when it was weary.” It might look for the development of a perennial vigour springing from that “third hour of the day” when the Apostles first went forth in the might of their supernatural endowments; and hope to meet with answers from on high, as sure as that which was given to Elijah “about the time of the Evening Sacrifice.”

PRAISED BE THE LORD DAILY: EVEN THE GOD WHO HELPETH US, AND FOURTH HIS BENEFITS UPON US.

DAY BY DAY WE MAGNIFY THEE,

AND WE WORSHIP THY NAME: EVER WORLD WITHOUT END.
THE ORDER FOR
MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

DAILY TO BE SAID AND USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The Morning and Evening Prayer shall be used in the accustomed Place of the Church, Chapel, or Chancel; except it shall be otherwise determined by the Ordinary of the Place. And the Chancels shall remain as they have done in times past.

And here is to be noted, that such Ornaments of the Church, and of the Ministers thereof, at all times of their Ministration, shall be retained and be in use as were in this Church of England, by the Authority of Parliament, in the Second Year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth.

The second part of this important Rubric—the Interpretation Clause to the Ritual Law of the Church of England—is fully explained and illustrated in the Third Section of the Ritual Introduction, p. 169.

The first part of it is still exactly in the form in which it was printed in the Prayer Book of Queen Elizabeth's reign [A.D. 1559]. In the Second Prayer Book of Edward VI., it stood in this form: "The Morning and Evening Prayer shall be used in such place of the Church, Chapel, or Chancel, and the Minister shall so turn him, as the people may best hear. And if there be any controversy therein, the matter shall be referred to the Ordinary, and he or his deputy shall appoint the place, and the chancels shall remain as they have done in times past." In the Prayer Book of 1549 the rubric at the head of Morning Prayer was, "The Priest being in the quire, shall begin with a loud voice the Lord's Prayer, called the Pater noster." The "reading-desk" was not invented until after the rubric had taken its present form, and the "acustomed place" was the "pue" (beginning then to be so called) in which the Clergy and singers sat, and which was ordinarily situated on either side of the chancel. In the Advertisements of 1565, it was directed "that the Common Prayer be said or sung decently and distinctly, in such place as the Ordinary shall think meet for the largeness and straitness of the church and choir, so that the people may be most edified." [Carlow, Docum. Ann. i. 291.] Such lawless bishops as Scambler of Peterborough, who knew no rule but "sic volo, sic jubeo," forbade the service to be said in the chancel at all, under the singular plea used against it by the foreigner Bucer, that such a practice was "Antichristian." Thus the erection of reading-desks in the nave became common, the "clerks" were reduced to one, the authorized mode of Divine Worship died out in a vast number of churches during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and instead of the chancels remaining as they had done in times past, they were too often looked on either as a kind of lumber-room, to be cleared out once a quarter for the administration of the Holy Communion; or as a part of the church where the most comfortable and honourable seats were provided for the richer kity. Such customs have tended to obscure the sense of the rubric, and are recalled to memory only for the purpose of explaining how it came to be so disregarded in modern times. In Griffin v. Dighton, Chief Justice Erie decided (on appeal in 1864) that the chancel is the place appointed for the Clergyman and for those who assist him in the performance of Divine Service; and that it is entirely under his control as to access and use, subject to the jurisdiction of the Ordinary.
THE
ORDER
FOR
MORNING PRAYER,
DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The Order for Morning Prayer. The word "Order" in the
sense here intended has almost passed out of use. It simply
means regulation or ordinance, according to its derivation from
the Latin word ordo. Morning Prayer was called by the ancient
popular name of "Mattins" (abbreviated from Mattinum), in the
original English Prayer Book of 1549; and that name is still
retained in the three Tables of Proper Lessons and Proper
Psalms, and also in the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity.

THE SENTENCES.
The ancient Mattins of the Church of England began with, "In
the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," (and
the sign of the Cross) followed by an audible recitation of the Lord's Prayer
by the Priest who officiated. Then was said, "O Lord, open Thou my lips: And
my mouth shall show Thy praise." This opening of the service was retained in the
1549 Prayer Book, but the Lord's Prayer was directed to be said "with a loud voice," instead of secreto.
In the 1552 Prayer Book, these Sentences, with the Exhortation, Confession, and Abolition,
were prefixed to Morning Prayer, but not to Evening Prayer. This addition was suggested, probably, by
the second reformed Breviary of Cardinal Wolsey, in which the ancient Confession and Abolition, hereafter given, were placed at the beginning of Mattins. But other reasons are also apparent
for the change. In the first place, the full effect of the dissolution
of Monasteries was making itself felt by ritualists, and a
penitential prefix to the service was considered more appropriate
for a mixed congregation than the previous mode of opening it,
which was suitable for communities professedly spending nearly
their whole time in the religious portion of a Christian's duty.
And, in the second place, a relaxation of the rule about private
Confession made it expedient to place a public Confession and
Abolition within the reach of all, day by day.
The Sentences themselves (which had nearly all been previously
in use as Capitolia, during Lent) are a reproduction at the
beginning of Divine Service of the Invitatories which were pre-
fixed to the Venite in the ancient Mattins. In both cases the
object is to give the key-note to the service which is to follow.
In the Salfordary use two such Sentences, with a Versicle and
Collect, were prefixed to Mattins on Easter Day. These
were still ordered to be "solemnly sung or said" in the same place in the
1549 Prayer Book; but on the appointment of the Sentences
now in use, the former were directed to be used instead of Venite,
and are prefixed before the Easter Collect. It was in this light
that the Sentences were viewed by Bp. Andrewes, who suggested
some others in the following note: "Addo hue, quod ad
invitandum penitentiam egregia sunt misericordie et longum-
MORNING PRAYER.

As Invitatories intended to give the key-note to the Service, they may be advantageously used in the following, or some similar, order, appropriate to the various days and seasons.

Advent: " Repent ye. " " Enter not. " " O Lord, correct me. "
Lent: " The sacrifices. " " Read your heart. "
Fridays and Vigils: " I acknowledge. "
Wednesdays: " Hide thy face. "
Ordinary days: " When the wicked man. " " I will arise. "
" If we say. "

Sundays, other holy days, and Eves: " To the Lord our God. "

There is a well-known traditional practice of singing one of these Sentences as an anthem; " I will arise " being very frequently so used. Such a practice seems to be in strict keeping with their character as Invitatories, and in analogy with the use of the Easter Sentences referred to; as also with such a use of the Offertory Sentences in the Communion Service.

Read with a loud voice: This is an ecclesiastical or technical phrase, the explanation of which is to be found in a Rubric before the Te Deum in the previous editions of the Prayer Book:
" Then shall be read two Lessons distinctly with a loud voice. "
" Then shall the Lessons be sung in a plain tune, after the manner of distinct reading; and likewise the Epistle and Gospel. "
It is the clara vox of older ritualists, and presupposes a musical intonation, with or without infection, to be the customary way of reciting Divine Service. " To singe & redesay. " [Mirror, f. 5.]

In Bishop Cosin's revision he appended to the word " minister " the following note:— " That is, he who at that time ministereth or celebrateth Divine Service; " and although it was not directed necessary at the time to print this note, it is valuable to us now as showing the technical meaning which was attached to the word Minister, when used in the Rubric. He also added Isaiah iv. 6, 7, and 1 John i. 9, the latter verse being adopted, but not the former; and " or more " after " some one " in the Rubric.

Some may consider that the terms of the Rubric, both here and before the Offertory Sentences, strictly limit the recitation of them to the clergyman officiating. There is, however, no ritual principle by which they are so limited.

THE EXHORTATION.

There is an analogy between this Exhortation and some which were used, at the Holy Communion and in Lent, in the ancient services of the Church of England. There is also a trace of similarity between it and the opening of Pullin's L'Ordre des Prières Ecclésiastiques, printed for the use of the German refugees at Glastonbury, in 1552. The words of the latter are, " Mes Frères, qu'un chasne de vous se présente devant la face du Seigneur, avec confession de ses fautes et péchés, suyvant de tout son cœur mes [ps]jolles." But there is too little resemblance between our Exhortation and those to give any critical ground for supposing that it was founded upon any of them; and it must be concluded that those who revised the Prayer Book in 1552 were entirely responsible for its composition.

It has been called a short homily on Divine worship; and may also be taken as following up the general Invitatory, as it was followed formerly by the Venite. It was probably inserted here under the impression that the people at large were extremely ignorant of the true nature of Divine worship at the time. Five principal parts of worship are mentioned in it: (1) Confession of sin; (2) Absolution; (3) Thanksgiving and Praise; (4) The hearing of God's Word; (5) Prayer for spiritual and bodily benefits. In this structure also it bears some analogy to the Venite.

The Minister celebrating Divine Service is directed to " say " this Exhortation, " saying " being the ritual term for reciting on one musical note, or " monotoning," as distinguished from " singing," which is reciting with musical inflections, and from " reading," which is a general term, including both methods. If the Exhortation is said from memory, and with the face turned towards the congregation, it becomes much more expressive of the intention with which it was placed here, than when said as a mere

1 This book was also printed in Latin, perhaps before it came out in French. The French edition seems to be very rare.
accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me.

¶ A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY, and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offencers. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent. According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake: That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Eph. iii. 20, 21. Amen.

form for passing away a few seconds, while the congregation is settling into a devotional frame of mind.

The concluding words, "after me," were erased by Bishop Cosin, for what reason is not apparent, and were restored by the Committee of Revision. They define the manner in which the Confession is to be said; as also do the words "humble voice," which represent the submissis vox of old rubrics.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION.

After the Minister, all kneeling] Bishop Cosin erased the word "after" in this Rubric, and substituted "with;" but the original word was carefully restored, showing that a distinction was intended between the two words in their ritual use.

"After the Minister" means, that each clause is to be said first by the Minister alone, and then repeated by the whole congregation alone—i.e. while the Minister remains silent, as in the case of a response after a versicle. "With" the Minister means simultaneous recitation by him and the congregation together, and is ordered in the Rubric before the Lord's Prayer. The word "all" was also one of Bishop Cosin's additions, and is illustrated by his note in another volume: "Kneeling is the most fit gesture for humble penitents; and being so, it is strange to see how in most places, men are suffered to sit rudely and carelessly on their seats all the while this Confession is read; and others that be in church are nothing affected with it. They think it a thing of indifferency soresho, if the heart be right." This sitting posture during public confessions was one of the abuses that scandalized the Puritans; and they sought to have a Canon passed, enjoining all to kneel. The eighteenth Canon does indeed direct that "all manner of persons then present shall reverently kneel upon their knees when the general Confession, Litany, and other prayers are read . . . testifying by those outward ceremonies and gestures, their inward humility."

The gesture of kneeling here and elsewhere is not only a mark of personal humility and reverence, but also one of those acts required of everyone as an individual component part of the body which forms the congregation; and to neglect it is to neglect a duty which is owing to God and man in this respect, as well as the other. We have no right to conspicuous private gestures in a public devotional assembly; nor are the gestures which we there use (in conformity to the rules of the Church) to be necessarily interpreted as hypocritical because our personal habits or feelings may not be entirely consistent with them. As the clergy have an official duty in church, irrespective of their personal characters, so also have the laity. It may be added, that a respectful conformity to rules enjoining such official duties, may often lead onward to true personal reverence and holiness.

As far as present researches show, the general Confession appears to be an original composition of some of the revisers of 1662; but its principal features are, of course, represented in professional formularies of the Ancient Church, the ideas being a common heritage of every age and country. It has not undergone any alteration since its first introduction into morning prayer.

It has been observed, that this general Confession appears to be founded on Romans vii. 8—25.

Sin . . . . wrought in me all concupiscence.

The law is holy . . . . but I am carnal, sold under sin.

The good that I would, I do not.

But the evil which I would not, that I do.

And there is no health in us.

In me dwelleth no good thing. O . . . . the body of this death.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders.

According to Thy promises, declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All the phrases of the Confession have, however, a Scriptural ring; and it was very likely compiled almost verbatim from some old English version of the Bible, or else freely rendered (according to the habit of the day in sermons) from the Vulgate Psalms, and other Scriptures indicated above in the margin.

The manner and spirit in which a general confession of sins may be made personally and particularly applicable, is pointedly set forth in a Rubric which precedes the Confession to be used on board ship when there is danger of shipwreck: "When there is imminent danger, as many as can be spared from necessary service in the ship, shall be called together, and make an humble Confession of their sin to God, in which every one ought seriously to reflect upon those particular sins of which his conscience shall accuse him, saying as followeth." That a confession so made can be otherwise than acceptable to the Good Shepherd and Physician of our souls it is impossible to doubt. That further and more detailed confession is also at times necessary, the provisions made by the Church for her penitents, and the private habits of all pious Christians, make equally certain.

The "Amen" is part of the Confession, and is to be said by both minister and people, as is indicated by the type in which it is printed.

1 Archb. Freeman’s “Principles of Divine Service,” i. 326.
THE ABSOLUTION.
by the Priest alone, standing) This Rubric stood in the form "by the Minister alone," until 1661. Bishop Cosin altered it to "by the Minister alone, standing; and all the people still kneeling," and his alteration subsequently developed into the existing words before the revision was completed. The reason for inserting the word "standing" was that some of the clergy had been accusomed to read it on their knees, although, as Bishop Andrews wrote, "because he speaks it authoritatively, in the name of Christ and His Church, the Minister must not kneel, but stand up," and this posture was observed by the majority. The other three words, "the Priest alone," have a history which fixes their meaning. At the Savoy Conference of 1661, the Presbyterian's 11th "exception" to the Prayer Book was to the effect that as the word "Minister" was used in the rubric before the Absolution, and not "Priest," or "Curate," therefore it should be used instead of those words throughout the book. To this it was replied by the Church of England Commissioners that it would be unreasonable to use the word Minister alone, for "since some parts of the Liturgy may be performed by a Deacon, others by none under the order of a Priest, viz., Absolution, Consecration, it is fit that some such word as Priest should be used for those officers, and not Minister, which signifies at large every one that ministers in that holy office of what Order soever he be." The word "Minister" had formerly been used as identical with "Priest," as may be seen by the 32nd Canon, which forbids Bishops to "make any person, of what qualities or gifts soever, a Deacon and a Minister both together in one day." This distinctive meaning had now passed away, and "Ministers" was colloquially the name for Dissenting preachers, and for Clergymen of every Order. By the insertion of the new word, therefore, the whole Rubric was intended to enjoin, not only that the congregation are not to repeat the Absolution, as they have repented the Confession, but also that it must not be said by a Deacon. If a Deacon says Morning or Evening Prayer, in the presence of a Priest, the latter should say the Absolution, and if no Priest is present, the Deacon should make a pause, to give opportunity for the offering up of a short secret prayer by himself and the congregation, and then pass on to the Lord's Prayer.

The Absolution was composed by the Revisers of 1552, evidently with the old form of Absolution, which was used in the Prime and Compline Services, before them. There is also some similarity between the opening words and those of a Prayer which was placed at the end of the Litany in the Primer of 1535; and which again, from the prayer, "forgive us now while we have time and place," seems to have been founded on the ancient Absolution, with its "spatium vera poenitentiae," though the first part is identical with a Lenten Collect of St. Gregory's Sacramentary.

Some phrases, a good deal like those of our Absolution, are also found in the form of prayer got up by John à Lasco, or Laski, a Polish refugee, for the German congregation which he was allowed to gather together at Austin-friars in London; but the likeness is not such as to make it probable that the English form was derived from his Latin one, though it does rather indicate that both were in part derived from some such originals as those printed in the text above.

Two questions have been raised with respect to this form of Absolution. First, whether those who composed it, and placed it where it is, intended it for an Absolution of penitent sinners, or merely for a declaration of God's mercy. Secondly, whether, irrespective of their intention, it is so constructed as to be effective for the remission of sins.

(1) The first question is all but decided by the title. Here, in the Commission Service, and in the Prayers to be used at Sea, the same word, "Absolution," is used for designating two different forms; and in the Visitation of the Sick, the third form in use by the Church of England is spoken of in the direction "the Priest shall absolve him." It seems beyond all probability that this designation could have been used of all three forms without any verbal distinction, and yet that a real difference of meaning lay hidden under the use of it, and that to such an extent as to make it in one place contradictory of itself in another place. What the word "Absolution" in the rubrical title so far proves, is confirmed by the addition made to it at the Hampton Court Conference of 1604, when it was altered to the "Absolution, or remission of sins," clearly showing what opinion the Divines there assembled held respecting the intention with which the form was inserted fifty-one years before. It is still further confirmed by a note of Bishop Andrews (one already quoted); in which, after saying that the Absolution is pronounced authoritatively, he adds, "For authority of Absolution, see Ezek. xxxiii. 12. Job xxxiii. 23. Num. vii. 24. 2 Sam. xii. 13. John xx. 23." An examination of these passages of Scripture will show that Bishop Andrews (one of the most learned theologians and Scriptural scholars that the Church of England has ever had) must certainly have supposed that this was intended for an actual Absolution; and that, in his opinion, it was such.

(2) The Absolution itself is constructed on a similar principle to that on which Collects are formed; and as the precatory part of a Collect is sometimes very short and condensed, so here the actual words of Absolution are only "He pardonnest and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe His holy Gospel." The preceding portion is a statement of the antecedent reasons—God's mercy, and the delegation of His authority—for pronouncing Absolution; and what follows is an authoritative exhortation to follow up the words of temporary confession and absolution with prayer for perseverance and final pardon. The words which thus form the essence of the Absolution are of a declaratory kind, while those in the old Morning and Evening Services of the Church were precatory, as may be seen from the original Latin form printed above, and its English translation in the note below; but the change has rather strengthened than weakened the force of the form adopted. Nor must we be led
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Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy

away by the word "declaratory," so often used to distinguish this from the other two forms of Absolution used in the Prayer Book; for to "declare" God's pardon of sinners is to give effect to that pardon, as when the authorized subordinate of an earthly sovereign declares pardon in that sovereign's name. This form is, in fact, closely analogous to the formulary of Baptism used in the Eastern Church,—"The servant of God (N.) is baptized in the Name of the Father, Amen, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." And at these words are unstintingly sufficient for fulfilling our Lord's words, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," so are the absolving words of our Absolution sufficient to fulfill His other words, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them."

The special form in which the Absolution is molded was probably adopted from a careful consideration of the use which was to be made of it. It is an Absolution uttered over a mixed congregation, and yet it can only be efficacious towards those who have honestly said the Confession as it is intended to be said. The conditions of pardon are therefore distinctly expressed, that the impenitent may not be misled, and take to themselves a forgiveness to which they have no claim. And as it is a public Absolution, "He pardoned and absolved" is adopted in analogy with the "tribut vos omnium peccatorum domini," rather than the positive form, "by His authority I absolve," as used in absolving individual penitents.

The effect of this Absolution in the daily services of the Church is (1) to reconcile the Church, as a community, daily to her God, through the mercies of Christ; (2) to prepare each person present for the work of offering praise to Him; (3) to convey pardon of

truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us be- seech him to grant us true repentance, and his holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people shall answer here, and at the end of all other prayers, Amen.

Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lords Prayer with an audible voice; the People also kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.

sin to an extent correlative with the extent of penitence in those over whom it is uttered. As was said in the case of the general Confession, that it does not supersede a particular confession; so it must be remembered that the general Absolution does not supersede a particular one. But the necessity for absolution is so great, that the Church has provided against any one being without it by this daily utterance of it, in which it is cast abroad as the Sower sowed his seed, or as God sends His rain upon the just and the unjust. It is a ministration in close analogy with the continual superabundance of the mercies of God in Christ, which flow down even to the skirts of our High Priest's clothing. According to the words, "freely ye have received, freely give," the Church casts her bread upon the waters in faith, believing that God's word of absolution will not return unto Him void. And for its efficacy, in the words of a recent writer, "all that is needed is that there be fit, i.e. truly repentant recipients of it; that secured, wheresoever it touches, it blesses and heals."

The people shall answer. The words "here and at the end of all other prayers" were added by Bishop Cosin. He also wished to make a marked separation between the portion of the service ending with the Absolution, and that beginning with the Lord's Prayer. After the "Amen" to the former he wrote, "Place here a sentence," and at the head of the Lord's Prayer, overleaf, he has made a note, "Set here a fullest compartment (ornamental page-heading) before this title." And although he has not erased the previous title before the Sentences, he has here repeated it,—"An Order for Morning Prayer." He probably contemplated the occasional use of a short service, from which all before the Lord's Prayer was to be omitted. In the first series of his notes on the Prayer Book (Works, v. 47), Bishop Cosin has also written on the Lord's Prayer, "Here begins the service; for that which goes before is but a preparation to it, and is newly added in King Edward's Second Book, in imitation of the Liturgy and Mass of the Church of Rome. But as their hours begin with the Lord's Prayer, so begins our matins, and the high service of the altar. And they begin as they should do, for this was the ancient custom of the Christians, when they were met together to pray; they said that prayer for a foundation and a beginning of all the rest, which Christ Himself had taught them." [Cf. Works ii. 10.]

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Then the Minister. From 1552 to 1601, the Rubric stood, "Then shall the Minister begin the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice." Before 1552, it had been "The Priest being in the

1 Principles of Divine Service, i. 317
Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise he shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

Answer.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

some special relation to some peculiar member. For the first petition may not unfitly he thought the prayer of angels; the second, the prayer of the saints departed; the third, the prayer of the faithful living; the fourth, the prayer of all creatures; the fifth, the prayer of penitent sinners; the sixth, the prayer of infants.

The various modes in which saints have used this Divine prayer with a special intention, are almost infinite; and it would be well for every one to follow their example, by having such a special intention in view whenever it is said in the Services of the Sanctuary. In this place, at any rate, it should be offered up as the complement and crown of the Absolution and Confession, on the one hand; and laid hold of, on the other hand, as a mediatorial key, by which the door of heaven is to be opened for the ascent of the Church's praises to the Throne of God. It is a prayer, says the old "Mirroure," that said in the Unity of the Church, is never unspoken.

Some ancient English versions of the Lord's Prayer will be found in the notes to Evening Prayer; where also will be found an exposition and a paraphrase; the one, an ancient one, illustrating the general meaning of the Lord's Prayer; the other, modern, drawing out its fulness as a prayer for the Unity of the Church, according to the method of special intention above suggested.

The VERSICLES.

O Lord, open Thou these verses and responses have been used time immemorial as the opening of the daily service of praise which the Church continually offers to God. They are mentioned in the rule of St. Benedict (the great founder of the Benedictine order, which guarded and expressed the devotional system of the Church for so many ages, and who died in A.D. 549), as the prefatory part of the service; and he probably adopted them from the previous custom of the Church; the two Psalms from which they are taken having been used at the beginning of the daily Offices in the East from the earliest ages. Taken from such a source, with only the change from the singular to the plural number in the pronouns, they form a most fitting prefix

1 This change of pronouns was made in 1552. A reason for retaining the singular is given in an old exposition of the services. "And take heed that all this verse, both that part that is said of one alone, and that that is answered of all together, are said in the singular number; as when ye say 'mine', or 'me', and not 'our', or 'us', in token that ye begin your praising and prayer in the person of holy Church, which is one, and not many. For though there be many members of holy Church, as there are many Christian men and women, yet they make one body, that is holy Church, whereof Christ is the Head." Mirror xii. The same commentary explains, that "O Lord, open thou my lips;" and its response, were used only at Mattins, because all the day after the lips should remain ready for God's praises. ("The Mirroure of our Ladye" is a commentary on the daily Services, written for the Nuns of Sion, and printed in 1550.)
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Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.


Alleluia [vel Laus Tibi, Domine, Rex aternus gloriae].

Sequatur invitatiorium hoc modo. Psalmum Venite. . . . . . . . . . .

[Vinitatory entire.]

VENITE, exultemus Domino, jubilemus Deo salutari nostro: prope-ocupemus faciem ejus in confessione, et in psalmis jubilemus ei.

to the Psalmody which is so integral a portion of Divine Service. Except the Lord open our lips, we cannot show forth His praise with the heart. They are the "Sursum Corda" of the Daily Service, and yet have a tone of humility and even penitence, given to them by their derivation from the fifty-first and seventieth Psalms. It is probably to express this penitential tone that the musical note to which the first of them is said by the Priest is always a low one, being depressed as much as a fifth from the pitch in which the Lord's Prayer has been recited: and also that we continue kneeling till the Gloria Patri. The second verse is a paraphrase of the "Hosanna,"—Save, Lord, we beseech Thee,—with which our Lord was led in triumph to the Temple.

GLORIA PATRI.

The beautiful dogmatic anthem which is here used for the first time in the service is of primitive origin, and, if not an independently inspired form, is naturally traceable to the angelic hymns in Isaiah vi. 3, and Luke ii. 13, the Trinitarian form of it being equally traceable to that of the baptismal formula ordained by our Lord in Matt. xxviii. 19. Clement of Alexandria, who wrote before the end of the second century, refers to the use of this hymn under the form, Προσκυνησε την ζων εἰρην συγκλήτων και εὐδοκίας προσκυνήσης, "giving glory to the one Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost," and a hymn of about the same date is printed by Dr. Routh, in which there is an evident trace of the same custom: ἐνθαυμάσθησαι καὶ εὐδοκίας καὶ ἱερατικάς. "Praise we the Father and Son, and Holy Spirit of God." It is also referred to even earlier by Justin Martyr. The Arian heretics made a great point of using Church phrasology in their own novel and heretical sense; and they adopted the custom of singing their hymn in the form, "Glory be to the Father, by the Son, and in the Holy Ghost," which evaded the recognition of each Person as God. It thus became necessary for the Church to adopt a form less capable of perversion; and in ancient liturgies it is found as it is still used in the Eastern Church, "Glory be to the Father, by the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, now and ever, world without end." In the Western Church, the second part, "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end," has been used for nearly as long a period, being found ordered in the fifth Canon of the Council of Vaison, presided over by Caesarius of Arles, in A.D. 529. The use of the hymn in this place, after the Domine ad adjutandum, is also recognized by the rule of St. Benedict a few years further on in the sixth century; and it is found so placed in the earliest English services, those which are usually called "Anglo-Saxon." It also occurs in the same position in the daily offices of the Eastern and the Roman Churches at the present day: so that the Church throughout the world opens its lips day by day with the same words of faith in the Blessed Trinity, and of devout praise to each Person; worshipping one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity. The addition of the succeeding verse and response gives to this unity of praise on earth a further likeness to the unity of praise which was revealed to St. John: "And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. xix. 6).

In the Prayer Book of 1549 the old usage of saying the "Hallelujah" from Easter to Trinity Sunday in this place was continued. It was expunged altogether in 1552; restored in the English form, "Praise ye the Lord," and for constant use, in the Elizabethan revision. The response to it, "The Lord's Name be praised," is first found in the Scottish Prayer Book of 1609, and was inserted here in 1661. The latter represents in an unvarying form the variable invitatories which used to precede the Venite in the old Latin services.

There are two old customs still kept up with respect to the Gloria Patri. The one is that of turning to the East, as in the recitation of a Creed, whenever it is said or sung in Divine Service; an usage enjoined in the ancient Psalter of the Church of England, and still observed, e.g. at Manchester Cathedral. The other custom is a more general one, that of reverently inclining the head during the first half of the hymn, as a humble gesture recognizing the Divine glory of each of the Three Persons, and in imitation of the gesture of the angels, who veil their faces with their wings when singing to the glory of the Trinity in the vision of Isaiah. An old Canon of the Church of England enjoins: "Quotiesque dicitur Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, ad eadem verba Deo humiliter se inclinat." Wilkin's Conc. iii. 20. And in the "Mirrors," there is the direction, "Ye incline at Gloria Patri." Bishop Cosin wished to revive the use of Invitatories on Sundays, having inserted this Rubric in the Prayer Book which was laid before the Revisers of 1661, immediately after "Praise ye the Lord!" And upon any Sunday, or Lord's Day, this com-
For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. 
In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship, and fall down; and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
To day if ye will hear his voice, 

[Invitatory entire.]

Quoniam Deus magnus Dominus, et Rex magnus super omnes deos: quoniam non repellit Dominus plebem suam, quia in manu ejus sunt omnes fines terrae, et altitudines montium, ipse conspicit.

[Invitatory, latter half.]

Quoniam ipsius est mare, et ipse fecit illud; et aridam fundaverunt manus ejus: venite, adoremus et pro-cidamus ante Deum, ploremus coram Domino qui fecit nos; Quia ipse est Dominus Deus noster, nos autem popu-lus ejus, et oves pastus ejus.

[Invitatory entire.]

Hodie, si vocem ejus audieritis, nolite obdurare corda vestra, sicut in exacer. iritiationes. Vulg. 
batione, secundum diem tentationis in deserto: ubi tentaverunt me patres vestri, probaverunt, et viderunt opera mea.

where the Apostle is showing the connexion between the two dispensations, and the way in which all belief and worship centres in our Divine High Priest and perpetual Sacrifice.

In one of St. Augustine's sermons he plainly refers thus to the ritual use of the Venite: "This we have gathered from the Apostolic lesson. Then we chanted the Psalm, exhorting one another, with one voice, with one heart, saying, 'O come, let us adore, and fall down before Him, and weep before the Lord who made us.' In the same Psalm too, 'Let us prevent His face with confusion, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.' After these the lesson of the Gospel showed us the ten lepers cleansed, and one of them, a stranger, giving thanks to his cleanser" (St. Aug. Sermon. ed. 176, Oxford trans. 126). Durandus, in his Rationale of Divine Offices, says that this psalm was sung at the beginning of the service to call the congregation out of the church-yard into the church; and that it was hence called the Invitatory Psalm; but probably this was a local or temporary use of it, and does not represent the true spirit of its introduction into the Morning Service.

It is far more likely that its comprehensive character, as an adoration of Christ, was that which moved the Divine Instinct wherewith the Church is endowed to place this psalm in the forefront of her Service of Praise.

Until the translation of our Offices into English it was the custom to sing the Venite in a different manner from that now used; with the addition, that is, of Invitatories. These were short sentences (varied according to the ecclesiastical season) which were sung before the first verse, after each of the five verses into which it was then divided, and also after the Gloria Patri at the end. Thus in Trinity Season, "Laudemus Jesum Christum: quia Ipse est Redemptor omnium saeculorum," would be sung before and after the first, and also after the third and fifth of the divisions indicated in the Latin version above. After the second, fourth, and Gloria Patri, would be sung "Quia Ipse est Redemptor omnium saeculorum" only; and at the conclusion the whole of the Response, as at the beginning. These Invitatories were altogether set aside, as regards the Venite, in 1549; and, as has been already shown, the "Sentences" were substituted for them at the commencement of Divine Service in 1552. Thus reduced to its saltier simplicity, the Venite Exultemus is used before the Psalms every morning, except upon Easter Day, when a special Invitatory Anthem is substituted, which is printed

**V. ExulTEMUS.**

This Psalm has been used from time immemorial as an introduction to the praises of Divine Service; and was probably adopted by the Church from the service of the Temple. It was perhaps such a familiar use of it in both the Jewish and the Christian system of Divine Service, which led to the exposition of it given in the third chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews,

1 In the Eastern Church an epitome of the first three verses is used, but in the Latin and English Churches it has always been used entire.

Mal. i. 14.
Al. hands.
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Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I spake in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

¶ Then shall follow the Psalms in order as they be appointed. And at the end of every Psalm throughout the Year, and likewise in the end of Benedicticle, Benedicteus, Magnificat, and Nunc dimittis, shall be repeated,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

¶ Then shall be read distinctly with an audible voice the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament, as is appointed in the Calendar, (except there be proper Lessons assigned for that day;) He that readeth so standing and turning himself, as he may be heard of all such as are present. And after that, shall be said or sung, in English, the Hymn called To Deum Laudamus, daily throughout the Year.

¶ Note, That before every Lesson the Minister shall say, Here beginneth such a Chapter, or Verse of such a Chapter, of such a Book: And after every Lesson, Here endeth the First, or the Second Lesson.

before the Collect for the day. On the nineteenth day of every month, it is sung in its place as one of the Matins psalms, so as not to be twice used at the same service, which is a continuation of the old English usage.

An old custom lingered (especially in the North of England) of making a gesture of reverence at the words, “O come, let us worship and fall down;” which is a relic of the custom of actual prostration as it was once made in many churches at these words.

The Rubries between the Venite and the Te Deum were all rearranged in 1661; and the new arrangement, as we now have it, appears in MS. in Bishop Cosin’s Prayer Book. The only changes of importance were these. (1) “He that readeth,” and “He shall say,” were substituted for “the minister that readeth,” and “the minister shall say,” in the direction about the Lessons. (2) This Rubric of the preceding books was erased. “And to the end the people may the better hear in such places where they do sing, there shall the lessons be sung in a plain tune, after the manner of distinct reading, and likewise the epistle and gospel.”

THE PSALMS.

For notes relating to the ritual use of the Psalms, the reader is referred to the Introduction to the Psalter.

After the Psalms have been sung it is customary in many churches to play a short voluntary on the organ: this is mentioned by Archbishop Seeker as having “long been customary”

[Invitatory, latter half.]

Quadraginta annis proximus fui oficium. Vulg. generations huic, et dixi, Semper hi errant corde: ipsi vero non eognoven rupt vias meas: quibus juravi in ira Dei. Vulg. mea, Si introibunt in requiem meam.

[Invitatory entire.]

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.


[Invitatory, (1) latter half, (2) entire.]

[And all the Clerks who have sung the Psalms Transl. of Sarum standing up, turning to the Altar, shall each of them say the Gloria, in his station, which shall be observed throughout the whole year.]


[The Chapter is said in the midst of the Choir Transl. of Sarum by the Priest, without changing his place or vestment, but turned to the Altar, not chanting, but reading as in the tone of a reader . . . .]

in his day; and in a letter from Oxford in No. 630 of the "Spectator." Perhaps it may be accounted for by a Salisbury Rubric between the Psalms and Lessons, “Deinde dicat Paternoster et Credo in Deum a toto choro privatim.” So at Durham a voluntary has also been substituted for the “Agnus Dei,” which was once sung during the Communion of the Laity.

THE LESSONS.

For notes relating to the ritual use of Lessons in Divine Service, the reader is referred to a note on “The Order how the rest of Holy Scripture is appointed to be read,” in the Calendar.

THE CANTICLES.

The ritual use of Holy Scripture in Divine Service has always been connected with praise and thanksgiving. The short responses which were intermingled with the Lessons in the pre-Reformation Services were very ancient in their origin, although, no doubt, they had increased in number during the development of the Services for monastic use. Of a like antiquity is the “Glory be to Thee, O Lord!” before, and the “Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!” after the reading of the Gospel in the Communion Service. As will be seen in the account given of the Te Deum, the use of responsive hymns after the Lessons is also very ancient; and it probably arose out of the pious instinct which thus connected the idea of thanksgiving with the hearing of God’s revelations to man. The Council of Laodicea (A.D. 367) ordered, in its seven-
We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin: continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The twentieth Canon, that Psalms and Lessons should be used alternately; and this Canon doubtless refers to a custom similar to ours.

A leading principle of all the Canticles appears to be that of connecting the written with the personal Word of God; and that as much in respect to the Old Testament Lessons as to those taken out of the Gospel or other parts of the New Testament. This is more especially true of those Canticles which are placed first of the two in each case, the Te Deum, the Benedicteus, the Magnificat, and the Nunc Dimiutte. The three latter of these were inspired hymns spoken at the time when the Eternal Word was in the act of taking our nature to redeem and glorify it; and the first is, if not inspired, the most wonderful expression of praise for the abiding Incarnation of our Lord that uninspired lips have ever uttered. It may also be observed that the Canticles are set where they are, not that they may apply to any particular chapters of the Holy Bible, though they often do so in a striking manner, but with reference to Divine revelation as a whole, given to mankind by God in His mercy and love, and therefore a matter for deepest thankfulness, and most exalted praise.

The three New Testament Canticles are all taken from the Gospel of St. Luke; the sacrificial and sacrosacral gospel, the symbol of which is the "living creature like unto a calf" or "an ox;" and in which is chiefly set forth our Blessed Lord's relation to the Church as her High Priest offering Himself for sin, and originating from His own Person all subordinate ministrations of grace.

Te Deum Laudamus.

This most venerable hymn has been sung by the whole Western Church "day by day" on all her feasts from time immemorial. It is found in our own Morning Service as far back as the Conquest; and its insertion in the Salisbury Portiforium by St. Osmond was doubtless a continuation of the old custom of the Church of England.

Very ancient ecclesiastical traditions represent the Te Deum as a hymn antiphonally extemporized by St. Ambrose and St. Augustine at the baptism of the latter, a.d. 386. The written authority for this tradition is traceable to an alleged work of St. Datians, a successor of St. Ambrose in the See of Milan, a.d. 552. But this work has been proved by Menard, Muratori, and Maibillon, to be of much later date. There is also a Palter in the Vienna Library, which was given by the Emperor Charlemagne to Pope Adrian I., a.d. 772, in the Appendix of which the Te Deum is found with the title "Hymnus quem Sanctus Ambrosius et Sanctus Augustinms invicem confuderunt:" and a similar title is found in other ancient copies. The title anciently given to it in the Palter of our own Church was, "Canticum Ambrosii et Augustini," and in 1661 Bishop Casin wished so far to restore this title as to call it "The Hymn of St. Ambrose:" but the ancient rubrical title was as it is at present. In the earliest mention that we have of it (i.e., in the rule of St. Benedict, framed in the beginning of the sixth century), it has the same title as in our present Prayer Book, the words of St. Benedict being "Post quarto Responsionem incipit Abbas Te Deum Laudamus, quo predicte legit Abbas lectionem de Evangelio . . . . ." It is also named in the rule of St. Cassarius of Arles about the same date; being ordered to be sung at Matins every Sunday in both systems. There is no reason to think that it was then new to the Church; but we may rather conclude that it was a well-known hymn which the great founder of the Benedictines adopted for the use of his order from the ordinary use of the Church at large.

But the authorship of this divine hymn has been assigned to several saints both by ancient and modern authors, the earliest being St. Hilary of Poictiers, a.d. 355, and the latest, Nicetius, Bishop of Treves, a.d. 535. Some ancient copies, in the Vatican and elsewhere, give it the titles of Hymnus S. Ambulii, and Hymnus S. Etii. monachi. It has also been attributed to St. Hilary of Arles, and to a monk of Lorus, whose name is not known, the number of persons named showing how much uncertainty has always surrounded the matter. It is scarcely possible that so remarkable a hymn should have originated in so remarkable a manner as that first referred to, without some trace of it being found in the works of St. Ambrose or St. Augustine, especially the Confessions of the latter. It may be that their names were connected with it because the one introduced it into the Church of Milan, and the other (taught by St. Ambrose) into the Churches of Africa.

For there is reason to think that the Te Deum Laudamus is much older than the time of St. Ambrose. So early as a.d. 252 we find the following words in St. Cyprian's Treatise "On the Mortality" that was then affecting Carthage: "Ah, perfect and perpetual bliss! There is the glorious company of the Apostles; there is the fellowship of the prophets exhaling; there is the innumerable multitude of martyrs, crowned after their victory of strife and passion:" and the striking parallel between them and the seventh, eighth, and ninth verses of the Te Deum seems

1 In the Letters we do indeed read . . . they were baptized, and anxiety for our past life vanished from us. Nor was I satiated in those days with the wondrous sweetness of considering the depth of Thy counsels concerning the salvation of mankind. How did I weep, in Thy Hymns and Canticles, touched to the quick by the voices of Thy sweet-soult Church! (St. Aug., Conf. XIX. vi., p. 166, Ox. Trans.) But this passage seems rather to indicate the use of Canticles already well known than the invention of any new one.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb.

The Te Martyrum candidatus, laudat exercitus.
Te per orbem terrarum: sancta confitetur ecclesia.
Patrem immensae majestatis;
Venerandum tuum verum: et unicum Filium;
Sanctum quoque Paracletum Spiritum.
Tu rex gloriae: Christe.
Tu Patris sempiternus es Filius.
Tu, ad liberandum, suscepturus hominem: non horruitisti Virginis uterum.

Certainly more than accidental. There are several coincidences also between words in the Baptismal and other offices of the Eastern Church and particular verses of the Te Deum, and the former are supposed to be of extremely ancient date. In the Alexandrine MS. of the Scriptures, a work of the fourth or fifth century, preserved in the British Museum, there is moreover a Morning Hymn which is written at the end of the Psalter, and which is still used in the daily services of the Greek Church. The following is a translation:—

Glory to Thee, the giver of light.
Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord, heavenly King, God, Father Almighty; O Lord, only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, Thou that takest away the sin of the world. Accept our prayer: Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only Lord Jesus Christ art in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Day by day I bless Thee, and praise Thy name for ever, and for ever and ever.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep me this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers; and praised and glorified be Thy name for ever. Amen. Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord: O teach me Thy statutes.
Lord, Thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.
I say, Lord, be merciful to me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
Lord, I fly to Thee; teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.
For with Thee is the well of life; in Thy light shall we see light.
Show forth Thy mercy to them that know Thee.
O Holy God, O holy Might, O holy Immortal, have mercy upon us. Amen.
The first division of this hymn is identical with the Eucharistic Gloria in Excelsis, and the last verse is the Trisagion of the ancient Eastern Liturgies; the remaining portion has clearly a common origin with the Te Deum. Verses 8 and 9 are the same as the 24th and 26th verses of the latter. The 11th is also identical with the last of the Te Deum, but it is taken from Psalm xxxiii. 22. Like the Te Deum, this ancient Morning Hymn of the Greek Church borrows largely from the Psalms in its concluding portion, and the verses chosen are of a supplicatory character in both, though otherwise they do not correspond.
The most probable conclusion to arrive at is, that this noble canticle, in its present form, is a composition of the fourth or fifth century; and that it represents a still more ancient hymn, of which traces are to be found in St. Cyprian and the Morning Hymn of the Alexandrine Manuscript.

The Te Deum is only known as connected with the ritual of the Church. It seems also from the first to have been connected with the reading of the Morning Lessons, the expression “Keep us this day without sin,” being some evidence of this, though not convincing, as an analogous form is used in “Give us this day our daily bread.” In the Salisbury Use, which probably represents the more ancient use of the Church of England, it was directed to be sung after the last lesson on Sundays and other Festivals, except during Advent and the Lenten season from Septuagesima to Easter.
Quinones, in his reformed Roman Breviary, directed it to be used every day even in Lent and Advent. The Prayer Book of 1549 ordered it to be used every day, with the exceptions customary according to the older ritual; and as festivals were previously almost of daily occurrence, this was practically a continuation of the old rule. In 1552 the exceptions were erased, and have not since been restored; but as the alternative Canticle, Benedicite, remains, some ritualists conclude that it is to be used in Lent, as originally directed by the First Book of Edward VI., and not the Te Deum. Of ritual customs anciently connected
MORNING PRAYER.

When thou hast overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine inheritance.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee.

And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

Tu devicto mortis aculeo: aperuisti credentibus regna coelorum.

Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes: in gloria Patris.

Judex erederis esse venturus.

Te ergo quasumas, famulis tuis subveni: quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.

Æterna fac cum sanctis tuis: gloria munerari.

Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine: et benedicere hereditati tuae.

Et reges eos, et exulte illos usque in aeternum.

Per singulos dies, benedicimus te.

Et laudamus nomen tuum: in sæculum et in sæculum seculi.

Dignare, Domine, die isto: sine peccato nos custodire.

Laudamus that could not be otherwise rhythmically translated. That the English Church has always considered the earlier verses of it to be addressed to the First Person of the Blessed Trinity is evidenced by the ancient Salisbury Antiphon to the Athanasian Creed, which is "Te Deum Patreis ingentium, te filium unigenitum, te Spiritum sanctum Paracletum, sanctum et indifferentem Trinitatem tota ordeo et orae confitemur." It has also been conjectured that the 11th, 12th, and 13th verses have been interpolated, but there is not the slightest ground for this conjecture, all ancient MSS. in Latin, Teutonic, the ninth, and English from the ninth to the fourteenth, reading precisely the same: and the hymn being rendered imperfect by their omission.

The first ten verses are an offering of praise to the Father Almighty, with the Scriptural recognition of the Blessed Trinity implied in the Ter Sanctus which Isaiah heard the Seraphim sing when he beheld the glory of Christ, and spoke of Him. In the three following verses this implied recognition of the Three in One is developed into an actual ascription of praise to each, the Pater immense Majestatis, the Unicus Filius, and the Sanctus Paraclitus Spiritus. In these three verses the Unity and Trinity of the Divine Nature is celebrated in the name of the whole Church of God. The Militant Church, the various orders of holy Angels with which it has fellowship in the New Jerusalem, the Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs of the Old and New Dispensation now gathered into the Church Triumphant, all thus adore God the Lord, the Lord God of Sabaoth, the Father Everlasting: and the holy Church gathers up its praises in a devout acknowledgment of each Person of the Blessed Trinity as the Object of Divine worship. Then begins that part of the Hymn which glorifies God for the blessing of the Incarnation: the latter sixteen verses addressing themselves to our Lord and Saviour; commemorating His Divine Nature and Eternal Existence, His Incarnation, Sacrifice, Assumption, and Ascension at the right hand of the Father. In the last verses, with a mixture of plainness and triumph, the hymn follows the line marked out by the angels at the Ascension, looking to our Lord's Second Advent as the true complement of His First. This concluding portion is as well fitted to express the tone of a Church Militant as the initial portion is to express that of a Church Triumphant: and the personal form of the last verse is a touching reminder of the individual interest that each of us

Habakkuk (Heb. iii.) being equally suitable for Advent. The Salisbury version of the latter (from the Vulgate) has two beautiful renderings of the 13th and 18th verses: "Thou wentest forth for the salvation of Thy people: even for salvation with Thy Christ:" and "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord: I will joy in God my Jesus:"
has in the corporate work of praise and prayer of which Divine Service is constituted. Few uninspired compositions give so clear an echo of the spirit and depth of Holy Scripture.

There are three verses of the Te Deum which require special notice, with reference to the modern Latin and English in which they are given to us at the present day.

(1) The ninth verse, "Te Martyram candidatus, landat exer- cetus," is very insufficiency rendered by "The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee." In pre-Reformation versions it stood,—"The, preith the white oot of martirius," and considering the distinct connexion between this verse and Rev. vii. 9, 14, it is strange that the Scriptural idea of "white robes" which have been "made white in the blood of the Lamb," should have been superseded by the word "noble." It is possible that the idea of something lustrous and pure was more expressed by "noble" in the early part of the sixteenth century, than is conveyed by it to modern ears; but the change of the word from the old English "white," and Anglo-Saxon "shining," has gone far to obliterate the true sense of the original in our present version.

(2) In the sixteenth verse, the ancient and modern English versions alike fail to give the full sense of the Latin. The former uniformly give, "Thou wert not skymes (squeamish) to take the maydenes wonbe, to deliver mankynde," which is little different in sense from our present version. But it is clear that "To, ad liberandum, susceperos hominem" includes a reference to the Incarnation, as much as "non horrendi Virgilius uterum." The verse would be more literally rendered, "Thou, being about to take manhood upon Thee, to deliver it;" but there is an almost insurmountable difficulty in the way of matching the point and rhythm of the Latin by an equivalent sentence in English.

(3) The twenty-first verse has been altered both in Roman Breviaries and in the English Prayer Book. All Latin MSS.

1 So gold and silver were called "noble metals" by the early chemists.

MORNING PRAYER.

O Lord, have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us; as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Miserere nostri, Domine: miserere nostri.
Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos: quemadmodum speravimus in te.
In te, Domine, speravi: non confundar in aeternum.

Canticum trium puororum. Dan. iii.

BENEDICITE omnia opera Domini: laudate et super-exaltate eum in secula.

Benedicite Angeli Domini Domino: benedice caeli Domino.

Benedicite aquae omnes que super caelos sunt Domino: benedicite omnes virtutes Domini Domino.

Benedicite sol et luna Domino: benedicite stella caeli Domino.

previous to 1492, read "Eterna fac cum sanctis Tuis gloriam munerari" and the equivalent of munerari is found in every known version of the Te Deum up to that time; our own in the fourteenth century being, "Make hem to be rewarded with thi seyntes, in endless bliss." The "munerari" reading appears to be an error of the early printers, arising out of the very slight difference presented by mun and mun in black letter. The word "in" is a modern insertion of the same date, and probably arose from confusion between the twenty-first and the eighteenth verses, in the latter of which occurs "in gloria Patris." Since our Lord said "Great is thy reward in Heaven," and "Himself shall reward you openly," the old English rendering of munerari is quite Scriptural; but it may be pointed out that the sense of the Latin is rather that of free gift than reward, munerari, not re-munerari. Perhaps the original may be rendered, "Make them to be awarded with Thy saints: Thy glory everlasting," without departing from the sense of the original, or the familiar rhythm of our Prayer Book version. The received version, although not faithful to the original, is happily comprehensive; for, to be "numbered with the children of God," and to have a "lot among the saints," is to receive the "great recompense of reward," the heavenly heritage of those who are joint heirs with Christ of His triumphant kingdom.

THE BENEDICTIE.

There is no doubt that this Canticle is of Jewish origin, although its claim to be part of the Canonical Book of Daniel is

1 It should, however, be mentioned that the Venerable Bede, who was almost contemporary with Gregory the Great, records some words of his which contain something very like this reading. "Sed et in ipsa missarum celebratione tris verba maxima perfectionis plena superadject; 'Diesque nostros in tua pace disponas, atque ab aeterna damnatione nos cripi, et in electorum lauren tabulis gerre muneres.'"—Bede, Hist. Ecle., lib. 2, c. 1.
O ye Showers, and Dew, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Fire, and Heat, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winter, and Summer, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Dews, and Frosts, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Frost, and Cold, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Ice, and Snow, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Nights, and Days, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Light, and Darkness, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Lightnings, and Clouds, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O let the Earth bless the Lord : yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Mountains, and Hills, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Seas, and Floods, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Benedicite imber et ros Domino : Salisbury Use. benedicite omnes spiritus Dei Domino.
Benedicite ignis et aestus Domino : benedicite frigus et aestas Domino.
Benedicite rores et pruina Domino : benedicite gelu et frigus Domino.
Benedicite glacies et nives Domino : benedicite noctes et dies Domino.
Benedicite lux et tenebrae Domino : benedicite fulgura et nubes Domino.
Benedicite terrae Dominum : laudet et superexaltet eum in saecula.
Benedicite montes et collae Domino : benedicite universa germinantia in terra Domino.
Benedicite fontes Domino : benedicite maria et flumina Domino.

Not recognized by the Church of England, which has placed it among the books of the Apocrypha. It has a great resemblance to the 148th Psalm, and is generally considered to be a paraphrase of it.

Several of the Fathers speak of the Benedicite as being used in the Services of the Church. St. Chrysostom especially refers to it as "that admirable and marvellous song, which from that day to this hath been sung every where throughout the world, and shall yet be sung in future generations." Rufinus speaks of it in the same manner, (in defending its Canonical authority against Jerome 1) as having been sung by holy confessors and martyrs, who would not have been permitted to sing that as Holy Scripture which is not so. It was used as one of the Psalms at Lauds as early as the time of St. Athanasius, and occupied the same position on Sundays in the ancient services of the Church of England. When the Psalter was restricted, in 1549, to the hundred and fifty psalms which go by the general name of the Psalms of David, the Song of the Three Children was placed after the Te Deum, to be used as a responsory canticle to the first lesson, under the title "Benedicite, Omnia Opera Domini Domino." This use of it was not by any means novel, as it was

Festival called "Statio ad S. Petrum" under the title "Hymnus Trium Puerorum."

1 It is inserted in the Comes of St. Jerome among the Lections on the
Oye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O ye Beasts, and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O let Israel bless the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O ye Spirits, and Souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. 

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read, in like manner, the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament. And after that, the Hymn following; except when that happeneth to be read in the Chapter for the Day, or for the Gospel on St. John Baptist's Day.


BLESSèD be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

Benedictum Zachariae prophetæ Luca i. 

BENEDICTUS Dominus Deus Salisburbi Use. 

Israel: quia visitavit, et fecit . redemptionem plebis sae.

said between the lessons (according to Mabillon), in the old Gallican ritual which was once common to France and England. When first inserted in its present place, this Canticle was ruled by the following rubric prefixed to the Te Deum— "¶ After the first lesson shall follow throughout the year (except in Lent, all the which time, in the place of Te Deum, shall be used Benedictice Omnia Opera Domini Domino) in English, as followeth." This rubric was altered to its present form in 1562, the object of the alteration being probably to allow greater freedom in the substitution of Benedict for Te Deum. It was an ancient rule to use the former when any portion of the Prophet Daniel was read. In more recent times it has been customary to sing it on Septuagesima Sunday, when Genesis 1. is the first lesson; on the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity when Daniel iii.

is read; and on week-days during Lent and Advent. The ordinary Doxology was substituted for the one proper to the psalm, in 1549. The latter is, "O let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost: let us praise Him, and magnify Him for ever. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of Heaven; worthy to be praised, and glorious, and to be magnified for ever." Pope Damasus (A.D. 366) is said to have been its author; but it is founded on the verse which precedes the words Benedictine Omnia Opera.

THE BENEDICTUS.

This prophetic hymn of Zacharias has been used as a responsive canticle to the Gospel lessons from very ancient times, being

1 SEE however, note on p. 11.
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning: is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Et erexit cornu salutis nobis: in Salisbury Uerc

do domo David pueri sui.

Sicut locutus est per os sanctorum: qui a seculo sunt, prophetarum ejus.

Salutem ex inimicis nostris: et de manu omnium qui oderunt nos.

Ad faciendum misericordiam cum patribus nostris: et memorari testamenti sui sancti.

Jusjurandum quod juravit ad Abraham patrem nostrum: daturum se nobis.

Ut sine timore, de manu inimicorum nostrorum liberati: serviamus illi.

In sanctitate et justitiae coram ipso: omnibus diebus nostris.

Et tu, puer, Prophetæ Altissimi vocaberis: preebis enim ante faciem Domini parare vias ejus.

Ad dandam scientiam salutis plebi ejus: in remissionem peccatorum eorum.

Per visceras misericordiæ Dei nostri: in quibus visitavit nos oriens ex alto.

Illuminare his qui in tenebris et in umbra mortis sedent: ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.

Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto.

Or this Psalm, Jubilate Deo.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure, that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the people, standing: except only such days as the Creed of Saint Athanasius is appointed to be read.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

Ps. xiix.

JUBILATE Deo omnis terra: ser-vite Domino in latetitia.

Introite in conspectu ejus: in eul-tatione.

Scitote quoniam Dominus, ipse est Deus, ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.

Populus ejus et oves pasuam ejus, introitam portas ejus in confessione: atra ejus in hymnis: confitemini illi.

Laudate nomen ejus: quoniam suavi-sis est Dominus; in aeternum misericordia ejus: et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.

Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto.


Symbolum Apostolicum.

CREDO in Deum Patrem omni-potentem, Creatorem coeli et terrae. Et in Jesum Christum Filium

THE JUBILATE.

This was the second of the fixed Psalms at Lauds on Sunday; and was adopted as a responsive Canticle in 1552. The object of its insertion here was to provide a substitute for the Benedictus on days when the latter occurs in the Lesson or Gospel, on the same principle which rules the omission of the Venite when it occurs in the Psalms of the day. The days on which it should be used are therefore the following:—

February 18th.
June 17th.
June 24th [St. John Baptist's Day].
October 15th.

The general substitution of the Jubilate for the Benedictus is very much to be deprecated. There is, however, a prophetic reference to the Chief Shepherd of the Church, and to the service of praise offered to Him which makes it well fitted for occasional use; and Dean Comber says that it seems to have been after the reading of the Gospel as early as A.D. 450.

THE APOSTLES' CRED.

The use of a Creed in Divine Service is of very ancient origin, and the Apostles' Creed has been used in the daily offices of the Church of England as far back as they can be traced. Under the old system it followed the Lord's Prayer, (instead of preceding it,) at Prime and Compline, and was recited in the same manner, the people joining in only at a repetition of the last two clauses. In the Reformed Breviary of Cardinal Quigliones an open recitation of the Apostles' Creed was directed on all days except Sunday; and this direction probably suggested our present custom.

The earliest occurrence of the Apostles' Creed exactly in the form in which we now use it at Morning and Evening Prayer, is in a treatise published by Mabillon, from an ancient MS., entitled "Libellus Pirminii de singulis libris canonicos securapum," or "scriptus." Pirminius died about A.D. 768, and appears to have lived some time in France, though he died in Germany. Hence it is extremely probable that the Creed contained in two several places of his treatise, and in both places in the same words, is the old Gallican form of the Apostles' Creed, identical with that afterwards adopted by St. Osmund into the Salisbury Use, from the more ancient services of the Church of England. How much older than the eighth century this exact form of the Apostles' Creed may be is not known; but it has been so used, without variation, in the whole Latin Church, as well as in the Church of England, from that time until the present.

The substance of the Apostles' Creed is, however, very much older. It is extant, very nearly as we now use it, as it was used by the Churches of Aquileia and Rome at the end of the fourth century, when it was commented upon, and both forms indicated, by Eunius, who was a priest of the former diocese. The two forms are here shown side by side, the authority for each being Professor Heartley's Harmonia Symbolica, pp. 26, 30:D.

The Creed of the Church of Aquileia, circ. A.D. 350.

The Creed of the Church of Rome, circ. A.D. 390.

Credo in Deum Patrem omni-potentem. Et in Jesum Christum, unicum Filium ejus, Do-minum nostrum: Qui natus est de Spiritu Sancto Ex Maria Virgine; Crucifixus sub Pontio Pilato, et sepultus; Tertia die resurrexit a mortuis. Ascendit in caelos; Sedet ad dexteram Patris, Inde venturus est judi-
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Creed as stated by Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, A.D. 180.

The Church throughout the world, spread out as she is to the ends of the earth, carefully preserves the faith that she received from the Apostles and from their disciples:

Believing in one God the Father Almighty, Who made Heaven and Earth, the seas and all that is in them; and in one Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Who was incarnate for our salvation; and in the Holy Ghost, Who by the prophets proclaimed the dispensations and the advenst of our dear Lord, Christ Jesus: and His birth of a Virgin, and His suffering, and His Resurrection from the dead, and His Ascension in the flesh into Heaven, and His coming from Heaven in the glory of the Father, to sum up all things, and to raise up all flesh of the whole human race. That to Christ Jesus our Lord, and God, and Saviour, and King, according to the good pleasure of the invisible Father, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess Him, and that He should pass righteous judgment upon all.

In two other parts of the same work there are other summaries of the Creed which are plainly based on the same formula as that of which the above is a paraphrastic statement.

Traces of the Creed are also to be found in the writings of Justin Martyr, Polycarp, Clemens Romanus, and Iognostus: and these approach so near to Apostolic times as to give good reason to think that the name by which the Apostles’ Creed has been known for many centuries, is one which belongs to it not merely because it accurately states the faith held by the Apostles, but also because it originated from them.

A very ancient tradition of the Church, as old as the time of Rufinus (A.D. 389—410), describes the Apostles as meeting together to consider about a common statement of doctrine, before they parted for their several labours. A later tradition (attributed to St. Augustine, but probably of more recent date) adds to this statement that each Apostle in succession recited one Article of the Creed, implying that it was thus delivered by Inspiration. The first of these traditions, written down so near to the time of the Apostles, is worthy of great respect: and no objections have been made to it, which have not been rationally answered. The second is not of high authenticity, but the objections brought against it are chiefly founded on the improbability of such a statement being true: yet if the inspiration of the Apostles for the purpose of writing special official letters is granted, it is difficult to see what there is improbable in a statement that implies their collective inspiration for the purpose of originating so important a document as the Creed, at a time when the New Testament Scriptures had not yet come into existence.

But, apart from these traditions, there is much evidence in the early Christian writings that there was a common and well-known formula containing the chief articles of Christian faith. There are also frequent statements that the tradition of the Faith came direct from the Apostles. Combining these facts with the supposition that the Apostles would almost certainly provide some such formula for the guidance of converts, we may conclude that it is far more reasonable to believe the Creed going under their name to be substantially of their composition than to believe the contrary. In fact the Creed appears to be an absolute necessity, springing out of the circumstances in which the early Christians were placed: when, as regarded themselves, their brethren, and the Heathen, such an answer to the question, “What is Christianity?” resolving itself into a few short replies embodying the chief facts of our Lord’s life and work, was imperatively required. That the Apostles would mediate an authoritative form of this reply can hardly be doubted: and that they did so is more than suggested by what St. Paul says of a Form of sound words in passages like Rom. vi. 17: xvi. 17. Heb. x. 23. Phil. iii. 16. 2 Tim. i. 13, the original Greek of which almost necessitates such an interpretation as that here indicated.

Although, however, the cumulative force of these arguments is so great as to leave scarcely any rational ground for contradicting the old belief of the Church, that the Creed came from the Apostles substantially as it was handed down to the eighth century, it is not sufficient to warrant us in declaring it to be inspired. All that we may dare to say on this point is, that the Apostles were under a very special guidance of the Holy Ghost, were “filled with the Spirit” for the official purposes of their work; and, consequently, that very little of the human element is likely to have mingled itself with any of the official words which they spoke to the Church. If it could be certainly proved that the Creed came from the Apostles as we now have it, sound reason would require us to believe that the Holy Ghost moved...
them to compose it, and hence that it was inspired. In the absence of such evidence it is our duty to compare the doctrines handed down to us in the Creed as those of the Apostles, with the doctrines contained in the great storehouse of God’s Truth.

This is done to some extent in the marginal references above; and in the following Table it will be seen how near an agreement there is between the statements contained in the Creed and those made by the Apostles in their early missionary work.

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Such a coincidence goes far towards showing that the Apostles’ Creed is a “Form of sound words” handed down to us on the very highest authority. It may also convince us that it would be an irreverent and uncritical error to speak of it positively as a human composition.

The central position of the Creed in our Morning and Evening Service gives it a twofold ritual aspect. Praise has formed the distinctive feature of what has gone before, prayer forms that of what is to follow. The confession of our Christian faith in the Creed is, therefore, (1) like a summing up of the Scriptures that have been used for the praise of God and the edification of His Church; and by its recitation we acknowledge that it is “Him first, Him last, Him midst, and without end,” whom we find in Moses, the Prophets, the Psalms, the Gospels, and the Epistles. Not only in respect to ourselves, as a fit reminder of this great truth, do we thus confess our faith, but also to the praise of God; and hence the rubric directs the Creed to be “sung” (the word was inserted by Bishop Cosin) if circumstances will permit, as the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed always have been. And (2) the recitation of the Creed is a confession of that objective faith which alone can give full reality to prayer; hence it is a foundation of, and introduction to, the Preces and the Collects with which the Service concludes. “For this reason it is, probably, that baptisms were ordered to take place after the second lesson; that so the admission of the newly baptized might be followed by liturgical awesal, so to speak, of that Creed, and saying of that Prayer, which, as a part of the rite, have already been avowed and used.”

There are two customs connected with the recitation of the Creed which require notice; one, that of turning to the East, or towards the Altar, in saying it; the other, that of bowing at the holy Name of Jesus. Both of these customs are relics of habits which have only ceased to be universal (in the English Church, at least) in very modern times.

Clergy and people used formerly to look one way throughout the prayers and Creeds, that is, towards the Altar. “In some Churches,” writes Thurndike, “the desk for the Prayer Book looks towards the Chancel; and for reading of Lessons we are directed to look towards the people. As the Jews in their

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1 Harvey on the Creeds, i. 20.
2 Principles of Divine Service, i. 301
3 Religious Assemblies, p. 231.
prayers looked towards the Mercy-seat or principal part of the Temple (Ps. xxviii. 2), so Christians looked towards the Altar or chief part of the Church, whereof their Mercy-seat was but a type. Christ in His prayer directs us to Heaven, though God be everywhere; for Heaven is His throne, and we look toward that part of the church which most resembles it. Herein we correspond to the Jewish practice." Before reading-decks were erected in the naves of Churches, the prayers were said in front of the Altar itself, as may be seen in old prints; while the Psalms were sung in the choir stalls; and this was a continuation of the ancient practice 1, the officiating Clergyman always standing or kneeling in the former place to Creed and Prayers. When pewds as well as readings were sprang up in Churches, both congregation and clergy were often placed in any position that suited the convenience of the carpenter; but reverence still impelled all to turn towards the Altar during the solemn Confession of their Faith. Hence this habit became exceptional and prominent instead of habitual; and exceptional reasons were alleged in support of it, when in fact they applied, with more or less force, to the general posture of the worshipper in God's House, as expressed in the preceding extract. Apart, also, from symbolical explanations of this custom, it appeals to both the reason and the feelings, by forming the congregation into a body of which the clergyman is the leader, as when a regiment marches into battle, or parades before his Sovereign beset by his officers: and there is no part of Divine Service where this relation of priest and people is more appropriate than in the open Confession of Christian Faith before God and man.

Bowing at the holy Name of our Lord's Human Nature is also an usage of general application, and was never intended to be restricted to the Creed, although its omission there would certainly be a more special dishonour to Him than elsewhere. When Puritan superstition sprang up in the sixteenth century, the usage began to be dropped by many who were seduced by controversy into greater respect for doctrines of slighter importance than that of our Lord's Divinity. The Church then made a law on the subject of reverent gestures in Divine Service, in the 18th Canon of 1608; in which (after ordering that all shall stand at the Creed) is the following clause, founded on the 52nd of Queen Elizabeth's Injunctions, issued in 1559:—"And likewise, when in time of Divine Service the Lord Jesus shall be mentioned, due and lowly reverence shall be done by all persons present, as hath been accustomed: testifying by these outward ceremonies and gestures their . . . . due acknowledgment that the Lord Jesus Christ, the true and eternal Son of God, is the only Saviour of the world, in Whom all the mercies, graces, and promises, of God to mankind, for this Life, and the Life to come, are fully and wholly comprised." This general rule of the Church, and the explanation thus authorizeably given, has so special an application to the use of this gesture in the Creed that nothing further need be added on the subject.

§. An Expository Paraphrase of the Apostle's Creed, for myself, as personally responsible for my faith to God and His Church, openly profess, to His glory, that I believe, from my heart, with the assent of my reason and the submission of my will, in God the Father, by a mysterious, unintelligible manner of paternity, Father of the uncreated, co-equal, and co-eternal Son; Father also of all the regenerated, by their adoption through His thus only-begotten Son; Almighty, so that nothing is beyond His power which is consistent with goodness; knowing all things past, present, and to come; exercising authority over all things and persons, and upholding all things by His universal and omnipresent Providence; I believe that He was and is the Maker, that is, the original Creator of the original matter, and the Disposer of that material in its order, of Heaven, which comprehends all that has originally occupied space beyond this world, and Earth, which comprehends all organic and inorganic beings and substances within the compass of this world.

And I equally believe in Jesus, perfect Man, in all the qualities of human nature, Christ, anointed to be the Saviour of the world, the High Priest of a new order of priesthood, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, His only Son, eternally begotten, and therefore having such a Semanship as none others who call God Father can possess, our Lord, being God, the Second Person in the Blessed Trinity, as well as Man; Lord of all by His Divine Nature, Lord of the Church by His work of Redemption. Thus I believe in the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father, in a Saviour Divine and Human, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, through a mysterious and unintelligible operation, which miraculously superseded the ordinary law of nature, so that the Holy Child Jesus was

Born of the Virgin Mary, a holy maiden, who thus miraculously became His mother that He, being born of a Virgin and not of a wife, might be free from the sin of our common origin, which is conveyed from parent to child by natural conception. Being thus born in our nature, but without our sin, He bore it as His own through infancy, childhood, and mature manhood; and when the time was fully come, He offered it as a sacrifice for our sins when He

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judaea and Jerusalem, and

Was crucified, by being nailed alive to a cross of wood, set upright in the ground. Being thus crucified, His sufferings were the greatest that had ever befallen any man, being aggravated by the burden of sin which He, though innocent, was bearing for our sakes. Not through the intensity of His sufferings, but of His own will, He gave up His life when all was accomplished that could be by His pains, and then was

dead, through the separation of His soul from His body, in the same manner as human beings ordinarily become so. Being dead, His holy Body, still the Body of the Son of God, was taken down from the cross, and buried, with reverence and honour, but as the dead bodies of other men are. And while the dead Body of the Son of God was in the tomb, with His living Soul

He descended into Hell, that He might there triumph over Satan; proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to all who had ever died; entirely release the souls of the righteous dead from the power of Satan, and prepare a paradise of rest in which they and all other righteous souls may dwell until the day of judgment.

The third day, after the evening of Friday, the whole of Saturday, and a part of Sunday had passed, He rose again from the dead, reuniting His soul to His uncorrupted Body, so as to be again "perfect Man," in respect to all the qualities that belong to sinless and suffering human nature.

Then He ascended into Heaven, after forty days, as a new Person, God and Man, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, receiving in His Human Nature, as well as in His Divine Nature, the adoration of angels and men; and by His presence there making a continual intercession for us, and being a Mediator between Divine and human nature for ever.

From thence He shall come, the same holy Jesus who suffered and died, to judge, with a just, irreversible, and yet merciful judgment, the quick, who shall be alive at His coming, and the dead, who shall have died at any time from the foundation of the world.

I believe, also, with equal faith, and equal assent of my reason,
THE SUFFRAGES OR PRECES.

The portion of the daily Service which comes between the Creed and the first Collect was translated, with some alterations, from the Preces Feriales inserted among the Preces of Memoriae Consacratae of the Salisbury Psalterium. In 1552, the Dominus vobiscum and Oremus were prefixed; and the "Clers and people" (meaning, of course, the choristers and people) were directed to say the Lord’s Prayer as well as the Minister.

In the ancient form of the Service the Kyrie Eleison was left untranslated in the Greek, like the Alleluia, from a special reverence for the original words, and also as a sign of the universality of the Church’s prayers. They are still said in Greek in the Litany used in Convocation. Each Kyrie and Christe was also repeated three times. The Lord’s Prayer was said privately by the Priest as far as the last clause, which was long the custom of the Church, the Ex te nos, &c. being repeated aloud that the people might then join. This custom was abolished in 1552. In some cases it appears that the whole was said privately by Clergy and people; and then the last two clauses were said again aloud.

[See Transl. Sar. Psalter, 14, n.]

The six versicles and their responses are modified from the ancient form; of which the following is a translation, as far as the Misereor 1:

1 There is enough analogy between the suffrages of the Western Church and the Etene or Great Collect of the Eastern, to lead to the conviction that both have a common origin.

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me.

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour,

And let Thine anger cease from us.

Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us,

Like as we do put our trust in Thee.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness,

And let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

O Lord, save the King.

And hear us in the day when we call upon Thee.

Save Thy servants and Thy handmaidens,

Trustmg, O my God, in Thee.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance,

Rule them, and set them up for ever.

O Lord, grant us peace in Thy strength,

And abundance in Thy towers.

Let us pray for the faithful departed.

Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest,

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee.

Have mercy upon me, and hear me.

After which preces, the fifty-first Psalm was said from beginning to end, and three more versicles, which are given at p. 22.

It will be observed that the first of our versicles with its response is not found among the above aforesaid Suffrages. It was taken from another set which were used on festivals, and is also found at the beginning of a somewhat similar set used every Sunday at the Bidding of Prayers. The Latin form of these latter is as follows:—

Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.
Sacerdotes tui induantur justitiam.

Domine, salutum fac regem.
Salvos fac servos tuos, et ancillas tuas.
Salvum fac populum, Domine, et beneficis hereditatibi tui.

Domine, fiat pac in virtute tua.
Domine, exaudi crationem meas.

The fifth versicle and its response are also different in the existing form. In the ancient Prayers this appears in the following shape, before the Evening Collect for Peace:—

Amet, Lord, thy peace in cure dares, for there is none other that shal fyte for us, but thou lord cure god.

Veru, Lord, pees maad in thi vertu.

 Resp. And plenteounes in thi tourns.

The Latin is:—

Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris.

Quia non est alius qui pugnet pro nobis nisi tu Deus noster.

1 These are given from Massell’s Monumenta Ritualis, iii. 345, but the people’s responses are omitted. In Chambers’ Translation of the Sarum Psalter the complete form has been compiled.

2 Bishop Cover altered this versicle to a form which was intended to conciliate Puritan objectors, writing “Because there is none other that saveth us from our enemies, but only Thou, O God.” The alteration was not approved by the Revision Committee, and was erased.
The sixth verse and its response are taken from the fifty-first Psalm, which followed the Ferial Praye at Matins and Vespers.

It will also be observed that the petition for the Sovereign and that for the Ministers of the Church, have exchanged places in the course of their adaptation to modern use. This change first appears at the end of the Litany in Hiley's Priner of 1539. The reason why the Prayer for the Sovereign is put forth before that for the Clergy, is not that the secular power may be honoured above the Church, but that the supreme sovereignty of the realm may be recognized before the clerical part of the Church.

The mutual salutation with which this portion of the daily Office begins, is to be said while the people are yet standing, as they were during the recitation of the Creed: "the Minister first pronouncing" it is "with a loud voice," (and turning to the people,) before "all devoutly kneeling," join in the lesser Litany. It is of very ancient ritual use [see Conc. Vas. c. v. A.D. 440], and is believed by the Eastern Church to have been handed down from the Apostles. Its office is to make a transition, in connexion with the lesser Litany, from the service of praise to that of supplication: and also to give devotional recognition to the common work in which Priest and laity are engaged, and the common fellowship in which it is being done. The same salutation is used in the Confirmation Service, after the act of Confirmation, and before the Lord's Prayer: but in this case the lesser Litany is not connected with it. The constant use of this mutual Benediction or Salutation should be a continual reminder to the laity of the position which they occupy in respect to Divine Service: and that, although a separate order of priesthood is essential for the ministration of God's worship, yet there is a priesthood of the laity by right of which they take part in that worship, assuming their full Christian privilege, and making it a full corporate offering of the whole Christian body. Nor should we forget, in connexion with it, the promise "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

The lesser Litany is an ancient and Catholic prayer to the Lord's Prayer, which is only used without it in the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Administration of Baptism, and in Confirmation, and at the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer. In the latter case its omission is supplied by the Confession: in the others the use of the Lord's Prayer is Eucharistic, as will be shown in the notes appended to it in the Communion Service. In this part of his Prayer Book, Bishop Cosin added the second recitation of each verse as an "Answer," so as to make the lesser Litany here identical with that in the Litany itself. This probably represents the proper way of using it in Divine Service, as it was thus repeated three times in the Salisbury Use. In its original form this lesser Litany consisted of Kyrie Eleison nine times repeated: but the Western Church has always used Christe Eleison as the second verse. Its threefold form is analogous to that of the Litany, which opens with separate prayers to each Person of the Blessed Trinity. This form renders it a most fitting introduction to the Lord's Prayer: and the Church has so distinctly adopted the lesser Litany for that purpose, that we may well feel a reverent obligation to use it on all occasions when the Lord's Prayer is said. Such an usage appeals, too, to the instinct of Christian humility, which shrinks from speaking to God even in the words taught us by our Lord, without asking His mercy on our act of prayer, influenced, as it must needs be, by the infirmities of our nature; and imperfect as it must appear to the all-penetrating Eye.

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Then the Priest standing up shall say] This Rubric continues the ancient practice, applying it to the whole of the verses, instead of only to a portion. The old Rubric after the Miserecore, which followed the verses above given, was "'Finito Psalmo solus accessor omnis se, et ad gradum chori accesset ad Matsamias et ad Vesperas, tunc dicendo hos versus:---

Exurge, Domine, adjuva nos
Et libera nos propriam nocem.
Domine Deus virtutum, convertite nos.
Et ostende faciem tuam, et salvi orinum."

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MORNING PRAYER.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Ps. cxvii. 9, 16.

**Priest.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**Answer.**

And make thy chosen people joyful.

Ps. xxviii. 9.

**Priest.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**Answer.**

And bless thine inheritance.

**Priest.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Answer.**

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but thou, O God.

**Priest.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**Answer.**

And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the Day, which shall be the same that is appointed at the Communion; the second for Peace; the third for Grace to live well. And the two last Collects shall never alter, but daily be said at Morning Prayer throughout all the year, as followeth; all kneeling.

**The Second Collect for Peace.**

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our salvation, therefore do we humbly implore thee, that thou wouldest make us to understand the way of peace; and grant that we may evermore continue in the same, until we arrive at the perfect knowledge of thy blessed and eternal truth.


Et exaudi nos in die qua invoca- salubrs. Verbum te.

Sacerdotes tui induantur justitiam.

Et sancti tui exultent.

Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine.

Et benedice hereditati tue.

[Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostri. (Antiph. to Collect for Peace.)]

Quia non est alius qui pugnet pro nobis nisi tu, Deus noster.]

[Cor mundum creata me, Domine. (Ps. Misere
deo.)]

Et Spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.]

DEUS auctor pacis et amator, Salisbur. Vse.

et quern nosse vivere: cui servire Gregor. et Gelas. Massa pro pace.}

has already been referred to, is again brought out strongly in the verse and response, “Endue Thy ministers with righteousness: And make Thy chosen people joyful.” It is impossible not to identify the latter words, in their Christian sense, with the words of St. Peter, “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;” and in a preceding verse of the same chapter, “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Pet. ii. 5, 9.) This subject is treated of at greater length in the notes on the Confirmation Service; but the doctrine, or rather the practice of the doctrine, pervades the Prayer Book; the whole system of responsive worship being founded upon it. See also a note on the “Amém” of the Laity at the consecration of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE THREE COLLECTS.

all kneeling] See the preceding remarks on this posture in the Mass. It is only necessary here to add that the words, “The Priest standing up, and saying, Let us pray. ¶ Then the Collect of the Day,” followed those of the present Rubric until
eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ The First Collect, of the Day.

The central point of all Divine Worship, towards which all other services gravitate, and around which they revolve, like planets round a sun, is the great sacrificial act of the Church, the offering of the Holy Sacrament. The ordinary services of Mattins and Evensong are therefore connected with it ritually by the use of the collect "that is appointed at the Communion," to which precedence is given over all other prayers except the Lord's Prayer, and the versicles from Holy Scripture. This collect is the only variable prayer of the Commoner Office, and it is almost always built up out of the ideas contained in the Epistle and Gospel appointed for the Sunday or Holyday to which it specially belongs; these latter, again [see Introduction to Collects, &c.,] being selections of most venerable antiquity, intended to act a definite and distinctive mark on the day with which they are associated. Thus the first collect of Morning and Evening Prayer fulfills a twofold office. First, it connects those services with the great act of sacrificial worship which the Church intends to be offered on every Sunday and Holyday (at least) to her Lord; and, secondly, it strikes the memorial key-note of the season, linking on the daily services to that particular phase of our Blessed Lord's Person or Work which has been offered to our devotion in the Gospel and Epistle. And as all Divine Worship looks first and principally towards Him to Whom it is offered, so it must be considered that these orderly variations of the collect are not ordained chiefly as a means of directing the tone of thought and meditation with which the worshippers approach Him; but as a devotional recognition and memorial before God of the change of times and seasons which He Himself has ordained both in the natural and the spiritual world. "He hath appointed the moon for certain seasons, and the sun known his going down." So the division of our time from week to week has been marked out by the Divine Hand in the rest of the Creation Sabbath and the triumph of the Resurrection Sunday; and each week of the year is also distinguished by the Church with some special reference to acts or teachings of her Divine Master, which she commemorates day by day at Mattins and Evensong, as well as at her chief service of the week.

The following rules will be found practically useful as regards the use of the first collect, and for convenience those relating to Evensong are included, as well as those more properly belonging to this page:

1. The Sunday Collect is to be said from the Saturday evening before to the Sunday morning after, inclusive.

2. Festival Collects are invariably to be used on the evening before the festival, whether it is kept as a vigil or not. When the vigil is kept on a Saturday, the festival being on the Monday following, the collect of the latter need not be said on Saturday evening; but on Sunday evening it should be said before the Sunday collect.

3. The Sunday collect is ordinarily superseded by the collect of any festival which occurs on the Sunday.

4. But if any festival occurs on any of the following Sundays, both collects should be used, that for the Sunday being said first.

5. The following are special usages connected with several days and seasons:

   - Advent Sunday is to be used until the morning of Dec. 24
   - Christmas Day is to be used until Christmas Day
   - Jan. 8
   - Ascension Day is to be used until the morning of the Sunday before Easter Day

§ The Second Collect, for Peace.

This beautiful prayer is translated from one which was used at Land's in the ancient services, and was also the Post-Communion of a special Eucharistic office on the subject of peace. It appears in the Sacramentaries of Galadius and Gregory the Great, and has probably been in use among us ever since the time of the latter, more than twelve centuries and a half.

It must be taken as a prayer for the peace of the Church Militant, even more than as one for that of the Christian warrior; a devout acknowledgment in the case of both that the events of every day are ruled by the Providence of Almighty God, Who doth according to His will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can say His hand, or say unto Him, "What doest Thou?" The beautiful and terse expression, "Whose service is perfect freedom" (though inferior to the "whom to serve is to reign" of the Latin), is a daily reminder to us of our position as soldiers of Christ, bound to Him as those who have vowed to "continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end," but yet bound by the yoke of a loving Captain, whose object is to save us from the slavery of sin and carry us on to the eternal freedom of Heaven. There is a mixture of humility and confidence in this Collect, which fits it well for the lips of those who are faithfully endeavouring to do their duty day by day. They "seek peace and pursue it," yet know that spiritual enemies are ever on the watch to assail them: they know their danger, yet have no fear for the end...
ginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ In Quires and Places where they sing, here followeth the Anthem.

Then these five Prayers following are to be read here, except when the Litany is read; and then only the two last are to be read, as they are there placed.

§ A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty.

O LORD our heavenly Father, and King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, thou dost hodie salva virtute; et concede Salisbury (sic). ut in hac die ad nullum declinamus peccatum; nec ulum incurramus periculum, sed semper ad tuum justitiam faciendam omnis nostra actio tuo moderamine dirigatur. Per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

O LORDE Jesu Christe, moste high, moste myghtye kyng of kynges, lord of lords, the onely ruly
Ps. xxxiii.15—15.  
Prov. xv. 2.  
Col. iii. 23.  
Prov. xxii. 1.  
Ps. lxxix. 9.  

Acts viii. 15.  
1 Chron. xxix. 12.  
2 Cor. ix. 3.  
1 Kings iii. 9.  
James i. 7.  
Pss. lxix. 1. 2.  
1 Chron. xxxix. 12, 28.  
2 Chron. L. 11, 12.  
Ps. xx. 1, 2.  
xxvii. 37, 38, 49.  
xxi. 1, 5, 6.  
2 Tim. iv. 8.  
1 Pet. v. 10.

who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen VICTORIA, and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy ways: Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts, grant her in health and wealth long to live, strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

of princes, the very sonne of god, on whose ryghte hande syttyng, dooest from thy throne beholde all the dwellers upon earth: with mooste lowly hertes we beseeche the, vouchesafe with favourabule regard to behold our most gracious soueraigne lorde Kyng Edwarde the syxte, and so replenyshe hym with the grace of thy holy spirite, that he alway incline to thy wil, and walke in thy waye. Kepe hym farre of from ignorance, but through thy giftes, leat prudence and knowlaxe alwaie abound in his royall hert. So instruete hym (o Lord isev), reygnyng upon us in ethr, that his humaine majeste, alway obey thy divine majeste in feare and drede. Indue him plentifully with heueneuy geftes. Grant him in health and welth long to line. Happe glorie and honorue upon hym. Glad hym with the joye of thy countenence. So strengthe hym, that he maie vanquish and overcom all his and our foes, and be drede and feared of all the enemies of his realme. [And finally, after this life that he may attain everlasting joy and felicity. Prymer Version.] Amen.

elsewhere, which makes it capable of meeting the varied requirements of social life. Perhaps the idea of an universal Daily Mattins and Evensong was dying out when the additions were made to the beginning and the end of the Services, or a more distinct Rubrical provision would have been made, limiting their general use to particular churches on week-days, and ordering it for all on Sundays.

THE FIVE PRAYERS.

These prayers were inserted in this place in 1661, apparently at the suggestion of Bishop Cosin made in his Amended Prayer Book. Some of them had been previously in use in the Litany or in occasional Offices. To a certain extent they represent some private prayers used by the Clergy, after the public Office was over in the ancient system of the Church [Freeman, i. 371]; but this parallel is accidental, as an interval of more than a century had elapsed between the cessation of the old custom, and its revival in the present form. There are, however, several pages of “Memoria Communes” in the Salisbury Missals, and among these may be found the original idea, though not the ipsissima verba, of the four intercessory prayers here used, and also of several of those called “Occasional.” The Memoria Communes were, in fact, “Prayers and Thanksgivings upon Several Occasions.” The intercessory prayers now used daily seem to have been originally considered as belonging to this class. It is noticeable that the ancient structural form of the Collect [see Introduction to Collects, &c.] has been carefully adopted in these prayers, as it was in the case of the daily Absolution.

§ The Prayer for the Queen.

This occurs first in two books of Private Prayers, the one entitled “Patrones or Prayers taken out of Holy Scripture” (1549—1548), the other, “Prayers or Meditations . . . collected out of holy works by the most virtuous and gracious Princess Katherine, Queen of England, France, and Ireland. Apto dni 1547.” It was also inserted in the Morning Prayer, printed in the Prymer of 1553, as the “Fourth Collect.” In Queen Elizabeth’s reign (1559) it was placed with other prayers and in its present shape, before the Prayer of St. Chrysostom at the end of the Litany. Our present usage was first adopted in the Form of Prayer for March 24, 1604, commemorating the entry of James I. into England. It was inserted in the Scottish Prayer Book of 1637, and finally settled as we now have it in 1661.

It is not known who was the author of this fine composition, the opening of which is equal in grandeur to any thing of the kind in the ancient Liturgies; breathing indeed the spirit of the Terantius and Trisagion.

A prayer for the Sovereign is a very ancient part of Divine Service, the Apostolic use of it being evidenced beyond doubt by the words of St. Paul, in the opening of the second chapter of his First Epistle to Timothy, “I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” The “giving of thanks” being simply an expression for the offering of the Holy Eucharist, this injunction ought to

1 The final clause of this prayer is taken from the Post-Communion of a Missa Quotidiana pro Regis in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, which is as follows:

“Hae, Domine, ortice salutaris famulam tuam, illum, ab omnibus tueretur adversis, quatemus et Ecclesiastica pacis obitiam tranquillitatem, et post istius temporis decemum et ad aeternam perveniat haedemitat. Pet.”

[Greg. Miss. Quotid., pro Regis, A4 Complend.] The earlier part of it bears some resemblance to the beginning of the Consecratio Regis, printed at p. 279 in the Appendix to Menard’s Sacramentary of St. Gregory. “Omnipotens sempiterni Deus, Creator et Gubernator coeli et terrae, Considtor et Dispositor Angelorum et hominum; Rex regum et Dominus dominorum, qui . . .” &c.
**A Prayer for the Royal Family.**

**ALMIGHTY** God, which hast promised to be a Father of thine Elect, and of their seed: We humbly beseech thee to bless **Albert Edward Prince of Wales**, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for the Clergy and People.**

**ALMIGHTY** and everlasting God, who alone workst great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops, the Father of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless **Albert Edward Prince of Wales**, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus,**

qui facis mirabilia magna solus: *pretende super famulos tuos Pontifices*.

be taken as containing a reference to the use of such an intercession at the ordinary of the Church, as well as at the Holy Communion. A *Missae pro Rege* is contained in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, as has been shown, as early as the sixth century. In the ecclesiastical laws of King Ethelred, a.d. 1012, the third chapter contains express directions that a certain prayer should be said daily for the king and his people; and the practice of the Church of England before the Reformation has already been mentioned.

It may be useful to place in connexion with our now familiar Prayer for the Sovereign, one from an Eastern Liturgy, and the Memorial of the Salisbury Breviary.

*From the Liturgy of St. Mark.*

"O Lord, Master and God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; we beseech Thee to preserve our king in peace, might, and righteousness. Subdue under him, O God, his foes and all that hate him. Lay hold upon the shield and buckler, and stand up to help him. Grant victories unto him, O God, and that he may be peaceably disposed both towards us and towards Thy holy Name; and that we also, in the peace of his days, may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty, through the grace, mercy, and loving-kindness of Thine only begotten Son; through Whom, and with Whom, be glory and power unto Thee, with Thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, and unto all eternity. *Amen.*"

MEMORIE PRO REGE ET REGINA.

*(From the Salisbury Missal.)*

Oration.


Secreta.

"Suscipe, quaesumus, Domine, preces et hostias ecclesiae tue, quas pro salute famuli Tui regis nostri et reginae et protectione fulminum populi tui Majestati offerimus; supplicantes ut antiqua brevich tui Te operante miracula, superiis inimicis, secura tibi serviat Christianorum libertas. Per Dominum."

Post-Communio.

"Presta, quaesumus, Omnipotens Deus: ut per hae mysteria sancta qua sumpsumis, rex nostri et reginae populosque Christianos semper rationabili mediante: que tibi placita sunt, et divina exequantur et factis. Per Dominum."

These are taken from a Missal of 1514; another set, mentioning the name of Henry VIII., are given by Mr. Maskell in his Ancient Liturgy, p. 184. The Post-Communion of the latter ends with the words "et post hujus vitæ decursum ad eternam beatitudinem, tua gratia cooperante, perveniat;" which are evidently the original of "And finally after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity." See also the preceding foot-notes.

§ The Prayer for the Royal Family.

This was placed among the prayers at the end of the Litany in 1604, by James I. The expression "the fountain of all goodness" was substituted, in 1625 (in the first Form of Occasional Prayers issued under Charles I.), for the strong expression used in the opening of it under James. The following letter, copied from Bishop Cosin's MSS., led to its final adoption in its present form, and serves to illustrate its introduction into the Daily Service—

"Charles R."

"Our will and pleasure is that you forthwith cause this ensuing Collect for our Royal Consort to be used in all churches and chapels within your provinces, instead of that which is now used for the Royal Progeny. For which this shall be your warrant. Given at our Court at Whitehall this 8th day of November, 1601."

[Then follows the Collect.]

"To our right trusty and right well beloved, the Most Reverend Father in God Acceptus, Lord Archbishop of York."

"By His Majesty's Command, "EDWARD NICHOLAS."

In this and other prayers for the Sovereign and the Royal Family, the necessary changes are made by Royal Proclamation, under the following clause in the Act of Uniformity:—"Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all those Prayers, Litanies, and Collects which do any way relate to the King, Queen, or Royal Progeny, the Names be altered and changed from time to time, and fitted to the present occasion, according to the direction of lawful authority." What the lawful authority is does not clearly appear; but against the clause in the Litany, and also against this Prayer, there is a marginal note in Cosin's book, "Such only are to be named as the King shall appoint."

§ The Prayer for the Clergy and People.

This Collect is very ancient, being found in the Sacramentary of Gelasius. It is also in all the English Prymers, and a version of it, as it stood in the fourteenth century, is given in Evening Prayer. It was placed at the end of the first authorized English
et super cunctas congregationes illis commissas Spiritum gratiae salutaris; et ut in veritate tibi complaceant, perpetuum eis rorem tuae benedictionis infunde.

Capitulum: ii. Cor. ultimo.

G R A T I A D o m i n i n o s t r i J e s u S a l i s t o n i a
Christi, et charitas Dei, et communicatio Sancti Spiritus sit semper cum omnibus nobis.

§ The Benediction.

This benediction of priest and people by the former is translated from the Capitulum which was used at Tiers (the nine o'clock Morning Service) in the ancient Church of England, and was first inserted after the Litany in 1559. It also begins the Anaphora of the three great Oriental Liturgies of St. Chrysostom, St. Basil, and St. James, being followed by the versicle, "And with thy Spirit," and the Sursum Corda. In the two former, the benedictory form appears as it is in 2 Cor. xiii. 14, "be with you all," but in that of St. James it is in the form "be with us all," as in our own and in the ancient Tiers Service. As the Vulgate also has "sit cum omnibus vobis," it is improbable that the ancient Capitulum was taken from it, especially since the word "semper" is no more represented there than it is in the Greek of the New Testament; the two being as follows:

'Hi χάρα τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Gratia Domini nostri Jesu Christi, καὶ ἡ ἐγκατά τοῦ Θεοῦ, Christi, et charitas Dei, et communio Sancti Spiritus sit semper cum omnibus nobis.

There is some probability, from those peculiarities, that this benediction gives us a lingering trace of prayers more anciently used in England than the time of St. Osmond. In St. James' Liturgy, the benediction is, "The love of the Lord and Father, the grace of the Lord and Son, the communion and gift of the Holy Ghost, be with us all," and although this is still more different from our form than the Bible version, the "us" instead of "you" is (under the circumstances) so very distinctive, as to lead to the impression that it represents a Liturgy not now extant, which was analogous to that of St. James. It has also been suggested that this was originally a Liturgical benediction, and was adopted, as many other Liturgical expressions were, by St. Paul. No doubt its use as a Blessing in Divine Service is of primitive antiquity.
ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER, DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Ps. li. 3. I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Ps. li. 9. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out mine iniquities.
Ps. li. 17. The Sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
Joel ii. 13. Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.
Dan. ix. 9, 10. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us.
Jer. x. 24. Ps. vi. 1. O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
Matt. iii. 2. Repent ye; for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
Luke xv. 18, 19. I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him; Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Enter not into judgement with thy Ps. caliii 2. servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

If we say that we have no sin, we 1 John i. 8, 9. deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father, but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech

The Order for Evening Prayer] The Evening Service of the Book of Common Prayer was formed out of the two Evening Services, Vespers and Compline, of the ancient Order; a fixed form being, however, substituted for variable ones, and the hymns being left to the discretion of the Clergy.

Nothing further need be said here respecting those parts of the daily Offices which have been already commented upon under Morning Prayer, but some additional Illustrations are given in the shape of ancient English versions of various parts of the services. These are inserted within brackets when they are placed.
EVENING PRAYER.

you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me.

¶ A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserably offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing; the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: He pardoneh and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore beseech we him to grant us true repentance, and his holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; And that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them, that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

"And," see Morning Prayer.

[Here beginneth the pater noster.]

OURE failir, that art in henenes, halewedd thi name: thy rewme come to thee: be thi wille do as in henene and in ethere: oure ech daies breed yyne us to day: and foryue us oure dettis, as and we forjejenn to oure dettours: and ne lede us into temptacion: but deluyeus us fro yuel. So be it.]

beside the text of the Prayer Book: and it must be understood that they are verbal illustrations only, not always coming from an office similar to that in which they are now printed. The opening verses of the Service, for example, are taken from the Mattins of the Ancient Prymer: at the later services of the day the two first do not appear; and at Compline they are replaced by "Turn us O God of our salvation. And let Thine anger cease from us." These in the Prymer are "God our salvation converte us to Thee. And turned fro us Thy wrath." Evening Prayer began with the Lord's Prayer and ended with the third Collect, from its first translation in 1549 until 1661. In the Rubric, before the sentences at Morning Prayer, the Minister was directed (from 1552 onwards) to say them and that which follows "at the beginning both of Morning and Evening Prayer:" but the Puritan critics of the Prayer Book and the Clergy show that this was rarely, if ever, the practice until the last Revision, when the two Services were made alike in this respect.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

The above is a version of the Lord's Prayer as it was used by the people in their daily services, when the prayers of the Church were still said in Latin, about the end of the fourteenth century. Some earlier versions are here given, which may be taken as representatives of those translations into the vulgar tongue which were so frequently directed in provincial and diocesan constitutions. There cannot be a doubt that the Lord's Prayer was as familiar to the people of England in ancient days as it is at present.

The first among the following ancient forms of it is taken from
¶ Then aswise he shall say,
O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer.
And our mouth shall shew forth
thy praise.

Priest.
O God, make speed to save us.
Answer.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ Here all standing up, the Priest shall say,
Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

[Domina, Labia.

Lord, thou shalt open my mouth.

And my mouth shall shew forth
thy praise.

Priest.

God, take heed to my help:
Lord, help thou me.

¶ Here all standing up, the Priest shall say,
Glorie be to the Father, and to the
Son: and to the holy Ghost:

a gloss on the Evangelists, written by Eadfrid, Bishop of Lindis-
farne, about A.D. 700. [Cotton MS. Nero D. iv.]

Fader our the arch in Heofnun sie gehalgd noma thin to
cymeth ric thin, sie willo thin susn is in Heofnun and in Eorthe.
Hlaf usorne cewfustic ce sel us to doge, and forgel us scylthe
susn use forgefen scealgum usan. And ne iclead with in cost-
muenge. Ah gefrig usich from yfel.

The next is from Saxo bounelles of about the same date :
Fader ure thee thin in heofnung earth, heo gehalgd thin nuna.
Cum to thin rice, weorthe thin willa swa swa on Heofnung smile
on eorthe. Hlaf usorne deghwicanam sel us to doge, and forlo-
e usce scyle, swa swa us ac forlesten them thescylgit with us,
ne geleade in costmuenge. Ah gelafe us of yfel.

The next is from a MS. in the Library of Caius College,
Cambridge, belonging to the thirteenth century, and printed by
Mr. Maskell in the Appendix to his Fourteenth Century Prymer,
Monumenta Ritualia, ii. 238:

Fader ure that art in heere, i-halgeed bee thi name, i-came the
kinereiche, y-worthe thi wylle also is in heeven so he on erthe,
orue eche-dayse bred jif us to day, and forfie us oore gultes, also
we forstif oore gullares, and ne led owes noth into feedinge,
auth also ows of harnne. So be it.

The next is from a MS., No. 142, in St. John's College Library,
Cambridge, of the fourteenth century, and is also from Mr.
Maskell's Monumenta Ritualia, ii. 239:

Fader ure that art in heene, halved be thi name: come thi
kyngeolm : fulfled be thi will in heene as in erthe: oore eth day
bred jif vs to day, and forjene vs oore dettes as we forjenthe
orue detores : and ne led vs moy in tempation, bote detlure vs
of enel. So be it.

This is from a MS. in the Rollobian Library (Donec, 246, f. 15),
of the fifteenth century. It also is reprinted from Monumenta
Ritualia, ii. 239:

Fader ure that art in heenes, halowed be thy name: thy
kyngeolm come to thee: thy wille be be in erthe as in heeven:
orue ehe days brode jene vs to days: and forjene vs oore
detis as we forjene to orue detores: and led us nopte into
tempation: but delyere us from euel. Amen.

The last is from the Prymer of 1538. Monumenta Ritualia,
ii. 239:

Our father which art in heeven, halowed be thy name. Let
thy kyngdom cum vnto vs. Thy wille be fulfylled as well in
erthe, as it is in heeven. Gyue vs this days our daylye bredes.
And forgue vs our trespasses, as we forgyne them that trespas
against vs. And lede vs nat in to tempation. But delyeler vs
from eueil. So be it.

Many more such ancient English versions are extant, and the
above are only given as specimens which show distinct transitions
of language from one age to another. [For others see Reliquiae
Antiquae, vol. i.; Lvingard's Anglo-Saxon Church, vol. ii. ;

Maskell's Monumenta Ritualia, vol. ii.; Chamberlayne's Oratio
Dominica.]

§ Exposition of the Lord's Prayer, by St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
A.D. 347.

[It may give an additional interest to this to mention the his-
torical fact, that it was part of a Lecture delivered in the Church
which had been recently erected over the Holy Sepulchre; and
to remind the reader that the interval of time between the origi-
nal delivery of the Divine Prayer to the Apostles and this exis-
tion of it by a Bishop of the Holy City was not greater than that
which has elapsed since the setting forth of the Prayer Book in
1549.]

Then, after these things, we say that Prayer which the Saviour
delivered to His own disciples, with a pure conscience styling God
our Father, and saying, Our Father, which art in heaven. O
most surpassing loving-kindness of God! On them who revolted
from Him and were in the very extreme of misery, has He be-
stowed such complete forgiveness of their evil deeds, and so great
participation of grace, as that they should even call Him Father.
Our Father, which art in heaven; they also are a heaven who
bear the image of the heavenly, in whom God is, dwelling and
walking in them.

Hallowed be Thy Name. The Name of God is in its own
nature holy, whether we say so or not; but since it is sometimes
profaned among sinners, according to the words, Through you
my Name is continually blasphemed among the Gentiles, we pray
that in us God's Name may be hallowed; not that it becomes
holy from not being holy, but because it becomes holy in us, when
we become holy, and do things worthy of holiness.

Thy Kingdom come. The clean soul can say with holiness,
Thy Kingdom come; for he who has heard Paul saying, Let not
sin reign in your mortal body, but has cleansed himself in deed,
thought, and word, will say to God, Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done as in heaven, so in earth. The divine and
blessed Angels do the will of God, as David in a Psalm has said,
Bless the Lord, ye His Angels, that excel in strength, that do His
Commandments. So then, thou meanest by thy prayer, "As Thy
will is done by the Angels, so be it done on earth also by me,
Lord."

Give us this day our super-substantial bread. This common
bread is not super-substantial, but this Holy Bread is super-
substantial, that is, appointed for the substance of the soul. For
this Bread goeth not into the belly and is cast out into the draught,
but is diffused through all thou art, for the benefit of body and
soul. But by this day, he means "such day," as also Paul has
said, While it is called to-day.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. For
we have many sins. For we offend both in word and in thought,
and very many things do we worthy of condemnation; and if we say
that we have no sin, we lie, as John says. And we enter into a
covent with God, entreatimg Him to pardon our sins, as we also
EVENING PRAYER.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen.

Priest.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

{ Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed. Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed: And after that, Magnificat (or the Song of the blessed Virgin Mary) in English, as followeth.

Magnificat.

Luke i.

My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

for we receive, and for what, let us not put off, nor delay to forgive one another. The offences committed against us are slight and trivial, and easily settled; but those which we have committed against God are great, and call for mercy such as His only is. Take heed, therefore, lest for these small and inconsiderable sins against thyself, thou bear against thyself forgiveness from God for thy most grievous sins.

And lead us not into temptation, O Lord. Does then the Lord teach to pray thus, viz., that we may not be tempted at all? And how is it said elsewhere, "the man who is not tempted is improved!" and again, My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; or rather, does not the entering into temptation mean the being whelmed under the temptation? For the temptation is like a winter-torrent, difficult to cross. Some, then, being most skilful swimmers, pass over, not being whelmed beneath temptations, nor swept down by them at all; while others who are not such, entering into them sink in them. As for example, Judas entering into the temptation of covetousness, swam not through it, but sinking beneath it, was choked both in body and spirit. Peter entered into the temptation of the denial; but having entered it, he was not overwhelmed by it, but manfully swimming through it, he was delivered from the temptation. Listen again in another place, to the company of unscathed saints, giving thanks for deliverance from temptation, For Thou, O God, hast proved us; Thou hast tried us as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; Thou laighest affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place; now their coming into a wealthy place, is their being delivered from temptation.

But deliver us from the evil. If lead us not into temptation had implied the not being tempted at all, He would not have said, But deliver us from the evil. Now the evil is the Wicked Spirit who is our adversary, from whom we pray to be delivered. Then after completing the prayer, Thou sayest, Amen; by this Amen, which means, "So be it," setting thy seal to the petitions of this divinely-taught prayer. [St. Cyril's Catech. Lect. xiii. 11—18.]

§ Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer, by the Author of "The Christian Year."

[The following paraphrase is reprinted 1 to illustrate the devotional use of the Lord's Prayer in private, on Liturgical principles. The "special intention" here shown is also one

As it was in the bygynnynge and now and ever and in to the worldis of worldis. So be it.

God make us saaf.

Psalmus. Laos i.

MAGNIFICAT: anima mea Do- Salisbury Use. minutum. Et exultavit spiritus meus: in Deo salutari meo.

which bears closely upon two objects of this work, that of promoting the present unity of the Church of Christ, and that of showing the unity of the Church of England with the Catholic Church of old.]

Our Father which art in Heaven: One God, the Father Almighty, One Lord Jesus Christ, One Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us, Thy children, and make us all One in Thee.

Hallowed be Thy name: Thou who art One Lord, and Thy name One; have mercy upon us all, who are called by Thy name, and make us more and more One in Thee.

Thy kingdom come: O, King of Righteousness and Peace, gather us more and more into Thy kingdom, and make us both visibly and invisibly One in Thee.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Thou, Who hast declared unto us the mystery of Thy will, to "gather together in One all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth," conform us, O Lord, to that holy will of Thine, and make us all One in Thee.

Give us this day our daily bread: Thou in Whom we being many are One Bread and One Body; grant that we, being all partakers of that One Bread, may day by day be more and more One in Thee.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us: Thou, Who didst say, Father, forgive them, for those who were rending Thy blessed Body, forgive us the many things we have done to mar the unity of Thy mystical Body, and make us, forgiving and loving one another, to be more and more One in Thee.

And lead us not into temptation: As Thou didst enable Thine Apostles to continue with Thee in Thy temptations; so enable us, by Thy grace, to abide with Thee in Thy true Church, under all trials, visible and invisible, nor ever to cease from being One in Thee.

But deliver us from evil: from the enemy and false accuser; from envy and grudging; from an unquiet and discontented spirit; from heresy and schism; from strife and debate; from a scornful temper, and reliance on our own understanding; from offence given or taken; and from whatever might disturb Thy Church, and cause it to be less One in Thee.

Good Lord, deliver and preserve Thy servants for ever.

THE MAGNIFICAT.

The Hymn of the Blessed Virgin Mary can be traced in use in the Daily Service of the Church as far back as the beginning of the sixth century. At that time (A.D. 507) it appears in the

1 From the Preface to "Sermons, Academical and Occasional, by the Rev. John Keble, M.A., 1846."
For he hath regarded the lowness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or else this Psalm; except it be on the Nineteenth day of the month, when it is

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae: Salisbury Use.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies: timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede: et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implivit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum: recordatus misericordiae suae;

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros; Abraham, et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto.


EVENING PRAYER.

rule of St. Cassarius of Arles, in the office of Lauds. In the Eastern Church it is also a Lauds Canticle. But Amalarius [A.D. 820] speaks of its use in his time as a Canticle at Vespers; and in the Armenian Church it is used at Compline as well as at Lauds. The English Church has used it at Vespers for at least eight hundred years; and its present position is analogous to that which it occupied in the ancient Service. There are English versions of H. of as early a date as 1390—1400. Several attempts were made by the Puritans to banish it from the Prayer Book, but happily without success. On the other hand, especial reverence was shown towards this Canticle and the Benedictus in the ceremonial of the ancient Church of England, by the use of incense while they were being sung. [See the ceremony in full in Transl. of Sar. Psalt. p. 327.]

Of all Hymns known to the Church this is the most closely connected with our Blessed Lord, having been spoken by His Virgin Mother, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, at the very season when the Divine overshadowing brought about the Incarnation of the Word. She began to be, in that moment, the “tabernacle for the Son” of Righteousness, “which cometh forth as a Bridegroom out of His chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run His course.” The appearance and words of the Archangel revealed to her the exalted office to which God had chosen her, and she knew that from that hour she was to carry in her bosom for nine months the Saviour of the world. But though so “highly favoured,” and “full of grace,” and conscious of being, as Jeremy Taylor says, “superexalted by an honour greater than the world ever saw,” all her words are uttered in a spirit of profound humility as regards herself, even when she declares that “all generations shall call me Blessed,” and of the most heavenly adoration as regards Him Who had magnified her.

The Mother of our Lord, and the Church, “which is the Mother of us all,” have always been closely linked together in the mind of Christianity. The “Elect Lady,” and the Woman “clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars,” who, “being with child, cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered,” and who “brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne,” have seemed, from the different points of view taken by different ages, to represent now one and then the other, the Mother of our Lord, and the Mother of us all. This community of characteristics is in accordance with the general teaching of the New Testament respecting the mystery of the communion between our Lord Himself and those who are made members of His Body by new birth. And for this reason, “The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary” has a peculiar fitness as the daily song of the Church of Christ, since God has honoured it with so great honour, in having made it the means by which the work of the Incarnation is made effectual to the salvation of souls. The Blessed Virgin Mother offered up her thanksgiving to God because He had remembered His mercy and His ancient covenant, by making His Son incarnate through her; and the Church offers up her thanksgiving to Him, because, through her, the mystical body of Christ is being continually brought forth to His greater glory.

It is also to be observed of this, as of the other Canticles, that it is sung to the praise of the Personal Word, as revealed in the Written Word; to the praise of God in Christ, revealed in the Old Testament Scriptures as well as in the New.

CANTATE DOMINO.

This Psalm was not used in any other way than in its place in the Psalter (Mattins, on Saturdays) until 1552, when it was inserted here as an alternative responsive to the first lesson, probably for the purpose of meeting the objections to the Magnificat
EVENING PRAYER.

Psalm xxvii.

CANTATE Domino canticum Dei, St. Justice. But when the song was sung, the Lord hadcbon the song for He hath done a work of mercy.

With His own right hand, and with His holy arm: He hath shewed strength.

The Lord declared His salvation: His righteousness hath shewed strength in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy: He hath holpen His servant Israel. mercy and truth toward the house of Israel.

Whether this parallel is accidental or not, it may serve to show the Evangelical character of the Psalm which is permitted to be used as a substitute for the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Yet it does not seem as if there was ever any necessity for superseding the latter; and, where choice is given, the Magnificat may well be preferred as being offered up daily to God's praise by the whole Catholic Church. When Evensong is repeated, it may be considered advisable to use the alternative Canticle at one of the Services; but, in that case, the Magnificat should always be said at the later Evensong.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The "Song of Simeon" is another Canticle in praise of the manifestation of the Incarnate Word. It has been used at Compline or at Vespers throughout the Church from the earliest ages, being mentioned in the Apostolical Constitutions (written in the
ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Or else this Psalm, except it be on the Twelfth day of the month.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O GOD: yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

EVENING PRAYER.

Prayer for the dead.

NUNC dimitis servum tuum, Domine: secundum verbum tuum in pace.
Quia viderunt oculi mei: salutare tuum.
Quod parasti: ante faciem omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium: et gloriam plebis tuae Israël.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

PSALMUS LXV.

DEUS misereatur nostri, et benedicit nobis: illuminet vultum suum super nos, et misereatur nostri.
Ut cognoscamus in terra viam tuam: in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum.
Confiteantur tibi populi Deus: confiteantur tibi populi omnes.
Lætentur et exultent gentes, quoniam judicatas populos in quietate, et gentes in terra dirigis.

Each part of the fifth century, at the latest) as an Evening Canticum. There are English versions of it as early as the fourteenth century.

The Nunc Dimittis is so singularly fitted for Evensong, as to seem as if written for the purpose. Like the words of David, “I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only that maketh me to dwell in safety;” it is the aspiration of that faith which can behold Christ lightening the darkness of all night, and fulfilling the words of the prophet, “It shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.” As the Gospels of the Morning Lessons reveal to us the “Day-spring” from on high, visiting us,” so the Epistles of the Evening Lessons reveal the Light of Christ’s glory enlightening the Gentiles as well as the Jewish world.

In the old Evening Services of the Church of England, there were touching references to death, and the rest of the departed; and immediately after Nunc Dimittis, in Passion and Holy Week, was sung the glorious anthem “Media vita in morte sumus,” which is now used only in the Burial Service. This close connexion between the Song of Simeon and the idea of our Blessed Lord’s Passion arises out of the occasion on which it was first uttered, the Presentation, which was in effect a Sacrifice; and of the words of Simeon which immediately followed, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; yea, a sword shall pierce through thine own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” [Luke ii. 34, 35.] And such a connexion of ideas cannot fail to remind us also of our Lord’s own departing words, “Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit,” when “He saw of the travail of His soul,” as the eyes of Simeon saw the salvation of the Lord, “and was satisfied.” This calm repose of faith on God,—looking for a present rest on the bosom of Jesus, and a future rest in His Paradisal Presence,—has always been the tone of Evensong in the Church; and is one that will always be in harmony with the feelings of those whose day has been a day of work; who look solemnly, yet not gloomily, towards that coming night when no man can work; and whose eyes are fixed with hope on that “rest which remaineth for the people of God,” through the salvation which Christ has prepared.

DEUS MISEREATUR.

This Psalm was inserted, like the Cantate Domino, in 1552, but was familiar in the older services, being the fourth fixed Psalm at Lauds on Sundays. It was also part of the Office of Bidding Prayers which was used every Sunday. Although of a more jubilant character than the Nunc Dimittis, it has several features in common with it, besides this connexion with an office in which the departed were commemorated. Like that, it praises God for the extension of the Gospel; and as Simeon offers thanksgiving that his eyes have seen the salvation of God, so David in this
EVENING PRAYER.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

† Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the people, standing.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the

Constituteant tibi populi Deus, con-

includeant tibi populi omnes, terra dedit fructum suum.

Benedicit nos Deus, Deus noster;

benedicit nos Deum: et metuant eum omnes fines terrae.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et

sempere, et in saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

[See other references in Morning Prayer.]}

Heb. x. 23.
2 Chron. xx. 20.
Deut. vi. 4, 5.
Mal. iv. 10.
Exod. vi. 3,
John i. 18, 41, 42.
vi. 69.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

A large number of early English versions of the Creed are extant. The one in the right-hand column above is taken from the ancient Prymer contained in Maskell's Monumenta Ritualia. The others which follow this note are copied from Professor Heartley's "Harmonia Symbolica," where several others, of various dates, from the ninth to the sixteenth century, are to be found.

IXth Century. From a MS. (No. 427) in the Lambeth Library.

Ie gelyfe on God Feder almihtigne, Seppend hecofam and eorthan; And on Heland Crist, Sunu his anlich, Driften ure;

So the was geseen of than Halgan Gost, Acsmad of Marian tham madsen; Gethrowad under than Pontiscan Plate, Gerd festnad, Dead and bebyrged; He nither astah to hel warun;

Tham thriddan dege he asa fram deadam; He astah to hecofam;

He sit to swytrhan hand God Feder was almihtigam; Thoman towarad dema the cuan and the deadam. Ie gelyfe Tha halgan golthunge rith gelyfan; Halgaus gemannysse; And forglyfysse synna; Flascen ariste; And that eee lif. Si hit asw.

[The next is of great interest from the illustration it affords of the necessity thrust on the Church of England during a part of the middle ages, of teaching her people in three different languages. It also represents the three principal elements of modern English.]


Ie gelefe on Gode Faderes alwealdend, Joo creel on Deu le Perre tum puant, Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem, Seppend hecofes and eorthan;

Le crisitum de cie de terre; Creadem cief e de terre;

And on Helende Crist, Sunu his anlich, Ex con Jesus Crist, sun Fi anicr, Et in Jesum Christum Filium ejus unicam.

Drihten ure;

Nostre Seint;

Dominum nostrum;

Sye the akryan dont is of than Halgan Gosto, Xi conceyes est del Seint Esprit,

Qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto,

Boran of M[arian tham madsen;]

Nes de Marie la .....

Natos ex Maria Virgine:

[Gethowode under than Pontiscam] Planto, and on rode shangen,

* * * * * * niten Planto crucifex,

Passus sub Pontio Planto, cruicifuxus.

Dead and beheridged;

Morz, e sevlics;

Mortuus, et sepulchus;

He adun asteh to helam;

Descened as enfors;

Descendit ad infernum;

Thriddan dege he asa fram deadaus;

Et diez jurn relevad de morz;

Tertia die resurrectit est mortuis;

He astah to hecofem;

Muntad as ciea;

Ascendit ad celos;

Sit on switran helafe Godes Faderealsalmitigt;

Siet a de strese de Perre tres tum puant;

Sedet ad dexteram Del Patriis omnipotentis;

Tianen he is to cumene, and to demanna quiche and deada.

Diluc est avenir juger les vie e les morz.

Inde venturos judicare vivos et mortuos.

Ie gelefe on Halig Gast;

Joo creel el Seint Esprit;

Credo in Spiritum Sanctum;
EVENING PRAYER.

Rev. i. 7.

Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,
The Lord be with you.
Answer.
And with thy spirit.

Minister.

¶ Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ Then the Minister, Clerks, and people, shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

[Preie we.
Lord, have merci on us.
Crist, have merci on us.
Lord, have merci on us.]

[ΠΑΤΕΡ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, Λουκ. xi. 2. ἀγαπηθέτο ὁ δύναμις σου ἡ βασιλεία σου γενηθήτω τὸ βασιλεία σου ἀθώος σου ὃς ἐν οὐρανοῖς, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τῶν ἄρτων ἡμῶν τῶν ἐπιούσιων δίδου ἡμῖν τὸ καθ' ἡμέραν καὶ ἢμεὶς ἡμῖν τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν, καὶ γάρ αὑτὸ ἄφιεμεν παντὶ ἄφεντο ἡμῖν καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμὸν, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῶν πονηρῶν.]

And on haliw gesonamngu fulftemede;
Scinte Eglise Catholick;
Sanctam Ecclesiæ Catholicae;
Halegu hiniennesse;
La communii des seintes chosis;
Sanctorum communione;
Forgyenysse synna;
Remissioum des pecheiz;
Remissioum peccatorum;
Fleaces up arisness;
Resseuction du charrn;
Carnis resurrectionem;
Lif eche
Vie pendarable
Vitam eternam
Boo hit swa,
Sei felt.
Amen.

XIIIth Century. From a MS. in the British Museum, Chelmsford, B. vii, fol. 201.
Hi true in God, Fader Hal-michttende, That makede heven and herdeth; And in Jues Krist, is ane lepi Son, Hure Lawerd;
That was biciof of the Hul Gast, And horn of the mainden Marie; Fiod under Funece Pilate, fastened to the rode, Ded, and dauwn; Licht in til helle; The thriye dai up ras fra done to live; Steg intil heaven; Sits on his Fadir richt hand, Fadir al-waldand; He then sal come to done the quike an the dedes. Hy trone by theli Gast; And hely * * kirke; The samnings of halges; Forgivnes of sines; Uprisigen of flayes; And life withen ende. Amen.

From the Prymger of 1538. Marshall's Monumenta Ritualia,
li. 241.

I beleve in god the father aloughty, maker of heven and earthe; And in Jues Cûryst his only sonne, our Lorde; whiche was conceyued by the holy ghosto, And borne of the virgyn Mary; Which suffered death under Pons P; late, and was cruicifie, deade, and buried; which descenndad to hell; The thryde day
EVENING PRAYER.

¶ Then the Priest standing up shall say,
O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Answer.
And grant us thy salvation.
Priest.
O Lord, save the Queen.
Answer.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest.
O Lord, save thy people.
Answer.
And bless thine inheritance.
Priest.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer.
And take not thy holy Spirit from us.
¶ Then shall follow three Collects; the first for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.
¶ The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may rose from death to lyfe; which ascended into heauen; and etheth at the ryght hande of God the Father almyghty; And from thens shall come for to judge both the quycke and the deade. I heluen in the holy Ghoste; The holy churche catholike; The communyon of sayntes; The remysson of synnes; The resurrectiony of the fleshe; And the lyfe everlastyng. So be it.

THE SECOND COLLECT.

[Prayer Version of XIVth Century.]
Prede we. For the pces. Deus a quo.
God, of whom ben hoili desiris, rist counsels and inst werks: Iyue to thi servanidis pess that the world may not pese, that in

[Lord, shew to us thi merci.
And jyue to us thi saluacion.]

Lord, jyue pees in oure daies, for ther is noon othir that shal fyjte for us, but thou lord oure god.

DEUS, a quo sancta desideria, recta consilia, et justa sunt opera: da servis tuis illam quam mundus dare non potest pacem: ut et corda nostra mandatis tuis dedita, et,

our hertis poun to thi commandementis, and the drede of enemies putt awei, owre synnes be pesible thur thy defendyng. Bi oure lord iasu crist, thi sone, that with thee lyueth and regueth in the unitle of the hoilli goost god, hi all worldis of worldis. So be it.] This prayer is the Collect of the same Missa pro pace, of which the Morning Collect for Peace is the "Post-Communion." It also was used at Lauds, at Vespers, and in the Litany in the ancient Services: and dates from the Sacramentary of Gelasius, A.D. 494.

Coming as it originally did, at the close of Evensong, it formed a sweet cadence of prayer, fitly concluding with the following short but touching collect. It follows up very exactly the tace of the Nunc Dimittis, and rings with a gentle echo of the pence
be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

† The Third Collect, for aid against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

† In Quires and Places where they sing, here followeth the Anthem.

† A Prayer for the Queen’s Majesty.

O LORD our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen VICTORIA; and so replenish her with the grace of thy holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all

hostium sublata formidine, tempora Salsbury Use, sint tua protectione tranquilla.

ILLUMINA, quasamunus, Domine Deus, tenebras nostras: et totius hujus noctis insidias tu a nobis repelle propitius. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omniam saecula saeculorum. Amen.

† A Prayer for the Kyne. Prymer of 1553.

MOST merciful father, al we thy seruauntes by dutie, and children by grace, do beseech thee mooste humbly, to preserve Edward the Sxxt thy sonne and seruaunte, and oure Kyne and gouernour: Sowe in hym good Lorde suche soede of vertue now in hys yonge age, that many yeares this Realme maye enioye much fruite of this thy blessyng in hym, throughe Jesus Christe our Lorde. Amen.

THE THIRD COLLECT.

This prayer is of equal antiquity with the preceding: and is expressly appointed to be used at Evening Prayer in the Sacramentary of Gelasius. It was taken into our Evensong from the Compline of the Salisbury Use. Here again the Nonu Dnmittit is followed up in its tone: but the words are taken almost literally from the Psalms, which have been the great storehouse of Prayer as well as Psalms to the Church of all ages. “Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death. Thou also shalt light my candle: the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light. Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to Thee are both alike. He will not suffer thy foot to be
the Royal Family: Endue them with thy holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

† A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.

moved; and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord Himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence. He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers: His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day: for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day. For Thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be Thou also my guide, and lead me for Thy Name's sake. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit: for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is Thou, Lord, only that maketh me dwell in safety."

Such are words from the Psalms of David which may be taken as a Scriptural comment upon this short but condensed Collect. They show us how literally the latter must be taken if we are to enter into its true spirit: how much solemn reference to the present and the future may be drawn into the compass of a few words of prayer: and what a fulness of devotion is contained in even the shortest of those forms which have come down to us as the day by day utterances of the Church of God for so many ages.

To meet objections which were made to the words of this prayer, Bishop Cosin has altered it in his Durham Book, to "Lighten the darkness of our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy gracious visitation, and of Thy great mercy . . . . from all terrors and dangers of the night . . . ." Happily the ancient words were retained.

The peculiar fitness of these words to end a Service which is really offered in the Evening, is so great, that one cannot wonder at the reluctance shown by the Clergy and People to add on the Intercessory Prayers which now follow. And, although the Rubric directing these prayers to be used after the Anthem is not inserted in the Evening Service, its omission by no means weakens the force of what has been said in the Notes on Morning Prayer as to such a termination of the Daily Service.
AT MORNING PRAYER.

Upon these Feasts: Christmas-day, the Epiphany, Saint Matthias, Easter-day, Ascension-day, Whitsun-day, Saint John Baptist, Saint James, Saint Bartholomew, Saint Matthew, Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Saint Andrew, and upon Trinity-Sunday, shall be sung or said at Morning Prayer, instead of the Apostles’ Creed, this Confession of our Christian Faith, commonly called The Creed of Saint Athanasius, by the Minister and people standing.

WHOSOEVER will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED.

It was the ancient usage of the Church of England (from the 7th century to the 16th) to sing the “Symbolum Athanasii” every day, rather as a kind of Christian Psalm than a Creed, immediately after the Psalms of the Office, that of Prime. In the reformed Breviary of Quignon it was confined to Sunday use. In the first edition of the English Prayer Book (1549) the Athanasian Creed was directed to be said on six Festivals, those of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity; and seven Saints’ days were added in 1552, so as to make thirteen days altogether; its recitation thus becoming a monthly instead of a weekly one, as in the Roman, or a daily one as in the ancient English Church.

In the Durham Prayer Book, Bishop Cosin has substituted for the latter words of the Rubric, “one verse by the priest, and another by the people, or in Colleges, and where there is a Quire, by sides.”

The English of our present version is substantially identical with that of Bishop Hilsey, as printed in the Prymer of 1539; and entitled “The Symbols of the great Doctor Athanasius, duly red in the Church.” The Creed does not appear in the earlier English Prymers; but vernacular translations of it are extant as an ancient a date as the ninth century, and many in later English.

Although this “Confession of our Christian Faith” is “commonly called the Creed of St. Athanasius,” it cannot be traced back to that great champion of the “right Faith,” and is not likely to have been written in Greek: no Greek copy of it being known which is much more than four centuries old; nor any spoken by any writer earlier than A.D. 1200. It is found in Latin as early as A.D. 570, when a commentary was written upon it by Venantius Fortunatus, previously to his consecration as Bishop of Poitiers 1. From such a commentary being written, it may be concluded that the subject of it was already in public use in Divine Service, as a Confession of Faith, in the Church of France; but it was not adopted by the Church of Rome until A.D. 590.

This Confession of Faith is ascribed to Waterland to St. Hilary of Arles, who died A.D. 449, but by Harvey [History and Theology of the Three Creeds, p. 580] to Victorius, Bishop of Rouen, fifty years earlier, i.e. at the close of the fourth and the beginning of the fifth centuries. Some imputations had been cast on the orthodoxy of this Apostolic Bishop and Confessor:

1 This commentary may be found at the end of Waterland’s History of the Athanasian Creed: p. 104 of the Christian Knowledge Society’s edition.

and there are strong reasons for supposing that he composed it as an answer to these charges of false doctrine, and thus expounded his belief before Anastasius, who was Bishop of Rome until April, A.D. 402. From this circumstance Mr. Harvey considers the present name of the Creed to have arisen through the errors of scribes. In a Gallican MS. of the ninth century, it is attributed to “Anastasius,” the name of Victorius being expunged from the title; and a Commentator entitles it “Fides Anastasi Papae.” Mr. Harvey thinks that the title “Fides S. Athanasii,” has been substituted by a writer who knew nothing of Anastasius, and thought that he was correcting an error rightly instead of wrongly: and whose own error was so plausible that it has been followed very generally in subsequent ages. The name of Athanasius is not connected with it in the earliest MSS., nor in the Commentary of Venantius Fortunatus, but it is simply entitled “Fides Catholica:” yet as early as the Council of Autun, A.D. 670, it is called “Fides Sancti Athanasii Præsulis,” and almost always afterwards either by that title or some other,—as “Sermo Athanasii de Fide,”—in which that saint’s name is included.

The opinion of Mr. Harvey that it was written by Victorius, A.D. 401, is supported by him with evidence of which the following is his own summary, quoted from page 583 of the History and Theology of the Three Creeds:—“For four several reasons, therefore, it is quite as probable that the authorship of the Creed may be assigned to Victorius, as to Hilary. 1. Its careful, well-considered terms, are more consistent with the mature age of the former, who had attained the honour of Confessor forty years before the date now assigned to the Creed in 401, than with the youth of the latter, who was only eight and twenty years of age, when he is supposed by Waterland to have composed this Creed, on his advancement to the episcopate. 2. Its style, though not that of an apology in vindication of the writer’s faith, agrees well with the supposition, that he was accused of the errors that he anathematizes. 3. Its matter is exactly parallel with the subjects, upon which Victorius, if we may judge from the expressions of Paulinus, was called to defend himself. With respect to both of these last particulars, the supposition that Hilary should have been the author, is singularly unsatisfactory to the judgment. His exposition of faith, on entering upon his episcopal office, would scarcely have been pointed with anathemas, that the history of his time persuades us were not required. Indeed the Creed can only be assigned to Hilary upon the supposition, that Apollinarism infected the Gallican Church at the date of his appointment to the See of Arles; a supposition wholly contrary to fact. But since we know, that Pelagian tenets had then taken a firm root in the south of France, we know also the direction that any
Which Faith, except every one do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholick Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Word, a declaration that heresy, or a wilful rejection of any part of the Catholic Faith, comes within the condemnation declared by our Lord, “He that believeth not shall be damned.” [Mark xvi. 16] Those are in danger of this condemnation who have learned that there is a Trinity in Unity. Three Persons in One God, and yet wilfully reject the doctrine: but many believe this faithfully who have not sufficient education to follow out the doctrine into its consequences and necessary corollaries, as afterwards stated. On the other hand, those who understand these corollaries and reject them run into practical heresy.

That we worship! The actual sense of this verse may be stated in other words as being, “The Catholic Faith is this, that the God whom we worship is One God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.” Yet it is also true that as the end of all right Belief is right Worship, so the worship which alone can be right is that which is founded on the Catholic Faith as here stated.

Persons—Substance] “Person” is a word which marks the individual Unity of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; “Substance,” a word which marks their collective Unity. The latter word, which is synonymous with “Essence,” or “Nature,” comprehends all the essential qualities of Deity, or that which God is: Eternity, Uncreatedness, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, are some of these essential qualities belonging to Deity, and not belonging to any other kind of being. To “divide the Substance” is to assert that these essential qualities, or any of them, belong to either Person of the Godhead separately from, or in a different degree from, the other Persons.

Sabellius (a.d. 250) originated, in its most definite form, the heresy of “confounding the Persons,” by declaring that Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were but three names, aspects, or manifestations of one God. Arius (a.d. 320) “divided the Substance” by alleging that the First Person existed before the other two Persons of the Blessed Trinity; thus attributing the essential quality of Eternity to One, and denying that it belonged to the others. These two errors lie at the root of all others; and the following twenty verses of the Creed are an elaboration of the true doctrine, in a strict form of language, as a fence against them.

incomprehensible] This word is represented in modern English by the word Omnipresent. In Bishop Hilsey’s translation of the Creed, he uses the word “immeasurable,” which better answers to the Latin immensus. The word “incomprehensible” has now the disadvantage of a metaphysical as well as a physical sense; but when the Prayer Book was translated, it...

Son incomprehensible; and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible. The Father eternal, the Son eternal; and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three eternals; but one eternal. As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated; but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighties: but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods; but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords; but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity: to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion: to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son; neither made, nor created, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons: immensus Spiritus Sanctus.

Æternus Pater, aternus Filius, æternus Spiritus Sanctus. Et tamen non tres aterni sed unus aternus. Sicut non tres increati, nec tres immensi: sed unus increatus, et unus immensus.

Similiter omnipotens Pater, omnipotens Filius: omnipotens Spiritus Sanctus. Et tamen non tres omnipotentes: sed unus omnipotens.


Quia scit singillatim unamquamque Personam Deum et Dominum confiteri Christiana veritate compellimus: Ita tres Deos aut Dominos dicere, catholica religione prohibemur.

Pater a nullo est factus: nec creatus, nec genitus. Filius a Patre solo est: non factus, nec creatus, sed genitus. Spiritus Sanctus a Patre et Filio: non factus, nec creatus, nec genitus, sed procedens. Unus ergo Pater, non tres Patres; unus Filius, non tres Filii; unus Spi.

probably had only the latter meaning, expressing “that which cannot be grasped by, or contained within, any space.” It is only a strict form of stating the primary notion that “God is every where.” “If I climb up into Heaven, Thou art there: if I go down into hell, Thou art there also. If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there also shall Thy hand lead me: and Thy right hand shall hold me.” (Ps. cxxxix. 7—9.) Yet it is true that a meaning not intended in the Creed has developed itself through this change of language, for the Nature of God is as far beyond the grasp of the mind, as it is beyond the possibility of being contained within local bounds.

For like as we are compelled, &c.] The Creed here declares the Divinity of each several Person of the Blessed Trinity to be so clearly set forth in “the Christian Verity,” that is in the Canon of Holy Scripture as received by the Church, that there is no escape for the reason from such a conclusion:—we are compelled to believe, by the force of the evidence which God has vouchsafed us in the Holy Bible. It would be easy to show, at length, how literally true this is; but the marginal references appended to the text are intended to direct the reader to such evidence, and to supersede, by his private study, the necessity for occupying space here with the details of the Scriptural argument.

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion, &c.] (1) The evidence of doctrine is contained in the Holy Scriptures; the consequences, deductions, and inferences, which may be made from the contents of Holy Scripture, must be under the control of the Church. The one teaching as clearly that each Person of the Blessed Trinity possesses in Himself the inherent essential qualities of the Divine Nature, the other forbids us to draw any false conclusions from the truth thus revealed. (2) The final interpretation of Holy Scripture rests not with the individual Christian, but with the collective Christian body; and where that collective Christian body has set forth an interpretation, the individual Christian will be, to say the least, unsafe in adopting, or wishing to adopt, any other. (3) The “Catholic Religion” respecting the Unity of the Trinity, had been clearly decided and set forth at the General Councils held before this Creed was written.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son] The introduction of the words et Filio into this Creed, shows that the
one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other: none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co- eternal together: and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid: the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore, that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and Man, of the substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God, and perfect Man: of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

The doctrine of the Double Procession of the Holy Ghost was received at a very early date, although “Filleque” was not inserted in the Nicene Creed until the sixth century. The statement of it in this place is of a more general character than in the Nicene Creed [q. v.], but it is rejected by the Eastern Church.

He therefore, that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity! This practical or saving importance of a right Faith in the Holy Trinity, may be seen (1) from the manner in which the doctrine lies at the foundation of all other doctrine; (2) by the fact that our Lord made it the very fountain of spiritual life, when He connected the invocation of the Holy Trinity essentially with Holy Baptism; and (3) by the place which it occupies in moulding all the forms of Christian worship.

Nevertheless, this verse of the Creed must not be taken as meaning that no person can be saved except he has an intellectual apprehension of the doctrines here set forth about the Blessed Trinity. Intellectual apprehension of doctrine is confined to educated minds, which have the faculty of forming opinions about truth, as well as of believing it. In whatever degree, then, opinions accompany Faith, they must be consistent with the statements here made respecting God, in each several Person, and in one Indivisible Trinity. It is one of the responsibilities attached to the possession of intellect, and its development by education, that it be not suffered to go out of its province, profaning to discover where it cannot even observe, or to reason where it has no premises. The highest intellect cannot form any opinion about God that can possibly be true, if it is not consistent with what He Himself has told us; and the highest operation of intellect is to train itself into consistency with the Supreme Mind.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation! The latter part of the Athanasian Creed may be said to be a logical exposition of the second member of the Apostles’ Creed, and especially with reference to the two Natures of our Blessed Lord, the union of which is called the “Incarnation.”

God, of the Substance of the Father! The many heresies respecting the Nature of our Blessed Lord entailed on the Church a necessity for the greatest strictness of expression; and whether God the Son was of the same Substance with the Father, eternally begotten, or whether He was of a similar Substance, and a created being, was the great question which had to be decided by the Church, time after time, as one form and another of the latter opinion arose, throughout the first ages. The voice of the Church never faltered, but always declared that the belief here expressed was the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints, and handed down from the Apostles to later times. It was this contest of heresy with the orthodox faith that originated the minutes definition into which the Athanasian Creed runs; and however unnecessary it may seem to those who willingly receive the true doctrine, yet it must be remembered that heresy never dies; and that hence this minute accuracy is a necessary bulwark of the truth. Also, that we may be very thankful “the right Faith” has not now to be built up, but only to be defended.

Perfect God, and perfect Man! Our Lord Jesus, in both of His two Natures, has all the essential qualities which belong to each: Eternity, Uncreatedness, Omnipresence, Almightyness, Divine Will, and all other attributes of the Divine Nature; Body, Soul, Human Will, and all other attributes belonging to the Human Nature. These two Natures are as entirely united in the One Person Christ, as the body and the soul are united in the one person man. This Union was first effected when the Son of God became to be the Son of Man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and it has never been broken since. When the Body of the Crucified Saviour was laid in the tomb, it was kept from corruption by the continuance of its Union with the Divine Nature; and when His Soul descended into hell, the Divine Nature was still united to it also, enabling it to triumph over Satan and Death; when the Soul and Body of Christ were united together again, and ascended into Heaven, it was in conjunction with the Divine Nature that they ascended, to sit as Per-
Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead: and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance: but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation: descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies: and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholick Faith: which, except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Ad cujus adventum omnes homines resurgere habent cum corporibus suis: et reddituri sunt de factis propriis rationem.

Et qui bona egerunt ibunt in vitam aeternam: qui vero mala in ignem aeternum.

Hac est fides catholica: quam nisi quisque fideliter firmiterque crediderit, salvus esse non poterit.

Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper: et in secula seculorum.

fact God and Perfect Man at the right hand of the Father. And in the same two, but united Natures, Christ our Lord will come to judge the quick and the dead.

life everlasting—everlasting fire] These words, awful at the latter part of them is, are words of our Lord: "The King shall say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
The Greek word *Litanaea*, meaning Prayer or Supplication, appears to have been used in the fourth century for devotions public or private; but it soon came to have a narrower and more technical sense as applied to solemn acts of processional prayer. Whether St. Basil uses it in this sense, when in his 107th epistle he reminds the clergy of Neocesarea that “the Litanies which they now practise” were unknown in the time of their great apostle Gregory, and therefore might form a precedent for other salutary innovations, is a matter of opinion, on which Bingham and Mr. Palmer (the latter more expressly than the former) take the affirmative side, the Beneficent Editor and Mr. Keble [note to Hooker's *E. P.* v. 43. 2] taking the negative. But when we are told [Migne, *Pat. text.* &c.] that the aged abbot Dalmatian had for many years never left his monastery, though repeatedly requested by Theodotus II. when Constantinople was visited by earthquakes, “to go forth and perform a Litany,” there can be no doubt as to the meaning of the statement.

The history, however, of Litanies, in the proper sense of the term, is rather Western than Eastern. We find indeed, in the Eastern Liturgy and Offices, some few or five specimens of a kindred form of prayer, called *Ectene, Synapte*, &c., in which the Deacon bids prayer for several objects, sometimes beginning with “In peace let us beseech the Lord,” and the people respond with “Kyrie eleison,” or with “Vouchsafe, O Lord.” The reader of *Bishop Andrewes*’ Devotions will be familiar with this type of prayers [see Oxford edition, pp. 5. 92]. And we have it represented, in the Western Church, by two sets of “Preces” in the Ambrosian Missal, one used on the first, third, and fifth Sundays in Lent, the other on the second and fourth. One of these begins, “Beseeching the gifts of Divine peace and pardon— we pray Thee,” &c., proceeding to specify various topics of intercession, with the response, “Lord, have mercy.” The other is shorter, but in its imploiring earnestness, (“Deliver us, Thou who deliveredst the children of Israel—with a strong arm and a high hand—O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name’s sake,”) is even more interesting as a link between the Ectene and the Litanies of the West, an essential characteristic of which is their deprecatory and more or less penitential tone. Somewhat similar are the Mozarabic “Preces” for Lenten Sundays, with their burdens of “Have mercy,” “We have sinned,” &c. We may also observe that “Preces,” like the “Pacific” of the Ambrosian rite, were anciently sung at Mass in Rome, (at first only on days when the Gloria in Excelsis and Allelulia were omitted,) until the ninth century. They formed an Eastern feature in the service, and may be compared with the Preces of the Abbey of Fulda, which like a Greek Ectene, intercede for various persons and classes, supplicating for a Christian and peaceful end, and have for their responses, “We pray Thee, O Lord, hear and have mercy,” “Grant it, O Lord, grant it.” also with a series of invocations, followed by “Tu illum adjuva,” occurring in an old form for an Emperor’s coronation in Marolari, *Lit. Rom.* ii. 463.

But to confine ourselves to the Western Litany. It became common among the Gallic churches in the fifth century, as it was in the East, to invoke the Divine mercy in time of excessive rain or drought, by means of Rogations or processional supplications. But these, according to the testimony of Sidonius Apollinaris [v. 14], were often carelessly performed, with lukewarmness, irregularity, and infrequency—devotions which expreses it, being often delayed by the intervention of meals. The shock of a great calamity wrought a change and formed an epoch. The illustrious city of Vienne, already famous in Christian history for the persecution under M. Aurelius [Euseb. v. 1], was troubled for about a year—probably the year 467-8 [Fleury, xxxix. c. 88]—with earthquakes. In the touching language of Gregory of Tours [Hist. Franc. ii. 34] the people had hoped that the Easter festival would bring a cessation of their distress. “But during the very vigil of the glorious night, while Mass was being celebrated,” the palace took fire, the people rushed wildly out of the church, and the bishop Mammertus was left alone before the altar, entertaining the mercy of God. He formed then a resolution, which he carried out in the three days before the Ascension festival, of celebrating a Rogation with special solemnity and earnestness. A fast was observed, and with prayers, psalmsody, and Scripture lessons, the people went forth in procession to the nearest church outside the city. Mammertus, says Fleury, had so appointed, “voulant éproférer la ferveur du peuple... mais le chemin parut trop court pour la dévotion des fidèles.” Sidonius imitated this “most useful example” in Auvergne, at the approach of the Goths. He tells Mammertus [vi. ep. i.] that the Heart-searcher caused the entreaties made at Vienne to be a model for imitation and a means of deliverance. Gregory of Tours writes that these Rogations were “even now celebrated throughout all churches with conunction of heart and contrition of spirit,” and tells how St. Quintianus in Auvergne, celebrating one in a drought, caused the words “If the heaven be shut up,” &c. [2 Chron. vi. 27], to be sung as an anthem, whereverat one rain fell; how king Guntram ordered a Rogation, with fasting on barley-bread and water, during a pestilence [Hist. Fr. ix. 21]; how St. Gall instituted Rogations in the middle of Lent [ib. iv. 5]; how the bishop of Paris performed them before Ascension, “going the round of the holy places” [ix. 5]. St. Cassarius of Arles [a.d. 505—542], in his Homily “de sanctis” (It became usual so to spell the word) calls the Rogation days “holy and spiritual, full of healing virtue to our souls,” and “regularly observed by the Church throughout the world,” and bids his hearers come to church and stay through the whole Rogation service, so as to gain the full benefit of this “three days’ healing process.”

In order to estimate the comfort which these services then gave, one must take into account not only such afflictions as drought or pestilence, but the painful sense of confusion and insecurity which in those days brooded over Western Europe, and which still speaks in some of our own Collects, importing the boon of peace and safety. We cannot wonder that, while the Rogation Mass in the Old Gallican Missal speaks of “sowing in tears, to reap in joys,” a Collect in the Gallican Sacramentary “in Litaniae,” dwells on “the crush of a falling world.” So it was that, as Hooker expresses it, “Rogations or Litanies were then the very strength, stay, and comfort of God’s Church.” Council after Council,—as of Orleans in 511, Gerona in 517, Tours in 567,—decreed Rogation observances in connexion with a strict fast. But the Spanish Church, not liking to fast in the Paschal time, placed its Litanies in Whit-sun-week and in the autumn, while the Milanese Rogations were in the week after Ascension. We learn from the Council of Clermont in 747, that the English Church had observed the Rogations before Ascension ever since the coming of St. Augustine; and the anthem with which he and his companions approached Canterbury, “We beseech Thee (démonstrer to) O Lord, in Thy great mercy, to remove Thy wrath and anger from this city, and from Thy holy house, for we have sinned, Alleluia,” was simply part of the Rogation Tuesday service in the church of Lyons [Marteno, de Ant. Eccl. Rit. iii. 529]. This urgent deprecatory tone, this strong “crying out of the deep,” which expresses so marked a characteristic of the Litanies, appears again in another Lyons anthem for Rogations—“I have seen, I have seen the affliction of My people,” in the York surplice, which might seem to be as old as the days of the dreaded heathen King Penda, “From the persecution by the Pagans and all our enemies, deliver us!” and yet more strikingly in the Ambrosian, “Deliver us not into the hand of the Heathen: Thou art kind, O Lord, have pity upon us; encompass Thou this city, and let Angels guard its walls; mercifully accept our repentance, and save us, O Saviour of the world; In the midst of life we are in death!” although this latter anthem, so familiar to us, was composed on a different
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occasion by Notker of St. Gall [see Notes to Burial Office]. The strict rule which forbade in Rogation time all costly garments, and all riding on horseback, may be illustrated by the decree of the Council of Mayence in 818, that all should “go barefoot and in sackcloth in the procession of the Great Litany of three days, on our holy fathers appointed.”

This name, “Litanies Major,” was thus applied in Gaul to the Rogations, but in Rome it has always been used (as it now is throughout the Roman Church) for the Litany of St. Mark’s day, which traces itself to St. Gregory the Great, and of which the Ordo Romanus says that it is not “in jujonio.” In order to avert a pestilence, Gregory appointed a “sevenfold Litany,” using the term for the actual procession company, as the Litany of clergy, the Litany of laymen, that of monks, of virgins, of married women, of widows, of the poor and children; and, in fact, the Roman bishops did not adopt the Rogation Litany, properly so called, until the pontificate of Leo III., which began in 795. This was some fifty years after England, on the other hand, had adopted the Litany of St. Mark’s day as that which at Rome was called the Greater.

But although in strictness, as Hugh Menard says, “Litanies ad luctum portentis,” the Litany was not always confined to occasions of distress or of special humiliation. As early as the close of the fifth century, the Galician Sacramentary, in its directions for Holy Saturday, had the following [Muratori, i. 546. 565]:—They enter the sacred: and vest themselves as usual. And the clergy begin the Litany, and the Priest goes in procession, with them in holy orders, out of the sacristy. They come before the altar, and stand with bowed heads until they say, “Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world.” Then comes the blessing of the Paschal taper; and after the series of lessons and prayers which follows it, they go in procession with a Litany to the nuptial, for the baptisms: after which they return to the Sacristy, and in a little while begin the third Litany, and enter the church for the Vigil Mass, as soon as a star has appeared in the sky.

And so it became natural to adopt a form of prayer which took so firm a hold of men’s affections, on various occasions when processions were not used. At ordinations, or at consecrations, at the conferring of monastic habits, at coronations of Emperors, at dedications of churches, &c., it became common for the “school,” or choir, to begin, or as it was technically called, to “set on” (imponere) the Litany,—for the Subdeacon to “make the Litanies,”—for the first of the Deacons to “make the Litany,” that is, to present its suffrages, [Mur. ii. 422. 426. 430. 450. 452. 468. 467] beginning with “Kyrie eleison,” or with “O Christ, hear us.” A Litany never came amiss; it was particularly welcome as an element of offices for the sick and dying; its terseness, energy, pathos, seemed to gather up all that was meant by “being instant in prayer.”

For some time the Litanies were dowered of all invocations of Angels and Saints. The Process of Pudes simply asked God that the Apostles and Martyrs might “pray for us.” But about the eighth century invocations came in. A few Saints are invoked in an old Litany which Mahillon calls Anglo-Saxon, [Vet. Anal. p. 168.] and Lingard Armoricain [Angl. Sax. Ch. ii. 386]. Names of Angels, with St. Peter or any other Saint, occur in another, which Mahillon ascribes to the reign of Charlemagne. The Litany in the Ordo Romanus [Bib. Vet. Patr. viii. 451] has a string of saintly names. As the custom grew, more or fewer Saints were sometimes invoked according to the length of the procession; “quantum sufficit iter,” says the Sarum Processional; and the York, “seconuum exigitiam itineris.” The number was often very considerable: a Litany said after Prime at the venerable abbey of St. Germain des Prés had, Martene says [iv. 40], ninety-four names. That the sick has a list of saints occupying more than four columns [ib. i. 859] and a Litany of the ninth century which Muratori prints, as “accommodated to the use of the church of Paris,” has one hundred and two such invocations [Mur. i. 74]. The invocations generally came between the Kyrie, &c. at the beginning, and the Deprecations which, in some form or other, constituted the most essential element of the Litany. Mr. Palmer thinks that the space thus occupied had once been filled by many petitions of the Kyrie, such as the Eastern Church loved, and the Council of Vaison in 529 had recommended; and in consequence of which St. Benedict had applied the name of Litany to the Kyrie, just as, when invocations had become abundant, the same name was popularly applied to them, which explains the plural form, “Litanies Sanctorum,” in Roman books. Sometimes we find frequent Kyries combined with still more frequent invocations, as in a Litania Septena for seven subdeacons on Holy Saturday, followed by a Litania Quinua et Terna [Mart. i. 216]. A Litania Septena was used on this day at Paris, Lyons, and Soissons.


The present Roman Litany should be studied as it occurs in the Missal, on Holy Saturday; in the Breviary, just before the Ordo Commendationis Animae; and in the Ritual, just before the Penitential Psalms; besides the special Litany which forms part of the Commendatio. The Litany of Holy Saturday is short, having three deprecations and no Lord’s Prayer. The ordinary Roman Litany, as fixed in the 16th century, names only fifty-two individual Saints and Angels. It is said on St. Mark’s day, and during Lent, in choir, and “extra choro pro opportunitate tempore.”

The Litanies of the medieval English Church are a truly interesting subject. Mr. Proctor, in his History of the Common Prayer, p. 251, has printed a Litany much akin to the Litany of York, and recommended by him to be of Anglo-Saxon date. The Breviaries and Processionalies exhibit their respective Litanies: and the ordinary Sarum Litany used on Easter Eve, St. Mark’s day, the Rogations, and every week-day in Lent, (with certain variations as to the Saints invoked,) occurs in the Sarum Breviary just after the Penitential Psalms. It is easy, by help of the Processionalies, to picture to oneself the grandeur of the Litany as solemnly performed in one of the great churches which followed the Sarum or York rites. Take for instance Holy Saturday. The old Galician rule of three Litanies on that day was still retained. In Sarum, a “Septiform Litany” was sung in the midst of the choir by seven boys in surplices; compare the present Roman rubric, that the Litany on that day is to be sung by two chooters “in medio choiri;” the York rubric says, seven boys, or three where more cannot be had, are to sing the Litany. It was called septiform, because in each order of saints, as apostles, martyrs, &c., seven were invoked by name. After “All ye Saints, pray for us,” five deacons began the “Quinta-partita Letaniam” in the same place (the York says, “Letaniam proerorum sequatur Letaniam discororum;” but after “St. Mary, pray for us,” the priests was said in select procession to the font, starting the ex austral parte eoleum.” First came an acolyte as cross-bearer, then two taper-bearers, the censer-bearer, two boys in surplices with book and taper, two deacons with oil and chiron, two subdeacons, a priest in red cope, and the five chancers of the Litany. In these two Litanies the four addresses to the Holy Trinity were omitted. After the blessing of the font, three clerks of higher degree in red copea began a third Litany, the metrical one which, Cassandra says, was called Litania Norica, “Hex sanctorum Anglorum, totam mundum adjuvé,” (with which may be compared, as being also metrical, what Gibbon, vol. vii. p. 76, calls the “saccar Litany” for delivery from the arrows of Hungarians;) after the first verse was sung, the procession set forth on its return. In York, the third Litany was sung by three metrical. There were processions every Wednesday and Friday in Lent (on other Lenten week-days the Litany was non-processional), the first words of the Litany being sung “before the altar, before the procession started” [Process, Sar.], and the last invocation being sung at the steps of the choir as it returned. In York, on Rogation Tuesday, the choir repeated after the chanter, processionally, the Kyrie and Christe eicdon with the Latin equivalents, “Domine, miserere; Christe, miserere;” then, “Miserere nobis, pie Rex, Domine Jesu Christe.” The
responses in this Litany were curiously varied. The chanter said, for instance, “St. Mary, pray for us;” and the choir responded, “Kyrie eleison.” Again, “St. Michael, pray for us;” the response was, “Christ, hear us.” The York Litany of Ascension Eve has, “Take away from us, O Lord, our iniquities,” &c., the response being a repetition of the first words. Then, “Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy, Lord, on Thy people,” &c., the response being “Have mercy;” then “Hear, hear, hear, our prayers, O Lord;” response, “Hear.” The rubric adds, “Et ictus Letania per circuitum ad introitum chori.” On the same Eve, in Sarum, a metrical invocation to St. Mary was chanted, “Sancta Maria, Quaeumquam aliam Pacem Regnum Jure memento; Salve ut omnes Nos jubilantes.” On St. Mark’s day, in Sarum, as in the Rogation Litany of York above quoted, the surplice included “pray for us,” and the response was Kyrie. The Sarum rule was, “Whatever part of the Litany is said by the priest must be fully and entirely repeated by the choir, as far as the utterance of ‘We sinners beseech Thee to hear us.’” For them after ‘That Thou give us peace,’ the choir is to respond ‘We beseech Thee, hear us;’ and after each verse, down to ‘Son of God.’” So the Processional; the same rule is given, in somewhat different form, by the Breviary.

Besides the Latin Litanies for church use, the Primer contained one (in English) which may be seen in Mr. Maskell’s second volume of “Monuments Ritiuale,” where he exhibits a Sarum Primer of about A.D. 1400; with two other English Litanies from MSS. in the Bodleian. A MS. English Litany of the 16th century, somewhat different from these, is in the Library of University College, Oxford.

Coming down to the 16th century, we find the first form of our present Litany in that of 1544, probably composed by Cranmer, who would have before him the Litany in the Goodly Primer of 1535, and perhaps the Cologne Litany published in German 1543, or Luther’s of 1545: and it was imposed on the Church by Henry VIII, to be used “in the time of processions.” It required the presence of credant beings: one addressed to “St. Mary, Mother of God, our Saviour;” a second to the “holy Angels, Archangels, and all holy orders of blessed spirits;” a third to the “holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, and all the blessed company of heaven.” In Henry’s reign there was also a Litany published in the King’s Primer of 1545. It is curious that “procession,” in Cranmer’s language (see a passage in “Private Prayers,” Parker Soc., prof. p. 25), meant the actual suppliant; and so in King Henry’s. In 1547 the Injunctions of Edward VI. forbade processions (in the common sense of the word) ; and, borrowing part of the Sarum rule, they mentioned as to the Easter Eve Litania Septima, that the priests, with other of the choir, should kneel in the midst of the church immediately before High Mass, and sing or say the Litany, &c., which Injunction was repeated by Queen Elizabeth in 1559, with the alteration of “before Communion,” &c. In the Prayer Book of 1549 the Litany was ordered to be said or sung on Wednesdays and Fridays, and was printed after the Communion; but in the Book of 1562 it was printed in its present place, “to be used on Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and at other times,” &c. About Christmas, 1558, Elizabeth sanctioned the English Litany nearly as before, for her own Chapel (see Cardinal, Docum. Arm. l. 300, and Lit. Sermones); it soon came into more general use, and was inserted in the Prayer Book of 1559, the rubric of 1562 being repeated. The Injunctions of Elizabeth in 1559 ordered the Curate to “say the Litany and prayers” in church every Wednesday and Friday; but the Litany of the procession, in Rogation week, was to be continued also, and the custom of “Beating the Bounds” of parishes on Ascension Day still in some sort represents it. [See Note on Rogation Days.]

The fifteenth canon of 1604 provides for the saying of the Litany in church after tolling of a bell, on Wednesdays and Fridays. In the last review of the Prayer Book, the words “to be sung or said” were substituted for “used,” (both phrases having occurred in the Scottish Prayer Book,) and are very carefully added,—“an erasure being made to give precedence to the work...” in Cosin’s Durham Book. The Litany was sung by two bishops at the coronation of George I.

With regard to the place for saying or singing the Litany, the present Prayer Book in its rubric before the 51st Psalm in the Communion, appears implicitly to recognize a peculiar one, distinct from that in which the ordinary offices are performed. As we have seen, the Injunctions of Edward, followed herein by those of Elizabeth, specified the midst of the church: and Bishop Andrews had in his chapel a faldstool (folding-stool) for this purpose, between the western rails and the lectern. So Cosin, as archdeacon of the East Riding in 1627, inquired whether the church had “a little faldstool or desk, with some decent carpet over it, in the midst of the church, whereby the Litany may be said after the manner prescribed by the Injunctions;” and in his first series of Notes on the Common Prayer he says, “The priest goeth from out his seat into the body of the church, and at a low desk before the chancel door, called the faldstool, kneels, and says or sings the Litany.”

The word is clearly, “in the midst of the Quire, and all the people kneeling, and answering as followeth.”

In the present day there is a disposition to make the Litany available as a separate service. Agh. Grindall’s order in 1571, forbidding any interval between Morning Prayer, Litany, and the Communion Service, was far from generally observed. At Winchester and Worcester Cathedrals the custom of saying the Litany some hours after Mattins has prevailed: and we learn from Peck’s Diocesana Curiosa, [lib. xii., no. 29] that in 1740 the number of Ch. Ch. Oxford, on Wednesdays and Fridays, went to Mattins at 6, and to Litany at 9. The 15th canon, above referred to, recognizes the Litany as a separate office. Freedom of arrangement in this matter is highly desirable: and if it be said that the Litany ought to precede the Communion, according to ancient precedent, instead of being transferred, as it sometimes now is, to the afternoon, it may be replied that the Eucharistic Ecstacy of the East is not only much shorter than our Litany, but far less plaintive, so to speak, in tone, and therefore more evidently congruous with Eucharistic joy. The like may be said, on the whole, of the “Purit Paschal” once used at Home (as we have seen) in the early part of the Mass, and at Milan on Lenten Sundays: although indeed a Lenten Sunday observance could be no real precedent for all the Sundays in the year 2. Of the Puritan cavil at the Litany, some will be dealt with in the Notes. One, which accuses it of perpetuating prayers which had but a temporary purpose, is rebutted by Hooker [r. 41, 4], and is not likely to be revived. He takes occasion to speak of the “absolute (i.e. finished) perfection” of our present Litany: Bp. Cosin, in his Devotions, uses the same phrase, and calls it “this principal, and excellent prayer” (excellenti being, in the English of his day, equivalent to matches); and Dr. Jebb describes it as “a most careful, luminous, and comprehensive collection of the scattered treasures of the Universal Church.”

It has clearly two main divisions: I. From the beginning to the last Kyrie, before the Lord’s Prayer. This part, says Bp. Sparrow, may be considered as less solemly appropriated to the priest than the second part: and in some choirs a lay-clerk chants it along with the priest. II. From the Lord’s Prayer to the end. The first part may be regarded as having five, the second part four, subdivisions.
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Here followeth the Litany, or General Supplication, to be sung or said after Morning Prayer upon Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at other times when it shall be commanded by the Ordinary.

O GOD the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons, and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons, and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

PATER de celis Deus: miserere nobis.

Fili Redemptor mundi Deus: miserere nobis.

Spiritus Sancte Deus: miserere nobis.

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus: miserere nobis.

Ne reminiscaris, Domine, delicta nostra, vel parentum nostrorum: neque vindictam sumas de peccatis nostris. Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo, quem redemisti pretioso sanguine tuo: ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

O God the Father] The old Sarum Litany prefixes to this, "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison:" then, "Christe, et tu misere nos:" The Roman has a complete Kyrie, with "Christe, et tu misere nos; Christe, exaudi nos:" The Litany of Ordo Romanus, and the Utrecht Litany, have also "Salvator mundi, adjuva nos:" An Ambrosian Baptismal Litany has Kyrie thrice, "Domine miserere:" thrice, and "Christe, et tu misere nos:" thrice, with the response "Salvator liber nos:" Of heaven] i.e. from heaven, "de celis:" The phrase comes from Luke xii. 13, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away:" Cf. 2 Chron. vii. 12. "Si audis . . . des celis:" Vulg.

Miserable sinners] Added in 1544.

Proceeding from, &c.] Added in 1544. The Utrecht has, "Spiritus Sancte, benigne Deus:" O holy, blessed, &c.] The address was thus amplified in 1544, partly from the old Sarum antiphon after the Athanasian Creed, for Trinity week: "O beata et benedicta et gloriosa Trinitas, Pater et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus." Remember not] Before 1544, these words formed part of the antiphon which was added to the Penitential Psalms as prefixed to the Litany. In the original, after "ne in aeternum," &c. came, "et ne des hereditatem tuam in perdicionem: ne in aeternum obliviscaris nobis:" But there was also, just before the special Depections, and after the invocations of Saints, "Propitius esto: Parce nobis, Domine:" The word "good" was inserted in 1544. The sins of fathers may be visited on children in temporal judgments. It is much to be observed that the whole of what follows down to the Kyrie, is one continuous act of worship offered to our Blessed Lord; and it is this which gives the Litany such peculiar value in days when His Divinity is too often but faintly realized.

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From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from

Ab omni malo: Libera nos, Domine. Salisbury Use.
Ab insidias diaboli: Libera .
Ab infestationibus daemonum: Libera .

[A Ventura ira: Libera . . . . ] [York Use.]

A damnatione perpetua: Libera .

A cecitatem cordis: Libera .

[A peste superbiae: Libera . . . . ] [York Use.]

Ab appetitu inanis gloriae: Libera .
Ab ira, et odio, et omni mala voluntate: Libera .

A spiritu fornicationis: Libera .

A fulgere et tempestate: Libera .

A subitanea et improvisa morte: Libera .

From] Those Deprecations, which in the old Litanies, as in the present Roman, were broken up into separate forms, each relating to one topic, were in 1544 combined in groups, as at present; probably in order to give more intensity and energy to the "Deliver us." The like was done with the Observations.

All evil] Sarum, York, Hereford, Carthusian, Dominican, and the old Ordo Romanus; Litania Latina in Luther's Enchiridion, 1543.

Mischief] Added to the old form in 1544.

Sin] Added in 1544, from the Litany in the Primer of 1538.

The Roman has it, and it is in Hermann of Cologne's Simplex et Pia Deliberatio, translated from German into Latin in 1545; his Litany is nearly identical with that of Luther named above.

Curses and assaults] Two distinct modes of diabolic attack, secret and open. "Suares of the devil" are in Ordo Romanus, &c. Compare 2 Cor. ii. 11.

Assaults] Not in York nor in Roman, but in Dominican [Brev. Ord. Pr. d.].

Thy wrath] Roman has this; and so the Ordo Romanus. York has, "from the wrath to come." So it is in the Lyons Rogations, and in Carthusian. In Litanies for the Sick it was common to deprecate "Thy wrath" [Martene i. 866, &c.]. The Narbonne had, "From Thy wrath greatly to be feared."

Everlasting damnation] Sarum, Hereford, Utrecht, Cistercian, Dominican have "perpetual" [compare Roman, "a morte perpetua"] if the force of this Deprecation can be evaded in the interests of Universalism, no words can retain any meaning. York combines "sudden and eternal death."

Blindness of heart] This, which is in Sarum and Utrecht, not in York nor Roman, was derived from the Vulgate of Eph. iv. 18, "propter caecitatem cordis sui:" but the word παραφίλω should rather be rendered "hardness," or "callousness."

Pride] York and Utrecht more emphatically, "the plague of pride." Not in Roman. The Carthusian has, "the spirit of pride."

Vain-glory] Shortened from Sarum, "the desire of vaine-glorie." Not in Roman.

Hypocrisy] Added in 1544.

Envy] Added in 1544. We do not specify anger, as Sarum and York do.

Hatred] Here Sarum, York, Roman agree.

Malice, &c.] Sarum, York, Roman, Utrecht, Dominican, "all ill-will."

Fornication] Sarum, Roman, Carthusian have "the spirit of fornication;" and Sarum adds, "from all uncleanness of mind and body," which is in Hereford, Utrecht, Carthusian, Dominican; so York, "from all uncleanesses . . . . " Sarum further adds, "from unclean thoughts:" so Dominican.

Deadly sin] In 1544 "all deadly sin." "Other" added in 1549. This phrase has been more than once objected to. The Committee of the House of Lords, in 1641, suggested "pious sin," doubtless from dislike of the Roman distinction of mortal and venial sins. The Puritan divines, at the Savoy Conference, made a similar suggestion, observing, that the wages of sin, as such, were death. The Bishops answered, "For that very reason, 'deadly' is the better word." They therefore must have understood the phrase to refer to any willful and deliberate sin. At the same time it must be remembered, that among wilful sins there are degrees of heinousness. "It would be introducing Stoicism into the Gospel, to contend that all sins were equal." [Dr. Pusey's Letter to Bishop of Oxford, p. liii.]

Decrets of the world, the flesh] Added in 1544; but York has "from fleshly desires." So Utrecht, Carthusian, "from wicked concupiscence."

Decrets of the devil, in fact, is a repetition of "crafts of the devil," above. The decrets of the world, of course, mean "the vain pomp and glory" of it, the hollow splendour, the false attractiveness, the promises of satisfaction and of permanence, &c., which, as the Apostle reminds us, have no reality. [1 John ii. 17. Compare 1 Cor. vii. 31.]

Lightning and tempest] Sarum, Roman; not York nor Hereford. Hermann has it; and a Poltiers Litany [Mart. iii. 438] has, "That it may please Thee to turn away malignitatem tempore."

Thunder-storms impelled St. Chad to repair to church, and employ himself in prayer and psalmody; being asked why he did so, he cited Ps. xviii. 13. [Bede iv. 3.] There are two Orationes "contra fulgura," and one "ad repellendam temporetem," in St. Gregory's Sacramentary, ed. Murard.

Plague, pestilence] Sarum, York, Hereford, have not this Deprecation, which is in Roman. The Litany of 1536 had "From all pestilence." So also a Tours Litany, "to remove pestilence or mortality from us;" and St. Dunstan's Litany for Dedication of a Church has "From pestilence."

Famine] Not in Sarum, York, Hereford, but in Roman. In 1535, "from pestilence and famine." Dunstan's also, "et famine." The Fleury Litany, in Martene, has "from all want and famine."

Battle] York has, "from persecution by Pagans, and all our enemies," like the Anglo-Saxon Litany. The Roman and Dominican depreciate "war." So Primer of 1535, and Hermann. Dunstan's and Fleury mention slaughter.
battle and murder, and from sudden death,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and

**Per mysterium sanctae Incarnationis Salisbury Use, tua: Libera . . .**

The best The Tim. but More that 102]. so the Mediatorial We we twofold that I'a. Isa. practically 1560. 1 Cor. 1. 10. ill. 3. Rom. ii. 4, 5. Isa. v. 24.

2 Tim. iv. 18.

**Matt. i. 21—23.** 1 Tim. iii. 16.

**Murder**] Added 1544. Hermann has it. The Latin Book of 1560 has “introcinio.”

**Sudden death**] This is in the Sarum, “sudden and unforeseen death.” York prefixes “sudden” to “eternal death.” The Roman agrees with the Sarum. So Hermann, adding “evil.” The same deprecation is in the Bogations of Lyons. The Puritans objected that “the godly should always be prepared to die.” Hooker replies, in one of his most beautiful and thoughtful chapters [E. F. v. 46], that it is lawful to “prefer one way of death before another;” that it is religion which makes men wish for a “leisurable” departure; that our prayer “importeth a twofold desire,” (1) For some convenient respite; (2) If that be denied, then, at least, “that although death unexpected be sudden in itself, nevertheless, in regard of our prepared minds, it may be sudden.” Archbishop Hutton, of York, before the Hampton Court Conference was held, explained this as implying a condition, “if it be Thy will,” supposing “sudden” were taken simply; but “sudden” might be taken as equivalent to “giving no time for repentance.” The aversion of Lord Brock to this deprecation, and his own terrific instantaneous death by a shot from the great spire of Lichfield Cathedral, are well known. In a Prayer Book in the Bollean, “worn by the daily use” of Bishop Dupa, of Salisbury (while residing at Richmond, between the overthrow of Episcopacy and the Restoration), and containing marginal notes in his own hand, this comment occurs, “Vanily excepted against, because we should always be prepared for it: for by the same reason, we should not pray against any temptations.” At the Savoy Conference, the Puritans again raised the old objection, and proposed to read, “from dying suddenly and unprovided.” The Bishops replied, “From sudden death, is as good as from dying suddenly; which we therefore pray against, that we may not be unprepared.” [Cardwell, Conferences, pp. 316. 352. “A person,” says Bishop Wilson, Sacra Privata, p. 358, “whose heart is devoted to God, will never be surprised by death.”

**Selitio**] In 1544, from Primer of 1535. Hermann, “a seditione et simulitate.”

**Privy conspiracy**] In 1544. After this, in 1549 and 1552, came, “from the tyranny of the Bishop of Rome, and all his detestable enormities,” which was omitted under Elizabeth; and Cosin, in his First Series of Notes, says that the Puritane (of James the First’s time) wished to have it restored. It had been in the Primer of 1545, with “abominable” for “detestable.”

**Rebellion**] Added, for obvious reasons, in 1661, by Cosin.

**False doctrine, heresy**] In 1544. Hermann, “ab omni errorre.”

**Schism**] In 1661. The Primer of 1535 had had “schismes.”

**Hardness of heart, and contempct, &c.** In 1544. Compare the Third Collect for Good Friday. See Prov. i. 25. The force of this deprecation is best seen by remembering that a final hardening of the heart is a penal infliction, provoked by habitual indifference to Divine love. We may well entrust our Lord to save us from repaying His love by coldness, lest the capacity of loving Him be justly taken away. We may well implore Him, also, to keep us from the terrible possibility of ignoring, and practically despising, His revealed and His commands. Com-
Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fast- 
ing, and Temptation; 

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; 
by thy Cross and Passion; by thy
precious Death and Burial; by thy
glorious Resurrection and Ascension; 
and by the coming of the Holy Ghost; 

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all 
time of our wealth; in the hour of 
death, and in the day of judgment, 

Good Lord, deliver us.

made "Nativity, Circumcision," &c., dependent on "mysterium." York has no mention of the Nativity. 

Circumcision] Sarum has "holy Circumcision." It is not in 
the present Roman, but in two old Roman forms in Monard's 
notes to the Gregorian Sacramentary [711 and 925]. The 
Parish of the Holy Name placés after "Nativity." "Thine infamy, Thy most Divine life, Thy labours." Sarum Litany for 
the Dying adds "apparitionem tuam;" and Utrecht has, "cir-
cumcissionem et oblationem tuam.

Baptism, Fasttng] Sarum, "by Thy Baptism, by Thy Fast-
ing." Roman combines "Baptism and holy Fasting." Utrecht, 
"Baptism and Fasting." Sarum Primer, "Thy Baptism and 
much other penance doing.

Temptation] 1544. Primer of 1535, and Hermann, "tempta-
tions." Golden Litany, in Mascell, "The tempting of the fiend 
in the desert.

Agony and bloody Sweat] 1544. So Hermann. Golden 
Litany, "For that agony in which Than offered thee willfully 
to death, obeying Thy Almighty Father; and Thy bloody sweat." 
Primer of 1535, "Thy painful agony, in sweating blood and 
water.

Cross and Passion] So Sarum, Roman, York for Easter Eve, 
and Anglo-Saxon (probably an old York form), in Procter, p. 231, 
and Hermann. Maulthar's Anglican, or Armoricm, Hereford, 
Utrecht, Carthusian, Cistercian, Dominican, have "Passion 
and Cross;" so Sarum for the Dying. This is the more natural 
order. Sarum Primer, "Thy holy Passion." The Teurs omits 
"Thy Cross," which forms the only obscuration in the Corve-
y MS. Litany [Monard, note 380], and in the Litany of the ninth 
century, in Muratori, i. 76. The Golden Litany dwells with 
tensive tenderness on all the details of the Crucifixition, and on 
some points which are traditional or legendary. Parish of the 
Holy Name, "Thine Agony and Passion, Thy Cross and for-
saking,—laugures tuev.

Precious Death] Sarum. So in Sarum Litany for the Dying, 
"passimn mortem tuam." Sarum Primer, "most piteous 
death." Ordo Romanus mentions the Cross, Passion, Death.

Burial] Not in Sarum; but in Sarum Primer, "Thy blessed 
burying." "Thy Death and Burial," in Roman, Utrecht, Stras-
bourg, for Easter Eve, Primer of 1525, Hermann, Parisian.

Thy glorious Resurrection] So Sarum, Hereford, Narbonne, 
Molass, Cistercian, Catharistic, Dominican, Sarum and Parish 
Litanyes for the Dying. Anglo-Saxon, York, Strasburg, Utrecht, 
Roman, and ordinary Parish, "holy Resurrection.

Ascension] Anglo-Saxon, Sarum, York, Hereford, Roman, 
Molass, Narbonne, Cistercian, Catharistic, Dominican, Parish, 
 prefix "admirabilem " to " Ascensionem;" Strasburg and Utrecht 

The coming of the Holy Ghost] Sarum, for the Dying, "The 
coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete;" so Ordo Romanes, 
present Roman, and Hermann. "The Paraclete" was omitted in 
1544, as in Primer of 1555. Sarum, York, Hereford, Anglo-
Saxon, Sarum Primer, Cistercian, Dominican, and Benedictine of 
M. Cassino, have "grace, instead of "coming." Armoricm, 
"by the descent of the Holy Ghost." Tours and Utrecht simply, 
"by the Spirit, the Paraclete." Utrecht and others add an 
obscuration by the Second Advent, e. g. "by Thy future 
Advent," "by the majesty of Thine Advent.

In all time of our tribulation . . . . [edld)]. 1544. After 
Primer of 1535, "in time of our tribulations, in the time of our 
felicity," Hermann, "in all time," &c. The Scottish and 
American Books have "prosperity" for "wealth." The suffrage 
seems to refer not only to deliverance out of afflictions, but to 
deliverance from the special moral dangers which attend them. 
the remarkable case of Alas, 2 Chron. xxviii. 22, and the 
awful picture in Rev. xvi. 11.] Suffering often hardens, instead of 
softening the heart; and therefore "not without reason has the 
Church taught all her faithful children to say, Suffer as not . . . 
for any pains of death to fall from Thee!" [Mill, Univ. Sermons, 
and Uziah's case, 2 Chron. xxvi. 16, &c.] are more commonly recog-
nized. Even the Greeks knew, as an ethical commonplace, that it 
was hard to bear success without insolence and moral deprava-
tion. [Ar. Eth. iv. 8.] It is the Christian's wisdom and hap-
piness to learn the secret of strength against both these forms of 
trial, as St. Paul learned it.  
[Phil. iv. 12.]

In the hour of death] So Sarum and Hereford, adding, as the 
response, "Succour us, O Lord." This suffragio, for which York 
substitutes "from the pains of hell," comes before the obscura-
tions in Benedictine of M. Cassino.

In the day of judgment] Sarum, York, Hereford, Roman, 
Ordo Romanus, Utrecht, Dominican, &c. The vernacular 
Litanyes in Mascell have, "In the day of doom." Golden 
Litany, "Succour us, most sweet Jesus, in that fearful day of the 
strict judgment." Compare the Dies Irae. The following is a 
tabular view of the Deprecations and Obscurations of the Sarum 
and Roman Litanyes.

THE LITANY.

[Per sanctam Nativitatem tuam : [Hereford Use.]
Liber.

Per sanctam Circumcisionem tuam : Salisbury Use.
Liber.

Per Baptismum tuam : Libera . . . .

Per Jejunium tuam : Libera . . . .

Per Crucem et Passionem tuam : Libera . . . .

Per pretiosam Mortem tuam : Libera . . . .

Per gloriosam Resurrectionem tuam : Libera . . . .

Per (admirabilem) Ascensionem tuam : Libera . . . .

Per adventum Sancti Spiritus (Para-
cleti) : Libera . . . .

In hora mortis: (Succurre nobis), 
Domine.

In die judici: Libera nos, Domine.

iv. 1, 2.

Ps. lixix. 9.

Ps. xxii. 46. 
Matt. xxvi. 38. 
Phil. ii. 8. 
1 Cor. xv. 34. 
Eph. (v. 8. 
Acta ill. 1—4, 35, 36.

* Ps. xliv. 26.

of

[1 Sam. xxv. 24.

[52]
We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way; 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy Servant VICTORIA, our most gracious Queen and Governor; 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule her heart in thy faith, fear, and love, and that she may evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory; 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Peeccatores: Te rogamus, audi nos. 
Ut [sanctam] Ecclesiam tuam [Ca-
tholicam] regere (et defensare) dig-
eris: Te rogamus, audi nos.

Ut Regi nostro et principibus nos- Salisbury Use. 
tris pacem et veram concordiam atque 
victoriam donare digneris: Te roga-

mus, audi nos.

THE LITANY.

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That it may please thee to be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies;  
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.  
That it may please thee to bless and preserve Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family;  
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.  
That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly;  
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.  
That it may please thee to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;  
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.  
That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;  
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.  
That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;  
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Ut Episcopos—nostros [et Prelatos [Hereford Use.] nostros], in sancta religione [in tuo sancto servitio], conservare digneris:  
Te rogamus, audi nos.

[... and for all the Lords of the Council, and all other of the Nobility which dwell in the countryes having protection and government of the same, that Almighty God may send grace so to governe and ride the land. . . .]

Ut cunctum populum Christianum (pretioso sanguine tuo redemptum) conservare digneris:  
Te rogamus. . . .  
[Ut paeam et concordiam nobis [York Use.] doneas.]
That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

peace and concord." See above. Mabillon's Anglican or Armorician prayers for peace and unity to be given to the whole Christian people; as the Roman does. In our present suffrage, "unity" may be understood in a religious or spiritual sense, while "peace" would mean freedom from external foes, and "concord," freedom from internal dissension.

To give us an heart to love, &c.] 1544. Similar prayers exist in ancient Litanies; thus, the Corby MS, "right faith, and a sure hope in Thy goodness, Lord Jesus," The Fleury, "to give us holy love ... right faith ... firm hope." So the Chigi MS, in three suffrages for faith, hope, and love. Partisan, for the same, in one suffrage. Compare also the Sarum, "That Thou wouldest make the obedience of our service reasonable ... That Thou wouldest lift up our minds to heavenly desires." So the Dominican. The Sarum Primer, "ordain in Thy holy will our days and works." Roman has also, "to strengthen and keep us in Thy holy service." The Anglican or Armorician, "Grant us perseverance in good works ... keep us in true faith and religion." "Dread," in the sense of holy and reverent fear; which can never be dispensed with by faithful worshippers of the God-Man, who will come to be their Judge. "If the Gospel be true, if this (Second) Psalm be true, we have great cause to fear Him" [Vaughan's "Lessons of Life and Godliness," p. 288]; but with "that one most holy and saving fear, the dread of His displeasure." [Arnold's "Christian Life," ii. 229.] Here again is a thought much needed in times when our Lord's Divine Majesty is often put out of sight.

To give to all Thy people increase of grace] A beautiful combination of the passage about the good ground in the Parable of the Sower, with James i. 21, and Gal. v. 22. Its date is 1544; but the Sarum Primer has something like it, "Vouchsafe to inform us with right-ruled understandings," from "Ut regularibus disciplinis nos instruere digneris," MS. Lit. of fifteenth century, Univ. Coll. The same form is in Cistercian and Dominican, and has a monastic import. And the Primer of 1535 has the first form of it, "To give the hearers of Thy word lively grace to understand it, and to work thereon, by the virtue of the Holy Ghost." So Herrmann, "To give the hearers increase of Thy word, and the fruit of the Spirit." Litanies for the Sick have similar topics, "To pour into his heart the grace of the Holy Spirit ... to bestow on him grace," and the Ordo Romanus, Utrecht, Carthusian, and Eucharistic Litany in Chigio's MS, have, "to pour into our hearts," &c. An exquisite Litany in the Breviary of the Congregation of St. Maur prays, "That Thou wouldest write Thy law in our hearts ... wouldst give Thy servants a teachable heart ... that we may do Thy will with all our heart and mind ... that we may gladly take on us Thy sweet yoke," &c.

To bring into the way of truth] In 1544. After 1535, "That all which do err and be deceived, may be reduced into the way of verity." Herrmann, "errantes et sedutores reducere in viae veritatis." The Church has always prayed for this. "Thou hearest God's Priest at the altar, exhorting God's people to pray for the unbelievers, that God would convert them to the faith." [St. Aug., Ep. 217.] Compare the old Galesan intercession on Good Friday, for all heretics and all in error; the Mozarabic Prayers for the same day, "May forgiveness set right those who err from the faith," and, still more like our suffrage, the Lyons form, "That Thou wouldst bring back the erring into the way of salvation." Fuldan prays for preservation of the holiness and purity of the Catholic Faith.

To strengthen such as do stand] 1544. Herrmann, "stantes confortare..."

The weak-hearted] 1544. Primer of 1535 prays for those who are "weak in virtue, and soon overthrown in temptation." Herrmann, "pusillanimos et tentatos consolari et adjutavi..."

That fail] 1544. Compare the old Galesan prayer at Absolution of Penitents, "Succurre lapla..." Herrmann, "lausos erigere..."

Beat down Satan] 1544. From Rom. xvi. 20; a text quoted in the Intercessory Prayer of St. Mark's Liturgy. Primer of 1535, "That we may the devil, with all his poms, crush and tread under foot." Herrmann, "Ut Satanam sub pedibus nostris conterere digneris." Strasburg, "That Thou wouldst grant us heavenly armour against the devil." Retold's, Reminiment, Molac, for the Sick, "That Thou wouldest drive away from him all the princes of darkness."
The Litany.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children, and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to defend and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of our labour and sweat.

Ut fructus terrae dare et conservare digneris: Te rogamus, audi nos.

To succour, help, and comfort] 1544. Primer of 1535 prays for “all extreme poverty,” “Thy people in affliction or in peril, and danger by fire, water, or land.” Hermann, “afflicted et perpetitan” Sarum and York have, “to look upon and relieve the miseries of the poor.” So Dominican.

All that travel] 1544. Compare Hereford, “that Thou wouldest dispose the journey of Thy servants in saecula tua prosperitate” (as in the Collect, “Assist us mercifully,” originally a prayer for one about to travel); and Dominican, “to bring to a harbour of safety all faithful persons, navigators et itinerantes.” York has, “to give to our brethren and all faithful people who are sick, health of mind and body?” and Sarum and York add “captives” to “the poor,” in the surcharge above cited. Compare the entreaty in Primer of 1535, “that teeming women may have joyful speed in their labour,” and for “sick people.” So Hermann, “for pregnant women, infants, and the sick, and captives.” Compare also this and the preceding and following suffrages of our Litany, with intercessions in St. Chrysostom’s Liturgy, “for the young, for those that travel by land or by water,” with St. Basil’s, “Sail Thou with the voyagers, travel with the travellers, stand forth for the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick, remember all who are in affliction or necessity . . . be all things to all men?” with the Galasian prayer on Good Friday, that God would “open prisons, loosen chains, grant a return to travellers, health to the sick, a safe harbour to those at sea,” and with the Ambrosian Process for first Sunday in Lent, “for orphans, captives, . . . voyagers, travellers, those placed in prisons, in mines” (at forced labour there), “in exile.” Probably, in these ancient intercessions, what was specially before the Church’s mind was unjust and cruel imprisonment, so common in hard and lawless times, or under a Cæsararian despotism. To visit Christian prisoners was the delight of St. Leonard, the contemporary of Clovis I.; and St. Bathildis, Queen of Clovis II., “remembering her own bondage” (she had been a Saxon captive), “set apart vast sums for the redemption of captives.” [Milman’s Latin Christianity, ii. 221.]

The fatherless children, and widows] One of the tenderest petitions in the Prayer Book, and full of touching significance, as

[. . . for all parishions whereas they be on land or on water . . . and for all women that are with child in this parish . . . for all them that are sick . . .] [York Use.

Ut miserias . . . captivorum in- tueri et relevare digneris: Te rogamus, audi nos.

To give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits] Kindly of course means natural, produced after their kind. See Abp.
the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

Trench, English Past and Present, p. 167. So, "a kindly Scot" meant a native Scot; and Ninian Wingate, an able opponent of Knox, calls Linlithgow his "kindly town," i.e. his native town. This suffrage may represent to us the oldest Western use of Litanies, to avert excessive droughts or rains, and to secure a good harvest. The substance of it is in Sarum, York, and Hereford, as in Anglo-Saxon, Lyons, Roman, Cistercian, Dominican. York adds, "Ut aeris tempestrae bonum non daret." So Ordo Romanus and Utreccht. So Tours, "give us the fruit of the earth, ... serenity of sky, ... good temperature of weather." So the Fleury: for "abundance of fruits, serenity of sky, seasonable rain." So in Ambrosian Preces: "Pro aeris tempestrac, ac fructu, et secunditate terrarum, precarum te." The Sarum Primer asks for "wholesome and reasonable air." Compare the anthems sung processionally in Sarum for rain or fair weather. "O Lord, King, God of Abraham, give us rain over the face of the earth, this people may learn that Thou art the Lord our God, Alle- luia. Is there any among the idols of the Gentiles that can give rain, but only Thou, O God? or can the heavens give rain except Thou willest?" [Jer. xiv. 22.] "The waters are come in like a flood, O God, over our heads;" then Psalm lxix. 1.

So as in due time, i.e.] Was added 1544. The whole suffrage was never more valuable than at a time like the present, when there is a tendency to substitute "laws of nature" for a Living God, and to ignore the fact that beheld, above, beneath, around all "laws" is the absolute sovereignty of Him who "is ever present with His works, one by one, and confronts every thing which He has made by His particular and most loving Providence," at once the Lord of life and death, of health and sickness, of rain and drought, of plenty and famine. If men will not pray for seasonable weather, they cannot logically pray for recovery from sickness, for escape from shipwreck, or any temporal good whatever.

To give us true repentance, to forgive us] This suffrage, as it stands, was framed in 1544. Sarum, York, and Hereford have not this petition for repentance, but Roman has it, with prayers for pardon, before the suffrage for the Church: see above. York has, "That it may please Thee to give us remission of all our sins:" so the Ordo Romanus, which also asks for "spatium penitentiae:" and Sarum has, "to bring again upon us the eyes of Thy mercy." Carthusian, "spatium penitentiae et emendationem vitam:" so the Chigi MS. That Thou wouldest grant us a place of repentance:" and Utreccht asks for "compunction of heart and a fountain of tears:" so Tours; so Fleury, "To give us forgiveness of all our sins, Lord Jesus, we beseech Thee.

[The ordinary Parisian has suffrages for true repentance, for remission of all sins, for compunction of heart and a fountain of tears. Litanies for the Sick have several suffrages of this kind. Ratold's M.S. [in Menard, note 923], "That Thou wouldest grant him compunction of heart, a fountain of tears, space of repentance, if possible." Molas, "To bestow on him fruitful and saving repentance, a contrite and humble heart, a fountain of tears." Sarlbg, "compunction of heart, a fountain of tears." Nurbome, "That Thou wouldest give him remission of all sins." Bemontem, "pardon, remission, forgiveness of all his sins," &c. So in the Sarum Litany of Commendation of the Soul, and the Jumièges Litany: "Cuncta ejus peccata oblivione perpetuo tradere ... remember not the sins and ignorances of his youth." This, from the Vulgate of our Psalm xxv. 7, has supplied our present "sins, and ignorances." "Negligentiam" occurs in the Vulgate of Num. v. 6. "Negligences" mean careless omissions (compare Hammond's prayer, "Lord, forgive my sins, especially my sins of omission.") "Igno- rances," faults done in ignorance of our duty, such ignorance being itself a fault, because the result of carelessness.

Among the medieval suffrages omitted in our present Litany are, "That Thou wouldest repay everlasting good to our benefactors—that Thou wouldest give eternal rest to all the faithful departed—that it may please Thee to visit and comfort this place:" and last of all the petitions came, "That it may please Thee to hear us," as now in the Roman. This was omitted in 1544, as superfluous.

Son of God] The Sarum rule, in the procession after the Mass "for brethren and sisters," was that the choir should repeat in full "Son of God," &c., with the Agnus and the Kyrie. Tallis' Litany shows that this practice was continued by our Choristers. O Lamb of God] The custom of saying Agnus Dei here is referred to in the Ossianic Rubric for Easter Eve. In Sarum, York, Hereford, as now in Roman and Parisian, Carthusian, Dominican, the Agnus is thrice said. The Sarum responses are, "Hear us, O Lord, Spare us, O Lord, Have mercy upon us:" the first and second of these are transposed in Roman and Parisian, as in York, Hereford, Dominican. The responses in Tours were, "Spare us, Give us pardon, Hear us." The Ordo Romanus has a twofold Agnus. Lyons a fourfold, with "Spare us, Deliver us, Grant us peace, Have mercy upon us:" so that our present form is just the second half of Lyons. The Agnus comes but once in the Cistercian. "Grant us peace" is the third response in Utreccht,
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O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.


Domine, non secundum peccata nos facias nobis.

Nec quae secundum iniquitates nostras retribuas nobis.

GOD, merciful Father, that despiest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whosoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which

[Christe, audi nos.]

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Litany; after "Agnus ... mundi, Christ hear us; three Kyries; Christ reigns, Christ commands, Christ conquers (thrice), Christ hear us." It also occurs in his Anglican, or Armorician, Lyons, Corbey, Tours, have it thrice, Strasbourg once. The ordinary Ambrosian Litany has thrice, "O Christ, hear our voices!" then thrice, "Hear, O God, and have mercy upon us." Such "repetitions" are not "vain," unless those in Ps. cxxxvi. are so: and compare Matt. xxvi. 44.

Lord, have mercy] Sarum, York, &c. This is the only occasion on which, with us, the people repeat every one of the three sentences of the Kyrie after the Minister. Such was the old Sarum rubric as to this Kyrie. [See also p. 22.]

Our Father] Here begins the Second Part of the Litany.

O Lord, deal not with us] In Sarum this verse and response, adapted from Psalm ciii. 16, were separated from the Lord's Prayer by "O Lord, show Thy mercy—And grant—Let Thy mercy come also upon us, O Lord, even Thy salvation, according to Thy word: We have sinned with our fathers, We have done amiss and dealt wickedly." In York only this last verse and response intervene. In Roman, "O Lord, deal not," comes later. In the ordinary Parisian, it comes, as with us, immediately after the Lord's Prayer.

O God, merciful Father] This is very slightly altered from the Collect in the Sarum Mass "pro tribulatione cordis?" the Epistle being 2 Cor. i. 3—5, the Gospel, John xvi. 20—22. There is something pathetically significant in this adoption (1544) into

Carthusian, Hermann. The Sarum Litany for the Dying had also, "Grant him peace:" the ordinary Sarum Litany had a special suffrage for peace, and "grant us peace" was familiar as the response to the third Agnus said at Mass, immediately after the breaking of the Blessed Sacrament: the Primer of 1535 has, "Have mercy, Have mercy, Give us peace and rest." The great value of this supplication consists in its recognition of our Blessed Lord as the Victim that was once indeed slain, but is of perpetual efficacy. He took away our sins, in one sense, by His atoning Passion: and the Attonement can never be repeated. In another sense, He continually takes away our sins, by appearing for us as "the Lamb that was slain," presenting Himself as such to the Father, and pleading the virtue of His death. In this sense, as Bp. Phillpotts says [Pastoral of 1851, p. 54], "though once for all offered, that Sacrifice is ever living and continuous . . . To Him His Church . . . continually cries, Lamb of God . . . not, that forsook away, but still taketh." With regard to the petition to the Prince of peace, who "is our Peace," for peace, compare the second Collect at Evensong. It is Christ's peace, not the world's: and this is brought out by the addition of "thy" in our form. Very touching are the entreaties in the Litany of the Abbey of St. Denis for St. Mark's day [Martene iv. 353], "O bestower of peace, vouchsafe us perpetual peace, Have mercy . . . O benign Jesus, receive our souls in peace," &c. O Christ, hear us] Hereford: so too in Sarum Primer, and Roman. The supplication also occurs in Mabillon's Caroline
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God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Exurge, Domine, adjuva nos, et libera nos propter nomen tuum.

D EUS, auribus nostris audivimus, patresque nostri annuntiaverunt nobis,

[Opus quod operatur es in dicibus eorum, et in diebus antiquis.]

Exurge, Domine, adjuva nos, et Salisbury Use, libera nos propter nomen tuum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.


Ab inimicis nostris defende nos, Christe.

Afflitionem nostram benignus vide.

"Exurge" the "relinx" of the Vulgate was altered into "libera:" and in the second repetition of "O Lord, arise," we have altered "name's sake" into "honour.

O God, we have heard."

An appropriate representative of the Psalmody which followed the Litanies.

[Jobb's Choral Service, p. 426.]

In the ordinary Sarum Litany, as used out of Rogation-tide, there is no psalm: our Litany, as we have seen, here represents the old Rogation use. It also resembles the present Roman Litany, inasmuch as the latter has a psalm (our 70th) with a Gloria, after the Lord's Prayer: after the psalm come certain Preces, partly intercessory, then ten Collects, and a Conclusion. The ordinary Parisian has Preces before the psalm, and twelve collects after it. The order in Sarum, York, Hereford, is, Lord's Prayer, Preces, and Collects: seven in Sarum, ten in York (the York Use has various minute resemblances to the Roman), and nine in Hereford. Among the York collects are ours for the first and fourth Sundays after Trinity,—the Collect for Clergy and People,—for Purity,—"O God, whose nature," "Assist us:"

"O God, from whom." With respect to the forty-fourth Psalm, this fragment of it is specially apposite, as suggesting the true comfort amid despondency: compare Ps. lxxxvii. 10. Isa. li. 9, &c. The history of God's past mercies is a fountain of hope for those who own Him as the Rock of ages, the "I Am" to all ages of His Church.

O Lord, arise! In this repetition we have a relic of the old use of Antiphons, to intensify the leading idea of the psalm as used at the time. See Neale's Commentary on the Psalms, p. 46.

Glory! This Gloria is an appendage to "O God, we have heard." Coming as it does amid supplications for help, it witnesses to the duty and the happiness of glorifying God at all times and under all circumstances. Compare the end of Psalm liii. 12. "Dex gratias" was in the fourth century a perpetual watchword; and the "Vere dignum" testifies to the duty of "giving thanks always." Compare Acts xvi. 25.

From our enemies These preces, to the end of "Graciously
Ps. xxv. 10—18.

O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us;

Answer.

As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

O Lord, let Thy mercy] This verse and response, Psalm xxxiii. 21, are part of the Sarum prayers of Prime. In several editions of our Litany they were called the Versecle and the Answer.

We humbly beseech Thee] This is an enlarged and improved form of the Sarum Collect in the Memorial of All Saints (among the Memorials Commones at the end of the Psalter, see 2). In 1544 it ran simply, "We humbly . . . . . . and for the glory of Thy name sake, turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved. Grant this, O Lord God, for our Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ's sake;" and was followed by four other collects and the Prayer of St. Chrysostom. In 1549 it took its present form, save that "name sake" was still read, and that "holiness" was not prefixed to "purity" until 1552.
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UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,

† To be used before the two final Prayers of the Litany, or of Morning and Evening Prayer.

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† For Rain.

O GOD, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all them that seek thy Kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† For fair Weather.

ALMIGHTY Lord God, who for the sin of man didst once drown all the world, except eight persons, and afterward of thy great mercy didst promise never to destroy it so again; We humbly beseech thee, that although we for our iniquities have worthily deserved a plague of rain and waters, yet upon our true repentance thou wilt send us such weather, as that we may receive the fruits of the ancient Service Books; varying at different times according to the necessities of the period and of the locality.

In the first edition of the English Prayer Book, two occasional prayers, the one “For Rain,” and the other “For Fair Weather,” were inserted among the Collects at the end of the Communion Service. These were the same as those now placed here. Four more were added in 1562, the two “in time of Dearth,” and those “in time of War,” and of “Plague or Sickness;” and the whole six were then placed at the end of the Litany. Thanksgivings corresponding to these were added in 1604: and the remainder, both of the prayers and thanksgivings, were added in 1661, when all were placed where they now stand. These occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings are almost entirely original compositions, though they were evidently composed by divines who were familiar with expressions used for the same objects in the old Services. With several a special interest is connected, but others may be passed over without further notice. What few changes were made in this collection of occasional prayers are traceable to Bishop Cosin, except the important insertion of the Prayer for the Parliament, that for all Conditions of Men, and the General Thanksgiving. The rubric standing at the head of the prayers is Cosin’s; but he would have explained “occasional” by adding “if the time require,” at the end of it; which words were not printed. His revised Prayer Book also contains a rubrical heading in the margin, “For the Parliament and Convocation during their sessions,” but no prayer is annexed. Probably the Commissioners concluded that as Convocation is part of Parlia-

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom This was added to the end of the Litany on its first introduction in its present form, in 1544.

The grace of our Lord] Was placed at the end of the Litany, after the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, in the Queen’s Chapel Litany of 1558. [See note to ii, p. 26.]

THE OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

This collection of special prayers and thanksgivings was appended to Morning and Evening Prayer in 1561, but some of the prayers had been in use at an earlier date. Such a collection had occupied a place at the end of the ancient Service Books of the Church; and the use of prayers similar to these is very ancient.

In a printed Missal of 1514 (which formerly belonged to Bishop Cosin, and is now in his Library at Durham, there are Missae and Memoriam Communes (among others) with the following titles:—

Missae. Memoriam Communes.

Missae pro serenitate aërís. Contra aëres tempestates.

— tempore belli. — invasores ecclesiam.

— contra mortalitatem hominum. — adversantes.

— pro peste animalium. — paganos.

But such occasional prayers were not uniformly the same in
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earth in due season; and learn both by thy punishment to amend our lives, and for thy clemency to give thee praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† In the time of Dearth and Famine.

O GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is, that the rain doth fall, the earth is fruitful, beasts increase, and fishes do multiply; Behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; and grant that the scarcity and dearth (which we do now most justly suffer for our iniquity), may through thy goodness be mercifully turned into cheapness and plenty, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

† Or this.

O GOD, merciful Father, who, in the time of Elisha the prophet, didst suddenly in Samaria turn great scarcity and dearth into plenty and cheapness; Have mercy upon us, that we, who are now for our sins punished with like adversity, may likewise find a seasonable relief: Increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving thy bountiful liberality, may use the same to thy glory, the relief of those that are needy, and our own comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† In the time of War and Tumults.

ALMIGHTY God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† In the time of any common Plague or Sickness.

O ALMIGHTY God, who in thy wrath didst send a plague upon thine own people in the wilderness for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron; and also, in the time of king David, didst slay with the plague of pestilence threescore and ten thousand, and yet remembering thy mercy didst save the rest; Have pity upon us miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying Angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† In the Ember Weeks to be said every day, for those that are to be admitted into Holy Orders.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And to those which was strengthened in this one by the addition of another Scriptural allusion in the invocation. This—from "didst send a plague" as far as "and also"—was inserted by Bishop Cosin, as were also the words relating to the atonement offered. The general tendency of such alterations by Bishop Cosin was to raise the objective tone of the prayers here and elsewhere; making our addresses to God of a more reverent and humble character.

§ The Ember Collects.

Every Day] The principle laid down in the rubric before the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, applies to the use of these Collects. One of them ought, therefore, to be said at Evensong of the
shall be ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Or this.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer that may be said after any of the former.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

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Saturday before Ember Week, and at Mattins and Evensong every day afterwards until the Ordination Sunday. The Evensong previous to the latter should be included as being the eve of the Sunday itself.

The first of these Ember Collects is to be found in Bishop Cosin’s Collection of Private Devotions, which was first published in 1627. It is also found in the margin of the Durham Prayer Book, in his handwriting, with a slight alteration made by him at the end after it was written in. No trace of it has hitherto been discovered in any early collections of prayers or in the ancient Services, and therefore it may be concluded that it is an original composition of Bishop Cosin’s, to whom we are thus indebted for one of the most beautiful and striking prayers in the Prayer Book, and one which is not surpassed by any thing in the ancient Sacramentaries or the Eastern Liturgies. The second Collect is taken from the Ordination Services, and is written into the margin of the Durham Prayer Book under the other in the handwriting of Sanerfoot, having been already inserted at the end of the Litany in the Prayer Book for the Church of Scotland, printed in 1637.

Under the old system of the Church there were special masses for the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, at all the four Ember Seasons; but the use of a special prayer every day during the Ember Weeks is peculiar to the modern Church of England. It may be added that the very pointed character of the words used is also modern, the older Ember-day Collects and Post-Communions making little direct reference to the ordainers or those to be ordained.

The Ember-day Collect is a continual witness before God and man of the interest which the whole body of the Church has in the ordination of the Clergy who are to minister in it. The entreaty of St. Paul, “Brethren, pray for us,” is the entreaty that continually goes forth to the Church at large from its ministry; but never with greater necessity, or with greater force, than when the solemn act of Ordination is about to be performed by the Bishops, and a number of the future guides and leaders of the Church are about to be empowered and authorized to undertake their office. This is, in fact, one of the most valuable of our Collects, widding as it does the strong weapon of general prayer throughout the land on behalf of the Bishops, through whom all ministerial authority and power is conveyed from our Lord, and of the priests and deacons, to whom, from time to time, their ministry is delegated. A faithful reliance upon the promises of our Blessed Lord respecting prayer will give us an assurance that so general a supplication for a special object could not be without effect; and no age ever required that such a supplication should be offered more than the present, when the Clergy are growing more and more faithful, but when the necessaries of some dioceses lead to a far too promiscuous admission of persons who are “fit,” only by some stretch of language, “to serve in the sacred ministry of God’s Church.”

It is worth noticing that “the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock” does not refer to the Bishops and the Priests who with them lay their hands on the heads of those who are ordained Priests “Bishop and Pastor” is the expression used in all the documents connected with the election and confirmation of a Bishop; and no doubt it is here also used in the same sense, with reference to the Bishop as the earthly fountain of pastoral authority, ability [2 Cor. iii. 6], and responsibility.

The times for using one or other of these Collects are as follows:—

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§ A Prayer that may be said, &c.

This ancient prayer, which is one of the “Orationes pro Peccatis” in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, comes into our Prayer Book through the Litany of the Salisbury Use, and is found in all the Primers of the English Church. It occupied its ancient place in the Litany of 1544, but was omitted from later Litanies until 1659. In 1661 it was transferred to this place. The most ancient English version of it known is that of the
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A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, to be read during their Session.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious Queen at this time assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign, and her Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessary for them, for us, and thy whole Church we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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Form of Prayer for the fast days in 1625, 1641, 1646, and 1648.

by the influence of which he and the king suffered. It does not appear in a folio copy of "Prayers for Parliament," which is bound up at the beginning of Bishop Cosin's Durham Prayer Book, but it was inserted in a Fast-day Service for the 12th of June, 1651, and afterwards in its present place. The word "Dominions" was substituted for "Kingdoms" by an Order in Council of January 1st, 1601. As, however, the ancient style of our kings was "Regia Angliae, Dominus Hiberniae," this seems to have been a constitutional mistake, as well as a questionable interference with the Prayer Book; but probably "Dominions" was supposed to be the more comprehensive word, and one more suitable than "kingdoms" to an empire so extended and of so mixed a character as that of the English Sovereigns.

The phrase "High Court of Parliament" in this prayer includes the House of Lords, the House of Commons, the Upper and Lower Houses of Convocation; which, together, are the three estates of the realm (by representation) assembled under the Sovereign. The petition referring to "the advancement of God's glory, and the good of His Church," has a special reference to Convocation, which was no doubt evident enough at the time the prayer was composed, when Convocation was the primary assembly for the consideration of all religious questions having a national bearing.

This prayer may have been intended only for use before the several Houses of Parliament, when it was inserted here in 1661. Yet the remarks made on the Ember Collect apply to it in no small degree; and the general prayers of the Church may be expected to bring down a blessing upon the deliberations of the Parliament, in a higher degree than the local prayers daily used in each House.

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THANKSGIVINGS.

A General Thanksgiving.

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givings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.) We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be uneffinably thankful, and that we shewed forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Ο GOD our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; We give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee, in our great necessity, to send us at the last a joyful rain upon thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy Name; through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ο LORD God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late plague of immoderate rain and waters, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather; We praise and glorify thy holy Name for this thy mercy, and will always declare thy loving kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For Plenty.

Ο MOST merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and turned our earth and poverty into plenty; We give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For peace and deliverance from our enemies.

Ο ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies; We yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed: We acknowledge it thy goodness that we were not delivered over as a prey unto them; beseeching thee still to continue such thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For restoring publick peace at home.

Ο ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone maketh men to be of one mind in a house, and of one heart, even as the leastest of the outrage of a violent and unruly people; We bless thy holy Name, that it hath pleased thee to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst

Royal authority only), after the Hampton Court Conference in 1606. The particular circumstances under which this liberty was taken with the Prayer Book by James I. are mentioned in the Historical Introduction. It is unnecessary to add anything further here than that the Occasional Thanksgivings are now as entirely a part of the Prayer Book sanctioned by the Church as any other prayers.

§ The General Thanksgiving.

This was composed or compiled by Reynolds, Bishop of Norwich, for the revision of 1661. The first portion of it appears to be borrowed from the following opening of a Thanksgiving composed by Queen Elizabeth after one of her progresses, and which is printed (from a copy in the State Paper Office) in the

“Liturgies of Queen Elizabeth” of the Parker Society, p. 607, “I render unto Thee, O Merciful and Heavenly Father, most humble and hearty thanks for Thy manifold mercies so abundantly bestowed upon me, as well for my creation, preservation, regeneration, and all other Thy benefits and great mercies exhibited in Christ Jesus . . . .” But it is possible that there is some older prayer, as yet unnoticed, which was the original of both Queen Elizabeth’s and Bishop Reynolds’.

The remarks which have been made respecting the special clause in the “Prayer for all Conditions of Men,” apply also to the special clause in the General Thanksgiving.

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This is to be found in the margin of Coin’s Durham Prayer Book,
us; most humbly beseeching thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these thy mercies towards us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For deliverance from the Plague, or other common sickness.

O LORD God, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation; and now, in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death; We offer unto thy fatherly goodness our selves, our souls and bodies, which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy mercies in the midst of thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ On this.

We humbly acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart; Yet seeing it hath pleased thee of thy tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the contagious sickness wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings; We offer unto thy Divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying thy glorious Name for such thy preservation and providence over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deut. xxviii. 15, Ps. xxv. 2, Prov. xxviii. 14, Lam. iii. 22, Ps. cxliv. 9, xix. 8, 1 Kings xxii. 22, 2 Chron. vii. 13, 14, Ps. xxxv. 21, 11, 12, Ps. cxliv. 16, Neh. ix. 5, Isai. xxxviii. 18, 19, Ps. lxix. 30, Luke i. 46, 47, Heb. xiii. 15, Gen. xvii. 1, James iv. 6, John iii. 19—21, Rom. xii. 12, 13, 2 Cor. vi. 2, Matt. xxv. 5, Phil. ii. 5—8, Matt. xxv. 31, 32, 2 Tim. iv. 1, 1 Thess. iv. 16, 17, Rev. i. 8, xix. 16.

in his handwriting; and is, no doubt, of his composition. There are two changes made in the course of writing it, with the evident object of moulding it in as charitable a form as possible. "Madness of a raging and unreasonable people" was one of the original phrases; and, "grant that we may henceforth live in peace and unity," was another; and both are altered in Cosin's own writing. This Thanksgiving offers another illustration of the restrained and temperate spirit in which the restoration of the Prayer Book and its revision were undertaken by men who had suffered so much from the "outrage of a violent and unruly people," as Cosin and his coadjutors had suffered for many years.

Except the General Thanksgiving, none of these Occasional Thanksgivings are well adapted to the necessities of present times; and the introduction of several new "Memoriae Communes" would be a good work of revision, provided they were worded in language whose suitableness and dignity made them fit to be placed beside more ancient parts of the Prayer Book.
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLECTS, EPISTLES, AND GOSPELS.

The Liturgy consists of a fixed and unvarying portion, and of a portion which varies at least once a week; the fixed part is printed by itself in a later division of the Prayer Book, and the variable part is that included under the title of "The Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, to be used throughout the year," and now coming under notice.

In the early ages of the Church, the Office of the Holy Communion was contained in several separate volumes, one for the Collects, called the Comes, Lectionarius, or Epistolarium; another for the Gospels, called the Evangelistarium; a third for the Antems, called the Antiphonarius; and a fourth for the fixed part of the Service and the Collects, which went by the name of the Liber Sacramentorum, or Sacramentary. These four separate volumes were eventually united into one, under the name of the Missal; and the two portions of the Prayer Book in which the varying and unvarying parts of the Communion Service are contained, constitute, in fact, the Missal of the Church of England, which is almost universally bound in a separate form for use at the Altar.

The modern arrangement of those variable parts of the Liturgy is derived directly from the ancient Missals of the Church of England, of which the principal one was that of Salisbury. Like the rest of the Prayer Book, it has undergone some condensation. Offerory sentences were formerly placed in this part of the Liturgy, but are now collected into the unvarying portion. There was also a short Anthem, or Gradual (with its response), placed after every Epistle, and a Collect called "Post-communion," but both of these have been discontinued. The Introit, or Officium, was likewise appointed for every celebration of the Holy Communion, and a short Anthem to be sung during the Administration. In the first Prayer Book, the Introits were taken from the Psalms, and were all printed before the Collect; but Hymns have been generally substituted since their omission. The "Communion" was also fixed in the first Prayer Book, being the Anthem. "O Lamb of God, which takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us!" and for this, a soft and solemn organ voluntary seems to have been afterwards substituted, such as is still to be heard at Durham Cathedral and elsewhere during the Administration.

This arrangement of the variable parts of the Communion Service is, however, much more ancient than the Salisbury Missal. The selection of the Epistles and Gospels for the Sundays and some of the other Holy Days is attributed to St. Jerome in the fourth century; and most of the Collects come to us originally from the Sacramentaries of St. Leo, Gelasius, and St. Gregory; the last of whom died a.D. 604.

§ Collects.

The Collects which are now used in the Communion Service appear to be the growth of the fifth and sixth centuries, as is stated above; though it is far from being improbable that the Sacramentaries of that date were, to a large extent, compilations of previously existing forms, rather than original compositions of those whose names they bear. These Sacramentaries have the appearance of methodizing and rearranging established customs and formularies; and there is an antecedent improbability in the statement that SS. Leo, Gregory, or any other single individual, invented so large a body of public devotions, and wrought so great a revolution in the habits of the Church, as to bring it suddenly into use. Cardinal Bona [Rec. Liturg., ii. 5; iv.] gives some evidence in support of the supposed Apostolic origin of the form of prayer known by the name of Collect, though he thinks the general tradition of the Christian world a sufficient proof that Gelasius and St. Gregory composed those now in use.

It may be considered an argument against this theory of Apostolic origin, that the Collect is a form of prayer unknown in the Eastern Church, which has always been so conservative with regard to its ancient customs and formularies. But Archdeacon Freeman has shown that there is a distinct likeness between certain kinds of hymns (called "Exapostellaria") of the Eastern Church, and the Collects of the Western, by which a common

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1st Sunday in Advent ......Ps. 1 2nd ......Ps. 2 3rd ......Ps. 4 4th ......Ps. 5 Christ. Day, 1st Communion ......Ps. 6 P. of St. Stephen ......Ps. 7 St. John, Evangelist ......Ps. 8 All the Holy Innocents ......Ps. 9 Sunday after Christmas ......Ps. 10 Circumcision ......Ps. 11 Epiphany ......Ps. 12 Pentecost ......Ps. 13 1st Sunday after the Epiphany ......Ps. 14 2nd ......Ps. 15 3rd ......Ps. 16 4th ......Ps. 17 5th ......Ps. 18 6th ......Ps. 19 Septuagesima ......Ps. 20 Sexagesima ......Ps. 21 Quinquagesima ......Ps. 22 Ash Wednesday ......Ps. 23 1st Sunday in Lent ......Ps. 24 2nd ......Ps. 25 3rd ......Ps. 26 4th ......Ps. 27 5th ......Ps. 28
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1. Invocation.
2. Reason on which the Petition is to be founded.
3. Petition.
5. Mention of Christ's Mediation, or Atonement.

Thus it will be observed, “after the Invocation, a foundation is laid for the petition by the recital of some doctrine, or of...”
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some fact of Gospel history, which is to be commemorated. Upon this foundation so laid down, rises the petition or body of the prayer. Then, in a perfect specimen . . . the petition has the wings of a holy aspiration given to it, whereupon it may soar to heaven. Then follows the conclusion, which, in the case of prayers not addressed to the Mediator, is always through the Mediator, and which sometimes involves a Doxology, or ascription of praise. This last member of the Collect has, indeed, always been constructed with great care, and according to rules which were put into the form of memorial verses, at a period when it was the custom to write the Collect in a short form, and only to indicate the ending by "pax," "Qui vivis," "per eumdem," or whatever else was its first word or words. One of these aids to memory is as follows:—

"For Denium," dice si Patrum Presbyter oras.

Sic loquor Christo "Qui vivis," scirem memorem; "Qui Tecum," si sit collecta finis in Ipso; Si numeres Flammis; "Ejsusden," dic propin finem.

Illustrations of these endings will be found in the Collects for the Epiphany, the Nativity, Easter Day, and Whitsunday.

The number of various Collects in the Book of Common Prayer is eighty-three. These are all traced to their original sources, so far as they have been discovered, in the following pages; and it will be observed, that fifty-nine out of the eighty-three have come to us through the Sarum Missal, from the ancient Sacramentaries; all but one of that number being contained in the Sarum Missal of St. Gregory. Of the remaining twenty-four, the gnomon and spirit, and often the language, may be found in ancient Liturgical forms; and the sixteenth of the twenty-four, of which no such origin is indicated in the following pages, will perhaps be discovered, by future research, to be either translations or adaptations. Only one new Collect, that for St. Andrew's Day, was inserted in 1552; and only four in 1661. The latter are written in the margin of Bishop Cosin's Durham Book, in his handwriting. That for St. Stephen's Day he adapted from one (in the Scottish Prayer Book) which is attributed to Archbishop Laud, while those for the Third Sunday in Advent, the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, and Easter Even, are either composed by himself, or derived from some ancient originals which have not been identified.

The primary use of the Collect is to give a distinctive tone to the Eucharistic Service, striking the key-note of prayer for the particular occasion on which the Sacrifice is offered. But by the constant use of it in its appointed place in the Daily Mattins and Evensong, it also extends this Eucharistic spirituality into the other public Services of the Church, and carries it forward from one celebration to another, linking these offices with the chief Service and Offering which the Church has to render to Almighty God. In other words, this Collect is enunciated with a wonderful power for carrying on through the week the peculiar Eucharistic memories and work of the preceding Sunday, or of a Festival. Under whatever engaging or sweating aspect our Lord has more especially come to us in the virtue of the appointed Scriptures, the gracious and healthful visitation lives on in memory, nay, is prolonged in fact. Or in whatever special respect, again, suggested by these same Scriptures, and embodied for us in the Collect, we have desired to present ourselves — a

boly and lively sacrifice’ in that high ordinance, the same obligation of ourselves do we carry on and perpetuate by it. Through the Collect, in a word, we do continually apply our present services and presence, and receive, in a manner, from the altar, a continuation of the heavenly gift. Thus it is a constant memorial before God of the great Memorial which joins on the work of the Church on earth to the intercession of our Mediator in heaven; and it is also a memorial to the mind of every worshipper of the sanction which is brought upon all our days and all our prayers by the Sacramental Presence of our Blessed Lord. [See also p. 24.]

§ The Epistles and Gospels.

The Holy Communion was celebrated and received by the faithful for nearly twenty years before St. Paul wrote his first letter. The origin of the Collects, and of all the others, was written by St. Matthew; and none of the Gospels or Epistles are likely to have been generally known in the Church until even a much later time. The Scriptures of the New Testament did not, therefore, form any part of the original Liturgies. It has been supposed by many ritualists, that portions of the Old Testament were read at the time of the celebration: and the gradual introduction of our present system is indicated by the usage shown in an Irish Communion Book of the sixth century, which has one unvarying Epistle and Gospel, i Cer. xi., and St. John vi. This system is attributed to St. Jerome by the almost unanimous voice of ancient writers on the Divine Service of the Church; and a very ancient form of Epistles and Gospels exists, called the Comices, which has gone by the name of St. Jerome at least since the time of Amalarius and Microlegos, in the ninth and eleventh centuries.

The antiquity of the Comices Hieronymi has been disputed, chiefly because the system of Epistles and Gospels which it contains differs from that of the Roman rite; but there seem to be several good reasons for supposing that it really belongs to as early a time as that of St. Jerome; and as its system agrees with the old and modern English one, where it differs from the Roman, the question has a special interest in connection with the Book of Common Prayer.

This ancient Lectionary, or Comices, was published by Pamela in the second volume of his Liturgicon Ecclesiae Latina, under the title, Dedi Hieronymi presbytery, Comes sive Lectionarius; and is also to be found in the eleventh volume of St. Jerome's Works, p. 526. It contains Epistles and Gospels for all the Sundays of the year, the Festivals of our Lord, some other Festivals, and many Ferial days. It is some evidence in favour of its great antiquity that no saints are commemorated in it of a later date than the time of St. Jerome; and that the Epiphany is called by the name of the Theophany, a name which was suppressed not long after in the Western Church. The Comices is mentioned in the Charte Cornutianis, a foundation deed belonging to a Church in France, and printed with Malben [Lit. Gall. Prof. vi.], and this charter is as early as A.D. 471. It is mentioned by Anselm [iii. 40], who wrote a.D. 582; and in Microlegi [xxv.], a liturgical treatise of about A.D. 1080, it is spoken of as "Liber Comitis sive Lectionarius, quem Sanctius Hieronymus compaginavit." While about the same time Boethius writes that Pope Damasus requested St. Jerome to make a selection of Scriptures from the Old and New Testament to be read in the Church. The latter statement derives confirmation from the fact, that before the time of Damasus [A.D. 360—384] the Fathers cite Scripture without giving any indications of such a selection being in use: while after that time there are such indications in the writings of SS. Ambrose, Augustine, Leo, Salvian, and Cassian; and the three latter of whom were accustomed to use St. Jerome's version of the Scriptures, and not the Septuagint. All this seems to show that there is much to be said for the ancient statement, that

1 Goulburn on the Communion Office, p. 37.
2 A much longer form may be found at p. 72 of Chambers' Sarum Psalter, with an elaborate note on the subject. The following rules may prove sufficient for practical purposes at the present day:—

1) Collects addressed to God the Father should end:—"Through Jesus Christ our Lord [or if our Lord has been previously mentioned:—"Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord]; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the [or if the Holy Ghost has been previously mentioned:—"The same] Holy Ghost, one God, world without end." Amen."  
2) Collects addressed to God the Son should end:—"Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the [or the same] Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen."  
3) Collects addressed to the Blessed Trinity should end:—"Who liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen."  
4 Some other variations, as: "Where with Thee," after the mention of Heaven, will suggest themselves.

3 Principles of Div. Serv. i. 369.
4 On the other hand, there are those who believe that many expressions in the New Testament Scriptures are derived from Liturgies known to and used by the Apostles. See an Essay on Liturgical quotations in Neale's Liturgiology, pp. 411—412.
St. Jerome first arranged the Epistles and Gospels, and that his arrangement is extant in this Lectionary.

In the Lectionary there are Scriptures for twenty-five Sundays after the Octave of Pentecost, as in our Prayer Book and in the ancient Salisbury Use (though in both the latter they are numbered as after Trinity), but the Roman rite has them only as far as the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistles and Gospels for these twenty-five Sundays and those for Advent exactly agree with the ancient and modern English, which (as will be seen in the tables annexed to every Sunday in the following pages) are quite different in arrangement from the Roman. The Lectionary also contains Epistles and Gospels for Wednesdays and Fridays in Epiphany, Easter, and Trinity seasons, which were in the Salisbury Missal, but are not in the Roman. It has also five Sundays before Christmas (that is, in Advent), instead of four, a peculiarity of notation which indicates very early origin, and which is reproduced in the "Sunday next before Advent" and four Sundays in Advent, of the English Use. These parallel peculiarities between the Lectionary and the English arrangement, differing as they do from the Roman, form a strong proof that our Eucharistic system of Scriptures had an origin quite independent of the Roman Liturgy; or, at least, that it belongs to a system which is much older than that now in use in the latter. It may be remarked, in conclusion, (and perhaps this is the most important fact in connexion with this diversity) that the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels for Trinity Season are all in harmony in the English Missal, while that harmony is entirely dislocated in the Roman.

The principle on which portions of Holy Scripture are selected for the Epistles and Gospels is that of illustrating the two great divisions of the Christian year, from Advent to Trinity, and from Trinity to Advent. In the one, and more emphatic division, our Blessed Lord is set before us in a life-like diorama of Gospels, which tell us about Him and His work, not as in a past history, but with that present force, wherewith the events of His life and suffering are pleaded in the Litany. In nothing is the graphic action of the Church (sometimes very truly called his trique) shown more strongly, than in the way by which the Gospels of the season are made the means of our living over again, year by year, the time of the Incarnation, from Bethlehem to Bethany; while in the long-drawn season of Trinity, we see the Church's continuance by the power of the Pentecostal outpouring in the true faith of the Blessed Trinity, and in the faithful following of her Master and Head through a long probationary career.

The special bearing of each Gospel and Epistle on the day for which it is appointed will be shown in the Notes that follow. It is sufficient here to say, in conclusion, that the existing arrangement of them appears to be founded on some more ancient system of consecutive reading similar to that in use for our daily Lessons, a system still followed out in the East; that the Epistles have continued to be used in a consecutive order, but that the Gospels have been chosen with the special object of illustrating the season; or, where there is nothing particular to illustrate, of harmonising with their respective Epistles. Whatever changes were made at the Reformation may be seen by the tabular arrangement under each Collect. In 1661 the only changes made were in the Gospels for the Holy Week, some of which were shortened by Bishop Cosin; in the insertion of those for a Sixth Sunday after Epiphany; and in printing all Gospels and Epistles from the Authorized Version of 1611, instead of from that of 1540.

[The Introits printed at the end of the Notes for each Sunday and other Festivals, are translated from the Salisbury Missal, the more familiar name of Introit having been substituted for that of "Officium," by which they are there designated. The Salisbury rubric directs them to be used in the following manner:— "Officium missae usque ad orationem prosequatur sacrorum: vel usque ad Gloria in excelsis: quando dicatur. Et post officium et psalmum repetatur officium: et postea dicitur Gloria patri et Sicut erat. Tertio repetatur officium: sequatur Kyrie." Some of these Introits are selected with a striking appropriateness to the days for which they are appointed, and show a deep appreciation of the prophetic sense of Holy Scripture.

The Hymns are also those of the Salisbury Use, which, as is well known, it was the intention of Cranmer and his coadjutors to have translated into English with the Prayer Book. Most of the Hymns are to be found in the original Latin in "Hymni Ecclesiae," published in 1605 by Macmillan. The references appended to each are to translations contained in the following well-known Hymn-books:—

H. N. The Hymnal Noted. Where there is a double reference under these initials, it is (1) to the "Hymnal Noted" in two volumes, with the music; and (2) to the "Words of the Hymnal Noted."

H. A. M. Hymns Ancient and Modern.


A. A. The "Appendix to the Hymnal Noted" used at St. Alban's Church, Holborn.

D. H. The "Day Hours of the Church of England." Want of space alone has prevented the Editor from giving the Hymns at length in the Notes; but the references thus inserted will indicate the ancient custom of the Church of England in using them; and may, perhaps, assist in establishing a more orderly use of the proper hymns of the Church for their appointed days and services.]
THE

COLLECTS, EPISTLES, AND GOSPELS

TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

See the rules given at p. 24.
Minor Saints' days have no Vigils or Eves, nor Collects appointed.

"Note, that the Collect appointed for every Sunday, or for any Holiday that hath a Vigil or Eve, shall be said at the Evening Service next before.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life (in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility); that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

Amen.

This Collect is to be repeated every day with the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Eve.

DOMINICA I. ADVENTUS DOMINI. Salisbury Use.

[Greg. Hebd. ii. ante Sat. Domini.]


ADVENT.

From the first institution of the great Festivals of the Church each of them occupied a central position in a series of days; partly for the greater honour of the Festival itself, and partly for the sake of Christian discipline. Thus Christmas is preceded by the Sundays and Season of Advent, and followed by twelve days of continued Christian joy which end with Epiphany.

Under its present name the season of Advent is not to be traced further back than the seventh century: but Collects, Epistles, and Gospels for five Sundays before the Nativity of our Lord, and for the Wednesdays and Fridays also, are to be found in the ancient Sacramentaries, and in the Comes of St. Jerome. These offer good evidence that the observance of the season was introduced into the Church at the same time with the observance of Christmas; yet there is not, properly speaking, any season of Advent in the Eastern Church, which has always carefully preserved ancient customs intact; though it observes a Lent before Christmas as well as before Easter.

Durandus (a laborious and painstaking writer, always to be respected, though not to be implicitly relied upon) writes that St. Peter instituted three whole weeks to be observed as a special season before Christmas, and so much of the fourth as extended to the Vigil of Christmas, which is not part of Advent. [Durand. vi. 2.] This was probably a very ancient opinion, but the earliest extant historical evidence respecting Advent is that mentioned above, as contained in the Lectionary of St. Jerome. Next come two homilies of Maximus, Bishop of Turin, A.D. 450, which are headed De Adventu Domini. In the following century are two other Sacramentaries, Bishop of Arles [501—542], (formerly attributed to St. Augustine, and printed among his works,) and in these there are full details respecting the season and its
BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may

be consistent with that contemplation of our Lord's Second Advent which it is impossible to dissociate from thoughts of His First. In the system of the Church the Advent Season is to the Christmas Season what St. John the Baptist was to the First; and the Christian Ministry is to the Second, Coming of our Lord.

§ The First Sunday in Advent.

The four Sundays in Advent set forth, by the Holy Scriptures appointed for them, the Majesty of our Lord's Person and Kingdom. Christmas is to represent before us the lowliness to which the Eternal God condescended to stoop in becoming Man: and we begin on that day the detailed observance of such great Act in the mystery of the Incarnation. Before coming to Bethlehem and seeing the Holy Child in the manger, we are bidden to look on the glory which belongs to Him; and, ere we look upon the Babe of the humble Virgin, to prepare our hearts and minds for the sight by dwelling on the key-note which sounds in our ears through Advent, "Behold, thy King cometh:" a meek and lowly Babe, but yet Divine.

In this spirit the old Introit for the First Sunday was chosen, "Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes: O my God, I have put my trust in Thee...." though not without reference also to the humble dependence upon His Father with which the Son of God took human nature, and all its woes, upon Him. Lifting up our eyes to the Holy Child, we behold Him from afar, "and knowing the time, that now it is high time to awaken out of sleep," we hear the cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh:" to His Church in a first Advent of Humiliation and Grace, and a second Advent of Glory and Judgment. For each Advent the Church has one song of welcome, "Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest; Even so come, Lord Jesus."

The Christian year opens, then, on this Sunday with a direct re-presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to us in His Human Nature, as well as His Divine Nature, to be the Object of our Adoration. We cannot do otherwise than love the Babe of Bethlehem, the Child of the Temple, the Son of the Virgin, the Companion of the Apostles, the Healer of the Sick, the Friend of Bethany, the Man of Sorrows, the Dying Crucified One: but we must adore as well as love; and recognize in all these the triumphant King of Glory who reigns over the earthly Sion, and over the heavenly Jerusalem. No contemplation of the Humility of the Son of Man must divert our eyes from the contemplation of His Infinite Majesty of Whom the Father saith when He bringeth in the First-Begotten into the world, "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

ISTROIT.—Unto Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in Thee; O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. Ps. Show me Thy ways, O Lord, and teach me Thy paths. Glory be.

HYMNS.

Evensong.


Mattins.  


According to the Salisbury Use these Hymns are to be sung daily up to Christmas Eve.

§ The Second Sunday in Advent.

The note sounded by the Gospel of this Second Sunday is, "The
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

EPISTLE.
Rom. xv. 4–13.

GOSPEL.

DOMINICA III, ADVENTUS DOMINI

EPITHE.
Rom. xv. 4–13.

GOSPEL.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

The Collect.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who live and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.


INTROIT.—BEHOLD, O PEOPLE OF SION, THE LORD WILL COME TO SAVE THE NATIONS: AND THE LORD SHALL CAUSE HIS GLORIOUS VOICE TO BE HEARD, AND GLADNESS SHALL BE IN YOUR HEARTS. PS. HEAR, O THOU SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, THOU THAT LEADEST JOSEPH LIKE A SHEEP. GLORY BE.

§ THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

The Advent Ember Days are the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after St. Lucy's Day, which is December 13th. They always occur, therefore, in the third week of Advent, and their relative position in regard to Advent Sunday is shown by the following table:—

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As December 17th must thus always come in Ember Week, the Ember Collect should always be used from the Saturday Evensong preceding the 17th, according to the rule shown at page 63, on whatever day of the week the 17th may happen to fall.

Istmoct.—Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God. Ps. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds. Glory be.

§ The Fourth Sunday in Advent.

On this Sunday, the close approach of the King of Glory to His kingdom of grace is heralded by Scriptures of which the pointed words are, "The Lord is at hand," "Make straight the way of the Lord." The Collect has lost its Gregorian pointedness by a return to its Gelasian form, which makes the whole a Prayer by a return to its Gelasian form, which makes the whole a Prayer for the Presence of God the Father, instead of what it was originally, one for the Coming among us of God the Son. The alteration was probably made under a strong impression of the truth that all prayer should be addressed to the Father through the Son; and also with reference to the words spoken by our Lord immediately after He had given the command respecting prayer, and had promised a return of His own Presence, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words, and My Father will love..."
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, or the Birth-Day of Christ, commonly called CHRISTMAS-DAY.

The Collect.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, may be fitted and enabled to glorify thee in the highest degree. Amen.

December 18th. [Exclus. xxiv. 3. Wisd. viii. i. Cf. I Cor. i. 24. Prov. i.—ix.]

O Wisdom, which didst come forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from the one end of all things to the other, and ordering them with sweetness and might: Come, that Thou mayest teach us the way of understanding.

O Sapientia quae ex ore Altissimi prodisti, attinging a fine useque ad finam, fortiter suavitque disponeas omnia; veni ad docendam nos viam prudential.

DIES NATIVITATIS DOMINI.

December 19th. [Isa. xi. 10. Rev. xxii. 16.]

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall shut their mouths, and to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come, that Thou mayest deliver us; tarry not, we beseech Thee.


O dawning brightness of the everlasting Light, and Sun of Righteousness: Come, that Thou mayest enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22nd. [Hag. ii. 7.]

O King and Desire of all nations, the Corner-Stone uniting all in one: Come, that Thou mayest save man, whom Thou hast formed out of the ground by Thy hand.

December 23rd. [Isa. vii. 14. Matt. i. 23.]

O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the Expectation and the Saviour of the Gentiles: Come, that Thou mayest save us, O Lord our God.

Christmas Day.

The Festival of Christmas was observed at a very early period in the Church, as indeed it could hardly but be; for that which brought the joy of angels within reach of man's ears, could not but have been devoutly and joyously remembered by Christians, year by year, when they came fully to understand the greatness of the event. St. Chrysostom, in a Christmas homily, speaks of the festival as being even then, in the fourth century, one of great antiquity; and, in an Epistle, mentions that Julins I. [A.D. 337—352] had caused strict inquiry to be made, and had confirmed the observance of it on December 25th. There are sermons extant which were preached upon this day by Gregory.
Nazianzen and St. Basil, in the same century. It is spoken of by Clemens Alexandrinus, who died in the beginning of the third century, a little more than a hundred years after the death of St. John; and it was on Christmas Day that a whole church full of martyrs was burned by Maximin, in Nicomedia.

In the primitive age of the Church, this Festival was more closely associated with the Epiphany than it has been in later times. The actual Nativity of Christ was considered as His first Manifestation, and the name 'Theophania' was sometimes given to the day on which it was commemorated, as well as to the twelfth day afterwards, when the end of the Christmas Festival is celebrated with other memorials of the appearance of God among men. Most of the Fathers have left sermons which were preached on Christmas Day, or during the continuance of the festival; and secular decrees of the Christian Emperors, as well as Canons of the Church, show that it was very strictly observed as a day of rest from labour, of Divine Worship, and of Christian hilarity.

The ancient Church of England welcomed Christmas Day with a special service on the Vigil, a celebration of the Holy Communion soon after midnight, another at early dawn, and a third at the usual hour of the mid-day mass. The first two of these services were omitted from the Prayer Book of 1549, and the third from that of 1552. But an early Communion, as well as the usual mid-day one, has always been celebrated in some of the greater churches on Christmas Day, and custom has revived the midnight celebration also, in addition to the ordinary Evensong of Christmas Eve. The midnight celebration commemorates the actual Birth of our Lord; the early morning one its revelation to mankind in the persons of the shepherds; that at mid-day the Eternal Sonship of the Holy Child Jesus.

The Collect at the Early Communion in the first Prayer Book was that of Christmas Eve in the Salisbury Missal: the Epistle and Gospel being the first of the ancient three.

Early Communion. First Prayer Book of 1549.
God, which maketh us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thy only Son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth.

The ancient association of Christmas and Epiphany was maintained in the Collect of the Salisbury Use, Ad Missam in galli canum. "Deus, qui sacrosanctam nostram revelem veri humiliatis fasciis illustrasti, deo, quem expectabimus, ut substitero materiae in terru cognovim, ejus quoque gaudium in calce perficiamus. Qui tecum." [Greg. In Vig. Dom. ad Nonam. Gelas.]

It is most fit that the season so marked out by Angels by songs of joy, such as had not been heard on earth since the Creation, should also be observed as a time of festive gladness by the Church, and in the social life of Christians. Christ Himself instituted this festival when He sanctified the day by then first revealing His Human Nature to the eyes of mankind. The holy Angels witnessed to its separation for ever as a day of days, when they proclaimed the Glory that was then offered to God in the Highest by the restoration of perfect Manhood in the Virgin-born Jesus; and the peace that was brought among men on earth through the reunion of their nature to God. The whole world has since recognized it as the single point of history in which every age, every country, every living man has an interest. It is to the Nativity of our Lord that all the pages of the Bible point as the centre on which every thing there recorded turns. Kings have lived and died; empires have arisen and crumbled away; great cities have been built and destroyed; countries people and again laid desert: and all this is to us almost as if it had never been. Great as past events of history were to the generations in which they occurred, to us they are of less practical importance than the every-day circumstances of our common life. But the event which gives us the festival of Christmas was one whose interest is universal and unfading: one with which we are as much concerned as were the shepherds of Bethlehem; and which will be of no less importance to the last generation of men than it is to us. For it was in the Birth of Christ that Earth was united to Heaven, and both made one Kingdom of God above and below, as they were at the first Creation. In it, separation of man from God was done away, for One appeared Who in His own single Person was God, belonging to Heaven, and Man, belonging to earth. It was not only the beginning of a new era, but it was the Centre of all human history, the point of time to which the ages that were gone had looked forward, and to which the ages that were to come after must all look back; the one day of days which gathered all other times into itself, and stretching its influence through every hour of human existence from the Fall to the Judgment, makes for itself a history by connexion with which only can other histories have an eternal interest. And so, even beyond the immediate influence of the Church, it is found that the Christmas gladness of the Church is reflected in the world around; and a common instinct of regenerated human nature teaches that world to recognize in Christmas a season of unity and fellowship and goodwill, of happiness and peace.

Introit.—Unto a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful. Ps. Sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath done marvellous things. Glory be.

HYMNS.


Evessong. [Salvator mundi, Domine. H. A. M. 40, C. H. 24.]}
S. STEPHEN’S DAY.

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be

[15161.]

John xv, 20.
1 Pet. iv, 13.
Acts vii, 55, 56.
2 Cor. iv, 17, 18.
Acts vii, 57—60.
Matt. v, 41.

Christi, Redemptor omnium. H. N. 13, 33, H. A.

A solis ortus cardine. H. N. 14. 34.

These hymns are appointed for all days throughout the octave which are not otherwise provided for.

THE THREE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS.

The position of the three days after Christmas Day is a very remarkable one. Easter and Pentecost each have two festive days following their principal day, the Sunday: and in this respect Christmas, with its three festive days, is placed on a similar though a more honoured footing. But at Easter and Pentecost the days are connected by name with the festival itself, whereas, at Christmas, they are associated with the names of Saints, in addition to that continued commemoration of the Nativity which belongs to them as to the other days of the octave.

Some explanation of this may be found in the vivid conceptions of the early Church respecting the close union between Christ and His people, especially His Martyrs, through the virtue of the Incarnation. Eusebius [viii. 10] speaks of the martyrs of Alexandria as κρυσοφόροι, a name otherwise familiar to us in the story of St. Christopher, and in the apellation of Theophores which was given by himself or others to Ignatius: and St. Augustine, in one of his Sermons on St. Stephen’s Day, seems to adopt a strain of thought in accordance with these names, when he says, “As Christ by being born was brought into union with Stephen, so Stephen by dying was brought into union with Christ.” There was, moreover, in the early Church (itself so familiar with a life of suffering) a profound sense of the continuous martyrdom which was involved in the earthly life of our Lord, both from the intensity of the humiliation which He underwent in becoming Man [non horruit virgisinum uterum. Te Demum], and also from the sorrows which were inherent in His human nature as the bearer of all human woes. Hence they could not lose sight, in those days, of the fact that the Holy Child of Bethlehem was also the Man of Sorrows: and it is very probable that this view of our Lord’s Incarnation led to the commemoration of the first Martyr who suffered on the day succeeding that on which his Master had entered on a life of suffering, rather than on the anniversary of his martyrdom. In connexion with this view it is very observable, that at the first taste of martyrdom, even before the suffering of St. Stephen, the Church pleaded the Divine Sonship and human Infancy of our Lord: and although few of the Apostles are likely to have known their Lord in His childhood, (while His mature years and His final work were familiar to all, and His Ascent out of their sight as Man vividly fresh in their memory,) yet they speak of Him to the Father in their hour of trouble as “Thy holy Child Jesus,” and seem thus to fall back, so to speak, on the first days of the Incarnation more than a third of a century before, rather than on their recent knowledge of Him through whom they prayed for strength to do and bear all that was set before them. It may well have been that St. Stephen was among them when the words of that prayer were used.

Another explanation is to be found in the Rationale of Durandus [vii. 42]. The substance of this is, that Christ being the Head to which all the members are joined, three kinds of members are joined to Him by martyrdom: as mysteriously signified in the Song of Songs [v. 10], by the words, “My Beloved is white and ruddy, and the chiefest among ten thousand.” The first and chief order of martyrs he thus considers to be those who, being baptized in blood, suffered both in will and deed: the second, those who gave their will up entirely to suffer, but yet escaped with life, and so accomplished a white martyrdom: the third, those who suffered but had no will of their own to sacrifice to God, as was the case with the Holy Innocents.

One other view may be named; which is, that as the second half of the Christian year represents the Christian life founded on the life of Christ, so the three days after Christmas represent the three ways of suffering, love, and purity, by which the Incarnation bears fruit in the saints of God. St. Stephen was the nearest to the King of Saints in His life of suffering, St. John in His life of love, the Holy Innocents in His life of purity. The first trod immediately in his Master’s footsteps of a Martyr death in its most perfect form; the second lying on Jesus’ bosom in close communion with Him to the end of His earthly life, followed Him closely ever after in His heavenly example; the third were the first-fruits of that holy train whose innocence and purity admits them nearest to the Person of their glorified Redeemer, so that “they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.”

§ St. Stephen.

Nothing is known of St. Stephen before his martyrdom beyond the solitary fact that he was one of the seven deacons ordained by the Apostles when they began to divide off the lower portions of their ministerial functions, duties, and cares. His eloquence, ready knowledge, heroic courage, are strikingly exhibited in the account given of his last hours in the seventh chapter of the Acts. It may be that he is only a fair and average example of those wonderfully endowed men who carried on Christ’s work in the Apostolic age; and that the peculiarity of his martyrdom as being the first, and as occurring while the Church was still confined almost within the walls of Jerusalem, has given it the prominence of a Scriptural narrative. There were, doubtless, many others in that holy band of Apostolic men, of whom it might have been recorded that, “full of faith and power, they did great wonders and miracles among the people;” and many who suffered as boldly and as weekly as St. Stephen. Yet it is around the head of the Proto-martyr alone that Holy Scripture places the nimbus of glory; and however truly it may be the due of others also, it is of St. Stephen only that the words are written, “And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.” Hence St. Chromisotom calls him the ξηραφωτος or crown of the Church, in respect to her martyrdoms.

The dying words of St. Stephen are also of a most saint-like character, whether that character was common to the saintly martyrs or not. The last words of his Master’s passion, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,” have a parallel in the servant’s, “Lord, lay not this sin to his charge!” and the commendatory prayer, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit,” is the saint’s version of the Son’s cry, “Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.”

Such circumstances as these seem as if they were providentially ordered, in part, as a monition to the Church of the honour in which the martyrs of Christ were ever after to be held; to whom her Christ was to be glorified in His saints, through whom the last of His own Light was shed around as planets disperses the light of the sun when it is beyond our horizon. Nor must it be forgotten that the narrative of St. Stephen’s martyrdom is given us in that book which is principally made up of the Acts of St. Paul, the account of the missionary life and sufferings—and how small a part!—of that “young man whose name was
SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY.

Heb. ii. 18. vii. 12. revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

¶ Then shall follow the Collect of the Nativitie, which shall be said continually unto New-year's Eve.

§ St. John the Evangelist.

The beloved disciple of the Holy Child Jesus is known to the affection of the Church as the Apostle of Love, to her intellect as Θεολόγος, or Divine. There is little recorded of him in Holy Scripture, but a large part of the New Testament was revealed by God to His servant John; and none of the Apostles, so far as we know, except St. Paul, exercised so extensive an influence over the subsequent ages of the Church. It is not known how soon a festival was instituted in honour of this Apostle, but it is placed in the ancient Sacramentaries and Lectionary, and is therefore of primitive origin.

St. John the Evangelist was one of the sons of Zebedee and Salome, a fisherman like his father, and early called by our Blessed Lord to be a fisher of men. With three other of the Apostles he stood in a near relationship to the Blessed Virgin, which may be best represented by the following table.

| St. Matthew's | St. Luke's |
| valid genealogy | natural genealogy |
| Jacob | St. James Gl. |
| Zebedee = Salome. | B. V. M. = Joseph. |
| Cleophas = Mary. | Cleeaph = Mary. |
| [St. Joachim = St. Anne.] |

The intimate relationship between the Blessed Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth seems to make it probable that the son of her sister Salome would become an early disciple of St. John the Baptist; and as his follower he, was in company with St. Andrew when the Baptist bore official witness to the Mission of our Lord as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." The Evangelist, therefore, was one of the first pair of disciples who were called from following the Law to follow the Gospel: sharing indeed with St. Andrew in the honour of the title Πνευμάτων. It would appear to have been some little time afterward that St. John was required to give up his ordinary
occupation that he might be trained to the office of a fisher of men, and become a constant attendant on our Lord; still longer before that training had been so far carried on as to qualify him in outward knowledge for receiving the commission and power of an Apostle. In the appointment of the Apostles, St. John was one of the three whom our Lord distinguished by new names: he and his brother St. James being then called Boanerges, a title which ancient writers connect with the great eloquence of these two Apostles, as Deuteronomes and Plate were called “tontanes” by old Roman writers. This does not seem quite to explain the title: yet in the case of St. John it is easy to see that it might have such a prophetical application to him as the last writer of the New Testament, who was to proclaim resounding theological truths to the world as from a Gospel Sinaï after historical narratives had done their work in preparing the minds of men for their reception.

The next time St. John’s name occurs in the Gospels is as one of the three “elected of the elect” who were chosen by our Lord to witness the manifestation of His Divine power in the chamber of Jairus’s daughter, and of His Divine glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. The same three were also present at the Agony. They seem to have been chosen, not for any purpose of sympathy needed by Christ, but as a part of their own training. All three were afterwards distinguished by special services for their Master, and these visions of His Power, His Glory, and His suffering were preparing them for their work. Of the two sons of Zebedee, St. James was the first martyred Apostle, St. John the latest living Apostle. The first miracle of the Church was wrought by St. Peter and St. John; they, too, were the first sufferers after the Ascension; they were the first Apostles who went beyond Judaism; and they were the “pillars” of the Church in its early days. If we reckon up the extent of their work in the education of the Church, it will be found that far the greatest proportion of the New Testament has come from the pens of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John; the second great Apostle appearing to have filled up the vacancy caused by the martyrdom of St. James. And as St. Peter exercised a vast external influence over the Church of the Future, while St. Paul was its great moral teacher, so St. John the Theologian was the Apostle by whom the world was to learn more than by any other, those truths which lie at the very root of orthodox and true conceptions respecting the Blessed Trinity, our Redeemer, and the work of the Incarnation in making God and man at one. The Church of England traced up its usages in primitive days to the teaching of St. John, and there is good reason to think that the influence of this Apostle has moulded her Liturgy and her spirit very extensively; preparing her, perhaps, for the great struggle against unbelief in which she so desirous to hear bear a prominent part.

The Blessed Virgin having been committed to the care of St. John the Evangelist at the Cross, his office towards her appears to have terminated about the year 48, but between that time and the later part of the century his history is in obscurity. Possibly it was part of the fulfilment of the Lord’s words, “If I will that he tarry till I come,” that St. John should really see Jerusalem encompassed with armies, and that he did not leave for Ephesus until as late as the year 66, when the siege began: which was only a year before the martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul. It was about this time, certainly, that the Evangelist and Theologian began to be the sole remaining Apostolic center of the Church, as he continued to be for about a third of a century. This isolation of St. John sets him in a position of patriarchal prominence, greater even than that of St. Paul had been: and he was doubtless directed to Ephesus, the Metropolis of Asia, the great center of nature-worship, and the commercial port of the one great sea of the then known world, as the place where his influence would extend farthest and widest during those eventful years in which the Church was breaking free from Judaism, and settling into definite forms of doctrine and worship.

The latter part of St. John’s life was marked by two acts which fulfilled our Lord’s words, that he should tarry until His Coming. A poisoned cup of wine was given to him at Ephesus, but the Apostle made over it the sign of the Cross, and partook of it without harm; according to the promise, that if the Apostles drank of any deadly thing it should not hurt them. He was also summoned to Rome, and there cast into a caldron of burning oil [see Calendar], but escaped unharmed. Burnished to Patmos, the visions of the Apocalypse were revealed to him; and when his work was done there, his Master’s Providence led him back to Ephesus, to contend against the rising heresies of the day, to speak loving words about the love of God, and to breathe out his spirit in peace at the age of 100 in the midst of his “little children”—those whom he had begged in Christ.

Lying on the bosom of his Master, not only in those few minutes in the upper chamber of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, but ever after by contact of his spiritual senses with the Word of God, this holy Apostle learned things from the Divine lips and heart which had been kept secret from the foundation of the world; which the angels desired to look into, but could not until they were revealed to mankind. As St. John the Baptist, the last Prophet of the Old Dispensation, was the Forerunner of Christ, so it may be said that St. John the Evangelist, the Prophlet of the New Dispensation, occupies a similar position as the Herald of the Second Advent; and for this reason, as well as others that have been stated, his Festival is connected so closely with Christmas. When He that enlighteneth every man came into the world, He cast some of the bright beams of His Light upon St. John, that by him the illumination of the world might be more perfect, and the Sun of Righteousness which had arisen with healing in His beams might shine more gloriously over the understandings and the love of His Church.

HOSTY.—In the midst of the Church did he open his mouth; and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. He ended him with a robe of glory. Ps. He poured out upon him His treasures of joy and gladness. Glory be.

HYMNS.

MATTINS.—Annus Christe secuolorum Domine. H. N. 96. 75.
EVESONG.—Exultet caelum laudibus.
THE INNOCENTS' DAY.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ The Holy Innocents.

The festival of the Innocents is alluded to by St. Irenæus [Adv. Harris. iii. 15], who was himself a martyr, A.D. 202; and by St. Cyprian, who went to his Saviour by the same path, A.D. 258. In an Epistle (viii.), which the latter wrote to a community of Christians in anticipation of a fearful persecution which he foresaw, he says, "The Nativity of Christ commenced forthwith with the martyrdom of infants, so that they who were two years old and under, were put to death for His Name's sake. An age not yet capable of conflict, proved fit for a crown. That it might appear that they are innocent who are put to death for the sake of Christ, innocent infancy was slain for His Name's sake. It was shown that no one is free from the perils of persecution, when even such accomplished martyrology."

These words of the third century plainly show how early the memorial day of the Holy Innocents was associated with Christmas: and elusions of the same kind are to be found in the Sermons of Origen, St. Augustine, and others.

The Gospel of this day gives the actual narrative of the slaughter of the children of Bethlehem by Herod, an event spoken of in Roman history as well as in the Holy Bible. The Epistle sets forth the heavenly sequel of that event as told in the mystical language of the Apocalypse. In the joining together of these two portions of Holy Scripture, we have an exact representation of the light in which the martyrdom of the Innocents has always been regarded by the Church: and the tender feeling with which these first witnesses for the Holy Child Jesus were kept in memory, is illustrated by the well-known hymn of Prudentius, written in the fourth century, and familiar in the English version, "All hail! ye Infant Martyr flowers."

"Not in speaking but in dying," says the ancient Collect; "have they confessed Christ." "Stephen," says St. Bernard, "was a martyr among men; John may be considered so in the sight of Angles, to whom by spiritual signs his devotion was known: but these are martyrs with God; for neither to men nor angels is their merit known, but commended to God alone in the prenontious of His singular grace." "Before the use of the tongue," writes St. Leo, "in silence He put forth the power of the Word, as if He were saying already, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' With a new glory He crowned infants, and in His own beginnings consecrated the first-fruits of little children; that hence we might learn that no one among mankind is incapable of a Divine Sacrament, since even that age was fit for the glory of martyrdom. . . . .

Christ loves infancy, which He took on Himself both in mind and body: He loves infancy as the mistress of humility, the type of innocence, the form of meekness. To infancy He directs the manners of elders, and brings back the old. It is to this, the similitude of little children, that you, most beloved, are invited by the mystery of this day's festival."

In connexion with these Holy Innocents, it is impossible not to remember the words at the end of the Service for the Baptism of Infants, "It is certain by God's Word, that children which are baptized, dying before they commit actual sin, are undoubtedly saved." The writer once met with a strong illustration of the comfort wrought by faith in this truth, when looking over a country churchyard. A mother had laid underneath two Christian babes, and she had written on the stone over them, "They are without fault before the throne of God." Doubtless, many such have been added to the mystical number since St. John wrote down his Vision, "first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb," taken away from the evil to come, and gaining the fullest benefit of the Holy Child's Nativity by the way of Innocence in which they have been privileged to follow Him on Earth, that they may "follow Him whithersoever He goeth" in Heaven. "So He giveth His beloved sleep."

The mournful character of this day was anciently kept up in England by the use of black vestments and muffled peals.

HYMNS.


Used in that form until 1661.

INNOCENTS' DAY.

IN DIE SANCTORUM INNOCENTIUM MARTYRUM.

Oratio.

EX ore infantium Deus et lactentium perfeciisti laudem: propter inimicos tuos.

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS-DAY.

The Collect.

[AD 1549.]

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Circumcision of Christ.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

The Lord's Day within the Octave of Christmas carries on, of necessity, the idea of the preceding festival, forming a kind of "Low Sunday" to Christmas Day itself. There is no change of Collect, but the Epistle and Gospel strike a new chord in the harmony of the Eucharistic Scriptures. On Christmas Day they memorialized the conception of the Word of God in becoming Son of Man: on this day they set forth the exaltation of human Nature by that conception. On the one day, the Son of God is shown to us becoming the Son of Man; on the other, the sons of men are shown to us becoming the sons of God, through the Adoption won for them by the Holy Child Jesus. We are "heirs of God through Christ," because of the fulfilment of the promise conveyed by His Name, "He shall save His people from their sins."

The genealogies were struck out of the Gospel of the Day by Bishop Cosin in 1661: and he proposed to insert a note at the end of the Gospel, "This Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, are to be used only till the Circumcision."
THE EPIPHANY, OR THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant, that we, which now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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of the Lord, and the Circumcision is not noticed in the Collect; but in the Proper Preface are the words, "per Christum Dominum nostrum: cujus hodie Circumcisionis diem, et Nativitatis octavum celebrantes:" and the words of the Benediction, as printed above, are equally explicit. In the Salisbury Missal the day is named as it now is in the Prayer Book, but except in the Gospel there is not the slightest allusion to the festival as being connected with the Circumcision. In modern times, the tendency has been to observe the day as New Year's Day, overlapping, as far as possible, its connexion with the Nativity, as well as with the Circumcision.

The true idea of the day seems to be, that it belongs to Christmas as its Octave, but that as the three days after Christmas are specially honoured by the Commemoration of Saints, so the Octave is supplemented with the Commemoration of our Lord's Circumcision, to do still greater honour to the day of His Nativity. The two are pleaded conjointly in the Litany, "Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision." The Rubric at the end of the Gospel was inserted by Bishop Cosin. It varies in a very important particular from the previous Rubric of 1552.

1552. If there be a Sunday between the Epiphany and the Circumcision: then shall be used the same Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, at the Communion, which was used upon the day of Circumcision.

In the Scottish Prayer Book of 1637 the Rubric stood as in that of 1552, with the addition, "So likewise, upon every other day from the time of the Circumcision to the Epiphany." Either daily celebration of the Holy Communion was not contemplated in 1552, or the omission of any mention of it in this Rubric was an oversight. In 1637 and 1661 it was clearly provided for.

January 1st was never in any way connected with the opening of the Christian year; and the religious observance of this day has never received any sanction from the Church, except as the Octave of Christmas and the Feast of the Circumcision. The spiritual "point" of the season all gathers about Christmas: and as the modern New Year's Day is merely conventionally so (New Year's Day being on March 25th until a hundred and ten years ago), there is no reason why it should be allowed at all to dim the lustre of a day so important to all persons and all ages as Christmas Day. We ought also to guard against a Judicial tendency even in the observance of the Circumcision itself.

Introit.—Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful. Ps. Sing unto the Lord a new song, For He hath done marvellous things. Glory be.

HYMNS.

Evensong and Mattins.—A solis ortus cardine. H. N. 14. 34. Mattins.—Christe redemptor omnium. H. N. 13. 33. H. A. M. 45. C. H. 21. These hymns are appointed to be sung daily up to the Epiphany, except on the octaves of SS. Stephen and John and of the Holy Innocents, when the same hymns are appointed as on those festivals.

THE EPIPHANY.

In its earliest origin, the Epiphany was observed as a phase of Christmas in the same way as the Circumcision is now to be so regarded: and the intimate association of the two is still marked by the custom of the Armenian Christians, who always keep their Christmas on the 6th of January, instead of the 25th of December. The idea on which the whole cycle of the Festivals of our Lord is founded is that of memorializing before God the successive leading points of our Lord's life and acts: and the order in which the Holy Days have been observed is also that in which these leading points are placed in two classes of the Litany:—"By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fastings, and Temptation. By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, Good Lord, deliver us." Hence the Epiphany was originally regarded as that part of the Christmas Festival on which was commemorated the Baptism of the Lord Jesus by St. John the Baptist. It seems to have acquired a more independent position, and to have begun to be observed in memory of our Lord's Manifestation to the Gentile Magi, about the fourth century and in the Western Church: but probably this was never more than a development of the original idea, and although it may have become the most prominent feature of the festival at particular periods, it never superseded the original one altogether.

The primitive name of the day was Theophany, and this is still retained in the Oriental Church. Both Theophania and Epiphania are used in the Comes of St. Jerome, and as late as the Sacramentary of St. Gregory: but the former name seems to have dropped out of use about the same time that the festival began to be connected with the Adoration of the Magi. Even St. Jerome himself calls it "Epiphaniarum dies" in his Commentary on Ezekiel, and speaks of it as "venerabila." Durandus says, that "in coddibus antiquis hee dies Epiphaniarum plurimae, et ido tricipiter nominatur, solleit Epiphania, Theophania, et Bethphania," the third name being associated with our Lord's Manifestation in the house at the Marriage in

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DOMINICA I, POST OCTAV. EPHEPIANAE, AD MISSAM.

Oratio.

VOTA, quesumus, Domine, suppliantis populi celestis pietate prossequere; ut et que agenda sunt,

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and number, and that the remainder of their lives after the events recorded in the Gospel was spent in the service of God. They are said to have been baptized by St. Thomas, to have themselves preached the Gospel, and to have been crowned with martyrdom in confirmation of its truth. Their relics are believed to be preserved at Cologne, and are exhibited in the Cathedral there, in a costly shrine of silver-gilt, enriched with gems of great value. Their names are there given as Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and these names are ascribed to the Magi in mediæval art and literature.

In England a striking memorial of their offering is kept up by our Sovereigns, who make an offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh at the altar of the Chapel Royal in the Palace of St. James on this festival. Until recently the ceremony was performed in person. The king coming from his closet, attended as usual, proceeded to the Altar at the time of the Offertory, and knelt down there, when the Dean or Sub-dean of the Chapels Royal received into a golden basin the offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh from the king's hands, and offered them upon the altar.

The Epiphany is a festival which has always been celebrated with great ceremony throughout the whole Church: its threefold meaning, and its close connection with the Nativity as the end of Christmas-tide, making it a kind of accumulative festival. And such a celebration of it is to be desired: for it will help to give us true reverence for the Babe of Bethlehem by eschewing, ritual, homiletic, and mental recognition of His Divine Glory. When we are entering with our Lord on the course of His earthly humiliation, it is fitting that we should make such a recognition of His Divinity: and as the Transfiguration trained the three chosen Apostles for the sight of the Agony and the Crucifixion, so the Epiphany will set the Church forward in a true spirit towards the observance of Lent and Good Friday.

[Bishop Cosin proposed the insertion of a rubric;—“And the same Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall serve till the Sunday next following.” He also erased “to the Gentiles” in the title of the day.]

INTROIT.—Behold, the Lord our Ruler is come [Dominator dominis. Cf. Mal. iii. 1], and His Kingdom is in His hand, and power and dominion are His. Ps. Give the king thy judgments, O Lord, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son. Glory be.

HYMS.

Evensong.—Hostis Horeos impie. H. N. 17. 42.


These hymns are appointed to be sung daily throughout the octave.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

This Sunday commemorates the manifestation of our Lord's glory for the second time in the Temple. In His infancy that glory had been revealed to the faithful souls who waited for the loving-kindness of the Lord in the midst of His Temple, and they had seen the Epiphany of that Sun of Righteousness whose Light was to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of God's people Israel. Twelve years afterwards the childhood of the Holy Child Jesus was to reveal the same glory to all who had faith to behold it, during that visit to the Temple when He sat among the doctors and fulfilled the words, “I have more understanding than

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and

Cana. The latter name appears to have been little used, but the idea it represents is illustrated by the Gospel for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and by the Second Lesson at Evensong on the Festival itself. In the Eastern Church the Theophany is also called The Lights, “from the array,” Dr. Neale says, “of torches and tapers with which the Benediction of the Waters is performed on this day, as they symbolize that spiritual illumination to which our Lord, by His Baptism in Jordan, consecrated water.” If this name of the festival is ancient (and it seems to be as old as Gregory Nazianzen's time), one might expect to find that it originated in the illumination of the world by that “true Light, which, coming into the world, enlighteneth every man,” and to which the Magi were led by the light of the Star.

There is a beautiful and very instructive unity about the Scriptures used on the Epiphany. The first morning Lesson is the 60th chapter of Isaiah, the same which accidentally occurs on Christmas Eve: “Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting Light, and thy God thy glory. . . . the Lord shall be thine everlasting Light, and the days of gloominess shall be ended.” The same chapter also contains the prophecy which began to be fulfilled by the adoration of the Magi as told in the Gospel of the Day. “And the Gentiles shall come to thy Light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising:” and the Epistle reads like an expansion of this verse, showing how the Light of Christ is manifested to the world at large, in and by the Church. The first Lesson is the ancient Epistle of the Church, as is shown by St. Jerome's Lectionary, but the Gospel was the same as our own.

In the second morning Lesson (a week-day Gospel of the season, in the Comes) we have the original idea of the Festival, the Theophany or manifestation of our Lord's Divine Sonship at His Baptism by the Voice from Heaven and the visible descent of the Holy Ghost. The First Lesson at Evensong sets forth the joy of the Church and the glory that was to come upon it through the coming of her Light: “Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O Earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted . . . . I will lift up Mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up My standard to the people, and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And Kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers.” The Bethlehem, or manifestation of our Lord's Divine power at the marriage by turning water into wine [see Gospel for Second Sunday], is illustrated by the Second Lesson at Evensong.

Thus each phase of this great festival is presented to us on the day itself; and as will afterwards be shown, the subsequent Sundays have a definite and systematic relation to the festival after which they are named.

Some authors have suggested, and it seems not improbable, that the “star” which appeared to the Wise Men in the East might be that glorious light which shone upon the shepherds of Bethlehem when the angel came to give them the glad tidings of our Saviour's birth. At a distance this might appear like a star; or, at least, after it had thus shone upon the shepherds, might be lifted up on high, and then formed into the likeness of a star. According to an ancient commentary on St. Matthew, this star, on its first appearance to the Magi, had the form of a radiant child bearing a sceptre or cross; and in some early Italian frescoes it is so depicted.

It has always been the tradition that the Magi were three in
grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


My teachers." Among those teachers may have been Nicodemus and Gamaliel, and the rays which were shed from the Light of the Divine understanding at which they marvelled, may have fallen on their minds with a vivifying power which afterwards made the one fit to receive the first full revelation of the truth respecting new birth into Christ, and the other to be the teacher of St. Paul, by whom the Light of Christ was so marvellously spread abroad among the Gentiles.

INTROIT.—I beheld the Son of Man sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and a multitude of the heavenly host worshipped Him, singing with one voice, Behold Him, the Majesty ['nuncun'; the Roman Use has 'nuncun'] of whose dominion is for ever and ever. Ps. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness. Glory be.

HYMNS.

From the morrow of the Octave of the Epiphany to the first Sunday in Lent, the Ordinary Hymns were sung, as follows:

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On this day is commemorated that beginning of Miracles by which “Jesus manifested forth His glory,” so that “His disciples believed on Him.” The transmutation of water into wine revealed our Lord as possessing the power of a Creator; and showed that it was He Who had once taken of the dust of the earth and elevated it in the order of existence, so that by His breathing it became a living man. This, therefore, is the Epiphany of Jesus as the Lord of a New Creation, by which His former work is to be exalted to a much higher place and function in the dispensation of His Providence: and in the act which is recorded He prefigured that work of re-creation which He now causes to be wrought in His Kingdom for the salvation of souls and bodies. Simple elements pass silently beneath the power of His blessing: His servants bear forth: water becomes generous wine. So Baptism exalts the souls and bodies of men from the Kingdom of Nature to the Kingdom of Grace, and the Holy Eucharist is the means...
THE THIRD AND FOURTH SUNDAYS AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Modern English.


THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The Collect.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA III., POST OCTAV. EPIPHANIE.

Oratio.

OMNIPOTENS semipiterne Deus, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Modern English.


DOMINICA IV., POST OCTAV. EPIPHANIE.

Oratio.

DEUS qui nos in tantis periculis constitutos, pro humanae scis fragilitate non posse subsistere: da nobis salutem montis et corporis, ut ca que pro peccatis nostri patimur, ut adjuvante vincamus. Per Dominum nostrum.

Modern English.

Epistle. Rom. xli. 1—7.  
Gospel. Matt. viii. 23—34.

Modern Roman.

Epistle. Rom. xli. 8—10.  

Eastern.

Epistle. Rom. xli. 8—10.  

by which our whole nature is built up into the nature of Christ, elevated from one step to another, "changed from glory to glory." Thus at a marriage supper was revealed the great truth of that Union between the Lamb of God and the Bride by which the virtue of the Incarnation of the Word is extended to fallen human nature. And thus also are we taught, that in the Miracle which is being continually wrought by the elevation of lowly elements into sacramental substances, and by the regeneration and edification of souls through their operation, Christ is still a manifesting forth His glory" in every generation, and giving cause for His disciples to believe in Him.

INTROIT.—For all the world shall worship Thee, sing of Thee, and praise Thy Name, O Thou most highest. Ps. O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of His Name, make His praise to be glorious. Glory be.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The Epiphany of Christ as the Divine Healer of human infirmities is commemorated on this Sunday. His all-embracing sympathy could take in even the leper and the stranger; and would manifest itself to overflowing by touching the one, whom no one else would come near, and by healing the servant of the other, though he was the Gentile slave of a Gentile centurion. The glory of the Good Physician was thus manifested forth, immediately after He had made His Mission openly known to the people, in two remarkable instances. Leprosy was a disease for which no human physician could find a cure: yet Christ put forth His hand and torched the leper, and at once a regeneration of the diseased nature took place, so that he became a new man. Palsy or paralysis, again, is a loss of all muscular energy and power, so that the afflicted person becomes, in a greater or less degree, incapable of moving; and his body, in severe cases, is, in one sense, dead. Very rarely indeed is paralysis cured; and never, in the case of one "graciously tormented" with it, as this slave was. Yet the will of the Good Physician effected the cure in a moment, either by the ministration of one to whom He could say, "Go, and be healed" or his Master's errand of mercy, or else by the immediate operation of His Divine Omnipotence. As Jesus manifested forth His glory by displaying His Power over the inanimate Creation when He transubstantiated the water into wine, so now He showed it by changing a Leper and a Paralytic into sound and whole men by His touch and His will. The ancient Oratory brought out this doctrine very beautifully. It was, "The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord." The same ideas form the basis of the Collect.

INTROIT.—Worship the Lord; all ye Angels. Sion heard of it and rejoiced; the daughters of Judah were glad. Ps. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof; yes, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Gloria be.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

Our Lord: Jesus is on this Sunday commemorated as the Saviour of all from every danger, as well as the Saviour of the
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The Collect.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; show that when he seems to be suffering evil that might be prevented. His purpose is still full of love for His own, lest the wheat should be injured by the destruction of the tares. And as, moreover, our Lord Himself has explained that the seed is the Word of God, that is, His own Person, this Gospel and Sunday must be regarded as setting forth the glory of Christ in the increase of His Church, and the development of that Kingdom on earth which is to form so large a portion of the Eternal dominion of the King of kings. It shows also the ultimate triumph of the Word in the face of all opposition. Men may sleep who should have guarded the field, and the enemy may seem to have gained an advantage by which the glory of the Word is dimmed; but God waits His time, and when that is fulfilled sends forth His servants to undo the work of the Evil One; so that the glory of the Redeemer is manifested by the gathering in of a large harvest of the redeemed into His heavenly garner.

The Epistle for this Sunday was altered in 1549, because it concurred with that for the first Sunday in Advent. In the Mozarabic rite it is taken from Rom. vi., which, as it is respecting the struggle of our two natures, seems once to have been co-existent with our Collect.

INTROIT.—Worship the Lord, all ye His angels. Sion heard of it and rejoiced; the daughters of Judah were glad. Ps. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof, yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Glory be.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

The connexion of this Sunday with the Epiphany season is not made so clear in the Gospel of the Tares and the Wheat, as in that of those of the Gospels of which record the Manifestation of the glory of Christ in His acts. Yet it reveals Him as the Lord of the Church for its government as well as for its preservation; and
SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

THE LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

After the conclusion of the season of Epiphany the Sundays are reckoned with reference to Easter and its preceding fast. The origin of the names which distinguish the three Sundays before Lent cannot be historically accounted for, and has received various explanations in ancient and modern times. Pamela considers that Septuagesima was so called in commemoration of the seventy years' captivity of Israel in Babylon, and that the other two Sundays following were named from it by analogy. As it was so much the habit of early Christian writers to compare the forty days' fast of Lent with the forty years' sojourn in the wilderness, this derivation seems a probable one. But the more generally received one in modern times is, that the fast of Lent being called Quadragesima, and that name being especially applied to the first Sunday in Lent, these three preceding Sundays were named from analogy, and as representing in round numbers the days which occur between each and Easter. Septuagesima is, indeed, only sixty-three days distant from Easter, but Quinquagesima is forty-nine; and the nearly correct character of the appellation in the latter case seems to support this theory. The second and more exact titles which were added to the old names of these Sundays in 1661 appear for the first

1 The Collect of St. Gregory is copied from Bishop Cosin's own copy of the Sacramentary, Menardi's edition of 1642.
THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA, OR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.
The Collect.
O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA IN SEXAGESIMA.
O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy

THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA, OR THE NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.
The Collect.
O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA IN QUINQUAGESIMA.

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TEMPERANIS, the Gospel of the labourers and the penny a day, Justitia. On Sexagesima, Fortitudo is illustrated by St. Paul’s account of his sufferings for Christ’s sake, and Honestas by the Parable of the Sower, some of whose good seed falls on honest and good hearts [en καρδίαν καλήν καὶ δικαιόν]. Quinquagesima illustrates by the Epistle the Christian complement of all natural virtue in Charity; the climax of which was reached in the submission of the Son of Man to that contumely and persecution which He predicts in the Gospel of the day.

INTROIT.—The pains of hell came about me, and the name of death overtook me. In my trouble, I called upon the Lord, and He heard me out of His holy temple. Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord my strength. The Lord is my strong rock, and my defence, and my Saviour. Glory be.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.
On all three of the Sundays before Lent, the Apostle St. Paul is set forth as an illustrous example of self-denial, zeal, and suffering for Christ’s sake; and on Quinquagesima his noble words as to the valuelessness of all such discipline and zeal without love, set the true Christian seal upon asceticism in every degree. It is with reference, no doubt, to this application of his example, that an allusion was made to the great Apostle of the Gentiles in the Collect; but the manner in which it was made led to its expulsion altogether in 1549; and to the insertion of the more reliable expression of being defended by the power of God.

This day is marked “ad Sanctum Paulum” in the Canon.

INTROIT.—Up, Lord, why sleepest Thou? awake, and be not absent from us for ever. Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face: and forgettest our misery and trouble? For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the ground. Arise and help us: and deliver us for Thy Name’s sake. Ps. We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us. Glory be.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
The ancient Collect for this day had a special reference to the practice of Confession on the Tuesday following, which was hence called Shrove Tuesday. It was as follows: “Frees nostras, quiessumus, Domine, cujus Deus custodiat: et quos vestrae pulchrae voces absolverat, memorem esse, et pro ea animae suae confiteri custodiendum. Per Dominum nostrum.” Our present very beautiful Collect was substituted in 1549; it is founded on the basis of the Epistle, and is evidently

1 So it still is in the Ambrosian rite: and so it was in the Mozarabic until the time of Cardinal Ximenes.
LENT.


Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Modern English.

Epistle. 1 Cor. xiii. 1-13.


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Rom. xii. 11. xiv. 4.


LENT.

A Fast before Easter has been observed from the earliest Christian times; but the period of its duration varied in different countries and ages down to the seventh century. Of these variations Irenæus wrote in his Epistle to Victor, Bishop of Rome, about the close of the second century, when (speaking of the varying rules about Easter) he says, "For the difference of opinion is not about the day alone, but about the manner of fasting; for some think they are to fast one day, some two, some more; some measure their day as forty hours of the day and night." [Iren. in Euseb. v. 24.]

It is left uncertain, by the words of Irenæus, whether this universal primitive Lent of which he writes ever extended to forty days: and his words read differently in the several ancient texts of Eusebius. In some copies they are, as above, τί ἐκ τεσσαράκοντα δεκα ἡμερῶν καὶ μετατετρικός συμμετείχεν τὸν ἡμέραν σάββατον: but in others, and in Rufinus, they read, "For some think they are to fast one day, some two, some more, some forty days; and they measure their day by the hours of the day and night." Tertullian, a few years later, speaks of the practice of the Church as believed with certainty to be founded on that passage of the Gospel in which those days were appointed for fasting, during which the Bridegroom was taken away. This has been thought by some to point to the period of forty days during which our Lord was going through His Temptation in the wilderness; but it is far more probable that it refers to the time during which His Soul was separated from His Body. Some few years later still, however, towards the middle of the third century, Origen speaks of forty days being consorted to fasting before Easter. [Hom. x. in Levit.] And at the Council of Nicea this period was taken for granted, as if long in use.

But, however early the extension of the Lenten fast to forty days may have been, it is certain that they were reckoned in several different ways, though always immediately preceding Easter. By various Churches the forty days were distributed over periods of nine, eight, and seven weeks (that is, from Septuagesima, Sexagesima, or Quadragesima to Easter), by the omission of Sundays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, of Sundays and Saturdays, or of Sundays alone, from the number of fasting-days [see Notes on Septuagesima]; and it would appear that Lent was sometimes called by the three names now confined to the three Sundays preceding it as well as by the name of Quadragesima, or Τεσσαράκοντα. St. Gregory the Great introduced our present mode of observances, or sanctioned it with his authority, at the end of the sixth century; excluding Sundays from the number of fasting-days, and making the thirty-six days thus left of the forty-two immediately preceding Easter into an exact forty by beginning the Fast on the Wednesday before Quadragesima Sunday instead of on the Monday following it. This rule seems to have been very readily accepted in the Western Church; but the Eastern Lent [Μεγάλον Νηστεία] begins on the Monday after the day which we call Quinquagesima; and the rule of fasting is so strict, that although some slight relaxation of its rigour is allowed on Sundays and Saturdays, not even the former are wholly excluded from the number of fasting-days.

The primary object of the institution of a fast before Easter was doubtless that of perpetuating in the hearts of every generation of Christians the sorrow and mourning which the Apostles and Disciples felt during the time that the Bride-groom was taken away from them. This sorrow had, indeed, been turned into joy by the Resurrection, yet no Easter joys could ever erase from the mind of the Church the memory of those awful forty hours of blank and desolation which followed the last sufferings of her Lord; and she lives over by year by year the time from the morning of Good Friday to the morning of Easter Day by a re-presentation of Christ evidently set forth, crucified among us [Gal. iii. 1]. This probably was the earliest idea of a fast before Easter. But it almost necessarily followed that sorrow concerning the death of Christ should be accompanied by sorrow concerning the cause of that Death; and hence the Lenten fast became a period of self-discipline; and was so, probably, from its first institution in Apostolic times. And, according to the literal habit which the early Church had of looking up to the Pattern of her Divine Master, the forty days of His fasting in the wilderness while He was undergoing Temptation, became the gauge of the servants' Lent, deriving still more force as an Example, from the typical prophecy of it which was so evident in the case of Moses and Elijah.

St. Chrysostom speaks of great strictness in fasting on the part of many in his day, such as is still found in the Eastern Church. "There are those," he says, "who rival one another in fasting, and show a marvellous emulation in it; some indeed, who spend two whole days without food; and others who, rejecting from their tables not only the use of wine, and of oil, but of every dish, and taking only bread and water, perseverse in this practice during the whole of Lent." [Hom. iv. on Stat.] He also speaks in another homily of men being purified, in the days of Lent, by prayer and almsdeeds, by fasting, watching, tears, and confession of sins, showing that the severe Lents of later ages were only such as had been observed in the time of that great Father of the Church. The general mode of fasting seems to have been to abstain from food until after six o'clock in the afternoon, and even then not to partake of animal food or wine. Yet it may be doubted whether such a mode of life could have been continued
THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, COMMONLY CALLED ASH-WEDNESDAY.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Collect is to be read every day in Lent, after the Collect appointed for the Day.

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day after day for six weeks by those whose duties called upon them for much physical exertion; and it is possible that we ought not to interpret so literally as this such allusions to the fasting of ordinary Christians as we meet with in early writings.

Lent was the principal time, in the early Church, for preparing the Catechumens for Baptism, and a large portion of St. Cyril's Catechetical Lectures were delivered at this season. There were also constant daily sermons at the services, as we see from expressions used by St. Chrysostom and other fathers. Public shows were more or less strictly forbidden; and works of charity were engaged in by all who could undertake them. It was a time when sinners were called upon to do outward penance as a sign of inward penitence, that they might be received back to Communion at Easter. Lent was, in fact, a season of humiliation, abstinence from pleasure, fasting, prayer, penitence, and general depression of tone on account of sin; and was marked, on every side, with the sombre tokens of mourning.

From this short account of the Lenten fast of primitive days, we may go on to consider briefly what should be the mode of observing it in modern times, so that the ancient and unchanging principles of the Catholic Church may be applied to the ever-varying habits of the world which those principles are intended to lean. The Church of England has not expressly defined any rule on the subject of fasting, but in the Homilies on the subject has urged the example of the Early Church as if intending to be followed with a considerable amount of strictness. The work that is set before most persons, in the Providence of God, at the present day, makes it quite impossible, however, for those who have to do it to fast every day for six weeks until evening, or even to take one meal only in the day. And the ordinary mode of living is so restrained among religious persons, that such a custom would soon reduce them to an invalid condition, in which they could not do their duty properly in the station of life to which God has called them, whether in the world or in the sanctuary. And although it may seem, at first, that men ought to be able to fast in the nineteenth century as strictly as they did in the sixteenth, the twelfth, or the third, yet it should be remembered that the continuous labour of life was unknown to the great majority of persons in ancient days, as it is at the present time in the Eastern Church and in Southern Europe; and that the quantity and quality of the food which now forms a full meal is only equivalent to what would have been an extraordinarily spare one until comparatively modern days. The problem which the modern Christian has to solve, then, in this matter, is that of so reconciling the duty of fasting in Lent and at other times ordered by the Church, with the duty of properly accomplishing the work which God has set him to do, that he may fulfill both duties as a faithful servant of God.

It is impossible to lay down any general law as to the amount of abstinence from food which is thus compatible with modern duties; nor can any one, except a person possessed of much physiological acumen, determine what is to be the rule for another. But the general rules may be laid down, (1) that it is possible for all to diminish in some degree the quantity of their food on fasting-days without harm resulting; (2) that many can safely abstain altogether from animal food for some days in the week; (3) that food should be taken on fasting-days as a necessity, and its quality so regulated that it shall not be a luxury; (4) that all can deny themselves delicacies on fast-days which may be very properly used at other times.

In the First Homily on Fasting the objects of this discipline of the body are well stated thus: (1) "To chastise the flesh that it be not too wanton, but tamed and brought in subjection to the spirit." (2) "That the spirit may be more fervent and earnest in prayer." (3) "That our fast be a testimony and witness with us before God, of our humble submission to His high Majesty."

Finally, it may be remarked, that as the changed habits of life have diminished our capacity for abstaining from food for long periods, so they have increased our opportunities of sacrificing our pleasures by abstinence from luxuries. "Theatres, balls, private parties, novel-reading, more ornamental pursuits, unnecessary delicacies, sumptuous costume,—these are things which may well be selected as the subjects of our abstinence, if, in Lent, or in our general life, we desire to adopt a stricter Christian habit than is commonly necessary." [Directorium Pastorale, p. 136.] From time so saved, many an hour can be gained in which to attend the Divine Service of the Church day by day, to use extra private devotions, and to engage in works of charity.

§ Ash-Wednesday.

The ancient ecclesiastical name given to the first day of Lent is Caput Jejunii, and the popular name of Ash-Wednesday has been acquired by it from the custom of blessing ashes made from
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Collect.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Dominica I, Quadragesima. Salisbury Use.

Modern English. Modern Roman. Eastern.


John i. 44—52.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

Although the Sundays in Lent are not to be observed as fast-days, the devotional tone given to them is carefully assimilated to that of the season; and a constant memorial of it is kept up by the use of the Ash-Wednesday Collect after that of the week on Sundays as well as week-days. The ancient Use contained Collects for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in Lent.

The Collect for this Sunday has not been traced to any ancient source, but as it contains the first allusion to fasting, it may possibly come down from that distant time when Lent began on this day or the day following, instead of on Ash-Wednesday. In the ancient Use the Collect for this Sunday was, "O God, who dost cleanse Thy Church by the yearly observance of Lent; grant unto Thy family that which it stirs to obtain from Thee by abstinence, the same it may perform in good works, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Gospel of the day sets forth the Lord Jesus perfecting His sympathy with our nature by undergoing temptation; and the first words of the Epistle point to the efficacious power of that temptation for the rescue from the Tempter of all who are tempted. Our Blessed Lord, as the Originator of a new spiritual nature which was to take the place of that lost by Adam, went through a similar trial to that of Adam; and that He might have perfect sympathy also with us who are open to the assaults of the Evil One, "He was tempted like as we are." This representative character of Christ's Temptation is observable in the three forms which it took. (1) "Command these stones that they be made bread," was a parallel to that temptation of the senses which was laid before our first parents when they were invited to eat of the tree whose fruit had been forbidden by God. And in this primary temptation of sense all others are represented. But He Who fed five thousand by a miracle after one day's fasting, will not work a miracle to feed Himself after a fast of forty days; nor will He rise above the proper level of His human nature in His struggle with the enemy, because His time is not yet come. (2) "If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down," was a temptation to make a premature and unnecessary display of His Divine Power, similar to the intellectual temptation set before our first parents, "Ye shall be as gods." The substance of it was, Can God do this? The answer was, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (3) The first Adam was tempted to covet the gift of a Divine Intelligence, "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil," and though God had given him sovereignty over the world in His own way, by a delegated authority, to seek it in another way, by the possession of Omniscience. So the third and strongest temptation offered to Him Who came to draw all men unto Him by His lifting up, was contained in the offer—doubtless one that could have been, in its way, realized—"All these things will I give Thee."

These three forms of temptation are comprehensive types of all that the Tempter has to offer,—sensual temptations, the seductions of vanity and pride, and the desire to go beyond God's will. Thus the ancient formulary which includes all sin under the three heads, "the world, the flesh, and the Devil," is strictly in keeping with the view of sin which is given to us in the Fall of the first, and the Victory of the Second Adam; and as we acknowledge ourselves to be sinners through our origin from the one, so we may see the full force of the prayer to the other, "By Thy Temptation, good Lord, deliver us," and seek spiritual strength in all times of spiritual danger by becoming "fellow-workers with Him" through the grace of God.

The week which begins with the first Sunday in Lent is one of the Ember weeks, the following Sunday being the canonical day for Ordinations.

Introit.—He hath called upon Me, and I will hear him. I will deliver him and bring him to honour: with long life will I satisfy him. Ps. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Glory be.

1 It is observable that Simon Magnus, who pretended to be divine, met his death in an attempt to display his power in this very manner.
THE SECOND AND THIRD SUNDAYS IN LENT.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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HYMNS.

EVENSONG.—Ex more docti mystico. H. N. 75. 47, H. A. M. 74.


MATTINS.—Summi largitor prasimii. H. A. M. 77.


These hymns are appointed for daily use during the first and second weeks in Lent.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

Our Lord's triumph in His own Person over Satan is followed up on this Sunday by a narrative of one of those cases in which He exhibited the same power for the good of others. "Grievously vexed with a devil" is a phrase which seems to point to an utter subjugation of the poor victim so affected to the power of the Evil One; and in that subjugation physical and mental evil were doubtless combined. He Who, having been tempted, was now able to succour them that are tempted, manifested that ability on this occasion by the effect of His will alone, so that without the use of any apparent means or any visible act, He caused the Evil One to give up his power over the afflicted, and in answer to the urgent prayer of the mother, "her daughter was made whole from that very hour." There is, doubtless, a connexion between the fact told in the Gospel and the exhortation of the Epistle, the epithet designating the evil spirits who possessed their victims, and that by which St. Paul designates impurity, being the same; and several pieces of evidence pointing to extreme impurity of life as one result of possession. The Collect is moulded in the same lines of thought, acknowledging the power of the Tempter to assault the soul by evil thoughts, and our own inability to prevail against such assaults without the aid of Him by whom the Tempter was, and is overcome. The note of the day and week, therefore, so far as Lent looks to discipline, is a call to the subjugation of the sensual part of our nature by earnest prayer for a participation in the power of Him who was tempted, and yet came out of His temptation without sin, that He might succour others in His strength.

ISTRORZ.—Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies; and Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. Let not our enemies triumph over us. Deliver us, O God of Israel, out of all our troubles. Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in Thee, let me not be confounded. Glory be.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

The dangerous sympathy which exists between human nature and evil is set forth on this Sunday with fearful intensity of expression. Our Lord had cast out another of those evil spirits
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Collect.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Modern English.

Ephes. vi. 13, 14.

Gospel.

John vi. 1-14.

DOMINICA MEDIA QUADRAGESIMAE.

[LETARE.]

Oration.

Concede, quassumus, omnipotens Salludis Use... Deus, ut qui ex merito nostra... actionis afflictigatur, tua gratiae consolatione respiremus. Per Dominum.

Modern Roman.


John vi. 1-14.

Eastern.

Heb. vi. 13-20.

Mark ix. 17-31.

which were permitted in His time to exercise their utmost power over men, that His glory might be shown in overcoming them; and some of those who witnessed the occurrence, finding no other way of explaining it, attributed it to "Beelzebub, the prince of the devils." This foolish and wicked way of accounting for the marvel our Lord met by two arguments; (1) Satan would not act against himself; (2) If Satan cast out Satan, then "the children" of the Jews, i.e. the Apostles to whom "the very devils were subject" through Christ's name, could only have cast them out by the same evil power. In the parallel passage, Matt. xi. 31, He also goes on to show how this wicked accusation was in danger of becoming the unpardonable sin; the Jews, in reality, calling the saving work of the Holy Spirit a "soul-destroying" work, that of the Destroyer of souls. Then the Lord declared that it is He alone Who can cast out Satan; He being stronger than the strong Evil One. From His words we may deduce the truth that all driving out of the Evil One is the work of Christ, as all sin is ultimately the work of the Enemy. He is the Stronger than the strong who drives evil from our nature, by purifying that nature in His own holy and immaculate Person; from each individual by the work of the same Person through the grace given in sacraments; and His power extends over every form of Satan's power, physical or mental infirmity, or spiritual disease. This personal power of Christ is illustrated by the words of St. Paul, "O wretched man that I am," through this power of Satan over me, "Who shall deliver me?" ... "I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After this comes that awful truth respecting re-possession which illustrates so fearfully the abiding sympathy of our nature with evil, and the intensification of Satan's power through every unrestrained submission to the influence of it. This was spoken first of the generation of Jews among whom our Lord had come, and has its application to later times in the falling away of churches into heresy and worldliness. Satan was driven out from every position which he had taken up as soon as Christ appeared for the purpose of opposing him. But the sympathies of the nation were towards evil, and after their rejection of Christ and His Apostles their spiritual condition became far worse than it was ever in our Lord's time when He called them a "generation of vipers." The vanquished strong man returned, and the horrors of sin among the Jews between our Lord's Ascension and the final destruction of Jerusalem,—the hardness of heart, the blindness, the cruelty,—were never excelled. It is probable that the sway of Mahometanism in the East and in India is a return of the "strong man armed," with "seven others more wicked than himself," to nations among whom the Church had been received as a cleansing and garnishing power for a time, but was afterwards rejected when the new unbelief aroused old sympathies with evil.

The application of the same truth to individuals is obvious. The sense of Satan's power was so strong in the early Church as to lead it to make exorcism an invariable preliminary of baptism. Every act of penitence is a kind of exorcism, and every Absolution is the conquest of Satan by Christ. But unless the swept and garnished soul is pre-occupied with good, evil will return to it. In all Lenten discipline, therefore, the occupation of the soul by the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit is the true bar to the entrance of the seven evil spirits, and works of mercy will guard against the dangers and deadly sins to which inaction devotion makes it liable.

Introit.—Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn Thee unto me and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and in misery. Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in Thee, O let me not be confounded. Glory be.

Hymns.

Evangel.—Ecce tempus idoneum. H. N. 19, 49, H. A. M. 76.

Compline.—Christe, qui lux es et dies. H. A. M. 83.


These hymns are appointed for daily use during the third and fourth weeks of Lent.

MID-LENT, OR REFRESHMENT SUNDAY.

This day has been called Dominica Refectionis from a very ancient period, no doubt from the Gospel in which our Lord is set forth as feeding the five thousand by a miracle in the wilderness. It has at some times been observed as a day of greater festivity than was permitted on any other Sunday in Lent; and the Mi-Carême of the French Church still gives an illustration of this usage. In Rome also, the "Golden Rose" is blessed on this day, and presented by the Pope to some distinguished person who is considered to have done good service to the Church in the past year: and the ceremony is accompanied by festive observances which make Mid-Lent Sunday conspicuously different from the others of the season. The "comfort" of the Collect, the "free Jerusalem" springing out of the bondage of Siani of the Epistle, and the Feast in the midst of the wilderness, all point the same way; as also does the ancient Officium or Introit.

The miracle which gives point to this Sunday exhibits our Lord as refreshing men literally by the operation of His Providence, and mystically as their spiritual Refresher. 1

1 The first Lesson at Mattins is Genesis xiii, which ends with the refreshment of his brethren by Joseph, who was, in so many particulars, a type of our Blessed Lord.
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.**

The Collect.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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(1) From the literal point of view the miracle was stupendous, and well calculated to show that the Providence of Him “by whom all things were made” is able to take care of those whom He loves. Cornelianis & Lapide, calculating from the Roman price of a loaf weighing from 8 to 10 ounces, concludes that the 200 pence named would have purchased 2000 such loaves. The average price of bread in England is 1½ d. a pound, at which rate the same money would purchase about 916 pounds, a quantity not very far from this estimate. This weight of bread distributed among 5000 persons only would give not quite three ounces to each, about as much as is ordinarily eaten as an accompaniment to other food at dinner. But St. Matthew [xiv. 21] says that there were “women and children,” besides “about five thousand men,” and if these are reckoned at only 5000 more, the quantity of bread provided for each by the 200 pence would have been only 1½ ounce, literally “a little” as stated by Philip, and quite insufficient for satisfying a hungry person. But the actual quantity of bread present was much less than two hundred pennyworth, being only such a quantity as a lad could carry, five barley loaves (perhaps ten or twelve pounds in weight altogether), and in that case enough to give a piece of bread of eight or ten grains weight to each person. When Elias’s servant said of “twenty leaves of barley and full ears of corn in the husk thereof,” “What, should I set this before an hundred men?” it is no wonder that the sizer of Christ should say of the five barley loaves, “But what are these among so many,” as ten thousand men, women, and children? Yet in the course of subdivision this small quantity of bread increased so as to be sufficient for a full meal; the persons so satisfied being evidently in a fasting, and therefore hungry condition. For such a full meal sixteen ounces of bread is not much, but 10,000 pounds of bread amounts to four and a half tons weight, a vast quantity, apparently a thousandfold exceeding that from which it originated. Such a calculation magnifies the miracle in appearance, yet it would have been as much an act of Divine power to have increased the bread twofold as a thousandfold; and acts of Divine power equally stupendous are daily being wrought around us by the loving-kindness of our Creator.

(2) The mystical meaning of the miracle is shown by the course of the several acts recorded in the eleventh verse of the Gospel; and they are plainly of an Eucharistic character.

a) The loaves are placed in the hands of Jesus, as an offering is offered to God of the Bread and Wine.

b) Jesus gave thanks [ kokaperthas, cf. Luke xxii. 19] before distributing them to the disciples, this eucharisticization of the loaves endowing them with capacities which they did not previously possess.

c) He distributes to His ministers as to persons receiving gifts from Him for the benefit of others.

d) And by the intervention of these ministers, not by direct communication between Jesus and the multitude, the latter receive the eucharistized bread by which they are satisfied.

Thus the mighty work of Christ in the midst of the wilderness is set before His Church in the midst of Lent as a sure token that the earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof; and that both fasting and abundance are at His command: and still more as an earnest of that Divine gift the “Bread from Heaven,” which He distributes to His people in the wilderness of this world, by the hands of ministers, for their spiritual refreshment and strength.

**ISTHOCT.**—Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her; that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. Ps. I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be.

**PASSION SUNDAY.**

The name of Passion Sunday has been given to the second Sunday before Good Friday from time immemorial, because on that day the Lord began to make open predictions of His coming sufferings. The Epistle refers to our Lord’s passion; the Gospel narrates the beginning of it in that fearful rejection of Him by the Jews; and the first Lessons at Mattins and Evensong are clearly prophecic of the redemption wrought by the sufferings of Christ. When the last attempt was made to alter the Prayer Book in 1688, it was proposed to substitute a Collect more in character with the day, which is as follows:—“O Almighty God, who hast sent Thy Son Jesus Christ to be an High Priest of good things to come, and by His own Blood to enter in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us; mercifully look upon Thy people, that by the same Blood of our Saviour, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot unto Thee, our conscience may be purified from dead works, to serve Thee, the living God, that we may receive the promise of eternal inheritance, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

As the Divine Power of Christ was illustrated on the preceding Sunday by the miracle of the loaves and fishes, so on this day His Divine Nature is set forth in a conspicuous manner by the juxta-position of the Gospel in which He used the words, “Before Abraham was, I am,” with the first Lesson in which God is heard saying to Moses, “I AM THAT I AM: . . . thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.” The conduct of the Jews shows that they recognized in our Lord’s words an assumption of the incommunicable Name, and in that assumption a proclamation that He is God. This open and unlimited proclamation of His Divine Nature comes in on Passion Sunday, as the several manifestations of the glory of Christ come in before Christmas, that through the humiliation of the Cross, 15
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA IN RAMIS PALMARUM.


through that of the manger, we may behold the eternal Son of God; and see rays of Divinity shed from His crucified Body.

INTROIT.—Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man, for Thou art the God of my strength. Ps. O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me, and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling. Glory be.

HYMNS.

EUCHARISTY.—Vexilla Regis prodeunt. H. N. 22. 61, H. A. M. 84.


These hymns are appointed for daily use up to Maundy Thursday; from which time to the octave of Easter no hymns were sung according to Salisbury Use.

PALM SUNDAY.

The last week of Lent has ever been observed by Christians as a time of special solemnity; and from the awfully important events which occurred in the last week of our Lord's life, which it represents to us, it has been called, from primitive times, the Great Week and the Holy Week. During this period there was, as early as the days of St. Chrysostom, a general cessation of business among the Christian part of the people; fasting was observed with greater strictness than in the other weeks of Lent, and special acts of mercy and charity were engaged in by all, the Emperors (when they had become Christian) setting an official example by ceremonies of which our Royal Mundy is a relic. The first day of the Holy Week is called Indulgence Sunday in the Lectionary of St. Jerome, and in many other later writers. This name has been explained by a custom of the Christian Emperors, who used to set prisoners free and close all courts of law during Holy Week. But it seems to have been in use before this practice originated, which was not earlier than the end of the fourth century. It has also been supposed to be connected with the remissibility of penances. In the Sacramentary of St. Gregory there is the phrase, "Per Quem nobis indulgentia largior," in the proper preface for this day, and "at indulgentiam percipere mereamur," in the Collect for Tuesday; from which it may be inferred that the name Indulgence Sunday (and Indulgence Week) originally pointed to our Lord's work of rememp-

1 The Passion was said in a very remarkable manner, and is printed accordingly in the Salisbury Missal. Instead of the whole being said by the Gospeller, it was apportioned among three persons, apparently choir men. These words which were spoken by the Jews or the disciples had the letter
MONDAY BEFORE EASTER.

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26th and 27th chapters of St. Matthew were still read for the Gospel on Palm Sunday, and the 18th and 19th of St. John on Good Friday; but a marginal note in Sancroft’s writing is appended to both these days in the Durham book, directing the first chapter to be left out in each case, because it is appointed to be read in the Second Lesson.

The distinguishing characteristic of this day in the last week of our Lord’s life is not represented in any of the Scriptures for the day, which are altogether occupied with our Lord’s Passion. This arises from the change made in 1549, when the service for the Benediction of the Palms was set aside (in which this characteristic of the day was fully commemorated), and only the Ancient Mass of the day (which was commemorative of the Passion) retained. This oversight is to be regretted, as there is clearly a connection between the usage of palm-bearing and the Divine ritual, both of Sinai and the New Jerusalem. One of God’s commandments to the Jews was, “ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days” [Levit. xxv. 39].

Intron.—Be not Thou far from me, O Lord: Thou art my succour, haste Thee to help me. Save me from the lion’s mouth: Thou hast heard me from among the horns of the unicorns. Ps. My God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me? [“Non dicitur, Gloria Patri.”]

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

The distinctive memorial of this day is the act of our Blessed Lord in destroying the barren fig-tree. Having left Jerusalem in the evening of Palm Sunday and retired to Bethany, He returned to the city in the morning, and on His way He was hungry; and seeing a fig-tree afar off, having leaves, He came, if haply He might find any thing thereon; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, “No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever” [Mark xi. 14]. From thence He went to the Temple, and cleansed it from the presence of those who carried their merchandise into the very house of God. Both actions are compared by ritual commentators to that separation of the firmament from the subjunct waters out of which the earth was to spring, and which took place on the second day of the week of the Creation. As the Almighty Creator separated the waters above from the waters beneath, so the righteous Judge of all the earth separates the barren tree from the fruitful, the house of prayer from the house of covetousness and dishonesty. Thus He foreshadowed the result of His Passion, by which the latter days of the Lord would be severed from the former days of the world; and His final judgment, in which the evil, and those who have been unfruitful in good works, will be altogether cast out of His Kingdom.

Intron.—Plead Thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me; and fight Thou against them that fight against me. Lay hand upon the shield and buckler, and stand up to help me. Ps. Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

This was the last day of our Lord’s public teaching and ministration. Having retired to Bethany for the night on the evening of Monday as on that of Sunday, He again returned to the city in the morning of this day, and “as they passed by, they saw the fig-tree dried up from the roots.” In the Temple, the scribes and elders required from our Lord an explanation of the authority by which He did the things which He had done there, clearing the Temple of buyers and sellers, and claiming it as the house of His Father. The events of the day are then recorded with much fulness by the Evangelist. Our Lord spoke the parables of the Father and his two sons, the Vineyard let out to husbandmen, the Marriage feast and the Wedding garment. Each sect of the Jews, the Herodians, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees, endeavoured to entangle Him into some discourse which could be made the ground of an accusation against Him. Our Lord pronounced the eight woes, and then departed from the Temple to speak nearly His last words to the Jews in the parables of the Ten Virgins, the Talents, and the Sheep and the Goats. The latest public event of the day appears to be that recorded in St. John xii. 28–36, when in reply to the prayer, “Father, glorify Thy name,” there came a voice from heaven saying, “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” After this voice our Lord spoke of His “lifting up” upon the Cross. He then gave His final words of public warning, “Yet a little while is the Light with you. Walk while ye have the Light, lest darkness come upon you; for that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the Light, that ye may be the children of light.” [John xii. 35.] As soon as these words were spoken, the public teaching of the Light of the world came to an end, and He shone no more upon the multitude until He displayed Himself “lifted up” for their salvation: “These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide Himself from them.” [John xii. 36.]
Henceforth He lived to instruct His Apostles concerning their office and His, and to suffer.

INTROIT.—We ought to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection; by Whom also we are ransomed and saved. Ps. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and be merciful unto us.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

The fourth day of the Holy Week marks the actual beginning of the events which reached their climax on Good Friday, the conspiracy of the Sanhedrim, and the agreement between them and Judas, on account of which it is always reckoned the day of the Betrayal. It is the first of the week-days for which proper lessons are appointed; but singularly enough, no second lessons are appointed for Evensong either on Wednesday or Thursday. Among the ancient offices of the Church of England for Holy Week there was one called Tenebrae, which was used late in the evening of this and the two succeeding days; and was, doubtless, a relic of the ancient night-wakings which accompanied the fastings of this week, and especially the last four days of it, in primitive times. The ceremonies from which the distinctive name of the office was derived consisted of the gradual extinction of lights one by one until the Church was left in darkness; when this significant memorial of the Crucifixion was heightened in its terrible solemnity by the singing of the fifty-first Psalm, the same that is said in the Communion Service.

It was on this and the following day that our Blessed Lord gave to His Apostles those instructions and encouragements which are recorded in the thirteenth and four following chapters of St. John’s Gospel. They are given, it is probable, only in the form of a summary, yet even in that form they provide the Church with a solid foundation of doctrine respecting the continual Presence of her Lord, and her true unity through union with Him. The day seems to have been spent in the retirement of Bethany; and was apparently concluded by another festival, which ended our Lord’s intercourse with the family of Lazarus, the next being spent with His Apostles alone.

INTROIT.—At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. Because the Lord having become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross; therefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Ps. O Lord, hearken to my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee.

1 Gunning, in his Lent Fast, states that this day was called “Teanable Wednesday.” Probably this was a popular corruption of Tenebrae Wednesday.
GOOD FRIDAY.

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee
graciously to behold this thy
family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ
part of a service, which is still represented (though in an altered form) by the "Royal Maundy" office, and was connected with special acts of almsgiving on the part of the Sovereign, which are likewise retained. 1

The following is the Service as now used in the Chapel Royal at Whitehall, as this day: 2

OFFICE FOR THE ROYAL MAUNDY.

Elevation, Confession, Absolution, &c.
Proper Psalms. Ps. xlii.
First Ant hem.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.—Ps. xlii. 1.

The Following is Distributed to Each Woman.

To each Man Sheres and Stooges.

Second Ant hem.

Hith not Thou Thy face against, O Lord, and cast not off Thy servants in Thy diaphore: for we confess our sins unto Thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.

For Thy mercies sake deliver us from all our sins.

Woolen and Linen Cloths Distributed.

Third Ant hem.

O Lord, grant the Queen a long life, that her years may endure through all generations.—Ps. lxxvi. 6.

She shall dwell before God for ever: O prepare, Thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve her.—Ps. lxxvi. 7.

As for her enemies, clothe them with shame: but upon herself let her crown flourish.—Ps. cxxxii. 19.

Purses Distributed.

Second Lesson. St. Matthew xxv. 31—46.

Who is this who cometh from Edom, that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.—Isa. lixii. 1.

Doubtless Thou art our Father, our Redeemer; Thy name is from everlasting.—Isa. xlix. 16.

Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.—Matt. xxv. 9.

O Lord, the God of this world, we acknowledge that Thine is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all; both riches and honour of Thee are in Thy name; and to Thee belong the sovereignty and the dominion for evermore. In Thy hand is power and might; and in Thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name, that Thou hast not only bestowed greatness and majesty upon our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, but hast given her also that most earnestly that Thou wouldst reward her charity with a long and prosperous reign in this world, and with a heavenly kingdom in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

More blessed God, who art good and dost good and take pleasure in those that fear Thee and imitate Thy goodness, look down from Heaven, the throne of Thy glory, upon us Thy servants here prostrate before Thee, who thankfully acknowledge that we have nothing but what we have received from Thee, and therefore can give Thee nothing but what is Thine own. Fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with the lively sense of Thy fatherly goodness, which hath bestowed so many benefits upon us that we are not able to number them, and likewise given us to understand the happiness of doing good with them; and assist us with the power of Thy holy Spirit, that we may be faithful stewards of Thy manifold gifts and graces, following the steps of our Lord and Master Christ, whom Thou hast sent into the world, to be a pattern to us of humble goodness; unto which we pray Thee to quicken us by the consideration that we are but strangers and sojourners as all our fathers were, our days on this earth being as a shadow; and there is no abiding: That so nothing may tempt us to be high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in Thee, the living God, who givest us all things.

FERIA VI, IN DIE PARASCEVES.

[Ad Completorium. Oratio.]

RESPICE quassesmus, Domine, salubritas Use.

super hanc familiam tuam, pro qua Dominus noster Jesus Christus non

In the ancient offices of the Church of England there were several special observances on this day. First (after the hour of None) came the recolladication of penitents, a custom handed down from primitive days. The Holy Communion was celebrated at the same time with Vespers, and there was a special reservation, the rubric being, "Pro consuetudine sancta consacravit a sacrarium domum reservatum in crucinum, una ad proelendum a sacerdote: reliqua ut ponatur cum cruce in sepulchro." In the evening the altars were washed with wine and water, and the Maundy ceremonies performed, two clergy of the highest rank present washing the feet of all in the choir, and of each other. The rubric in the Salisbury Missal regulating these ceremonies begins, "Post prandium 2 convenient cleri ad ecclesiam, ad altariæ abhenda; et ad mandatium fictiendum; et ad completorium dicendum." While the pelivium was going on, the Psalms Deus miseratus, Ecce quam bonum, Misericordia, Beati immortales, and Audite hæcc; omnes gentes, were sung; the Antiphon to Deus miseratus being "misericordia omnium novum do nohia: ut diligatis iuvemus," from the first word of which the ceremony took its name. At its conclusion a sermon was preached, and then a "loving cup" (called "caritasis putum" in the rubric) was passed round to all who had taken part in its performance. The whole ended with this collect, — "Adesto quassesmus, Domine, officio servitutis nostræ; et quia Tu populare dignatus es Tuæ disipulæ; ne despicias opera manuum Tuorum, quæ nobis rethincenda mandasti: sed sicut exteriora hic ablurint iniquinam corporum; sic a Te omnium nostrorum interiora munimentum pecussa; quod Ipse praestare dignatus Qui cum Doe Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus. Per." a vestige of this ceremony is still retained in the Chapel Royal, the Bishop who acts as Almoner, and his assistants, being girded with long linen towels during the distribution of the Alms.

Maundy Thursday is also the day on which the Chrism or anointing oil has been consecrated from time immemorial, and in all parts of the Church throughout the world. In the Eastern Church the Holy Sacrament to be reserved for the sick in the ensuing year is also consecrated on this day, the one element being saturated with the other, divided into small morsels, and carefully dried; after which it is preserved in a receptacle at the back of the Altar. (See Notes on Cumm. of the Sick.)

INTROIT.—We ought to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection; by whom also we are ransomed and saved. Ps. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and be merciful unto us.

GOOD FRIDAY.

This day is not one of man's institution, but was consecrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when He made it the day of His most holy Passion. It is impossible that the anniversary of our Lord's.
GOOD FRIDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and those of all who invoke your holy Name, and graciously hear our prayers, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.


The people were contented to betray, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ELIO! Lama Sacaethani," which are the first words of the twenty-second Psalm [Matt. xxvii. 46. Mark xv. 34.]. After this He said "I thirst" [John xix. 28], and when He had received the vinegar, "It is finished" [Matt. xxvii. 46. Mark xv. 36. Luke xxiii. 46. John xix. 30]; for now He knew that "all things were accomplished" of the Sacrifice for sin, and the sufferings of Him in whom, sinless, all sinners were then represented before God. Then, crying with a loud voice, as with a willing expiration of that life which no man could take from Him, He laid it down of Himself with the last of His seven words from the Cross, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit" [Luke xxiii. 46], which are also words uttered by David in the spirit of prophecy in the sixth verse of the thirty-second Psalm.

It must have been shortly after this that the body of our Blessed Lord was taken down from the cross, for the Sabbath began at six o'clock in the evening, and that Sabbath being "an high day," the Jews entreated Pilate that it might be removed from the Cross (to be cast into the pit where the bodies of malefactors were thrown) before the legal beginning of the festival. Thus on the eve of the Sabbath, after having subjected to eighteen hours of mental agony and bodily suffering, the holy Jesus fulfilled, in His Body and Soul, the words of the Consummation Psalm, "I will lay Me down in peace, and take My rest: for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest Me to dwell in safety."

With this Passion of our dear Lord in view, it has ever been the object of the Church to make the devotions of Good Friday such as should help Christians to realize the magnitude of the Sacrifice that He offered, of the sins by which it was made necessary, and of the Mercy which moved Him to offer it. "On the Paschal Day," writes Tertullian [de Orat. xviii.], "the strict observation of the fast is general, and as it were public," not restricted to those who professed to lead a life of closer devotion than others; works of charity were permitted, even to the extent of the rich ploughing the land of the poor, but no other labour was engaged in on this holy day. In all Churches the Passion of our Lord, as narrated in the Gospels, has ever formed the central subject of the day's meditation and teaching, while psalm and prophecy have been gathered around it in sadder and penitent tones, the more perfectly to represent before God and man the events of this central Day of the world's history. In the ancient services of the Day one was conspicuous, in which the Clergy and people showed their veneration for the atoning work of Christ by ceremonies which acquired the popular name of "creeping to the Copes"; in which the image of the Cross was placed in the front of the altar, that they might more thoroughly realize the spirit of penitents "before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among them" [Gal. iii. 1], while they gave Him the lowest adoration of their bodies. During this ceremony of prostration before the Cross, the "Reproaches," followed by the hymns, "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle," and "The Royal Banners forward go," were sung to their well-

1 The popular feeling of reverence towards the Cross never died out. It is illustrated even by the Pilgrim's Progress, in which Christian, standing before "the Image of a Cross," says, "He hath given me rest by His sorrows, and life by His death."
GOOD FRIDAY.

Pro Hereticis. Oratio [vii.]

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui salvas omnes homines, et
neminem vis perire; respice ad animas diabolica fraudae deceptas, ut omni
heretica pravitate deposita, errantium
corda respicient, et ad veritatis tuae
redeant unitatem. Per Dominum. 

Pro Perfidia Judaeis. Oratio [viii.]

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui
etiam Judaeam perfidiam a tua mise-

ment then consecrated was reserved in one element only, and
this being placed in a chalice of unconsecrated wine on Good
Friday, was then received by those who communicated instead
of elements consecrated on the day itself. This Mass of
the Pre-sanctified is an institution of very ancient date, being
found in the Sacramentaries from which our modern offices are so largely
derived: and since it is traceable, on good evidence, as far back as
the time of St. Augustine, it seems to represent the practice of the
Primitive Church. The use of this office has been general in the
Western Church for the greater part of the time of its existence.
In the Eastern Church there is no recognition of the Eucharist
at all on this day; there being in fact almost a total absence of
prayer altogether, the services consisting chiefly of the reading of
prophecies and gospels respecting the Passion: and such appears
also to be the practice of the Ambrosian Rite.

But, although this custom appears to be of primitive origin,
it has not been preserved in its primitive form. In the Church of
England before the Reformation the practice had grown up of
the priest alone receiving on Good Friday the holy Sacrament
which had been consecrated on Maundy Thursday; and this is
still the practice of the Latin Church. The Sacramentary of St.
Gregory clearly indicates that in the early Church others com-
unicated with him on other days. The rubric directs, "Cum
dixerint Amen, surnit do saecula, et ponit in calicem, nihil dicere.
Et communicant omnes cum silentio, et explata sunt universa." 
[Menard's ed., p. 70.] In the tenth century a Canon of the
Church of England which enjoins the reservation on Holy Thurs-
day and certain ceremonies to be used on Good Friday, adds respect-
ing the latter day, "Then let him," i.e. the priest, "go to housal,
and whosoever else plesses." [Johnson's Canons, l. 406.] In fact,
Martene proves that Communion of the Laity as well as of the
priest on this day was the prevailing custom of the Church until
the twelfth century at least, and there are strong grounds for believ-
ing that the practice continued down to the time of the Reformation.

The exact intention of the English rite is not easy to ascertain.
The appointment of an Epistle and Gospel is (under the circum-
stances in which the Prayer Book was set forth) a prima facie
evidence that Consecration on Good Friday was intended to
supersede the Mass of the Pre-sanctified which had been hitherto
used; and Communion was, of course, intended to follow. On
the other hand, this was a deviation from the ancient practice of
the Church, which was not in accordance with the respect for it
shown by those who set forth our first English Prayer Book.
Such a deviation can only be accounted for by supposing that

1 No consecration of the Holy Eucharist is allowed during Lent in the
Eastern Church except on Saturday and Sunday. The feast of the Annui-
ciation is the only exception to this rule. Communicants on all other days
receive the pre-sanctified elements.

prayers, which we offer before thee for
all estates of men in thy holy Church,
that every member of the same, in his
vocation and ministry, may truly and
godly serve thee; through our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast
made all men, and hast nothing
that thou hast made, nor wouldest
the death of a sinner, but rather that he
should be converted and live; Have
mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels,
and Heretics, and take from them all
ignorance, hardness of heart, and con-
tempt of thy Word; and so fetch them
home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that
knows strains. The "Reproaches" are a striking expansion of
Micha ii. 3, 4, in which the loving-kindness of the Lord is con-
trasted with the ingratitude of those whom He came to save,
carrying the idea through each step of the Passion. The follow-
ing are the versicles used: the responses also being indicated.

After the first three versicles was sung, "Holy God, Holy and
Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy upon us!" and after the
others, "O My people . . . answer unto Me," much as the
Invitatory to the Venite was sung.

O My people, what have I done unto thee, and wherein have I
wept thee? answer unto Me. For I brought thee out of the
land of Egypt, and thou hast prepared the cross for thy
Saviour. [Tritagion.]

I led thee forty years in the wilderness, and fed thee with
manna, and brought thee into a goodly land. [Tritagion.]

What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done?
I planted thee indeed My choicest Vine, and thou art become
bitter unto Me; for thou hast given Me vinegar to drink,
and hast placed the side of thy Saviour. [Tritagion.]

For thy sake did I scourge Egypt with its first-born, and thou
didst deliver up Me to be scourged. [O My people . . .]

I led thee forth out of Egypt, and drowned Pharaoh in the
Red Sea, and thou didst deliver up Me to the chief priests.
[O My people . . .]

I opened the sea before thee, and thou hast opened My side
with a spear. [O My people . . .]

I went before thee to lead thee in a cloudy pillar, and thou
didst lead Me into the hall of Phafile. [O My people . . .]

I fed thee with manna in the wilderness, and thou didst fall
upon Me with scourgings and buffeting. [O My people . . .]

I gave thee to drink living water out of the Rock, and thou
didst give Me guile and vinegar. [O My people . . .]

For thy sake did I smite the kings of the Canaanites, and thou
didst smite Me on the head with a reed. [O My people . . .]

I gave thee a royal sceptre, and thou gavest to Me a head
of thorns. [O My people . . .]

I lifted thee up in great strength, and thou didst lift Me up
to hang upon the Cross. [O My people . . .]

During this ceremony the red copes and chasubles which were
worn in the other offices of the day were set aside, and black
capes alone were used; the utmost aspect of sorrow and mourning
for sin being, at the same time, thrown over the church and
all the instrumenta of Divine Service, by means of black hangings,
a custom which has never been discontinued.

It is a very ancient practice of the Church to abstain from
celebrating the Holy Communion on Good Friday. On Maundy
Thursday (as has been already shown) a portion of the Sacra-
EASTER EVEN.

they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

EASTER EVEN.
The Collect.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who did, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER EVE.
The day between Good Friday and Easter Day commemorates the Descent of our Blessed Lord's soul into Hell, and the rest of His body in the grave. In the Gospel we are told that this Sabbath day was "an high day" in the Jewish ritual. It was the day when all were to be present before the Lord [Exod. xxiii. 17], and when the sheaf of the first-fruits was to be offered. [Lev. xxiii. 10, 11.] In the Christian Church it at once acquired the name of the "Great Sabbath," being so called in the Epistle of the Church of Smyrna respecting the martyrdom of St. Polycarp. The ancient Epistle and Gospel referred to Holy Baptist, and to our Lord's Resurrection: those now appointed were introduced into the Prayer Book of 1669. The ancient Collect was, "O God, who didst illuminate this most holy night by the glory of our Lord's resurrection; preserve in Thy new-born family the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given; that being renewed both in body and mind, they may render unto Thee a pure service, through the same our Lord." This was not adopted in the translated Offices of the Church (probably because it had some reference to the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal candle); nor was any Collect provided for the day until 1697, when that printed above was inserted in the Prayer Book prepared for Scotland. This is thought to have been the composition of Archbishop Laud, and was the foundation of the present Collect, which is first found in Cosin's writing in the margin of the Durham book. Even this modern Collect keeps up a memorial of the primitive custom of the Church in administering Baptism on Easter Eve. But the practice having fallen into disuse¹, the devotional tone of the day is brought into a more

¹ A Preface to the Baptismal Offices, which was erased from the Prayer

**Modern English.**

**Epistle.** Heb. x. 1—25.

**Gospel.** John xix. 1—37.

**Salisbury Use.**

**Hosea v. 15. vi. 6.**

**Exod. xii. 11.**

**John xviii. and xix.**

**Modern Roman.**

**Hosea vi. 1—6.**

**Exod. xii. 1—11.**

**John xviii. and xix.**

**Eastern.**

**Vigilia Paschæ.**

[... Resuscitet vos de vitiorum sepulchris, qui Eum resuscitavit a mortuis. Amen. Ut eum Eo sine fine feliciter vivatis quem resurrexisse a mortuis veraciter creditis. Amen.]

[O MOST gracious God, look upon us in mercy, and grant that as we are baptized into the death of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; so by
EASTER DAY.

At Morning Prayer, instead of the Psalm, O come, let us sing, &c., these Anthems shall be sung or said.

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast. Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of thee, O Father, so we also may walk in newness of life, but our sins never be able to rise in judgment against us; and that for the merit of Jesus Christ, that died, was buried, and rose again for us. Amen.

There has ever been something of festive gladness in the celebration of Easter Eve, which sets it apart from Lent, notwithstanding the fast still continues. To the disciples it was a day of mourning after an absent Lord; but the Church of the Resurrection sees already the triumph of that Lord over Satan and Death. In the promise of the prophetic words, “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction” [Hos. xiii. 14], she sees afar off the dawn of the Resurrection, and already the words sound in her ears, “Your sorrow shall be turned into joy.” A celebration of the Holy Communion took place on this day, as on Maundy Thursday, at the time of Vespers; and in the place of the Introit was sung Gloria in Excelsis Deo, with its response, Et in terra pacem dominum, while the bells of the church were ringing in the joys of Easter². At Milan, “Ad Missam in ecclesia majori,” the announcement of our Lord’s Resurrection was thrice made in the words, “Christus Dominus resurget,” when the response thrice followed, “Deo gratias.”

EASTER DAY.

They who went about “preaching Jesus and the Resurrection,” and who observed the first day of the week as a continual memorial of that Resurrection, must have remembered with vivid and joyous devotion the anniversary of their Lord’s restoration to them. It was kept as the principal festival of the year, therefore, in the very first age of the Church, and Easter had become

direct and close analogy with the Holy Week history of our Blessed Lord by the commemoration of His burial, in the Gospel, and His Descent into Hell, in the Epistle. [See notes to the Apostles’ Creed.]

The Vigil of Easter has always been celebrated with much ceremony, even from primitive times. It is mentioned by Tertullian [Ad Uxorem ii. 4], and in the Apostolic Constitutions [v. 20], by Eusebius [vi. 9], Lactantius [vii. 19], St. Chrysostom, and St. Jerome. St. Gregory Nazianzen [Orat. xliv. in Pasch.] speaks of the churches as being lighted up that it seemed like day, and that he speaks of as a symbolical usage, (in the spirit of the ancient Collect given above,) memorializing the glorious illumination brought about the world by the Resurrection of the Sun of Righteousness. The services continued until after midnight, to welcome the early dawn of the Resurrection; and also from a tradition (current among the Jews as well) that the second coming of Christ will be in the night of Easter Eve¹. At a later period, and in the ancient offices of the English Church, the new fire, the Paschal candle, and the incense, all received Benediction on this day for use in the succeeding year.

¹ Book in 1661, began: “It appeareth by ancient writers, that the sacrament of Baptism in the old time was not commonly ministered but at two times in the year, at Easter and Whitsun-tide: . . . . which custom (now being grown out of use), although it cannot,” &c. [See notes to Baptism.]

² This custom is observed on Christmas Eve at Magdalen College, Oxford.
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHRIST is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened

to be observed. In old English Calendars Easter is called "the uprising of our Lord," and "the Aenonymy of our Lord."

The Judaizing habits which caused so much trouble in the earliest days of Christianity, long retained a hold upon many portions of the Church in respect to the observance of Easter. In the Western Church the festival was always kept on the first day of the week, as being the actual day which our Lord had consecrated by His Resurrection; but the Churches of Asia kept it on the third day after the 14th of the Jewish month Nisan, whatever day of the week this might be. In the second and third centuries there was much controversy respecting this difference of computation; but the first Canon of the Council of Arles [A.D. 314] ordered Easter to be celebrated on one day every where, and the Council of Nicaea [A.D. 325] authoritatively ruled that Easter was to be kept on the Lord's Day. There being also much difficulty in determining, without scientific lore, which Sunday in March or April was the proper one, the same Council directed that the Church of Alexandria should send timely notice to other principal Churches of the day on which the true Easter would occur in the ensuing year, and that thus an uniform practice should be maintained throughout the Christian world. It was not, however, until the eighth century that the computation of Easter was settled on sufficiently accurate calculations to ensure uniformity; and the Church of England retained, for some ages, a modified form of the Jewish method, which was

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1 There is no Canon of this Council on the subject, but that its decision was authoritative may be certainly inferred from the manner in which it is recorded in Theodoret i. 9, 16, Socrates i. 9, and Euseb., Life of Constantine, ill. 18.

2 There is a relic of this practice in the Ambrosian Rite, where the following proclamation of Easter is directed to be made on the feast of the Epiphany: —

"Annunciatia diei Paschatis per Discovum. "Noventi eistris vectis, fratres charissimi, quod annuente Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi misericordia, die tali membra tales Pascha Domini celebribus."

3 See note on the "Tables to find Easter."
MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK.

**EPISTLE.** Col. iii. 1—7.

**GOSPEL.** John xx. 1—10.

not wholly banished from the Northern parts of the island until A.D. 714. These two methods of computing Easter may be shortly explained by adding that the Jewish or "Quartodeciman" computation aimed at observing the very day of our Lord's Resurrection (as we observe the day of His Nativity) whilst the method which ultimately became universal aimed at observing that Lord's Day as Easter which comes next after the actual anniversary. Each method claimed Apostolic authority from the first: Polycarp, who advanced the Jewish system, declared that it was derived from St. John, with whom he was contemporary; whilst the Bishops of Rome and others believed themselves to be following a custom handed down to them from St. Peter and St. Paul.

The Anthems instead of "Venite exultemus" represent the primitive custom of Easter morning, when the verse: "The Lord is risen," and the response "He is risen indeed," were the formal salutation between Christians. In the ancient rite of the English Church one of these anthems was said in procession before Mattins; and the service was retained in 1549. It may be useful to the reader to see the Latin and English forms side by side.

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**MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK.**

The Collect.

A LMITHE GOD, who through thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by

nostra, qua preveniendo aspiras, etiam adjuvando prosequare, Per cundum Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum.

**FERIA II, POST PASCHA.**

**SALISBURY USE.**

**Oration.**

Deus, qui pro nobis Filium crucis patibulum subire voluit, ut inimi ci nobis pelleres po testatem; concede nobis sanc-tius ut in resurrectionis ejus gaudiiis semper vivamus. Per. O God, who for our redemption didst give Thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross; and by His glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The present Rubric substituting these Anthems for the Venite was introduced in 1552; they were not pointed in 1549. In the Salisbury Use there was a celebration at a late hour on Easter Eve, probably after midnight; and in the Prayer Book of 1549 two celebrations are directed for Easter Day, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the first of which are those which are still retained; the Epistle being that previously in use on Easter Eve. The second celebration had the Collect which is now used (as it then was also) for the Octave of Easter Day, and the Epistle and Gospel of the ancient Missal.

**ISTRIGE.**—When I wake up I am present with Thee. Alleluia. Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Alleluia. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. Alleluia. Alleluia. P.s. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and proved me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. Glory be.

**EASTER MONDAY.**

The extension of the Easter festival through seven days is mentioned by St. Chrysostom in one of his Easter homilies, by St. Augustine in one of his Epistles [1 Cor. vii. 22.], and in the Code of Theodosius, which directed a cessation of labour during the whole of the week. The Sacramentary of St. Gregory contains a service for each day, as does also the Salisbury Missal. Yet there are many ancient precedents for the course taken in the later English rite, which limits the special services to three

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1 See note at p. 1.
thytyspecialgracepreventingusthoudostputintoourmindsgooddesires,sobythycontinualhelpwemaybringthesame togoodeffect;throughJesusChristourLord,wholiveth andreignethwiththeeandtheHolyGhost,everoneGod,worldwithout end. Amen.

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TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our just-

INTROIT.—The Lord hath brought you into a land flowing with milk and honey. Alleluia. Wherefore, let the law of the Lord be ever in your mouth. Alleluia. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. ¶, Glory to God in the highest. R. On earth peace, good will towards men.

EASTER TUESDAY.

Until 1661, the Collect originally appointed for the second celebration on Easter Day was appointed for use on this day.

INTROIT.—He shall give him the water of wisdom to drink. Alleluia. She shall be established in them, and shall not be moved. Alleluia. And shall exalt them for ever. Alleluia. Alle-
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Collect.

A Mighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace to confess thee true God and our Lord Jesus Christ; that we may put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Inu. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever. Glory be.

LOW SUNDAY.

All the days between Easter and its octave have "in Alba" added to them in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory; but the Sunday after Easter is called Dominica octava Paschae. From a very ancient period, however, it has been called "Dominica post albas," or (as in the Ambrosian Missal), "Dominica in albis depositis," and shortly, "Dominica in albis," because on this day the newly baptized first appeared without the chrismata or white robes which they had worn every day since their baptism on Easter Eve. The popular English name of Low Sunday has probably arisen from the contrast between the Joys of Easter and the first return to ordinary Sunday services. On this Sunday, or sometimes on the fourth Sunday after Easter, it was the custom, in primitive days, for those who had been baptized the year before to keep an anniversary of their baptism, which was called the Annointing Easter, although the actual anniversary of the previous Easter might fall on another day. [Micrologus lvi.] The Epistle evidently bears on this custom, and sets forth the new birth of Baptism as the beginning of an abiding power of overcoming the world through its connexion with the Risen Christ, the source of our regeneration. The ancient writer just referred to suggests the reflection, that if we celebrate the anniversary of that day when we were born to eternal death through original sin, how much rather ought we to keep in memory the day when we were new born into eternal life? 1

The Collect appointed for this Sunday in 1549 was that now in use; in 1556, special prayers for the two sacraments of Easter Day were substituted. In both cases Low Sunday was regarded as the Octave of Easter, according to the ancient rite; but in 1661 the original Collect of the day was restored at the suggestion of Costin, the change that had removed it from use on Easter Day being overlooked, and thus the ritual symmetry of the two services was marred.

INTROIT.—When I wake up I am present with Thee. Alleluia. Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Alleluia. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. Alleluia. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and proved me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. Glory be.

HYMNS.


THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Eucharistic tone of the Scriptures used begins now to diverge from the fact of the Resurrection to the results of it, as giving to the Church a Saviour abiding with us for ever. In the Epistle and Gospel He is set forth as the Chief Pastor, the High Priest of the New Dispensation; and His own words, "I am the good Shepherd," are taken up by His chief Apostle when he calls Him "the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." The Collect is, however, based on the idea of Christ's holy example as referred to in the first part of the Epistle, and neither in the modern nor in the ancient service is there any recognition of the beautiful parable which our Lord spoke of Himself in the Gospel, except that the first words of it were taken for the "Communion," or sentence sung during the communion of the Holy Eucharist. Durandus states that the Epistle and Gospel concerning the sheep and the Shepherd are connected with a Roman custom of holding councils on this day; but if so, the custom must be more ancient than the days of St. Jerome, in whose Lectionary they are found. It seems probable that Christ's example to His pastors is, however, the idea of the Sunday, not His example to all. In both Epistle and Gospel (considering the season at which they are used) there must be taken to be a reference to victory gained by suffering. The Good Shepherd would not win His flock by agreeing to the Tempter's suggestion, "All these things will I give Thee, and the glory of them, if Thou wilt fall down

1 In the Lectionary of St. Jerome the Pascha Annonitium is set down for the third Saturday after Easter. The Epistle is Rev. v., and the Gospel, John iii.
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that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DOMINICA III, POST PASCHA.

Oratio.

DEUS, qui errantibus, ut in viam possint redire justitiae, veritatis tuae lumen ostendis; da cunctis qui Christiana professione censeuntur, et illa respuere, quae huic inimica sunt nominii, et ea quae sunt apta sectari. Per Dominum.

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and worship me," for that would have been no victory at all: but He won them by giving up His life for them; and the seeming extinction of all hope on Good Friday was the step to that triumph by which the "kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ," the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. The humble obedience of the Son of Man, "even unto death," has made Him an Example to all ages, the Leader of an innumerable army of saints, and the Fountain of the pastoral and sacerdotal office, by the ministrations of which men are gathered into the one fold of salvation.

INTROIT.—The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, Alleluia. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

On this Sunday the risen Saviour is presented to us as the strength of the regenerate, the Fountain of spiritual ability for all Christians, as well as of pastoral ability for His ministers. For the mystical Presence of Christ is the power by which those who are admitted into the Christian body are able to eschew evil and follow good, and it was this Mystical Presence of which Christ spoke in the words of the Gospel.

During the period which is now being commemorated, the Lord Jesus was seen again by His disciples; and yet they must have been possessed by a conviction that it was not for long, and that their Master was to be taken away from their head as Elijah was from Elisea. At such a time, and as their faith grew with the Resurrection Life of their Lord, the words He had formerly spoken to them must have recurred to their minds as words which had already been in part fulfilled, and of which a still more glorious fulfilment was in prospect. Because He was going to the Father to present His natural Body as an ever-living Intercessor, He could not be seen by the bodily eyes of His little flock; but because He was going to the Father to be a continual Mediator and Intercessor, the benefits of His Presence would be manifestly given to the many, even as if the eyes of all the faithful rested upon His visible Person.

Thus had the good Shepherd comforted His flock before His Death; and thus in the Divine Service of His Church He is ever at this season speaking to us, and bidding us look to Him as a Saviour present in His Church, and to be held by the eyes of those who will look for Him in faith. A Presence which Christ could speak of in such terms as those of this day's Gospel may well be called Real, and in such a Presence His people may well look for that strength of the regenerate which will enable them to fulfil the duties of the regenerate.

INTROIT.—O be joyful in God, all ye lands. Alleluia. Sing praises unto the honour of His Name. Alleluia. Make His praise to be glorious. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. Say unto God, O how wonderful art Thou in Thy works, through the greatness of Thy power. Glory be.
### The Fourth Sunday After Easter

**The Collect.**

*O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Epistle.** James i. 17—21.

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### The Fifth Sunday After Easter

**The Collect.**

*O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Epistle.** James i. 22—27.

**Gospel.** John xvi. 33—33.

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### The Fourth Sunday After Easter

The Collect for this day originally, i.e. in 1549, stood in English exactly as it stands in the Latin: "Almighty God, which dost make the minds of all faithful men to be of one will..." Bishop Cosin altered the latter words to "make all men to be of one mind," but the present form was eventually adopted, and the idea of unity was thus taken out of the Collect. The omission is the more singular, since there is in the Gospel a reference to the Holy Spirit by whom this unity is effected.

The Epistle and Gospel point in the same direction as those of the preceding Sunday, viz. to the good and perfect gift which would be bestowed upon the Church after, and through, the bodily departure of Christ to heaven. It seemed strange and hard to bear that it should be expedient for Him to go away who had been the Leader and Benefactor of His disciples and all who were willing to receive Him; but He spoke these words to them beforehand that they might be comforted with some foreboding of the glory and blessing of the New Dispensation which was to be perfected in His Resurrection and Ascension; and be prepared for perceiving, when the fruit of the Resurrection was ripe for gathering, that the departure of Christ to heaven was a greater gain to them through His mystical Presence than His remaining upon earth could have been. This good and perfect gift, the gift which the Spirit of truth bestows upon the Church, and through the corporate Church on all its individual members, is therefore set before us as we draw near to Ascension Day as the true reason why all sorrow, because of her Lord's departure, should be banished from the Church.

The Comforter will come to bestow the Gift of the Word of God engrafted upon human nature, and in that gift to bestow Light, Truth, and Salvation.

**Ostroff.**—O sing unto the Lord a new song. Alleluia. For He hath done marvellous things. Alleluia. His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. With His own right hand, and with His holy arm, hath He gotten Himself the victory. Glory be.

**Rogation Sunday.**

The fifth Sunday after Easter being the first day of the week in which the Rogation days occur, has taken its name from them, and is usually called Rogation Sunday. The striking appropriateness of the Gospel, which contains our Lord's words about asking in His Name, seems to indicate that it was either chosen for this day on account of its position with reference to the Rogation days, or that the latter were appointed to be observed on the three days following because the Gospel already distinguished this as the Sunday concerning Asking. Both the
THE ASCENSION-DAY.

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to be constantly at the right hand of thee, mayest thou also, for thy only-begotten Son’s sake, accept this, and all other gifts and offerings, and grant that both our hearts and mouths being continually filled with Thy praises, giving thanks to Thee in Thy holy Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ROGATION DAYS.

On the authority of St. Gregory of Tours (who wrote in the latter part of the sixth century) the institution of the Rogation Days is attributed to Mamertus, Bishop of the French diocese of Vienne, A.D. 462. A terrible calamity is said to have occurred to the diocese or city of Vienne (by earthquake and fire, and by the incursion of wolves and other wild beasts), on account of which Mamertus set apart the three days before Ascension Day as a solemn fast, during which processions with Litanies were to be made throughout the diocese. [See Introduction to the Litany.] The custom is supposed to have been taken up by other dioceses, and to have extended itself from France to England, but not to have been recognized at Rome until the eighth or ninth century. A more probable account is that the Rogation Days were instituted at some earlier period, for the purpose of asking God’s Blessing on the rising produce of the earth; and that Mamertus chose them as the time for a solemn observance in degradation of God’s anger with reference to the special troubles of his day.

There was a Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Rogation Days in the Salisbury Missal, but these were not retained in the Prayer Book, although there is a Homily in three parts “for the days of Rogation week;” and an “Exhortation to be spoken to such Parishes where they use their Perambulations in Rogation week, for the oversight of the bounds and limits of their town.” Bishop Cosin proposed to supply this omission, and wrote the following in the margin of the Durham Prayer Book:

“THE COLLECT.

“Almighty God, Lord of Heaven and Earth, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; who dost good unto all men, making Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sending rain on the just and on the unjust; favourably behold us Thy people, who call upon Thy Name, and send us Thy Blessing from heaven in giving us fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness; that both our hearts and mouths may be continually filled with Thy praises, giving thanks to Thee in Thy holy Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Epistle and Gospel are found in the Lectionary of St. Jerome, and as the Rogation days are generally said to have been instituted in the fifth century, the latter seems the more probable theory. The Collect has an evident connexion with the purpose of the Rogation days; and, so, perhaps, has the latter part of the Epistle. Bishop Cosin wished to insert a new rubric at the end of the Gospel. “This Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall be used only upon this day.”

INTROIT.—With the voice of singing declare ye, declare ye Alleluia. Utter it even to the end of the earth, say ye that the Lord hath redeemed His people. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Sing praises unto the honour of His Name. Make His praise to be glorious. Glory be.

IN DIE ASCENSIONIS DOMINI.

Oration.

CONCEDE quasumus omnipotens Deus, ut qui hodierna die unius genitum tuum Redemptorem nostrum
was never any settled rule, and that the practice varied accord- 
ing to the piety and liturgical feeling of the day or the parish.

The Rogation Days and the religious observance of them in 
some such manner as that above indicated are referred to in the 
most ancient records of the Church of England. In the Laws of 
King Alfred and of Athelstan they are called gebeddungas or 
Prayer Days, and also gang dagas; the latter name, “gang days,” 
being still used in some parts of the north of England.

HOLY THURSDAY.

There is not any very early historical indication of Ascension Day, 
but St. Chrysostom has a homily on the day; St. Augustine 
mentions it in one of his Epistles, and also in a Sermon [261], 
in which he says, “We celebrate this day the solemnity of the 
Ascension.” St. Gregory of Nyssa has also left a homily on the 
day. St. Augustine calls this one of the festivals which are sup- 
posed to have been instituted by the Apostles themselves [Epi- 
liv. al. exvili. ad Januar.], so that it must have been generally 
observed in his time; and Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople, 
in the same age, speaks of it [Orat. iii.] as one of the days which 
the Lord has made, reverently considering that the great acts of 
our Lord so far consecrated the days on which they occurred 
that no further appointment was needed for their separation 
from common days. Its name has never varied, although popular 
appellations have, of course, been attached to it on account of 
some observances connected with the day. But even these have 
been very few, and are not worth notice, “Holy Thursday” 
being the only vernacular name that has been generally adopted.

During the Paschal Quinquagesima no festivals have vigils or 
fasting ows except Ascension Day and Whit Sunday, the whole 
period being regarded as one of spiritual joy in the Resurrection.

The ritual provisions of the Prayer Book for this day show 
plainly that it is regarded in the system of our Church as one of 
the very highest class of solemn days set apart in honour of our 
Lord. The Proper Lessons and Psalms at Mattins and Even-
song, and the proper preface in the Communion Service place it 
on the same footing as Christmas Day, Easter, or Whit Sunday; 
and there is no day in the year which is so well illustrated by 
these as of the Ascension. It could hardly have been other-
wise, for the act which is commemorated on this day was one 
which crowned and consummated the work of the Redeemer’s 
Person, and opened the gate of everlasting life to those whom He 
had redeemed.

The facts of the Ascension are commemorated in the Epistle 
and Gospel; types of it form the subjects of the first lessons at

Mattins and Evensong.—Moses in the mount of God for forty 
days receiving the law, and Elijah ascending to heaven in a 
whirlwind. But the fulness of the day’s meaning must be looked 
for in the Psalms, where, as so often, the interpretation of the 
Gospels was given by God beforehand to the Church. And in 
these the Church also celebrates the eternal Victory of the King 
of glory, who had been made a little lower than the angels in 
the humiliation of His earthly life, that He might be crowned 
with the glory and worship of all created things, when seated, 
still in His human nature, on the throne of Heaven. The festiva 
clauses the yearly commemoration of our Blessed Lord’s life and 
work: which thus leads upward from the cradle at Bethlehem, 
exhibiting before God and man the various stages of His redeem-
ing work, and following Him step by step until we stand with 
the disciples gazing up after Him as He goes within the 
edors. And thus this half-yearly cycle of days presents the 
only Jesus to our devotions as perfect Man and perfect God, the 
perfection of His manhood confirmed in the sorrows of Good 
Friday, the perfection of His Divine Nature in the triumph of 
Easter and the Ascension.

INTROIT.—Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into 
heaven? Alleluia. So shall He come as ye have seen Him go 
into heaven. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. And while they 
looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold two men 
stood by them in white apparel, which said. Glory be.

HYMN.
66, H. A. M. 122.
Compline.—Jesu, nostra Redemptio. H. N. 32. 67, H. A. M. 
125.
Lauds.—Tu, Christe, nostrum gaudium [partly H. A. M. 129].

These hymns are appointed to be sung daily up to Whit-
Sunday.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.

This day was anciently called by the significant name of “Domi-

nica Expectations.” Being the only Lord’s Day which intervened 
between the Ascension of our Lord and the Descent of the Holy 
Ghost, it represents that period during which the Apostles were 
obeys the command of their Master, when “He commanded them 
that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the 
promise of the Father.” [Acts i. 4.] 
The Collect for this day is an expansion of the ancient Anti-
thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

[Omnipotens Deus Pater glorie, qui Moxanabie Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum suscitasti a mortuis, conlocans illum ad dexteram tuam super omnem principatum et potestatem, &c.]

WHITSUNDAY.

The Collect.

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

IN DIE PENTECOSTES.

Oration.

DEUS, qui hodierna die corda fidei Sancti Spiritus illustrat docuisti; da nobis in eodem Spiritu, recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere. Per Dominum nostrum. In unitate ejusdem.
MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.

MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
The Collect.

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of the Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

FERIA II, POST PENTECOSTEN. Salisbury Use.

[God, that taught the hearts of thy faithful servants by the instruction of the holy ghost: grant us to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. By Christ our Saviour.]

TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
The Collect.

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the

before the altar, with supplication for a blessing on the harvest then commenced. On the day of Pentecost two leaves of the first bread made from the new corn were offered (with appointed burnt-offerings), in thanksgiving for the harvest now ended. Each of these objects of the festival has a significant typical application. It was on this day that the Holy Ghost descended to sanctify a new Israel, that they too might be “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people” [1 Pet. ii. 9]; and this separation of a new Israel from the world began to be made when three thousand were added to the Church by Baptism on the day of Pentecost. On this day also the “Corn of Wheat” (which had fallen into the ground and died on the day of the Passover, and had sprung up anew and perpetual sacrifice to God on Easter Day) sent forth the Holy Spirit to make those five thousand the “One Bread” [1 Cor. x. 17] of the Lord’s mystical Body, a first-fruits offering to God of the Church which had been purchased with His Blood.

The Collect for Whitsunday was formerly used every day at Lauds, and was translated into English at least a century and a half before the Prayer Book was set forth. It appears in all the English Prymers which preceded the Prayer Book, and the ancient version given on Whitsun Monday seems to have furnished some phrases to the translation now in use on this day.

Whitsun week is one of the canonical Ember seasons, the summer Ordinations taking place on Trinity Sunday.

On Whitsunday (June 9th), in the year of our Lord 1549, the Book of Common Prayer in English was first used instead of the Latin offices. That day was doubtless chosen (for copies were printed and ready some time before) as a devout acknowledgment that the Holy Ghost was with the Church of England in the important step then taken. May He ever preserve these devotional offices from the attacks of enmity or unwise, and continue them in that line of Catholic unity wherein He has guided the Church hitherto to keep them.

INTROIT.—The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world. Alleluia. And that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him. Glory be.
light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

TRINITY SUNDAY. The Collect.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace by the confession of a true

was administered immediately after Baptism, if a Bishop was present, as was mostly the case, and at Whitsun-tide it would no doubt be invariably given to the newly baptized at once, from the appropriateness of the season, and the necessary presence of the Bishops in their chief Churches for the Ordinations of the following Saturday or Sunday.

It was doubtless with reference to the preparation of the Candidates for Ordination that the Gospel was selected; pointing out, as it does, that there is only one lawful way of entering into the Ministry of Christ; and that those are no true shepherds who do not enter in by the Door, the Chief Shepherd Himself, whose authority on earth is delegated to the Bishops of His Church. The second lesson at Evensong, 1 John iv. 1—13, points in the same direction.

The Whitsun Ember days are of very ancient institution, probably Primitive. They are alluded to by St. Athanasius as the fasts of the week following Pentecost [De fuga sua], and it is plain that no time of the year would be so naturally chosen for continuing the gift of the Spirit by Ordination, as that which follows immediately upon the day when the Holy Ghost first came to inhabit the mystical Body of Christ, for the purpose of “making able” the Ministers of His Gospel-truth and Sacraments.


TRINITY SUNDAY. The Octave of Pentecost has been observed in honour of the Blessed Trinity from a very early age of the Church. In the Lectionary of St. Jerome the same Epistle and Gospel are appointed which have always been used in the Church of England; and the Collect is from the Sacramentary of St. Gregory. But the name “Trinity Sunday” was not general until a later period, though it has been used in the English Breviary and Missal since the time of St. Osmund, and may have been adopted by him from still earlier offices of the Church. In the Eastern Church this day is the Festival of all holy Martyrs; a festival which appears to have been observed at this time in the East, even in the days of St. Chrysostom and the Emperor Leo, who have left respectively a Homily and an Oration upon it. It appears to have been regarded as a separate Festival in the western world only by the Church of England, and those Churches of Germany which owe their origin to the English St. Boniface, or Wilfred 1. Both in the ancient English and in the ancient German Office books, all the Sundays afterwards until Advent are named after Trinity; whereas, in all offices of the Roman type they are named after Pentecost. It seems probable that this distinctive ritual mark is a relic of the independent origin of the Church of England, similar to those peculiarities which were noticed by St. Augustine, and which were attributed by the ancient British bishops to some connexion with St. John. In this case it is, at least, significant that it was St. John through whom the doctrine of the Holy Trinity was most clearly revealed; and also that the early Church of England appears never to have been infested by the heresies on this subject which troubled other portions of the Christian world.

The general observance of the day as a separate Festival in honour of the Blessed Trinity was first enjoined by a Synod of Arles, in A.D. 1290. In Micrologus it is stated [cap. lxxx.], that the feast was then observed in some parts on the Octave of Pentecost, and in others on the Sunday next before Advent; but that the Roman Church had no such custom, for it honoured the Blessed Trinity in its daily worship by Devotions and the Memoria, our present Collect 2. It seems to have become generally observed by the Roman as well as other Churches at the end of the fourteenth century; but the Sundays after it are still named from Pentecost in all the Catholic Churches of the West, except those of England and Germany.

The significance of the festival, as the end of the cycle of days by which our Blessed Lord and His work are commemorated, is very great. The beginning of His acts was associated with a revelation of the Three Persons of the Trinity, and His last command to His Apostles was a commission to make disciples of all nations by baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The perfect revelation of the Holy Three in One may also be considered to have been made on the

1 Cervase of Canterbury asserts that the Feast of Trinity was instituted by St. Thomas of Canterbury soon after his consecration to that see in A.D. 1122, but there can be little doubt it was in some English Office books before that date.

2 The Sunday Missa Votive of Salisbury Use was almost identical with the Mass for Trinity Sunday, but the Epistle was Rom. xi. 33-36, and 2 Cor. xiii. 14; the Gospel being John xv. 26—xvi. 6. The Trinity Collect was said as a daily memorial (as well as that of Whitsunday), in the Church of England, until 1548. The alteration of the latter part was made by Bishop Cosin in 1661, for what reason is not apparent.
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because of Pentecost, when to the work expressed by our Lord in the words, "My Father worketh hithero, and I work," was added that further operation of the Holy Ghost which was previously unknown even to holy men, but has ever since been familiar to the whole world. On Whitunday, therefore, we see the crowning point of the work of redemption; and the fest of Trinity, on the Octave of Pentecost, commemorates the consummation of God's saving work, and the perfect revelation to the Church of the Three Persons in One God, as the sole objects of adoration. The love of each Person had been commemorated in the separate Festivals which memorialise before God and man the Incarnation, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord, and the sending forth by the Father and the Son of the Blessed Spirit on Whit-sunday. In the festival of Trinity all these solemn subjects of belief are gathered into one act of worship, as the Church Militant looks upward through the door that is opened in Heaven, and bows down in adoration with the Church Triumphant, saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Which was, and is, and is to come . . . . Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

INTROIT.—Blessed he the holy Trinity, and the indivisible Unity. We will give thanks unto Him, because He hath showed His mercy towards us. Ps. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

HYMNS.

Evensong and Mattins.

Salvator mundi, Domine. H. A. M. 49.

Compline.

O Pater Sancte.

The First Sunday After Trinity.

The Sundays and other Festivals from Advent to Trinity form one system of dogmatic illustrations of Christianity: Prayer and
through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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the words of Holy Scripture all combining to present the memorial of primary truths before God in acts of worship, and before man as words of instruction. The Sundays after Trinity may be regarded as a system illustrating the practical life of Christianity, founded on the truths previously represented, and guided by the example of our Blessed Lord. There is a Rubric given on this Sunday in the Salisbury Missal: "Memoria de Trinitate fuit omnibus dominicis usque ad adventum Domini." The love of God and the love of man are, one may almost say, of course, the first subject selected for the Eucharistic Scriptures in this system, as shown in St. John's wonderful definition of love, and in the historical parable of the rich man and Lazarus. In the Epistle St. John shows that God's own love for mankind is the source and spring of all love towards Him, and that all true love towards Him is shown by the evidence of charity. The Gospel, independently of the revelation made in it concerning the state of the departed, places in the most awful light the sin of being without Christian love; and the utter incompatibility of such a condition with a life that will gain the award of future happiness. In teaching this truth our Blessed Lord also revealed to us the intermediate state. Although the Last Judgment was very distant when He told the Jews this history of two men who had, perhaps, been known to them, yet He put it beyond doubt that the souls which had departed from their bodies were as living and conscious as they had ever been, and that their condition was already that of those upon whom a preliminary judgment had been passed; an award of happiness to the one, of torment to the other.

INTROIT.—My trust is in Thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in Thy salvation. I will sing of the Lord, because He hath dealt so lovingly with me. Ps. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me? Glory be.

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INTROIT.—The Lord was my upholder. He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; He brought me forth even because He had a favour unto me. Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord my Strength; the Lord is my strong rock and my defence, and my Saviour. Glory be.

DOMINICA II, POST TRINITATEM.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE THIRD AND FOURTH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ps. xxx. 10. | Rom. viii. 25. | Ps. xxxii. 5, 6. | 2 Cor. i. 3, 4. | 1 Pet. v. 10, 11.


THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.


DOMINICA III, POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.


DOMINICA IV, POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

PROTECTOR in te sperantium Salisbury Use. | Deus, sine quo nihil est validum, Greg. Hdbt. v. | nihil sanctum; multiplica super nos post Pent. | misericordiam tuam, ut te Rectore, te Duce, sic transcanem per bona tempora, ut non amittamus aeterna. Per Dominum.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Christian virtue of Humility is set forth in the Epistle for this Sunday, in the words of St. Peter; and illustrated in the Gospel by the example of our Blessed Lord in receiving sinners and eating with them. The Collect, however, seems to take its tone from the latter portion of the Epistle, which speaks of the afflictions and sufferings to which the early Christians were subjected. The Epistle and the Collect are, in fact, much more frequently associated together in tone and language, than the Collect and the Gospel; indicating a probability that the Gospels were not read in the Communion Service until a later period than that in which the Epistles came to be used.

INTROIT.—Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and in misery. Look upon my adversity and misery; and forgive me all my sin, O my God. Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in Thee; O let me not be confounded. Glory be.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

In the Gospel for this day, Mercy, another of the Christian virtues, is set forth in the words of our Lord, beginning, "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful," enforced by the proverbs of the blind leading the blind, the disciple not being above his Master, and of the mote and the beam. The Collect also refers to the mercy of our heavenly Father, and seems to have been suggested by the Gospel. But, as on the preceding Sunday, the Epistle seems to have been selected with reference to a time when the Church was passing through some great tribulation, and when Christians needed frequently to be reminded that they had here no continuing city, but must look beyond the sufferings of this present time to the glory hereafter to be revealed.

It is possible that the Gospel may have been selected under the influence of similar circumstances, an age of martyrdoms suggesting to those who had so clear a vision of Christ's example the duty of mercy and love towards their persecutors. For themselves they could only look to that future bliss which was to outweigh the present suffering: for the Church of succeeding days they could leave such a legacy as St. Stephen did, when he prayed with his dying lips, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." The Introit for the day seems equally to reflect an age of persecution.

INTROIT.—The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Ps. Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid. Glory be.
THE FIFTH AND SIXTH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA V., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

A nobis quesumus, Domine, ut et mundi cursus pacifice nobis tuo ordine dirigatur et Ecclesia tua tranquilla devotio natetur. Per Dominum.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA VI., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

DEUS qui diligentibus te bona invisibilia praeparasti; infunde cordibus nostris tu amoris affectum; ut te in omnibus et super omnia dillgentes, promissiones tuas, qua omne desiderium superant, consequamur. Per Dominum.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The ancient Lornine Collect for this day seems to have been suggested, says Mr. Bright, like several of the same age, by the disasters of the dying Western Empire. It has, however, a plain connexion with the Gospel, which was probably selected at an earlier date. Like others of our Lord’s Miracles, this one was a parable as well, in which He was teaching the Apostles principles respecting their future work. The sea is the world, the net is the Church, the Apostles are fishermen of men, Christ is He Who in the spiritual as in the actual world bids them let down the net, and also gathers into it the great multitude of fishes. Very significant is it, then, that with this parabolic miracle in the Gospel, the Collect should pray Him Whose Presence was the wealth and the safety of the fishermen, that He will so order the waves of this troublesome world that the Ark of the Church may ever ride over them in peace, and serve Him by gathering in souls into her nets with all godly quietness through the blessing of the Saviour’s Presence. The Epistle is in close agreement with this tone,—‘The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers. . . . Who is he that will harm you if ye be followers of that which is good?’ Like those of the preceding Sundays, it reflects a time of persecution, such as was passing over the Church when St. Peter wrote; but it also breathes the strong faith of him who had said, “Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water,” and whose experience had taught him that if Jesus be in the ship, no waves or storms can prevail to overwhelm it.

INTROIT.—Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me. Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. Ps. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear?

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

This day sets forth the principle that the obligation of the old law is heightened under the New Dispensation: as also that the stricter obligation of the new law is accompanied by a proportionate increase in the grace by which the duty of obedience to God may be fulfilled. Christ’s law extends to the wilful conception of an act as well as to the act itself, and accounts the one a sin as well as the other. But Christ’s death and resurrection extend themselves to the sacrament of Baptism, making it the means of a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness: and thus endowing Christians with a power to fulfil the requirements of His law which otherwise they could not possess. The power of Christ against sin becomes thus not only a power external to the soul, but an inward capacity, the practical use or disuse of which is at the will of those to whom it is given.

INTROIT.—The Lord is my strength, and He is the wholesome defence of His Anointed. O save Thy people, and give Thy blessing unto Thine inheritance; feed them, and set them up for ever. Ps. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my strength; think no scorn of me, lest if Thou make as though Thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit. Glory be.

1 Ancient Collects, p. 208.
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.
ORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA VII., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

DEUS virtutum, cuius est totum quod est optimum; insere pecoribus nostris amorem tui nominis, et presta in nobis religionis augmentum, ut que sunt bona nutries, ac pietatis studio que sunt nutrita custodias. Per Dominum.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.
O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA VIII., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

DEUS, cujus providentia in suis dispositione non fallitur, te suplices exoramus, ut noxia cuncta submoveas, et omnia nobis profutura concedas. Per Dominum.

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.
GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful;

DOMINICA IX., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

LARGIRE nobis, quassamus, Domine, semper spiritum cogitandi quae recta sunt, propitius, et agendi;

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect for this day has expressions in it which seem to connect its prayer with both the Epistle and the Gospel. The petition, "Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name," appears to be suggested by the idea of good and evil fruit contained in the former; while "Giver of all good things" and "nourish us with all goodness" plainly point out a devotional application of the narrative which the Gospel gives of the good Shepherd feeding His flock of four thousand with seven leaves and a few small fishes. The bondage of sin and the service of Christ are contrasted in the Epistle, which seems to be the source of the beautiful expression, "Whose service is perfect freedom," in the second Collect at Mattins. The same idea may be also found in the Gospel, where Christ's command that the people should sit down (though it seemed a mere arbitrary command) was followed by the reward of obedience, His bounty.

INTROIT.-O clap your hands together, all ye people; O sing unto God with the voice of melody. Ps. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. Glory be.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
The Service of Christ is set forth in the Epistle of to-day as no slavery, but a sonship. Those who do the works of a true obedience to Him do them by the help of the Spirit of God; those who are led by the Spirit of God are adopted children of Him whose only-begotten received the same Spirit without measure; those who are adopted sons of God are heirs of His eternal gifts, joint-heirs with Christ Himself, reigning with Him as priests and kings for ever. Such is the course of the Apostle's reasoning and revelation; and it is further illustrated by the words of our Lord in the Gospel, which, as the saying of the Eternal Word, living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, discriminates between those who only say unto Him, "Lord, Lord," by an outward profession, and those whose sonship is made evident by their fruits, the doing of the will of God.

INTROIT.-We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple. O God, according to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end; Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Ps. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God, even upon His holy hill. Glory be.

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
The key-note of the office for this day is struck by our Lord's words in the end of the Gospel, "Make to yourselves friends of
that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ut qui sine te esse non possimus, secundum te vivere valeamus. Per Dominum.

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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA X., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

PATEANT aures misericordiae tue, Domine, precibus supplicantium; et ut potentibus desiderata concedas, fac easque tibi placita sunt postulare. Per Dominum nostrum.

the Mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.” For by the unjust steward in the parable, of which these words give the application, is represented the Christian in his way through this life; and the children of Israel are represented to us in the Epistle on their way through the wilderness. By the temptations to which the latter were subjected are set forth as in a living parable the lot of the “children of light,” who also must pass through such temptations as are “common to man.” The worldly wisdom of the steward our Lord uses as an example of the manner in which the children of light are to use the temptations of life as a means by which they may make friends in heaven among the angels and saints. Out of the Mammon of unrighteousness—the ideas of this life which men are tempted to fall down and worship,—this profit may arise to him who is tempted, that his trial by their means is like our Lord’s temptation by Satan, a trial which will result in greater perfection and fitness for the further work set before him to do, if due use is made of that way of escape by which he may be able to bear it. Such temptations were offered to the first Israel, and the people gave way before them; they are also offered to God’s new Israel, and the words of our Lord are an exhortation to them, that as “children of light” they should be as wise for spiritual objects as “the children of this world” (recklessly irreligious, yet provident and politic, men) are for the objects which they set themselves to attain as the desire of their life.

ISTOGEN.—Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul. He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy Thou them in Thy truth. Ps. Save me, O God, for Thy Name’s sake; and avenge me in Thy strength. Glory be.

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

There is a touching connexion between the Epistle and Gospel of this day which seems as if it could hardly be accidental; or, if it offers an illustration of the manner in which all Holy Scrip-
THE ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOMINICA XI., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

DEUS, qui omnipotenti tue parendo maxime et miserando manifestas; multiplica super nos gratiatiam tuam, ut ad tua promissa currentes, celestium bonorum facias esse consortes. Per.

DOMINICA XII., POST TRINITATEM.

Oratio.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui abundantia pietatis tuaet merita supplicium excedit et vota; effunde super nos misericordiam tuam; ut dimittas que conscientia metuit, et

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the

INTROIT.—It is God that maketh men to be of one mind in a house. He will give strength and power unto His people. Ps. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him. Glory be.

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The contrast between the Old and New Dispensations is vividly set forth in the Gospel and Epistle for this Sunday. Glorious as the former was in its origin and in its continuation, it was a ministration of condemnation, with sacrifices of atonement, but with no sacraments of life. The Incarnation of the Son of God was the origin, and the Mystical Presence of Christ the continuation of a spiritual life which the world had not before known since the Fall. The Church of God had grown deaf, and heard not the Voice from Heaven as that Voice had been heard of old; there was an impediment in her speech, so that the word of God did not go forth from her lips in prophecy. The Son of God came down on earth, and touched her by making Himself one with her through His human nature; the sight of His Passion was followed by the “Ephphatha” of the Resurrection; and as soon as His work was perfected, by the looking up to Heaven of His Ascension and Session at the right hand of God, the ears of the deaf were unstopped to receive the Inspiration of Pentecost, and the tongue of the dumb loosed, so that “their round is gone out into all lands, and their words into the ends of the world.” The same Touch of Christ and communication of grace in the communication of that which forms part of His Person, is still the means by which the Church as a corporate body, and every individual member of it as a living member, is vivified and sustained; and He who gives spiritual ability to the ministers of the New Testament, that their acts and words may be the means by which His Presence is continued in the Church, is making the ministration of righteousness, even in the by-places of the earth, to exceed in glory the ministration of Moses at the foot of Sinai.
abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

**The Collect.**

**A** LMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DOMINICA XIII., POST TRINITATEM.**

**O** MNIPOTENS et misericors Deus, de cujus munere venit, ut tibi a fidelibus tuis digne et laudabiliter serviatur, tribue nobis, quassumus, ut ad promissiones tuas sine offensione curamus. Per Dominum nostrum.

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

**The Collect.**

**A** LMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we of the parable; the extreme case given being given for that very reason to show how extensive is the bond of neighbourliness; and how extensive, in consequence, the character of the duties which spring out of it. If a Jew and a Samaritan are set forth for our example as neighbours in the Christian sense, what Christians are not neighbours to each other?

The temporal gifts of God's good Providence suggest, then, an awakening of the spirit of kindliness, that those who are among the less "fortunate," may be looked upon by those who are more so as sent to test their practical Christianity: and those who read the parable rightly, can hardly fail to find some occasion for an active obedience to our Lord's precept, "Go and do thou likewise."

**INTROIT.—**Haste Thee, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord. Let him be ashamed that seek after my soul. Ps. Let them be turned backward and put to confusion, that wish me evil. Glory be.

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

The glory of the New Dispensation is again set forth in the Scriptures for this day, but the parable of the good Samaritan comes in with singular fitness, since the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity almost always occurs during the harvest (at some time between August 17th and September 19th), when the Christian charities of social life are a subject that should mingle with our thanksgivings for God's goodness in giving us the fruits of the season. The parable sets forth, in its mystical phase, the exceeding goodness and charity of the Lord Himself, Who became the good Samaritan to human nature at large when it had fallen into the hands of spiritual foes, and been stripped of the clothing of original righteousness, and left half dead in trepasses and sins. But out of the love which Christ bore springs our love both to Him and to our neighbour. We love Him because He first loved us; and our love for others is the necessary fruit of our love for Him. It is the application of this principle which forms the literal teaching of the parable; the extreme case given being given for that very reason to show how extensive is the bond of neighbourliness: and how extensive, in consequence, the character of the duties which spring out of it. If a Jew and a Samaritan are set forth for our example as neighbours in the Christian sense, what Christians are not neighbours to each other?

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**INTROIT.—**Look upon Thy covenant. Forsake not for ever the souls of the poor. Arise, O Lord, and maintain Thine own cause, and forget not the voice of them that seek Thee. Ps. O God, wherefore art Thou absent from us so long: why is Thy wrath so hot against the sheep of Thy pasture? Glory be.

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

The Gospel for this Sunday, like the last, is a memorial of harvest, setting forth the duty of Christian thanksgiving by the
THE FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

EPISTLE. Gal. v. 16—24.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Oratio.

DOMINICA XV., POST TRINITATEM.

Matt. xvi. 18, 1st. iv. 10, 1 Cor. v. 12, Matt. vi. 13, 1st. xviii. 17, 2 Thess. iii. 5.

Modern Roman. Gal. v. 25—vi. 10.
Eastern. 2 Cor. iv. 6—15.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Oratio.

DOMINICA XVI., POST TRINITATEM.

Ps. cli. 13, Eph. v. 23—27, Ps. cxviii. 1, 1st. ii. 1, 1 Thes. v. 23.


THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

Ps. cxliii. 13, Eph. iv. 23—27, Ps. cxviii. 1, 1st. ii. 1, 1 Thes. v. 23.

Eastern. 2 Cor. vi. 1—10.

The Collect.

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

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Eastern. 2 Cor. vi. 1—10.

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Eastern. 2 Cor. vi. 1—10.

example of the one leper out of the ten cleansed who returned to
give glory to God in Christ. Leprosy being incurable, except by
a miracle, the act of our Lord is typical of that continual wonder-
working by which He sustains our life, and gives to us the boun-
ties of His Providence; and the act of thanksgiving suggests the
recognition, at this time of the year, of the hand of God prospering
by His mysterious operation the work of man in producing the
great necessary of life. Such a recognition involves falling down
at the feet of God in thankful adoration: the absence of it leads
men to depart on their way heedful of the supernatural charac-
ter which is involved in even the most ordinary provision for the
necessities of life.

INTROIT.—Behold, O God, our Defender, and look upon
the face of Thine Anointed. For one day in Thy courts is better than
a thousand. Ps. O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of
Hosoi! Glory be.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Gospel for this Sunday is also a harvest Gospel, pointing
out that true Christian forethought is that which is intimately
associated with dependence on the Providence of God. When
the stores of the principal provision for the year are gathered in,
then comes the lesson taught by Christ’s own words, that sowing,
and reaping, and gathering into barns, is not the chief work of a
Christian’s life; and that God’s bounty, which feeds the birds of
the air, and clothes the lilies of the field by other means than their
own toil, is the same bounty which is feeding and clothing us by
means of our toil. Forethought in respect to such things, should
therefore be a forethought which is consistent with trust in God,
and with seeking first the things of His Kingdom.

INTROIT.—Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me. My
God, save Thy servant that putteth his trust in Thee. Be merciful
unto me, for I will call daily upon Thee. Ps. Comfort the soul
of Thy servant: for unto Thee do I lift up my soul. Glory be.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The compassion of Christ is illustrated by the Gospel of this
Sunday, which is that narrating the restoration to life of the
widow’s son; the pity of the Father is besought for the Church;
and the earnest prayer of St. Paul in the Epistle exemplifies the
spirit in which such a prayer should be offered, as well as the
nature of the blessings to be prayed for.

Our Lord’s meeting with the funeral procession at the gate of the
city may be taken as a beautiful precedent for the custom ordered
in the second rubric of the Burial Service: and when mourners
hear Christ’s ministers, on such an occasion, saying, “I am the
Resurrection and the Life,” they may remember with thankful
hope that these are the words of Him Who, saying “Weep not . . .
came and touched the bier,” and said also, “Young man, I
say unto thee, Arise.”
not continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

ORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

ORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and to keep the commandments of God, and the apostles' traditions. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT.—Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon Thee. For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Ps. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery. Glory be.

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The idea of the Epistle and Gospel for this Sunday appears to be that of gaining liberty and victory through becoming the humble servants of Christ. St. Paul writes out of his prison, “I the prisoner of the Lord,” as he writes in another place, “Remember my bonds:” and one who was in the bonds of an infirmity was brought to Christ, “and He took him, and healed him, and let him go,” setting him free from his disease on the instant in a manner which cannot be explained by physiological science. Afterwards our Lord speaks of the humane work of setting free on the Sabbath an ox or an ass that had fallen into a pit; and of one being bidden to go up higher through his humility in taking the lowest room at a wedding feast. All these may be taken as illustrations of the way in which our Lord’s service becomes perfect freedom to those who humbly take His yoke upon them. They offer also a further illustration of the principle stated in the end of the Epistle, “There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” This principle is of a restrictive character: bringing the world out of a free worship of many gods to the worship of One; limiting it to one faith, and to one only means of initiation into the family of the one God. The idea conveyed is one of a bondage to rule and law which leaves no room for invention or wild development and speculation. But, as Christ reigns from His Cross; as St. Paul governed the churches of Ephesus and other cities from his prison in Rome; as one who sits down in the lowest room will hear the Host say to him, “Friend, go up higher;” so limitations and restrictions of this kind are a means of real spiritual freedom, however much they may seem an irksome bondage to those who regard them superficially. The Christian who worships the One God is more free than the heathen who worshipped many; and the believer in a Faith once for all given is more free than he who is continually looking for new developments and open to the bondage of every novel speculation.

INTROIT.—Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and true is Thy judgment. O deal Thou with me according unto Thy mercy. Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Two comprehensive Christian formulae are given in the Gospel and the Collect for this Sunday. That in the former sets forth the whole duty of the servant of Christ, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,” and “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” The formula of the English Collect is that familiar one of “the world, the flesh, and the devil,” which represents all the temptations to which a Christian is liable. To these may also be added the words of the Epistle, “waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,” as an expression which comprehensively states the whole object of the Christian life. The duties, the difficulties,
and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only
God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
The Collect.

O GOD, for as much as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all
and the purpose of the Christian life are thus made the subjects of commemoration and prayer; and the concomitant of each with the grace of God and the Person of Christ is illustrated by the words of St. Paul in the Epistle, and of our Lord in His conformation of the unbelievers as narrated in the Gospel.

INTROIT.—Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for Thee, and let Thy prophets be found faithful. Hear the prayers of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel. Ps. I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The forsaking of sins, and the forgiveness of sins, are the subjects of the Epistle and Gospel for this Sunday. St. Paul writes to the Ephesians in much detail concerning the Christian moral law, and shows its relation to the meanness of nature which belongs to those who by new birth by Baptism into Christ. In the miracle by which our Blessed Lord restored to life the dead limbs of a palsy infirm who came from the old man to the new man is vividly illustrated. We also see in the circumstances attending this miracle two other illustrations of the relation between our Lord and His people. First, in His words, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," He shows that His forgiveness is the highest good that can be desired on earth; and that although He may also see fit to say, "Arise and walk," it is this blessing that is to be sought before all others. Secondly, His peculiar expression, "that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins," shows that this power, which originates only in the Godhead (as the Scribes truly thought), extended to the human nature of our Lord, that sins might be forgiven on earth as well as at the last judgment before the throne of God. These words thus contain a statement of the whole principle of Absolution.

INTROIT.—I am the Saviour of My people, saith the Lord; out of whatsoever tribulation they call unto Me, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever. Ps. Hear My law, O My people: incline your ears unto the words of My mouth. Glory be.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
The prophetic parable of the Marriage Supper of the Only-begotten is the subject of the Gospel for this Sunday: and to it may be referred the words of the Collect, "that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done." The Epistle seems to be chosen as an illustration of the festivity of Christ's Kingdom, in which the sensual pleasures of heathen rites are superceded by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs of Divine worship, which is chiefly made up of singing and making melody to the Lord, and is ever consecrated by the "giving of thanks," or offering of the Holy Eucharist, to God the Father, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of this latter, as well as of the call of the Jews and the Gentiles, and the final marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven, the Gospel ought to be interpreted; and it is so applied in the second Exhortation to the Holy Communion.

INTROIT.—In all the things that Thou hast brought upon us, O Lord, Thou hast executed true judgment; for we have sinned, and have not obeyed Thy commandments. Yet give glory to
things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE ONE-AND-TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

*The Collect.*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE TWO-AND-TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

*The Collect.*

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy pariter expediti, quae tua sunt liberis mentibus exequamur. Per Dominum.

**DOMINICA XXI., POST TRINITATEM.**

*Oratio.*

largire, quesumus, Domine, Salisbury Use, fidelibus tuis indulgentiam placent et pacem; ut pariter ab omnibus mundentur offensis, et secura tibi mente deserviant. Per.

**DOMINICA XXII. POST TRINITATEM.**

*Oratio.*

Familiam tuam, quesumus, Domine, continua pietate custodi; ut a cunctis adversitatisibus te protegent

Thy Name, and do to us according to the multitude of Thy mercies. Ps. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon His holy hill. Glory be.

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

The connexion between the Epistle for this Sunday, which is that beautiful passage wherein St. Paul describes the whole armour of God, and the Gospel, in which is given the narrative of our Lord healing the nobleman’s son, appears to lie chiefly in the words “above all taking the shield of faith.” The hard, unimpressible generation of the Jews, among whom our Lord came, would not believe in “signs and wonders” on any evidence but that of their senses; and this placed a bar in the way of His blessing, so that He sometimes could not do mighty works among them, because there was no co-operation of faith on their part with power on His. The nobleman whose child was healed at a long distance by the will of Christ was a conspicuous illustration of the opposite type of character. He believed, in the face of all impossibilities, because he knew that the holy Jesus was not one to say that which was not true. To such minds Faith in Christ is a shield indeed against the fiery darts of the Wicked One; for their belief enables Him to do signs and wonders of a spiritual nature, and establishes a power of co-operation between the weak servant and the Almighty Lord. Thus not only is Faith a defence against the enemy of souls, but it draws down Christ Himself to be a “Defence and a Shield;” so that they can say, “The Lord is my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.” As humble service of Christ is the most perfect freedom, because it frees from the bondage of the Evil One, so humble faith in Christ, the spirit which says not “seeing is believing,” but, “Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief,” is the surest path to the revelation of the signs and wonders of His kingdom.

Intertw.—O Lord, the whole world is in Thy power, and there is no man that can gainsay Thee. For Thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven. Thou art Lord of all. Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be.

**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

Christian love is here, as on the first Sunday after Trinity, the subject of the Epistle and Gospel; but in the present instance it is illustrated by the tender words of St. Paul in his Epistle to the Philippians, and by our Lord’s parable of the two debtors, which He spoke as a reply to St. Peter’s question, “Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?” This question was asked by one who was accustomed to the Jewish practice, which was ostentations of its seven times’ forgiveness, but yet unforgiving in reality. Our Lord’s law of forgiveness had no limits, “Not until seven times, but until seventy times seven.” The forgivenesses of the debt of ten thousand talents represents the infinite mercy of God, and is given as the true Example and Standard towards which His absolved servants should reach upward.
THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

**Modern English.**

**Epistle.** Phil. i. 3–11.

**Gospel.** Matt. xviii. 21–35.

**Salisbury Use.**

**Epistle.** Phil. i. 6–11.

**Gospel.** Matt. xviii. 23–35.

**Modern Roman.**

**Epistle.** Phil. iii. 17–21.

**Gospel.** Matt. xxii. 15–22.

**Eastern.**

**Epistle.** Eph. ii. 4–10.


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**THE THREE-AND-TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

**The Collect.**

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DOMINICA XXIII, POST TRINITATEM.**

**Oratio.**

DEUS, refugium nostrum et virtus, adesto piis Ecclesiae tuae precibus, auctori ipse pietae; et præsta, ut quod fideler petimus, efficiat consequamur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.

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**THE FOUR-AND-TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

**The Collect.**

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness spiritual character has been almost obliterated. The Church of England has been mercifully guided into a just discrimination of the things of Caesar and the things of God; and while rendering strictest obedience to the Sovereign, has not suffered an excessive loyalty to yield up spiritual rights. Nor does it ever, in modern days, seek to interfere in matters of civil government. Such a just consideration of the respective duties which are owing towards Caesar and towards God, and such a persevering determination to render to each their proper dues, is a sure way of promoting both the security and the happy progress of Christ's Church.

**INTROIT.**—If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with Thee, O Lord God of Israel. Ps. Out of the deep have I called unto Thee; Lord, hear my voice. Glory be.

**INTROIT.**—I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord; thoughts of peace, and not of evil. Ye shall call upon Me, and I will hearen unto you. I will turn away your captivity, and will gather you from among all nations. Ps. Lord, Thou hast become gracious unto Thy land; Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be.

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

This Sunday offers another illustration of the faith of man co-operating with the will and power of Almighty God, in the two cases of the ruler whose young daughter was dead, and of the woman whose issue of blood was stayed through her faith in
the twenty-fifth sunday after trinity.

the collect.

stir up, we beseech thee, o lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through jesus christ our lord. amen.

touching the hem of our lord's garment. "my daughter is even now dead," said the former; "but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live:" "if i may but touch his garment," said the latter, "i shall be whole." these instances of recovery from disease and death are devotionally applied in the collect: where the expressive phrase, "the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed," has a double reference: first, to the bondage of sin in its spiritual sense; and, secondly, to the physical evils which bind us around with chains that are forged by sin.

ideoit.—i know the thoughts that i think towards you, saith the lord; thoughts of peace, and not of evil. ye shall call upon me, and i will hearken unto you. i will turn away your captivity, and will gather you from among all nations. ps. lord, thou hast been gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of jacob. glory be.

the saturday next before advent.

in st. jerome's lectionary twenty-five sundays after pentecost are provided with epistles and gospels. in the sacramentary of st. gregory there are collects for twenty-seven sundays. in the salisbury missal twenty-four sundays were reckoned as after trinity, and one as the next before advent: and there was a rubric directing that if there were more than twenty-five sundays between trinity sunday and advent sunday, the office for the twenty-fourth sunday was to be repeated on each sunday until the last, when that for the sunday before advent was to be said. in the prayer book of 1549 no rubric of this kind was provided, but the old usage would, doubtless, be adopted. in 1552, however, a rubric was inserted to this effect — "if there be any more sundays before advent sunday, to supply the same shall be taken the service of some of those sundays that were omitted between the epiphany and easter." this rubric was altered into its present form in the durham book of bishop cosin, having already appeared in a similar but more cumbersome form in 1637.

if there be any more sundays before advent-sunday, the service of some of those sundays that were omitted after the epiphany shall be taken in to supply so many as are here wanting. and if there be fewer, the overplus may be omitted: provided that this last collect, epistle, and gospel shall always be used upon the sunday next before advent.

pro nostra fragilitate contraximus, tua benignitate liberemur. per dominum.
SAINT ANDREW’S DAY.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up our selves obediently to fulfill thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIES SANCTI ANDREÆ. Salisbury Use.

ALMIGHTY God, which hast given such grace to thy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he counted the sharp and painful death of the cross to be an high honour and a great glory: Grant us to take and esteem all troubles and adversities which shall come unto us for thy sake as things profitable for us toward the obtaining of everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**EPITHE.** Rom. x. 9—21. | Rom. x. 9—18. | Rom. x. 10—18. | 1 Cor. iv. 9—16.

SAINT ANDREW.

[November 30.]

The feast of St. Andrew is one of those for which an Epistle and Gospel are provided in the Lectionary of St. Jerome, and which has also prayers appointed for it in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory. It is therefore of very ancient date in the Church, and one of the most, ancient of the Apostles’ festivals, only nine being named (on six days) in the Lectionary referred to. Its position may be at the beginning or at the end of the Christian year, according as Advent Sunday happens in November or December. It has usually been considered that it comes at the beginning, and that it is placed there because the Apostle thus commemorated was the first called disciple of our Lord; but tradition points out the day as that of his death.

It may be remarked here, as applicable to all the Apostles, that little has been told us of any except St. Peter and St. Paul in Holy Scripture; and that what has come down to us in uninspired history does not throw much more light upon their personal character or the details of their work. The latter fact may, perhaps, be accounted for from the circumstance that most of the Apostles, except St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John, laboured among nations of whose records, previous to the quiet settlement of the Church, nothing, or next to nothing, remains; and that in the wild and lawless times which accompanied the breaking up of the Roman Empire, even lingering traditions about them would pass away. With respect to the piosity of details given about the Apostles in the New Testament, there seem to be two reasons which offer a sufficient explanation. For (1) the purpose of Holy Scripture is to set before us the Person of Christ, and the Law of Christ; and whatever else enters into the four Gospels is merely incidental; and (2) in the Acts of the Apostles the object is to show the work of the Church, and not to give us the history of individuals; so that the latter also is merely incidental.

Hence, probably, the reason why we gather hardly any particulars from Scripture about the life of St. Andrew. He was a brother of St. Peter, and therefore a son of Jonas or John; and probably younger than St. Peter. The ancients used to give him the surname of Protocletes, or First-called, from the circumstances told us in St. John i. 40—42; and, having been a disciple of John the Baptist, he was one of those who were prepared to receive Christ by the teaching and Baptism of His Forerunner. There are only two other circumstances of his life mentioned in the Gospels: the first in St. John xiii. 21, where it is St. Andrew and St. Philip who tell Jesus of the inquiring Greeks; and the second in St. Mark xii. 3, where Andrew and his brother, with the two sons of Zebedee, are found in close companionship with the Lord, asking Him privately respecting the time when Jerusalem should be destroyed.

Ecclesiastical history records that this Apostle was engaged after the dispersion of the Apostles in evangelizing that part of the world which is now known as Turkey in Asia, and the portion of Russia which borders on the Black Sea; and indeed, that he was the first founder of the Russian Church, as St. Paul was of the English Church. Sinope and Scashtopol are both especially connected with the name of St. Andrew. In his latter days he returned to Europe, consecrated the “beloved Stachys,” first Bishop of Constantinople—then named Byzantium—and after travelling about Turkey in Europe, eventually suffered martyrdom at Patras, a town in the north of the Morea, nearly opposite to Lepanto.

The account of this Apostle’s martyrdom is very affecting. At a great age he was called before the Roman vicerey at Patras (now Patras), and required to leave off his Apostolic labours among the heathen Greeks. Instead of consenting, he proclaimed Christ even before the judgment-seat; and after imprisonment and submitting patiently to a seven times repeated scourging upon his bare back, he was at last fastened to a cross by cords, and so left exposed to die. The cross on which he suffered was of a different form from our Lord’s, like this X, and is known by the name of the cross deussate. It is the distinctive symbol of the Scotch order of St. Andrew; the Apostle being always especially reverenced in connexion with the Scottish, as with the Russian Church; and consequently forms a part of the national banner of Great Britain. It has also been observed that it is an integral part of the monogram of Christ Χ, which was so familiar to the early Christians.

"Hail, precious cross!" said the aged Apostle, as he came to it, “that hast been consecrated by the Body of my Lord, and adorned with His limbs as with rich jewels. I come to thee exulting and glad; receive me with joy into thy arms. Oh, good cross, that hast received beauty from our Lord’s limbs! I have ardently loved thee; long have I desired and sought thee; now thou art found by me, and art made ready for my longing soul; receive me into thy arms, taking me from among men, and present me to my Master, that He Who redeemed me on thee may receive me by thee." For two days the dying martyr exhorted the people from the cross after His example Who stretched out His arms all the day long to an ungodly and gainsaying people.
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE.

The Collect.

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LMIGHTY and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

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At the end of that time he prayed to the Crucified One that he might now depart in peace, when his prayer was heard, and his spirit went home on the day observed as his festival, A.D. 70.

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O God: greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising. Glory be.

HYMNS.

EVENSONG.—Annua, Christe. H. N. 86. 75.


MATTINS.—Annua, Christe. H. N. 86. 75.

LAUDS.—Exultet coeln ludibius. A. A. 188.

These hymns are appointed to be sung on all Feasts of Apostles and Evangelists throughout the year, except when superseded by the Paschal or other proper hymns.

SAINT THOMAS.

[DECEMBER 21.]

The Festival of St. Thomas the Apostle is not noticed by any writer until Theodoret, who names it with that of St. Peter and St. Paul. [De Graec. Affect. VII.] It seems to have been generally observed in the time of St. Gregory, who has provided for it in his Sacramentary. In the Eastern Church it is kept on October 6th. Although our Collect is not derived from that source, the leading idea of it is found in a Homily of St. Gregory [Hom. in Evang. 29], where he says, that “by this doubting of St. Thomas we are more confirmed in our belief than by the faith of the other Apostles.”

There are but four sayings of St. Thomas recorded in the Gospels, two just before the death of our Lord, and two just after His Resurrection; but there is a remarkable consistency in these sayings, one in each case showing want of faith, and the other a warm, zealous, and faithful love. These sayings are as follows:—

“Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?” John xiv. 5.

“Let us also go, that we may die with Him.” John xii. 20.

“Except I thrust my hand into His side, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.” John xx. 25.

“My Lord, and my God.” John xx. 28.

In these four sayings we have all that Holy Scripture tells us of the Apostle’s companionship with our Lord; but they seem to give more than the outline of a spiritual character in which there were the mingled elements of (1) obstinacy, in not believing, though prophets had foretold of the Resurrection, and the other Apostles were eye-witnesses of its certainty; (2) presumption, in requiring such a proof, even perhaps in the face of the “Touch Me not,” which had been made known by Mary Magdalene; (3) of a warm and loving heart, open to the strongest faith as well as to despairing doubt; and which could lead the Apostle to that full confession of faith contained in the words, “My Lord, and my God.” But it may have been the touch of Christ’s wounds which healed the Apostle’s doubt, and made his faith what it was.

It was not granted to St. Thomas to have his loving and courageous aspiration fulfilled, by dying with Christ, but the servant followed the Master afterwards. It is recorded by Eusebius, that he received a direction from our Lord, after His Ascension (as St. Peter in the case of Cornelius), to send Thaddæus, one of the seventy disciples, to Abgarus, tributary king of Edessa in Mesopotamia, who was thus miraculously cured of a disease, and converted, with his subjects, to Christianity. After this St. Thomas went to the Parthians, Medes, Persians, and Chaldeans, founding the Church of Christ among them until he came to India. The Christians of St. Thomas still bear witness to his work in that great and populous land in the south, and in the north there appear to be relics of the Christian faith mixed up with the strange religion of Thibet; but the diabolical systems of Brahms and Buddh, and the Antichristianism of Mahomet, have long ago erased all other traces of it; and India appears to be one of those unhappy countries which, having wilfully rejected the Apostolic ministry, have ceased to be capable of receiving Christ and His Gospel.

St. Thomas was martyred by the Brahmins at Taprobane, now called Sumatra. Having been assailed with stones, he was at last killed by the thrust of a spear: the manner of his death offering a striking comparison with his words, “Except I thrust my hand into His side,” and those of our Lord, “Reach thither thy hand, and thrust it into My side, and be not faithless, but believing.” As the Lord said to St. Peter, so were the words true of St. Thomas, “Thou canst not follow Me now, but thou shalt follow Me afterwards.”

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O God: greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising. Glory be.
CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL.—THE PURIFICATION.

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

The Collect.

O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE, COMMONLY CALLED, THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN.

The Collect.

 Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thee, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in his wonderful conversion, so may we, being thy chosen people, present ourselves, body and soul, unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN CONVERSIONE SANCTI PAULI,

Ora
tio.

DEUS, qui universum mundum beati Pauli Apostoli tui praelacione docuisti: da nobis, quasemus, ut qui ejus hodie conversionem colimus: per ejus ad te exempla gradiamur. Per Dominum.

IN PURIFICATIONE BEATÆ MARIE VIRGINIS,

Ora
tio.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, Majestatem tuam supplices exoramus, ut sicut unigenitus Filius tuus hodierna die cum nostre carnis sub-
substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and
clean hearts, by the same thy Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT MATTHIAS’ DAY.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into
the place of the traitor Judas
didst choose thy faithful servant
Matthias to be of the number of the twelve
Apostles; Grant that thy Church,
being alway preserved from false
Apostles, may be ordered and guided
by faithful and true pastors; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"We go in procession, two by two, carrying candles in our
hands, which are lighted, not at a common fire, but at a fire first
blessed in the church by a Bishop. They that go out first return
last; and in the way we sing, 'Great is the glory of the Lord.'
We go two by two in commendation of charity and a social life;
for so our Saviour sent out His disciples. We carry lights in our
hands; first, to signify that our light should shine before men;
secondly, this we do this day especially in memory of the Wise
Virgins (of whom this blessed Virgin is the chief) that went to
meet their Lord with their lamps lit and burning. And from this
usage and the many lights set up in the church this day, it is
called Candlesmas, or Candlemas. Because our works should be
all done in the holy fire of charity, therefore the candles are
lit with holy fire. They that go out first return last, to teach
humility, 'in honour preferring one another.' Because God
loveth a cheerful giver, therefore we sing in the way. The
procession itself is to teach us that we should not stand idle in
the way of life, but 'go from strength to strength,' not looking back
to that which is behind, but reaching forward to that which is
before.

The festival is placed at forty days' distance from Christmas, as
that was the interval directed by the law between the day of
birth and the day when the mother presented herself for readmis-
sion to the congregation, and her infant son for an offering to
the Lord. [Lev. xii. 4. Exod. xxii. 29. Num. viii. 17.] It was
on this occasion that Simeon gave to the Church the Name
Dimitiss, in which he proclaimed the glorious and universal
Baptism of the Holy Child, when he prophesied of Him as "a
Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of God's people
Israel." It was then also that the Virgin Mother first learned
that sorrow as well as joy was in the wonderful lot assigned her:
"Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also."

The submission of the Blessed Virgin to the ceremony of puri-
sfication, and of her Divine Son to that of presentation in the
Temple, were each of them an illustration of the perfect humilia-
tion of our Lord to the likeness of sinful man. The miraculous
conception of the Virgin had been unattested by that for which
a ceremonial purification was ordained; and our Blessed Lord,
having no original sin, needed not to be offered (or presented)
and bought back again. But, as at His Baptism, so now, for
Himself and for His holy Mother He says by their acts, "Suffer it
to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.
In the price of redemption (the representative sacrifice offered
in the early dawn of the Holy Child's life, to be followed by a more
perfect Sacrifice in its eventide) it has been noticed that there
was a typical meaning, now for the first and only time finding
its true significance. The two turtle-doves, or young pigeons,
were expressive of lowliness at all times, as offerings of the poor;
but in the offering of one by fire, and the eating of the other by
the priest, or those who offered it, are now to be seen a type of
Christ offering Himself for sin, and also giving Himself to be the
spiritual food and sustenance of His people.

It is worthy of remark, as a happy token of the unity which is
possible in spite of disagreement, that although the cultus of the
Blessed Virgin was and is one principal cause of difference between
the Church of England and other Catholic Churches of Europe,
yet we retain old Collects for both the Annunciation and the
Purification, while nearly all the other Saints' day Collects are
modern.

INTROIT.—We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O God: in the
midst of Thy temple. O God, according to Thy Name, so is Thy
praise unto the world's end: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Ps. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the
city of our God, even upon His holy hill. Glory be.

SAINT MATTHIAS.
[February 24.]

This is not one of the most ancient of the festivals generally
observed by the Church, as there is no provision for it in the
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

The Collect.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN ANNUNCIATIONE BEATAE MARIE,
Postcommunio.

Gratiam tuam, quossumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde: ut qui angelo nuntiante Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectio­nis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem.

LORD, we beseech helde ye the grace to oure inwittis, that ye the message of the aungel we knowe the incarnacioun of thi some iesu crist, and by his passion and cross be ledde to the glorious of his resurrectioun. In the same iesu crist ourle lord, that with thee lyhurst and regneth in oonhede of the hooly goost, god, bi alle worldis of worldis. So be it.

Lectionary of St. Jerome; but there is a Collect for it in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, and in a German Martyrology of about the same period. It comes first in order after the Festivals of the Incarnation, perhaps because St. Matthias represents the earliest independent action of the Church as that spiritual body which was to exercise the authority of Christ, and to become the substitute, in some measure, for His Visible Presence. But in the Eastern Church it is August 9th.

St. Matthias’ Day was formerly changeable in Leap Year, when the intercalated day was added between February 23rd and 24th, and the 25th became the festival of St. Matthias. But at the revision of the Calendar in 1661, the intercalary day was placed at the end of the month, and the festival of St. Matthias fixed permanently to the 24th day. This is the day (VI. Kalend. Martii) appointed for the Festival in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory.

Nothing more is recorded of St. Matthias in the New Testament than that he was chosen to be an Apostle in the place of Judas Iscariot, the account of his Ordination to that high Office being given in Acts i. 15–26, the Epistle of the day throughout the world. The Eastern Gospel contains the same solemn prayer of our Lord as that which is used in the Western Church, though taken from a different Evangelist; and the coincidence is a striking illustration of the unity of mind by which the whole Catholic Church is pervaded. It is plain also that this Gospel is intended to show that the Apostle, on whose day it is used, was as much “numbered with” the other Apostles, although ordained by men, as any of those who were ordained by our Lord Himself; and thus illustrates the great truth, that the Great High Priest Himself declared, “As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.”

The tradition of the Church respecting St. Matthias’ Apostolic labours is, that after ministering for some years among his countrymen the Jews, he went to Cappadocia, and was eventually crucified there about the year of our Lord 64. The manner of his death was not very unlike that of the traitor Judas, but the one found the tree on which he hung the way “to his own place;” the other, his Master’s own road to the Paradise of God.

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O Lord; greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me; Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. Glory be.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

[March 25.]

There is no mention of the festival of the Annunciation in the Lectionary of St. Jerome, although there are days in honour of the Purification and the Nativity and the Death or Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. It is however of very early date, as Proclus, patriarch of Constantinople, who died a.d. 446, has left a Homily on the day, which was preached in the presence of Nestorius, and against his heresy. It is also mentioned by St. Athanasius, St. Chrysostom, St. Augustine, and other writers as early; and the Collect is found in the Sacramentary of Gelasius, at the end of the fifth century, as well as in that of St. Gregory. In the Council of Toledo, a.d. 586, the first of seven Canons orders that the feast of the Annunciation shall, in future, be kept on the 18th of December, so as not to interfere with the celebration of Good Friday or the observance of Lent. But this day was afterwards appropriated to the festival named “the Expectation of the Blessed Virgin,” and the old day was restored.

In the Consecration of Sarum this festival is called “Our Lord’s Annunciation,” and Bishop Cosin proposed to alter the title both here and in the Table of Lessons to “The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary;” in both cases his alteration was rejected, and the authorized title is “The Annunciation of our Lady,” or “The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”
The Church of England commemorates the Mother of our Lord on five days in the year, the Annunciation, the Purification, the Visitation, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, and her Conception. The three latter are Black Letter Days in July, September, and December: the two former, as days which commemorate events that associated her with the Person of our Lord and the work of our salvation by His human Nature, are provided with special services as days of obligation.

If our Blessed Lord's Nativity occurred on the 25th of December, as there are sound chronological reasons for supposing, this may be taken as the true time when the angel Gabriel first gave to the Church the words, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women;" words which have been associated with errors in doctrine and practice, but which are still words that come from God. It must have been about this time also, "in those days," that the Blessed Virgin was inspired to give to the Church the Canticle which has ever since been so dear to every generation. The words which she was thus inspired to speak respecting herself, and those which were spoken of her by the angel "sent from God," show to what an exalted place she was raised by the Providence of Almighty God: and her meek reception of the wonderful revelation shows a holiness in the submission of her will to the will of the Lord, Whose handmaid she was, that no saint ever surpassed. Holy in her original character, her holiness was made more perfect by that most intimate union with Jesus which existed for nine months of her life. Little children were brought to Jesus that He might lay His hands on them, and thus sanctify them by the touch of a passing moment; but the same Jesus abode long in His Mother's bosom. His spotless Body was formed of her substance, and sanctified her both in what He received from her as Man, and what He gave to her as God. Not Eve when she was in Paradise could have been so holy as the Virgin Mary when she became a Paradise herself. Not even the glorified saints who have attained to the purity and bliss of Heaven are raised to higher blessedness and purity than that saintly maiden was whom Elizabeth was inspired to speak of as "the Mother of my Lord."

This sanctity of the Blessed Virgin Mary through her association with her Divine Son has always been kept vividly in view by the Church: but, while excess of sentiment on the one hand has led to an irreverent dishonour of her name by associating it with attributes of Deity, so want of faith in the principle of the Incarnation has led, on the other hand, to an irreverent depreciation of her sanctity. Our two principal and three minor festivals in honour of the Virgin and her work in the Incarnation point out the true course: to esteem her very highly above all other saints; but yet so that her honour may be to the glory of God.

SANTH MARK'S DAY.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The festival of St. Mark is provided for in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, although not in the Comes of St. Jerome. Like others, it probably began in a local observance by the Church of a particular country, (in this case, Egypt) and was gradually extended to all other Churches throughout the world. Of the Saint commemorated on this day there can be no doubt; but it is not quite certain which of the Marks named in the Acts of the Apostles is St. Mark the Evangelist. It seems most probable that he was not the John Mark of Acts xii. 12, and Acts xvi. 37, (who was the nephew of St. Barnabas, and about whose conduct the sharp dissension arose between St. Paul and St. Barnabas,) but that the Evangelist was the "Marcus, my son," of whom St. Peter writes, in 1 Pet. i. 13, as being his companion at Babylon. It was his association with St. Peter which led St. Mark to be the writer of the Gospel which goes by his name, and which is always connected with the name of St. Peter as well as of St. Mark by ancient writers. The later years of his ministry were spent at Alexandria, where he founded the Church of Christ among the intellectual men of that learned city, and originated among them that class of Christian scholars which afterwards gave such a prominent place to Alexandria in the theological history of the Church. The Evangelist carried the knowledge of Christ and the ministry of the Church into less civilized parts of Africa, but Alexandria was the central point of his labours; and there he was martyred on a day when the heathen feast of Serapis was being observed, and which also appears to have been Easter Day, probably April 22nd, and perhaps late in the first century, after most of the Apostles had gone to their rest. He was dragged from his place at the altar through the streets of the city, and over the rough cliffs adjoining, to prison; from whence the next morning he was again tortured in the same manner until his soul departed to spend a second and glorious Easter with his risen and ascended Lord.

One of the ancient Apostolic Liturgies goes by the name of St. Mark; and his Festival was formerly the day on which the Greater Litanies or Processions were said: but these latter originated with St. Gregory in the sixth century. [See Introduction to Litany, p. 47.]

It will be observed that the English Epistle and Gospel for this day were anciently, as they still are, different from those of the Latin and Oriental Churches.
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**SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE.**

**The Collect.**

**DIES APOSTOLORUM PHILIPPI ET JACOBL.**

**SAINTS PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES' DAY.**

**The Collect.**

 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes St. Philip also seems to have been specially under the loving eye of his Master, who sought to “prove him” before He tried the faith of the others. After the dispersion of the Apostles, St. Philip carried Christ and the Church to Northern Asia, and his name has also been connected with the early Church of Russia. St. Chrysostom and Eusebius both record that he was crucified and stoned on the cross, at Hierapolis, a great stronghold of idolatry, in Phrygia; and the tradition of the Church is, that his martyrdom took place immediately after he had procured by his prayers the death of a great serpent which was worshipped by the people of the city.

St. James the Less was son of Alphaeus, or Cleophas, and of Mary, and nephew to Joseph the husband of the Blessed Virgin. Hence he was, in the genealogical phraseology of the Jews, a “brother of our Lord,” as is shown in the table at page 73. It was also thought by the ancients that his mother Mary was cousin, or as the Hebrews would say “sister,” to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and this would establish a double legal affinity between James and Joses, his sons, and the holy Jesus. St. James the Less is mentioned by Josephus and in the Talmud, being well known to the Jews from his position as Apostle of the Church of Jerusalem up to the beginning of its last troubles: and having won even from them the name of “the just,” a name shadowing that of his Master, so often called “the Righteous” in the Psalms. It is he whose name is several times mentioned by St. Paul; and he was the writer of the Catholic Epistle of St. James. He went to his rest by martyrdom [A.D. 62], in Jerusalem, being thrown down from a pinnacle or wing of the Temple by some of the persecuting Scribes and Pharisees, and slain, as he lay bruised on the ground below, with a fuller’s club.

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**Introit.**—Hide me, O God, from the gathering together of the froward, and from the inscription of wicked doers. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer; preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Glory be.

**INTROIT.**

In the Lectionary of St. Jerome and the Sacramentary of St. Gregory the names of these two Apostles are associated together as they are in the Latin and English Churches of modern times: and the day of the Festival is in both cases the same as that now observed. But in the Eastern Church St. Philip’s day is November 14th, and St. James’ day October 22nd. It will also be observed that the Apostle St. Philip alone is named for May 1st in the ancient Calendar of the Venerable Bede, printed in a previous page; and in some early Calendars of the English Church, June 23rd is dedicated to “Jacobus Alfeli.”

The Epistle for the day in the Eastern Church is the same portion of Scripture that was read for the Second Morning Lesson in our own Church until 1601: but it seems clear that the Philip there mentioned is Philip the Deacon, since St. Peter and St. John were sent to Samaria to confirm those whom he had baptized, which would not have been necessary in the case of an Apostle. It is curious to observe that the same error should have occurred in both the Eastern and the English Church; but there seems to have been much confusion among the ancients between St. Philip the Apostle and Philip the Deacon and Evangelist, arising out of a generally received opinion that the former was married [Euseb. v. 24], while it is recorded of the latter in Acts xii. 9 that he had “four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.”

St. Philip was one of the first of our Lord’s disciples, and is thought to have accompanied Him for some time while St. Andrew and St. Peter had returned to their occupation of fishing after their first call. It may have been this faithful companionship which led to the loving reprove of our Lord recorded in the Gospel of the day, “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip?” For the Apostle’s zeal in bringing Nathanael and the Greeks to his Master appears to indicate a trained faith in the Person of the holy Jesus, as does even his aspiration, “Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us!”

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**Introit.**—They cried unto Thee in the time of their trouble, and Thou heardest them from Heaven. Alleluia. Alleluia. Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be.
SAINT JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY.

Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SAINT JOHN BAPTIST.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance; Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life,

written by himself. An Epistle is extant, bearing the name of St. Barnabas, which is considered by many scholars to be authentic.

The Gospel for the day is evidently selected with reference to the act of St. Barnabas in consoling the poor disciples in their poverty. He acted upon the command of our Lord in the spirit with which the example of the Good Samaritan is commended to us, and showed his love by going and doing likewise.

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O God: greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me: Thou knowest my downsetting and mine uprising. Glory be.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST.

JUNE 24.

This festival is in the Comes of St. Jerome, as also another commemorating the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, but the date is not indicated in either case. Mabillon says that the festival of this day was in the Carthaginian Calendar before A.D. 484; and it is mentioned [circa A.D. 400] by Maximus, Bp. of Turin, as also by St. Augustine, in several Homilies. In the Eastern Church it is kept on January 7th, the day after the holy Theophany; and the festival of the Decollation is also fixed, as in the Latin Church and our own, for August 29th. The day on which our principal Festival of St. John the Baptist is kept has been supposed to be connected with his words, "He must increase, but I must decrease;" the days of the Bridal Gentlemen are growing longer, but those of the friend of the Bridal Gentlemen are beginning to wane. So St. Augustine says [Hom. 287], "John was born to-day, and from to-day the days decrease; Christ was born on the eighth of the kalends of January, and from that day the days increase." But the 24th of June is also the proximate day of the Baptist's birth, since he was six months older than our Lord.

Although the martyrdom of St. John Baptist is one of the four recorded in Holy Scripture (the other three being those of the Holy Innocents, St. Stephen, and St. James), yet the present festival, which commemorates his Nativity, appears to be the more ancient of the two dedicated to his name, and the one more generally observed. So we may judge from the Sermons both of Maximus and St. Augustine, each of whom accounts for the custom of observing the Birth and not the Martyrdom of the

\[1\] Hence we find Bishop Ussher in 1636 giving direction that "ministers forget not to read the collects, epistles, and gospels appointed for the Conversion of S. Paul... and for S. Barnabas's Day." Carol. Doc. Ann. ii. 202.
that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth’s sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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DIES APOSTOLORUM PETRI ET PAULI. Salisbury Use.

SAINT PETER’S DAY.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commanded him to have come readily to him, for the “offices of the Cross” had not yet begun, and the prophet who attracted was no “carpenter’s son,” but “a prophet indeed,” the son of a man well known among them, a priest of the regular succession of Aaron, prophesying as Elijah, Isaiah, or Ezekiel, with the outward appearance and habit of a “man sent from God,” and telling of that which they longed for, the near approach of their Messiah. This is all we learn of the ministry of the Baptist from Holy Scripture, and tradition has added little or nothing more. His martyrdom appears to have taken place very early in our Lord’s ministry, and when St. John himself was only about thirty years of age; and since his work was done, we may see in it the manner in which the course of even the evil of this world is so regulated, that it ministered by a quick death to the rapid removal of a saint from the Church on earth to the Church in Heaven when the time of his reward was come.

INTROIT.—The Lord hath called me by name from the womb of my mother. He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword. In the shadow of His hand hath He hid me: He hath made me like a polished shaft, and in His quiver hath He concealed me. Ps. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to praise Thy Name, O Thou most highest. Glory be.

SAINT PETER.

[June 29.]

This day is one of the oldest of Christian festivals, and one that was from the beginning of its institution celebrated with great solemnity. Ruinart [617] traces it back as far as the third century, and it is probably of even more primitive antiquity. In St. Jerome’s Lectionary there are two Gospels and two Epistles, the one pair under the name of St. Peter, the other under that of St. Paul. As there is only one Vigil, and one Octave, which is called the Octave of the Apostles, the day was evidently then dedicated to both Apostles, as it was in the English Church until the Reformation [a “Commemoration” of St. Paul following on the 30th], and as it still is in the Latin and the Eastern Church. It was a very early custom for the Bishops of Rome to celebrate the Holy Communion in both St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s Churches on this day, a custom which is mentioned [A.D. 348] by Prudentius [Peristephanos, carn. xii.].

Transferta prudens solvit sacras pervigil saecularis,
Mox huc recurrunt, duplauque vota.
earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE.

The Collect.

Grant, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had,
without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; Grant,

IN DIE S. BARTHOLOMEI APOSTOLI.

O OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qua hujus diei venerandam sanctamque laetitiam in beati Bartholomaei Apostoli tui festivitate tribuisti; Da

SAINT JAMES THE GREAT.

[July 25.]

The festival of St. James, the brother of St. John the Divine, is not noticed in the Lectionary of St. Jerome, but has a Collect appointed in St. Gregory's Sacramentary, and is also in the ancient English Calendar of Bede and of King Athelstan's Psalter. In the Eastern Church it is kept on April 30th, but in the Western it has always been observed on July 25th.

St. James being a brother of the beloved disciple, his relationship to our Lord may be seen in the table printed under that Apostle's day [p. 79]. With St. John he received the appellation of Bounerges from our Lord, and has always been named the Great, or the Greater, by the Church; but neither of these designations can be satisfactorily accounted for. Some special position was given to St. James and St. John, as well as to St. Peter, by their Divine Master; and the request of their mother, probably Salome, that they might sit on either hand of our Lord in His Kingdom, was doubtless founded on the choice thus made by Him, coupled with such a strong faith in His Person and Power as was displayed on another occasion, when the sons of Zebedee sought authority from Christ to destroy the Samaritan city that had rejected Him. [Luke ix. 52.] Their Master had told His servants that they should eat and drink at His table in His Kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel; and since He had given to St. Peter the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, the other two favoured Apostles besought that to them might be given the two posts of honour and suffering next to His Person.

St. James was the first of the Apostles who suffered Martyrdom, and the only one whose death is recorded in the New Testament. The fact of his death is told us in the modern English Epistle of the day, but of its circumstances nothing more is known than that he suffered through the hatred of Herod Agrippa. Tradition says that his accuser repented as the Apostle was on his way to the place of execution, and that having received the blessing of the servant of Christ, he professed himself a Christian, and was baptized in the blood of martyrdom at the same time with St. James. The Apostolic mantle of St. James appears to have fallen upon St. Paul, and perhaps we may look upon the latter as fulfilling the expectations which must have been raised by the place which the elder son of Zebedee occupied near the Person of our Lord, and by the title of Bounerges which was given to him.

St. James the Great is the patron saint of Spain, and his remains are supposed to be preserved at Compostella. "St. Iago de Compostella" holds the same relation to the history of that kingdom which St. George does to that of England: and both names have been used as the battle-cry of Christian hosts when they went forth to stem the torrent of that Mahometan and Moors invasion which once threatened to drive Christianity from its throne in Europe as it has driven it from Asia.

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O God: greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising. Glory be.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW.

[August 24.]

There is no festival of St. Bartholomew in the Lectionary of St. Jerome, but it appears in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory. In the Eastern Church this Apostle is commemorated on the same day with St. Barnabas, as St. Simon and St. Jude are connected in the Western Church; but on this day there is also a commemoration of the Translation of St. Bartholomew. There is absolutely nothing but his name recorded of St. Bartholomew in the New Testament (though it has usually been supposed that Nathanael and Bartholomew are two names for the same person); but the Gospel of the day perpetuates an old tradition that St. Bartholomew was of noble birth, and that hence arose the "strike" among the Apostles, "which of them should be accounted the greatest" in their Master's expected kingdom.

The reasons why Nathanael and Bartholomew are supposed to be the same person are as follows. (1) The call of St. Bartholomew is nowhere mentioned, while that of Nathanael appears to be the call of an Apostle. (2) The Evangelists who mention Bartholomew do not name Nathanael, while St. John, who tells us of the latter, does not name Bartholomew. (3) Bar-Tholmai may be only an appellation of Nathanael, as Bar-Jona is of St. Peter, since it signifies 'the son of Tholmai,' as the latter does 'the son of Jonas,' and as Barnabas means 'the son of consolation.' But strong as these reasons seem, there is the strong testimony of the Fathers against them. St. Augustine, St. Chrysostom, St. Gregory Nyssen, and St. Gregory the Great, all declare that Nathanael was not one of the twelve: and the
we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ecclesia tua, quæsumus, et amare quod credidit, et prædicare quod docuit. Per Dominum nostrum.

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

DIES SANCTI MATTHÆI APOSTOLI.

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opinion that he was identical with Bartholomew is first found in a Benedictine author named Rupert, who wrote in the twelfth century. St. Augustine uses the fact that Nathanael was not an Apostle as a proof of his great holiness and ready perception of Christ:—“This was not said to Andrew, nor said to Peter, nor to Philip, which is said to Nathanael, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile:”—and assigns his learning and position in life as a reason why He Who chose the weak things of the world to confound the strong did not make him an Apostle.

The common tradition of the Church respecting St. Bartholomew is that he evangelized Northern India, leaving there a Hebrew copy of St. Matthew’s Gospel, which afterwards came into the hands of Pantenus, head of the college of Alexandria, about A.D. 190. It is believed that, having once escaped crucifixion at Hierapolis in Phrygia, through the remorse of his persecutor, St. Bartholomew was afterwards martyred at Alboxopolis on the Caspian Sea, where the king Astyages ordered him to be flayed alive (perhaps on the cross), a mode of punishment not uncommon among Oriental nations.

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O God: greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. Glory be.

SAINT MATTHEW.

[September 21.]

The festival of this Apostle has Gospel and Epistle appointed for it in the Common of St. Jerome, but it does not seem to have been celebrated in September; and in the Oriental Church it is still observed on November 16th. In his double capacity of Apostle and Evangelist, the first who was inspired to write the Holy Gospel, and who tells us more than all of our Lord’s human life, his name has ever been much honoured in the Church. Of the four “living creatures” by whom the Apocalypse is believed to symbolize the Evangelists or their Gospels, the “Risenness of a man” is the one assigned to St. Matthew, as significant of the prominence which his Gospel gives to our Lord’s human nature.

This holy Apostle and Evangelist is first mentioned in his own Gospel and by the other Evangelists as a Roman toll-gatherer, though he himself was a Jew. His office was to collect tolls and customs from those who passed over the sea of Galilee, and it appears to have been near Capernaum that he was engaged in this duty when he heard the words of Jesus, “Follow Me” [Matt. i. 9]. As the sons of Zebedee had left their ships, their nets, and their occupation, to obey those words, so did St. Matthew give up his profitable employment to do the bidding of Him who had “not where to lay His head:” and, as it seems to have been immediately afterwards that our Lord made him one of His Apostles, the forsaking of all that he had must have been as final as it was sudden, showing how entirely obedient he became to his Lord. After the dispersion of the Apostles St. Matthew took part in the evangelization of Chaldea, and gave up his life to his Master’s service by martyrdom at Nababar. His Gospel is supposed to have been written by him originally in Hebrew for the Jewish Christians, but the Hebrew version appears to have been soon superseded by one in Greek, which was doubtless the work of the Evangelist himself, for it has always been received into the Canon of Holy Scripture. A copy of the Hebrew text is said to have been found in the grave of St. Barnabas A.D. 486, but it is not now extant.

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O God: greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.
SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

The Collect.

EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels alway do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[God, that in a meruelous ordre ordeyned seruisys of aungels and of men, graunte thou mericiulli that our liif be defendid in erthe bi hem that stonden ny euermore seruynge to thee in heuvene. Bi crist.]

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

[SEPTEMBER 29.]

There were anciently two days dedicated to St. Michael, May 8th and September 29th; and in mediaval times a third, to St. Michael in monte tumba, on October 16th. But the day most generally observed was that which we now keep, and which appears both in the Lectionary of St. Jerome and in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, as the Dedication of the Church of St. Michael. This basilica may have been that of Constantine near Constantinople, or that of Boniface at Rome, the latter being dedicated A.D. 606. In the Eastern Church St. Michael’s day is November 8th, July 13th and March 26th being also observed in honour of the Archangel Gabriel. These two are the only angels or archangels who are made known to us by name in the Canonical Scriptures, though Raphael and Uriel are named in the book of Tobit and in Esdras.

The holy angels in general are commemorated by the Church from a deeply rooted feeling of their communion with the saints, and of their ministries among mankind on earth. Such a feeling is warranted by the words, “Ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels; to the general assembly and Church of the Firstborn...” [Heb. xii. 22]; and, “are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” [Heb. i. 14.] The holy Son of God condescended to be ministered to by angels in His Temptation and Agony; they waited upon Him at His Birth and Resurrection; and at His Second Advent He will come with all the holy angels.” St. Peter was set free from prison by an angel, and one stood by St. Paul in the ship, thus illustrating their ministration to Christ’s servants. Our Lord Himself spoke of their rejoicing over penitent sinners; and said of the little ones who had passed under His hand and benediction, that “their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven,” as if indicating many ministries to those who are His—some known, and some that are not made evident to sight or other sense. It has been a constant tradition of Christianity that angels attend at the ministration of Holy Baptism, and at the celebration of the Holy Communion; and that as Lazarus was the object of their tender care, so in sickness and death they are about the bed of the faithful, and carry their souls to the presence of Christ in Paradise.

Without taking into account, therefore, any of the many unveilings to our sight of holy angels and their ministrations recorded in the Old Testament, we have ample ground for believing that they are joined in a very close communion with those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ. But whereas the saints were once sinners, and yet God is pleased that we should honour Him through them, the angels have never inherited unholiness or fallen from holiness, and still more shall we honour Him by venerating these pure and spotless servants of His who do His pleasure. And as our Lord has taught us to pray that we may do the will of our Father on earth as it is done in heaven, so may we take their example as the highest, next to His, of perfect submission to the will of God. While in respect to our worship on earth we may reckon it an exalted privilege to have such communion with them as to be able to say, “Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of Heaven, we land and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.”

INTROIT. — O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfill His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His words. Ps. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise His holy Name.

HYMN.

Mattins and Evensong.—Tibi Christe, Splendor Patriæ.

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**Saint Luke the Evangelist.**

The Collect.

A Mighty God, who called Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul; May it please thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Saint Simon and Saint Jude Apostles.**

The Collect.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Saint Luke.**

[October 18.]

A festival was dedicated in honour of St. Luke, as of the other Evangelists, at a very early period of Christian history, and is found in an ancient Calendar [earlier than A.D. 484] of the Church of Carthage. St. Jerome says [De Script. Ecc.] that the remains of St. Luke were translated to Constantinople in the twelfth year of Constantine the Great, and there laid in the magnificent church which he had built in honour of the Apostles; but whether the present festival commemorates this event or not there is no evidence to show.

Little is indicated to us by Holy Scripture of St. Luke's personal history. His native place appears to have been Antioch, and as St. Paul calls him "the beloved physician" [Col. iv. 14], it seems clear that these words represent his profession. Yet ancient traditions have connected him with the art of painting, and several portraits exist which are attributed to him, showing how generally this tradition is used. The Evangelist was probably one of St. Paul's converts; for though there is a tradition that he was one of the seventy, the dedication of his Gospel seems to exclude himself from the number of those who had been eye-witnesses of our Lord's life and works. After the separation of St. Paul from St. Barnabas, the Evangelist constantly accompanied the former in his journeys and missions; and the latter half of the Acts of the Apostles records not only what he heard from others, but the events which had occurred within his own experience while sharing St. Paul's work and dangers. Hence St. Paul speaks of him in affectionate terms as his "fellow-labourers," "the beloved physician," and "the brother whose praise is in the Gospel throughout all the churches." He continued his missionary labours long after the death of St. Paul, and is believed to have reached his rest through martyrdom, being crucified upon an olive-tree at eighty years of age.

**Saint Simon and Saint Jude.**

[October 23.]

The festival of St. Simon and St. Jude appears in the Lectionary of St. Jerome, but it is only in the Western Calendars that the two Apostles are commemorated on the same day. In the Eastern St. Simon Zelotes' festival is May 10th, and St. Jude's June 28th. They appear to have been sons of Cleophas, or Alpheus, and nephews of Joseph, and hence they are called brethren of our Lord,—the word brethren being taken in a wider sense among the Jews than with us.

Of St. Simon we have no notice in Holy Scripture beyond the fact that he was surnamed in Hebrew the Canaanite, or in Greek...
ALL SAINTS' DAY.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Zelotes, both words signifying a zealot; but in what sense is not apparent, unless the appellation is given him because he was one of a strict sect of Pharisees.

St. Jude, Judas, Thaddaeus, or Lebbeus, calls himself "the brother of James," apparently to distinguish himself from Judas Iscariot; and it is probably for the reason that these other names are put prominently forward, as on one occasion when his name Judas is used, a parenthesis is added, "not Iscariot." He was a married Apostle, and Eusebius mentions two of his grandsons who were brought before Domitian as confessors for Christ's sake [Ill. 20]. St. Jude wrote the Epistle going under his name, which is read on this day.

St. Simon Zelotes is supposed to have ministered chiefly in Egypt and parts of Africa adjoining. Some early Greek writers state that he visited Britain, and suffered martyrdom there by crucifixion. But the more probable account is that he was seized as a member of a sect named in Heb. xi. 37, and that by which Isaiah is believed to have suffered) in Persia, at the same time with St. Jude, who ministered chiefly in that country, and who was martyred by the Magi.

It may be in illustration of that unity of the faith for which the Epistle of St. Jude so strongly contends, that these two Apostles, ministering and suffering, are also honoured together.

INTROIT.—Thy friends are exceeding honourable unto me, O God: greatly is their beginning strengthened. Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me: Thou knowest my down seating and mine uprising. Glory be.

ALL SAINTS.

[November 1.]

This festival is not of the highest antiquity. It appears to have originated in the Western Church at Rome in the seventh century, when the Pantheon was dedicated as a Christian church under the name of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all Martyrs. This is said to have taken place on November 1st, A.D. 608, and the festival to have been kept on that day ever since. But in the Martyrology of the Venerable Bede (though not in his Calendar) there are two days dedicated to All Saints, one on the 13th of May, "Dedicatio Sanctae Mariae ad Martyres," and the other on the 1st of November. In the Eastern Church, the festival of All the Martyrs is observed on the octave of Pentecost, our Trinity Sunday; and this, as it appears, since the time of St. Chrysostom, who has left a hitherto unspoken upon the day. It may well be concluded that when the number of martyrs increased so rapidly as it did in the great persecutions, Christian common sense suggested such a fast: as that of All Saints, in addition to special days of commemoration for the more illustrious martyrs; and that the dedication of the Pantheon took place on a festival already familiar to the Church, rather than as the foundation of a new one. In the Sacramentary of St. Gregory both days have Collects, &c., provided for them, that in May being entitled "Natale Sanctae Mariae ad Martyres," and that in November, "Natale Omnium Sanctorum," the latter having also a service provided for its vigil.

Whatever may have been the origin of the festival, it has become one very dear to the hearts of Christians, and is made, both by the character of the Service for the day, and by the meaning of it, one of the most touching of all holy days; a day on which are gathered up the fragments of the "one bread" of Christ's mystical Body, that nothing be lost of the memory and example of His Saints. First among the "cloud of witnesses" are they of the white-robed army of martyrs who are not otherwise commemorated, whose names are not noted in the diptychs of the Church, but are for ever written in the Lamb's book of life. Next are a multitude of those who were called to wait with St. John, rather than to follow their Master with St. Peter, but who are not less surely numbered among the children of God, and have their lot among the saints. Among that holy company are some who are dear to the memory of a whole Church; good bishops and priests, whose flocks are around them in the hook of remembrance; saintly men and women, whose lives have been devoted to works of love, although not ministering at the altar; hidden saints of God, whose holiness was known within the narrowest circle on earth, but who will shine like stars in the firmament before the throne.

When the Church thanks God on this day for All Saints, may an one among them should be remembered by those who are left on earth. At the Holy Communion, and in private devotions, their names should be used in memorial before God; and prayers should be offered by those to whom they are still dear, and with whom they are still in one fellowship, that all loved ones departed may have more and more of the Light, Peace, and Refreshment which the Presence of Christ gives in Paradise.

INTROIT.—Rejoice we all in the Lord while we celebrate this day the honour of all the saints: for in them the angels have joy and give glory to the Son of God. Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be.

HYMN.


MATTINS.—Christe Redemptor omnium.
“From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a Pure Offering: for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.”—Malachi i. 11.

“This do in remembrance of Me.”—Luke xxii. 19.

“He that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.”—John vi. 57.

“In the midst of the throne, and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb, as it had been slain.”—Revelation v. 6.
INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY.

In the ancient Church of England, as in all other branches of the Western Church, the Celebration of the Holy Communion, and the Office for its celebration were designated by the common name of "Missa," the true technical meaning of which word is probably the "Offering," and which assumed the form of "Mass" in the vernacular tongue. This name was retained in 1549, the title of the Office in the Prayer Book of that date being, "The Supper of the Lord, and the Holy Communion, commonly called the Mass," but it was dropped in 1552, has not since appeared in the Prayer Book, and has been generally discussed in the Church of England as a name either for the Office or the Rite; the latter being most frequently called the Holy Communion, or the Holy Eucharist, and the Office being conveniently distinguished by the Primitive name of "The Liturgy." This latter word appears to have been derived from classical Greek through the Septuagint. Λειτουργία originally signified the public duties, or office, of any ἀστυπόδηθος, or public officer, and especially of those persons who had to undertake the principal care and expense of public entertainments. In the Septuagint, the use of the word was restricted to the public Service of the Sanctuary [Numb. iv. 12. 26. 1 Chron. xxvi. 80]; and in the New Testament it passes on to the Christian Divine Service, which, during that age, and until the destruction of the Jewish system, consisted almost entirely of the celebration of the Holy Communion. In the Primitive Church, "The Liturgy" meant both the Office and the Rite itself, just as "Mass" did in the Mediæval Church; but in more recent times it has been restricted to the Office alone. 1

THE HISTORY OF THE LITURGY.

Like the rest of the Prayer Book, the English Liturgy is an inheritance from former ages. It was principally translated, in the first instance, from the Ordinarium Missae, and Canon Missae of the Salisbury Use, which had been the chief rule of Divine Service in the Church of England, from A.D. 1085 to A.D. 1549, a period of nearly five hundred years. The Mass of the Salisbury Rite (as well as of other English rites, such as those of York, Hereford, Bangor, and Lincoln) was a revised form of a more ancient Service, which had been in some very slight degree influenced by the Roman under St. Augustine and his successors, but which substantially represented the Liturgy used also in the Churches of France and Spain: and this Liturgy was derived from the great Patriarchate of Ephesus, which was founded by the Apostle St. Paul, and ruled by the Apostle St. John for many years before his death 2. To understand this independent primitive origin of the English Liturgy, it will be necessary to trace out shortly the course of liturgical history from the first.

When our Blessed Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Communion, and commanded it to be perpetually celebrated, He used the words, "This do in remembrance of Me," and thus imposed a certain form upon the Apostles as the one which they were to use in its celebration, and which would ever after be considered as essential by them, and the rest of the Church, as was the form given by Christ for Holy Baptism. This essential nucleus of the Liturgy consisted of at least Benediction, the breaking of the Bread, the giving of thanks, and the taking of the Cup into the hands, as is seen from the Gospel narrative [Matt. xvi. 22. Mark xiv. 22. Luke xxii. 19]; and also from the special revelation made to St. Paul [1 Cor. xi. 23, 24].

1 "Missa" is a name of great antiquity, being found in an Epistle of St. Ambrose to his sister Marcellina [Opera ii. 853, Bened. ed.]. Many explanations of the word have been given, but that of Cardinal Bona seems the most reasonable, viz. that it is derived from the words "Ita missa est," with which the congregation is dismissed by the deacon at the conclusion of the service, and which are equivalent to the "Let us depart in peace" of the Eastern Liturgies. That the term comes from "mitto" is equally clear, and as early as Micrologus we find the explanation "In festivis diebus, Ita missa est, dicitur, quia tunc genera omnes convenunt celebrati soleri, qui per hujusmodi sanctificationes licentiam discunt angello solet." [xlii.]. St. Thomas Aquinas explains the word as meaning that the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist has been sent up to God by the ministeriation of angels [ii. qu. 83, art. iv.]; and as waeber, "do this," is well known to have a technical association with sacrifice, so doubtless has "missa." 2 See pp. xvii., xviii. of the Historical Introduction.

But as the words with which our Lord "blessed" the elements, and with which He "gave thanks," are not recorded, it can only be concluded that He left them to the inspired memory of His Apostles; to whom, at the proper time, the Holy Spirit was to call all things to remembrance that our Lord had taught them for the work which they had to do. It may well have been, also, that further details respecting the celebration of this principal rite of the Church were among those "things pertaining to the kingdom of God" which our Lord communicated to the Apostles during the forty days between His Resurrection and Ascension.

There is, however, no strong evidence that the Apostles adopted, or handed down, one uniform system of celebrating the Holy Communion, except in respect to those central features of the rite. Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople in the fifth century, asserts that the Apostles arranged a Liturgy before they parted for their several fields of labour [see Bona, Rec. Liturg. i. v. 3], and a passage from a Homily of St. Chrysostom [Ad Cor. xxvi. 7], in which he says, "Consider, when the Apostles par took of that holy supper, what they did? Did they not betake themselves to prayers and hymns?" has been supposed to signify the same settled character of the Liturgy which they used. On the other hand, St. Gregory appears to say [Ep. xixii.], that the Apostles used only the Lord's Prayer in consecrating the holy oblation; and although it is certain his words must not be taken strictly, they may be considered to show that the Apostolic form of Liturgy was not originally a long one. Bona considers that the diversity in the evidence may be reconciled by supposing that the Apostles used a short form (containing only the essential part of the rite), when danger or other urgent circumstances gave them time for none; and that when time permitted they used a longer form; although even this longer form he believes must have been short, compared with the Liturgies afterwards used, on account of the difficulties which Christians experienced in celebrating Divine Service during the age of persecutions. Several early liturgical commentators allege that the development of the Liturgy was gradual; and the truth seems to be expressed by one of them when he says, that the Lord Himself instituted the rite in the simple manner narrated in the Gospel, that the Apostles added some things to it (as, for example, the Lord's Prayer), and that
then some of their successors appointed Epistles and Gospels to be read; others, hymns to be sung; and others, again, made such additions to the Canon, as became, in their opinion, the most suitable for contributing to the glory of God in the holy Sacrament. The Gospels and Epistles were certainly not written until a Liturgy had been in use for many years, in some form.

The ancient Liturgies which remain, show, nevertheless, so much general agreement as to bring conviction to the mind that they were all of them originally derived from some common source; and the same kind of synthetic criticism which traces back all known languages to three original forms of speech, can also trace back the multitude of differing Liturgies which are used by the various Churches of East and West to a few,—that is to say, four or five,—normal types, all of which have certain standard elements in common, with others, pointing to a derivation from the same liturgical fountain. That there is any difference at all in these may be attributed probably to three causes: (1) That the Apostles did not limit themselves or others solely to the use of the central and essential portion of the rite; and that while this was substantially kept uniform by them all, each added such prayers as he saw fit. (2) That Liturgies were, to a certain extent, adapted to the circumstances of the various nations among whom they were to be used, by such changes in the non-essential portions, and such additions, as appeared desirable to the Patriarch or Bishop. (3) That as Liturgies were not composed at once, but developed from the divine service in the first centuries, diversities of expression, and even greater changes, would naturally arise, among the variety of which it would be impossible to recover the exact original, and therefore to establish an authoritative uniformity.

It may be added that the lawfulness of an authorized diversity in non-essential rites, when combined with an orthodox uniformity in those which are essential, has always been recognized by the Catholic Church; and that this principle is stated in the 34th Article of Religion of the Church of England.

Of the many Liturgies which are very ancient there are several which undoubtedly belong to the primitive age of Christianity, and from these all others that are known (as has been already said) have evidently branched off. They are the Liturgies which go by the names of St. James, St. Mark, St. Peter, and St. John; the first was the Liturgy of Jerusalem, the second of Alexandria, the third of Rome, and the fourth of Ephesus.

The Liturgy of St. James, or of Jerusalem, was that used in Palestine and Mesopotamia, the dioceses of both which countries were included within the Patriarchate of Antioch. A singular proof of its primitive antiquity is found in the fact that the Monophysite heretics, who now occupy all these dioceses, use a Syrian Liturgy which they attribute to St. James, and which is nearly identical with that attributed to him by the orthodox, between whom and the Monophysites there has been no intercommunication since the Council of Chalcedon, which was held A.D. 451. Such a coincidence goes far to prove that this Liturgy is at least fourteen centuries old, and also offers some evidence that it was the one in use by the Churches of the Patriarchate of Antioch before the great division which arose out of the Eutychian heresy. The Liturgy of St. James is also mentioned in the 32nd Canon of the Constantinopolitan Council held in Trullo, A.D. 691; and traces of it are to be found in the writings of Fathers who lived or had lived within the Patriarchate of Antioch, and which may thus be supposed to have been familiar with its words. Among such are Theodore, St. Jerome, St. Chrysostom (once a priest of Antioch), and St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, two of whose Catechetical Lectures (preached in the latter half of the fourth century) are expressly on the subject of the Holy Eucharist.

In the Apostolic Constitutions, written in the third century, there is a Liturgy, or synopsis of one, which has been called by the name of St. Clement, but appears to be that of St. James; and with the latter also agrees the description of the celebration of the Eucharist which is given by Justin Martyr, who was a native of Samaria (within the Patriarchate of Antioch), and died about sixty years only after St. John. From this evidence it appears almost certain, that the Liturgy of St. James which is used by the Monophysites, and that which is used on the feast of St. James by the orthodox Church of Jerusalem, are versions of the primitive Liturgy which was used for the celebration of the Holy Sacrament in the East, and the surrounding countries in the age which immediately followed that of the Apostles. From it St. Basil's Liturgy was derived, and from St. Basil's that of St. Chrysostom, which is the one used at the present day in the Eastern Church, and in Russia.

The Liturgy of St. Mark, or of Alexandria, is known to have been used by the orthodox Churches of North-eastern Africa down to the twelfth century, and is still used in several forms by the Monophysites, who supplanted them. The most authentic form of it is that entitled, "The Liturgy of Mark which Cyril perfected," and which is extant in the Coptic and vernacular language of Egypt, as well as in Greek, in MSS. of very ancient descent. This Liturgy is traceable, by a chain of evidence similar to that mentioned in the preceding paragraph, to the second century, to which date it is assigned by Jensen.

Palmers respecting it, "We can ascertain with considerable certainty the words and expressions of the Alexandrian Liturgy before the Council of Chalcedon, A.D. 451; and we can trace back its substance and order to a period of far greater antiquity. In fact, there is nothing unreasonable in supposing that the main order and substance of the Alexandrian Liturgy, as used in the fifth century, may have been as old as the Apostolic age, and derived originally from the instructions and appointment of the blessed Evangelists."

The Liturgy of St. Peter, or of Rome, is found substantially as it is used in the Latin Church at the present day, in the Sacramentaries of St. Gregory [A.D. 590], Gelasius [A.D. 491], and St. Leo [A.D. 483], although many additions have been made to it in later times. The Roman Liturgy is attributed to St. Peter by ancient liturgical commentators, who founded their opinion chiefly upon a passage in an Epistle of Innocent, Bishop of Rome in the fifth century, to Deaconcus, Bishop of Euzbinum. But no doubt St. Innocent refers to the "Canons of the Mass" (as it has been called in later ages), that part of the Office which begins with the actual consecration of the Sacrament. There seems no reason to believe that this confident opinion of so eminent a Bishop in the fifth century was otherwise than correct. When the preceding Liturgies, that of Rome may reasonably be assigned to the age succeeding the Apostles. St. Gregory revised the variable parts of this Liturgy, the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels; but the only change which he made in the Ordinary and the Canon

1 Gemma Animis, i. 88. Walpole, Strabo de Reribus Eccles. xxii.
2 This rule was observed from feelings founded on our Lord's words, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine."
3 Matt. vii. 6. For the same reason great reserve was used in speaking and writing on the subject of the Holy Eucharist, and hence little can be learned from the Fathers of the first three centuries about the mode in which it was celebrated.
4 Basil, in St. Gregory's Epistle to St. Augustine, p. xvii. of the Historical Introduction.
5 To these Dr. Naele adds that of St. Thaddæus, used in Persia, and also called the "Liturgy of the East."
was by that addition of a few words which is noticed by the Venerable Bede [see p. 13, note]. From the Roman Liturgy in its primitive form were derived that used by the Churches of North-western Africa, and the famous Ambrosian Rite which is used in the Church of Milan. Since the time of St. Gregory this Liturgy has been used over a large part of the Western Church, and is now the only one allowed by the See of Rome.

The Liturgy of St. John, or of St. Paul, i.e. the Ephesine Liturgy, was the original of that which was used, probably in three various forms, in Spain, France, and England during the earlier ages of Christianity, and the only one besides the Roman which obtained a footing in the Western Church. This appears to have been discussed in the dioceses of which Ephesus was the centre, at the time of the Council of Laodicea in Phrygia some time in the fourth century: the nineteenth Canon of that Council gives such directions respecting the celebration of the Holy Communion as show that it substituted the Liturgy of St. Basil and St. Chrysostom, which is still used in those dioceses. But, at a much earlier date, missionaries had gone forth from the Church of Ephesus, and had planted the standard of Christianity at Lyons, that city thus becoming the great centre from which the Church spread itself throughout France; and as late as A.D. 177, the Christians of Lyons wrote to the Churches of Asia respecting the martyrdoms which had occurred in that city as to those who represented their mother Church, and had therefore a special sympathy with them. The primitive Liturgy of Ephesus thus became that of France, and, probably by the missionary work of the same apostolic men, of Spain also. This Liturgy continued to be used in the French Church until the time of Charlemagne (A.D. 792–841). It had received such additions from the hands of Musaeus, Sidonius, and St. Hilary of Poitiers, as St. Gregory had made to the Roman rite, but these additions or alterations did not affect the body of the Liturgy, consisting, as they did, of Intrixts, Collects, and other portions of the Service belonging to that which preceded the Ordinary and Canon.

The Galian Liturgy was partly supplanted by the Roman in the time of Pepin, who introduced the Roman chant and psalmody into the Churches of France; and it was altogether superseded by Charlemagne, who obtained the Sacramentary of St. Gregory from Rome, and issued an edict that all priests should celebrate the Holy Sacrament only in the Roman manner. In Spain the same Liturgy had been used in a form called the Mozarabic; but by the influence of Pope Gregory VII. Alphonso VI., King of Castille and Leon, was persuaded to do as Charlemagne had done in France, to abolish the use of the national rite and substitute that of the Roman Church. It was thus wholly discontinued until the beginning of the sixteenth century, when Cardinal Ximenes endowed a college and chapel for the use of it at Toledo, and there it still continues to be used.

The early connexion between the Church of France and the Church of England was so close, that there can be no reasonable doubt of the same Liturgy having been originally used in both countries. When St. Augustine came to England in A.D. 596, expecting to find it an altogether heathen land, he discovered that there was an ancient and regularly-organized Church, and that its usages were different in many particulars from those of any Church with which he had been previously acquainted [see p. xvii]. By the advice of St. Gregory he introduced some changes into the Liturgy which he found in use; the changes coming, not directly from the Roman Sacramentary of St. Gregory, but "from a sister rite, formed in the south of France by the joint action, probably, of St. Leo and Cassian, about two hundred years before (A.D. 420); having a common basis, indeed, with the Roman Office, but strongly tinged with Gallican characteristics derived long ago from the East, and probably enriched, at the time, by fresh importations of Oriental usages." Thus the Liturgy of the Church of England after St. Augustine's time became a modified form of the more ancient Gallican, which itself was originally the Liturgy of the Church of Ephesus, owing its germ to St. Paul or St. John. The English Church of St. Augustine's day, and long after, distinctly averred that its customs were derived from the latter Apostle; but in many particulars the work of St. John and St. Paul appears to have traversed the same ground, as it certainly did in the Church of Ephesus, and probably did in the Church of England.

The Liturgy thus derived from the ancient Gallican, and the more recent version of it which had been introduced by Cassian, was again revised by St. Osmond, Bishop of Salisbury, in A.D. 1085; and it was the same Liturgy which also formed the basis of the other slightly varying Offices that were used in different Dioceses of England, and have come down to us by the names of these Dioceses. The Salisbury Liturgy eventually supplanted all the others which were used by the Church of England, and became the principal basis of the vernacular Liturgy which has now been used for more than 300 years in all the churches of the Anglican communion.

The historical particulars thus given respecting the connexion between ancient and modern Liturgies may be conveniently reduced into one general view by a tabular form:—

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1 Archd. Freeman’s Principles of Div. Serv. ii. 465.
2 The Roman Liturgy was never used by the Church of England; and it was only adopted by the English sect of Romanists about a hundred and fifty years ago.
5 Structure of Primitive Liturgies.

In all the primitive Liturgies there is a consistency of structure which shows that they were based on one common model, or else on certain fixed principles. They consist of two principal portions, the Pro-Anaphora and Anaphora. The Anaphora, or Oblation, is represented in the Latin Liturgies by the Canon of the Mass, and in our English Office by the part which begins with the versicle, "Lift up your hearts." The Pro-Anaphora is represented by the Ordinary of the Mass, which is all that goes before the Sturnum Corda. The general structure of each of these portions of the Liturgy is as follows, the respective portions of the several parts varying, however, in different Liturgies:

The Pro-Anaphora.

The Prefatory Prayer.
The Introit [known by various names].
The Little Entrance, or bringing the book of the Gospels in procession to the altar.
The Trisagion.
The Epistle and Gospel.
The Prayers after the Gospel [after these prayers the Catechumens left the Church, and only "the faithful" or baptized and confirmed persons remained].
The Great Entrance, or bringing the Elements in procession to the altar.
The Offertory.
The Kiss of Peace.
The Creed.

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It will be seen at once that the order of St. John, or the Epheusian Liturgy, is that which is most closely represented by our own Communion Office. The same correspondence between the two may also be traced in several particulars, in which the Liturgy of St. John differs from the other two Eastern Liturgies; especially in the provision of varying collects, and proper prefaces, and in the use of the versicle, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord," before the Gospel.

The Liturgy of St. John was handed down (as has been already stated) through the French Church, to which it was conveyed from Ephesus by missionaries, at a period very near to that of the Apostles themselves. The Gallican Liturgy itself is thus described by Palmer [Orig. Liturg. i. 158], "Germans informs us, that the Liturgy began with an Anthem, followed by Gloria Patri, after which the Deacon proclaimed silence; and a mutual salutation having passed between the priest and people, the hymn Triregnos, in imitation of the Greek rite, was sung, and was followed by Kyrie eleison, and the song of Zacharias the prophet beginning Benedictus, after which the priest read a collect, entitled Post prophetiam, in the Gallican missals. The office so far, though ancient, cannot be traced to the most primitive ages of the Gallican Church, as Doubtless the Liturgy originally began with the lessons from Holy Scripture, which I now proceed to consider.

"A lesson from the prophets or Old Testament was first read, then one from the Epistles, which was succeeded by the hymn of the three children, Benedicti, and the Holy Gospel. In later times the book of the Gospels was carried in procession to the pulpit by the Deacon, who was accompanied by seven men bearing lighted tapers, and the choir sang Anthems before and after the Gospel. After the Gospel was ended, the Priest or Bishop preached, and the Deacon made prayers for the people (probably in imitation of the Greek Liturgics, where a litany of the kind
occur after the Gospel), and the Priest recited a collect Post pretum.

"Then the Deacon proclaimed to the catechumens to depart, but whether any previous prayers were made for them seems doubtful. Germanus speaks of its being an ancient custom of the Church to pray for catechumens in this place, but his words do not absolutely prove that there were particular prayers for them in the Gallican Church, and no other author refers to the custom, as far as I am aware. The catechumens, and those under penitential discipline, having been dismissed, silence was again enjoined, and an address to the people on the subject of the day, and entitled Preces, was recited by the Priest, who then repeated another prayer. The oblations of the people were next received, while the choir sang an offertory anthem, termed nonum by Germanus. The elements were placed on the holy table, and covered with a large and close veil or pall, and in later times the Priest here invoked the blessing of God on the gifts.

"Then the tablets called dipyle, containing the names of the living and departed saints, were recited, and the Priest made a collect, 'post nonum.' Then followed the salutation and kiss of peace; after which the Priest read the collect, 'ad pescum.' The mystical liturgy now commenced, corresponding to the Eastern prostrations, or 'anaphora,' and the Roman preces and canon. It began with the form 'sacram cordis,' &c., and then followed the preces, or thanksgiving, called 'contestation,' or 'immaculat,' in which God's benefits to the human race were variously commemorated; and at the proper place the people all joined in singing the hymn Ternacta.

The thanksgiving then continued in the form called 'post sanctorum,' which terminated with the consecration of our Saviour's dead and words at the institution of this sacrament. Afterwards the Priest recited a collect entitled 'post mysterium,' or 'post secretarum,' probably because the above consecration was not committed to writing, on account of its being esteemed to have great efficacy in the consecration. The collect, 'post mysterium,' often contained a verbal oblation of the bread and wine, and an invocation of God to send His Holy Spirit to sanctify them into the sacraments of Christ's body and blood. After this the bread was broken, and the Lord's Prayer repeated by the Priest and people, being introduced and concluded with appropriate prayers, made by the Priest alone.

The Priest or Bishop then blessed the people, to which they answered, Amen. Communion afterwards took place, during which a psalm or anthem was sung. The Priest repeated a collect of thanksgiving, and the service terminated.

It was on this rite that the Eucharistic customs of the Church of England were founded, although they were plainly revised and altered at several periods, and in several dioceses; as, for example, by St. Augustine in the seventh century, and St. Osmund in the eleventh century.

§ The Medieval Liturgy of the Church of England.

As, in the early Church throughout the world, there were various forms of the Liturgy, all having a substantial unity, so while England was divided into several distinct districts, by dialect and civil government, the form of Liturgy which was used in various parts of the country was affected by local circumstances; especially as each diocese had the right of adopting (within certain limits) its own particular customs, or "use" in Divine Service, until the sixteenth century.

Soon after the Conquest, however, about the year 1085, a great liturgical successor of St. Gregory arose in the person of Osmond, Bishop of Salisbury, of whom we know little beyond the fact that he revised the Breviary and Missal, and brought both into a form which remained itself to a large portion of the Church of England, and even to large foreign dioceses. There were, indeed, independent Breviaries and Missals of York, Hereford, Bangor, Lincoln, and perhaps other churches; but those of Salisbury were the most generally used throughout the southern counties, and before the sixteenth century the Missal of that diocese came to be called, in some editions, "Missale secundum usum Ecclesie Anglicanae." In 1511-2, the Missal as well as other books of the use of Sarum were formally adopted for the whole province of Canterbury by an act of Convocation. Notwithstanding the variations that had so long existed in the ritual customs of different districts and dioceses, it must not be supposed that these variations extended to any essential matters. On the contrary, there was a distinct generic identity, which showed that all were, in reality, local forms of one great national rite, that rite itself being a branch of one great Catholic system; and this was especially the case with the Communion Office or Liturgy.

The substance of the Salisbury Liturgy is given in the Appendix to the Communion Office, but it is necessary to give some account of it here to show the manner in which the Church of England celebrated the Holy Communion from A.D. 1080 to A.D. 1549. Many further illustrations of it, and of the other English uses, as well as of the connexion between them and our present Communion Office, will be found in the subsequent notes.

The Medieval Liturgy of the Church of England was made up, like all others, of the two great divisions which are called in the Eastern Church the Pro-Anaphora and the Anaphora, and in the Western Church, the Ordinarium and the Canon; the former part ending with the Sanctus, the latter part beginning with the Prayer of Consecration and Oblation.

The first portion of the Ordinary consisted of the hymn "Veni Creator," the collect, "Almighty God, to whom all hearts be open," the forty-third Psalm, "Give sentence with me, O God," the lesser Litany and the Lord's Prayer, all of which were said in the vestry while the Celebrant was putting on his albe, chasuble, &c. The public part of the service began with the "Olicium," or Introit, of which many examples are given in the notes to the Epistles and Gospels, and which was sung (in the manner described at p. 71) while the Celebrant and his ministers were going from the vestry to the altar. After this followed the Confession and Absolution, said as at Prime and Compline, and as described in a note at p. 5, the Gospel and Epistle taken part with the choir in the alternate form used. This mutual confession of unworthiness was sealed with a kiss of peace given by the Celebrant to the Deacon and Sub-deacon, and burning incense having been waved before the altar by the former, the "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung (except at certain seasons) as the solemn commencement of the rite. The Mutual Salutation [see p. 22] was then said, and after that the Collect of the Day, the Epistle and Gospel, and the Nicene Creed. The Gospel was preceded by a postcommunion with singing [the Gradual], somewhat similar to the "little entrance" of the Eastern Church [p. 148], and was generally read (in large churches) from the "Tube" or "pulpit," a desk placed between the cross and the chancel wall on the rood-loft. The Nicene Creed was followed by the Offertory, the solemn Oblation of the Elements, short supplications that the sacrifice might be acceptable to God for the living and the departed, and certain private prayers of the Celebrant, with which the first part of the Service, or Ordinarium, may be said to have ended.

The Mass of the Mass was introduced by the Apostolic verses, the Proper Preface, and the Tenebrae, which we still use in the same place; and then followed a long prayer, interspersed with many ceremonies, but substantially equivalent to the "Prayer for the Church Militant," the "Consecration Prayer," and the first "Thanksgiving Prayer" of our modern English Liturgy. This will be found given at length in the Appendix to the Communion Office.

The prayer of Consecration was not immediately followed by the Participation as in our modern Liturgy. First came the Lord's Prayer, preceded by a short preface, and followed by a prayer for deliverance from all evil, analogous to the Exaudi Domine of the Eastern Church [p. 6]. Then came the Agnus Dei, sung twice, in the same manner as it is sung twice in the modern service. After the Agnus Dei followed the ceremony of the con- 

1 This is peculiar to the Sarum and Bangor rites, not being found in any other Liturgy in this part of the service.
natures in our Lord. The Kiss of Peace was then passed round from the Celebrant by means of his ministers (the Deacon and Sub-deacon, or Epistle and Gospeller), some private prayers were said by the Celebrant, and afterwards the prayer of Humble Access.

Here came in the Communion, first of the Celebrant, and then of the other Clergy and of the people; and, with the exception of a Thanksgiving Prayer and a Post-Communion Collect, this substantially completed the Service.

There were, however, some subsequent ceremonies, such as the ablation of the sacred vessels, and of the Celebrants’ hands, which are left to traditional practice and individual devotion in our modern English rites, but which were provided for with minute exactness in the ancient code. During these ceremonies the congregation still remained, and after their conclusion were dismissed by the Deacon saying, Benedicamus Domino, cr. Ites, misa est, according to the reason.

There is no reason to think that this mode of celebrating the Holy Communion underwent any great changes from the time of St. Osmond until 1549; and indeed it was probably very much the same as had been used in the Church of England even before the time of St. Osmond. Many ceremonies were doubtless introduced during the Middle Ages, and some had probably been added by St. Osmond himself; but these ceremonies affected the rubrics rather than the substance of the Liturgy, and the Ordinary and Canon were otherwise in the same condition in the sixteenth century that they had been in the eleventh. It must, however, be remembered that numerous additions were made to the variable parts of the Missal (p. 68), special Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, &c., being appointed for particular days and occasions; and it was in these additions that the Reformers found so much which they regarded as inexpedient or superstitious. What the great French liturgical scholar, Gueranger, says respecting the MSS. of the Roman Liturgy was doubtless true, to some extent, of the English, that they had come to be “loaded with gross and even superstitious additions, consisting chiefly of apocryphal histories, unknown and even rejected in the early ages, but which had been afterwards introduced into the Lessons and Anthems, and in votive Masses (which had become superstitiously numerous), barbarous forms, and furtively introduced Benedictions.”

But these abuses were far more common in the southern countries of Europe than in England; and the most conspicuous innovations connected with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our own Church were (1) the withdrawal of the Cup from the Laity, and (2) the rare communion of the Laity under any circumstances except at the approach of death.

In respect to the first, it is sufficient to say, that although the Eucharist appears to have always been sent to the sick under the form of one element only, until 1549, the Laity were certainly accustomed to partake of it in both kinds at church until the twelfth century. Even so late as A.D. 1175, the Convocation of Canterbury forborne the introduction of the novel custom, and it is probable that it did not become common in England until its adoption was ordered by the Council of Constance in 1415. There is no recognition whatever of the administration in one kind in the Liturgy itself, though in an Exhortation used before the Communion of the Laity it is distinctly referred to.

The second custom arose out of that inattention to the disciplina of doctrine which so often leads men to errors in religion. The Holy Eucharist being both a Sacrifice and a Sacrament, theologians of the Middle Ages were so intent upon the duty and necessity of the first that they overlooked the duty and necessity of the second; and while the Mass was offered daily in most, if not in all, churches, and in some many times in the day, few except the Clergy ever partook of it more than once or twice in the year, considering that it was sufficient for them to be present while it was being offered.

But this too was an innovation that had found its way into practice without finding any recognition in the Liturgy. Nor can it be said that there was any thing in the authorized forms for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which could have originally given rise, or encouragement, to either practice.

§ The Reformed Liturgy of the Church of England.

The general considerations of the Theology of the Sacraments had been committed by Henry VIII. to a Commission of Divines in 1540, and the revision of the Services had also been undertaken about the same time. In 1546, shortly before his death, “the King commanded” Archbishop Cranmer “to pen a form for the alteration of the Mass into a Communion.” On November 30th, 1547, the Proctor of the Lower House of Convocation “exhibited, and caused to be read publicly, a form of a certain ordinance, delivered by the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the use of the Body of our Lord under both kinds, viz. of bread and wine. To which he himself subscribed, and some others, &c.” The form thus approved of by Convocation was ratified by both Houses of Parliament on December 20th, 1547; and issued under a proclamation by the Crown, on March 8th, 1547-8. This proclamation ordered that “the most blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ should from thenceforth be commonly delivered and ministered unto all persons within our realm of England and Ireland, and other of our dominions, under both kinds, that is to say, of bread and wine (except necessity otherwise requireth), lest every man planting disorder and devising a sundry way by himself, in the use of this most blessed Sacrament of Unity, there might arise any unseemly and ungodly diversity.”

The “Order of Communion,” thus authorized, begins with an Exhortation, to be used on the Sunday or Holyday next before the Administration. This Exhortation was reproduced in the Liturgy of 1549, and is identical (except that the last paragraph is omitted) with that now standing first in our present Liturgy. After this came the following rubric, which explains the use of the Office—“The time of the Communion shall be immediately after that the Priest himself hath received the Sacrament, without the varying of any other Office or Ceremony in the Mass (until other order shall be provided), but, as heretofore usually the Priest hath done with the Sacrament of the Body, to prepare, bless, and consecrate so much as will serve the people; so it shall continue still after the same manner and form, save that he shall bless and consecrate the biggest chalice, or some fair and convenient cup or cups full of wine with some water put unto it; and that day, not drink it up all himself, but taking one only sup or draught, leave the rest upon the altar covered, and turn to them that are disposed to be partakers of the Communion, and shall thus exhort them as followeth.” Then follows the Exhortation beginning, “Dearly beloved in the Lord, ye that mind,” &c., which replaced an older form, previously used in the same place, while the holy Sacrament was administered in one kind only. After this Exhortation the Priest was directed to “pause awhile, to see if any man will withdraw himself;” and then to say

2 Translations of the Epistles and Gospels of the Sarum Use had been common for some time, and a great number of them exist at the end of Primers of the period, as well as in separate volumes.
4 Ibid. ii. 37.
5 It will be remembered that Chalresmagne substituted the Roman for the Gallican Liturgy by his own authority alone.
6 Original copies of this “Order of Communion” are extremely rare, there being only four or five known. One of these is in the Public Library, Cambridge, one in Colins's Library, and one in Reoute's Library: both the late & Durham.
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY.

Before the great Sacrament of the Christian Church was actually instituted by our Blessed Lord, it was foretold and prefigured by words and acts of His own, and by prophecies and material types of more ancient date. A due consideration of these antecedents of the Holy Communion is a great help towards a clear understanding of its true meaning and use in the Christian economy.

1. First of all is the Tree of Life in the garden of Eden. From the manner in which this is spoken of, it appears to have been a tree bearing a kind of natural Sacrament, by partaking of which as food the natural wear and tear of the physical body was so counteracted that its decay and death became impossible; a tree to which man might "put forth his hand and eat and live for ever." [Gen. iii. 22.] Of this means of life we hear again in the regenerated city of God, "the New Jerusalem coming down from God, out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;" for "in the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." [Rev. xxii. 2.] But we also hear of it from our Lord Himself, who, about the time of the institution of the Holy Eucharist, proclaimed Himself as the "True Vine," and spoke of the Sacrament which He originated as the "Fruit of the Vine." [John xv. 1. Matt. xxvi. 28.]

2. The chosen people of God were fed for forty years, during their penal and probationary wandering in the wilderness, with manna, a mysterious "bread from heaven," to which they gave the name it bare because of its mystery, "for they wist not what it was." And Moses said unto them, "This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat." [Exod. xvi. 15.]

3. It is impossible not to associate the manna of the wilderness with the "true Bread from Heaven," the "hidden manna," and that bread of which our Lord said, "This is My Body;" the invitation, "Ye that do truly, the Confession, the Absolution, the Comfortable words, and the Prayer of Humble Access. The Communion followed the latter Prayer, the Office being in these words from thence to the end:

Then shall the Priest rise, the people still reverently kneeling, and the Priest shall deliver the Communion, first to the Ministers, if any be there present, that they may be ready to help the Priest, and after to the other. And when he doth deliver the Sacrament of the Body of Christ he shall say to every one these words following:

"The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body unto everlasting life.

"And the Priest delivering the Sacrament of the Blood, and giving every one to drink once and so more, shall say:

"The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy soul to everlasting life.

"If there be a Deacon or other Priest, then shall he follow with the chalice, and as the Priest ministereth the bread, so shall he for more expedition minister the wine, in form before written.

"Then shall the Priest, turning him to the people, let the people depart with this blessing, The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and in His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

"To the which the people shall answer, Amen.

"Note, that the Bread that shall be consecrated shall be such as heretofore hath been accustomed. And every of the said consecrated Breads shall be broken in two pieces, at the least, or more by the discretion of the Minister, and so distributed. And men must not think less to be received in part, than in the whole, but in each of them the whole body of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Note, that if it doth so chance, that the wine hallowed and consecrate doth not suffice or be enough for them that do take the Communion, the Priest, after the first cup or chalice be emptied, may go again to the altar, and reverently, and decently prepare, and consecrate another, and so the third, or more, likewise beginning at these words, Similsi modo postquam euna- tum est, and ending at these words, qui pro vobis et pro multis effundetur in remissionem peccatorum, and without any levation or lifting up.

From March 8th, 1547-8, until June 9th, 1548, the authorized Liturgy of the Church of England consisted, therefore, of the ancient Salisbury Missal, with this "Order of Communion," in English superseded when any of the laity wished to communicate.

At the end of the year and a quarter the first complete Book of Common Prayer in English was taken into use, that is, on Whit-Sunday (June 9th), 1549; and it contained a Liturgy formed from the ancient Latin and this recent English Office. The substance of the Liturgy, so reconstructed and translated, is given in the Appendix to the Communion Office; and as the history of the Liturgy is henceforth part of that of the Prayer Book itself, which has been already given in the Historical Introduction, it is unnecessary to go further into it here. The various changes which ensued in 1552, 1559, and 1661, will be shown in the foot-notes.

It need only be added, to complete the account of the English Liturgy, that it has been the source from which the modern Scottish Church has drawn its Communion Office. In this the modern Church has followed the ancient, for the Salisbury Missal, in a complete or a modified form, was used in Scotland in Mediaeval times. The American Liturgy is also an adaptation of the English; and will, as well as the Scottish, be found in the Appendix to the Communion Office.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Of this also we hear in the Book of the Revelation, where, in His message to the Angel of the Church of Pergamos, the Lord says, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna." [Rev. ii. 17.] But it had been heard of in a still more remarkable way from the lips of the same Lord, in His discourse to the people after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. When our Lord had thus "filled them with bread in the wilderness," the people, still unconverted, asked Him for a sign, not from earth, but from Heaven, and greater than this. Moses had given them not only common bread, but even manna, "bread from Heaven," not man's, but "angel's food," what could He do more, than Moses? To convince them that He was greater than Moses? Then our Lord directed their attention to His own Person, as "the Bread of God which cometh down from Heaven and giveth life unto the world; ... the Bread of life ... the Bread which cometh down from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die ... the living Bread which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: ... and the Bread which I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." [John vi. 51.]

4. The manna was "a small round thing, ... like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafer, made with honey . . . and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium." [Exod. xvi. 31. Num. xi. 7.] Pious writers have seen in the sweetness of the manna a type of that Word which is sweeter than honey to the mouth, in its suitableness to every man's taste, of the Eucharist which is so to every man's faith; and in the sufficiency of the quantity, however much or less had been gathered than the assigned measure, a type of the fulness of the Gift of Christ in every particle of the consecrated element. There seems to be a curious traditional memorial of the manna, and of the Passover, in Good Friday buns, which are flavoured with coriander seed. They probably represented the ancient Jewish form of Passover cakes, Christianized by the mark of the Cross; but they also represent almost exactly the last, out of which the portions of bread to be consecrated are taken in the Liturgies of the Eastern Church.
with all of which is connected the idea of nourishment and life. Our Lord's words respecting this Bread from Heaven drove many of His followers, who were impatient of a mystery which they could not understand; but when He said to the Apostles, "Will ye go also away?" the reply was, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." They continued with Him, notwithstanding this trial of their faith, and their perseverance was rewarded by the interpretative acts and words of our Lord when He instituted the Holy Communion, and showed them the inner meaning of the miracle of the loaves and of His mysterious words respecting Himself, "For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him." [John 6:56.] Take, eat; this is My body . . . . Drink ye all of HLe; for this is My blood." [Matt. xxi. 27, 28.]

These antecedent types and words are the most prominent of a class which used not to be referred to in further detail, since the two referred to are sufficient to show that a preparation was being made for the right understanding of that great Sacrament which our Lord instituted to be the means of spiritual life to the world. The "bread and wine" of Melchizedek's offering, the "Manna" of the Temple Service, the "bread" and "mingled wine" of Wisdom's "table" in the book of Proverbs, the "pure offering" of the prophet Malachi, are all anticipatory shadows of that which was to be revealed in the Kingdom of Christ; and many other such shadows cast their forms across the page of prophecy, leading up to Him and His work, in whom and in which was to be the fulfilment of all types and figurative representations.

§ The Holy Communion as a Sacrament.

Thus, then, we are led up to the consideration of the rite instituted by our Lord as a new tree of life, a manna for the new chosen people, a Heavenly food, the Sacrament or Mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Strange as it appeared to those who heard the truth for the first time, there must have been some absolute necessity for making the Body and Blood of Christ a healing food. What this necessity was the Holy Spirit has not yet revealed to us; but we seem to be tracing out the general outline of it, when we acknowledge that only our Lord's perfect human nature could remedy the imperfections of that human nature which is still subject to the influences of evil, first brought to bear upon it by the Fall. "Wherefore," says the Exhortation which follows the Prayer for the Church Militant, "it is our duty to render meat humble and hearty to the Kingdom of Christ; our own Father, that for He hath given His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in that holy Sacrament." It is impossible to explain why our Lord's death was not sufficient for the full prophetic accomplishment of His work; why it was still necessary for Him to be the spiritual food and sustenance of His people through all the ages that were afterwards coming upon the world; why He should not build up each soul into the living Temple without the intervention of any sacramental medium between the soul and His Almighty power. And since it is impossible to give a reason for this, there is a more cause to acknowledge humbly that God does nothing without necessity, and to bow our intellect with reverence before the inscrutable fact which lies open before it in Christ's words, "My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed." "This is My Body, this is My blood." [John 6:56.] Take, eat; this is My body . . . . Drink ye all of HLe; for this is My blood." [Matt. xxi. 27, 28.]

Such a reverent awe for this great fact will not be at all diminished by inquiry as to the particular circumstances under which the Holy Eucharist was instituted, if we are careful not to give ourselves a false impression of those circumstances by yielding to the seductive bias of mere "local colouring." For however true it may be that the rite which our Lord instituted was associated with some previous customs of the Temple, the Synagogue, or the household, yet this truth is only part of the whole truth; and it would be a perversion of a truth to say that this association amounted to the actual foundation of the Christian rite upon the Jewish. It is a more rational, as well as a more reverent, answer to the question, Where was the Holy Eucharist derived? to reply that it was absolutely originated by our Blessed Lord, and not founded on any previous ordinance or custom. As He took our human nature into His Divine Nature by an originate act of Creation, although He was pleased to follow up the Creative act by the natural process of its development from the substance of His Mother; so an originate act preceded, and stood above, all associations between the Eucharist and earthly rites or earthly substances. His Body and His Blood first existed, and then were associated with bread and wine; the former taking the latter up into themselves by His Divine power. It is true that our Lord did use the words of David, at the dedication of the Temple to Solomon; that He associated His prayer with ancient formularies of the older dispensation; and that He did, in like manner, associate the Holy Eucharist with the Temple rite of the Mincha offering of bread and wine, with the Sabbath Eve Synagogue Memorial of the Exodus, and with the domestic usages of the Passover. But the association in each case was that of the antitype with the type. He did not use the words of the Psalms as those of David, but David used them prophetically as the words of Christ. Those Jewish prayers which bore some resemblance to the Lord's Prayer, were typical foreshadowings of that Divine formulary in which all prayer was to be gathered into one ever-prevailing intercession; and, finally, the Eucharist was not evolved out of former rites, but fulfilled them, and absorbed them. The Mincha became the "pure offering," the Sabbath Eve service of the Synagogue merged in the Lord's Day Eucharist, and the domestic rites of the Passover passed into the Sacrament of His love, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

Thus then we are led to look primarily not at the outward signs of the Holy Eucharist, but at that which they signify. Bread and wine, the common food and common drink, not the exceptional luxuries of a Jewish meal, were indeed used by our Lord as the media of His great gift; but it is to the gift itself that He draws our attention, saying, not "This Bread," but "This is My Body." . . . not "This Wine," but "This is My Blood." He takes them up into a higher nature; and when so consecrated, although their original nature is not annihilated, it passes out of spiritual cognizance, and the eye of faith sees, or desires to see, it no more.

Much trouble would have been spared to the Church if there had been less endeavour to define on the one hand what our Lord's words mean, and, on the other hand, what they do not mean. Up to a certain point we can define; beyond a certain point we must be content to leave definitions and definitions of mystery. We can say that the elements before consecration are bread and wine, and we can also say that they are bread and wine after consecration: we can say that the bread and wine are not the Body and Blood of Christ before consecration, and we can also say that they are the Body and Blood of Christ after consecration. But how these apparently contradictory facts are to be reconciled, what is the nature of the change that occurs in the bread and wine, in what manner that change is effected, how far that change extends beyond the use of the Sacrament—these are questions that no one can answer but God. When Nicaeneus said, "How can these things be?" the people at Capernaum, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" our Lord did not explain, but reiterated, the truths which had excited the wonder and doubt of the questioners. In doing so He doubtless taught the lesson, that when God speaks in words of mystery He does so with a purpose; and that it is our duty to believe exactly what He tells us, even though we cannot understand all that His words mean. There can never be any real antagonism between one truth and another, nor can there be any real conflict between His gift of Faith and His gift of Intellect.

§ The Holy Communion as a Sacrifice.

In the prophecy of Malachi to which previous reference has been made, the Holy Ghost gave the following prediction respect
ing Gospel times:—"From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering: for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts." [Mal. i. 11.] The words rendered "pure offering" are "Mincha 'thorn" in Hebrew, ἄνθρωπος in the Septuagint, and "οἰκοδόμη τοῦ κυρίου" in the Vulgate. The whole text "was once, and that in the oldest and purest time of the Church, a text of eminent note, and familiarly known to every Christian, being alleged by their pastors and teachers as an express and undoubted prophecy of the Christian sacrifice, or solemn worship in the Eucharist, taught by our blessed Saviour unto His disciples, to be observed of all that shall believe in His Name; and this so generally and gratefully, as could never have been, at least so early, unless they had learned thus to apply it by tradition from the Apostles." [Mole, Christian Sacrif. 355.] The deep and habitual conviction of the truth here expressed is illustrated by the names which were given to the Holy Communion in the early Church: they were "Oblation, Sacrifice, Eucharist, Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, Sacrifice of Praise, reasonable and unbloody Sacrifice, Sacrifice of our Mediator, Sacrifice of the Altar, Sacrifice of our Ransom, Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ. It would be infinite to note all the places and authors where and by whom it is thus called." [Ibid.] In all these terms it will be seen that the most prominent idea of the Eucharist was not that of Communion, but of Oblation or bloodless Sacrifice. And they were terms advisedly taken into use by holy men and the Church at large, at a time when sacrifices were still offered beyond the pale of the Church.

This habitual dwelling upon the Sacrificial aspect of the Eucharist was founded upon the acts and words of our Lord at His Institution of the Sacrament. These are narrated by the three former Evangelists and by St. Paul in the following passages:—

**Matt. xxvi. 26—28.**

And they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My Body.

Mark xiv. 22—24.

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My Body.

And He took the cup, and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins.

In these narratives certain definite acts and words of our Lord are clearly recorded. (1) He took bread; (2) He blessed it, or "gave thanks" over it; (3) He brake it; (4) He gave it to those present; (5) He said that what He so gave them to eat was His Body; (6) He took the cup; (7) He gave thanks over it also; (8) He gave it to those present; (9) He called that which He so gave them to drink His Blood; (10) He directed them to do as He had done for a memorial of Him.

In the words recorded there are several terms of a special character. (1) When our Lord blessed ἐναγόμενοι and gave thanks ἐναγόμενοι, He did so in no ordinary sense, as in the benediction of food before a meal, or the thanksgiving for it afterwards. He blessed the elements of bread and wine with the fulness of a Divine benediction, so that His eucharistization of them caused them to possess properties which they did not previously possess; especially, to become spiritual entities, His Body and His Blood. (2) In commanding His Apostles to "do" ἐκεῖνος "this," our Lord was using a well-known expression significant of the act of Sacrifice; and one which St. Paul (who uses it twice of the Institution) uses also of the Passover, when he says of Moses, that "through faith he kept ἐκεῖνος the Passover and sprinkling of blood." The use of the word for both is found afterwards.

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1 The same word is used in John vi. 11, where our Lord "eucharistized" the five loaves before putting them into the hands of His disciples with the new capacity of feeding five thousand men. The whole action of this miracle has an Eucharistic character. [See note at p. 99, on the Gospel for Mid Lent Sunday.]


3 xii. 21. 1 Kings xi. 32. And see Bp. Salisbury's Charge, 1667, p. 165—166.
Bless, break, distribute, receive this Bread; bless, distribute, drink of this Cup; say over the two respectively, This is My Body, This is My Blood, in order to that Memorial Sacrifice which properly belongs to Me; the Memorial which My servants are continually to make of Me, among one another, and before My Father." This term also is used twice in St. Paul's account of the institution. (4) Lastly, St. Paul uses an expression which must be interpreted in a similar manner, when he says, "ye do shew " (παραστασιν) "the Lord's death." That the whole early Church thus understood our Lord's words, applying them to the offering of the Holy Eucharist by His Ministers, and not only to His one oblation of Himself, is shown by the words of the Fathers, by decrees of Councils, and more than all by the constant witness of the ancient Liturgies. Thus, St. Cyprian says, "For if Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, is Himself the great High Priest of God the Father, and first offered Himself a Sacrifice to the Father, and commanded this to be done in remembrance of Himself, surely that priest truly acts in Christ's stead, who imitates that which Christ did, and he then offers a true and full Sacrifice in the Church to God the Father, when he begins to offer it according as he sees Christ Himself offered it." [Cypre. Ep. xxiii. 11.] In the fifth Canon of the Nicene Council an injunction is given respecting the appointing of disputes in Liturgy that "the Gift may be offered pure to God." In the eleventh Canon on the seven Sacraments, the Nuncio is bidden to join in the prayers "without offering," and in the eighteenth, those are spoken of "who offer the Body of Christ?" How distinctly the ancient Church spoke on the subject, in its solemn public language before God, may be seen by the following Prayers of Oblation taken from some of its Liturgies:—

Liturgy of St. James.—We therefore also, sinners, remembering His life-giving Passion, His salutary Cross, His Death and Resurrection from the dead on the third day, His Ascension into Heaven, and Session on the right hand of Thee God and Father, and His glorious and terrible coming again, when He shall come with glory to judge the quick and the dead, and to render to every man according to his works, offer to Thee, O Lord, this tremendous and unbloody Sacrifice, beseeching Thee that Thou wouldest not deal with us after our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities; but according to Thy gentleness and ineffable love, passing by and blotting out the handwriting that is against us, Thy suppliants, wouldst grant us Thy heavenly and eternal gifts, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which Thou, O God, hast prepared for them that love Thee.

Liturgy of St. Clement.—Wherefore having in remembrance that that with our union in the offering. [After words of Institution] O Almighty Lord and Master, King of Heaven, we beseech Thee in Thine own behalf, that Thou wouldest allow us to set before Thee Thine own and Thine own gifts.

Liturgy of St. Chrysostom.—We therefore, remembering this salutary precept, and all that happened on our behalf, the Cross, the Tomb, the Resurrection on the third day, the Ascension into heaven, the Session on the right hand, the second and glorious coming again, in behalf of all, and for all, we offer Thee Thine own of Thine own . . . . Moreover we offer unto Thee this reasonable and unbloody Sacrifice; and beseech Thee and pray and supplicate; send down Thy Holy Ghost upon us, and upon these proposed gifts.

Sacramentary of St. Gregory.—Wherefore, O Lord, we Thy servants, and also Thy holy people, having in remembrance Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, as well His blessed Passion, as also His Resurrection from the lower parts of the earth [ab Inferno], and His glorious Ascension into Heaven: offer unto Thine excellent Majesty of Thine own donations and gifts which Thou hast given a pure offering [hostiam], an holy offering, an immaculate offering, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Cup of everlasting salvation.

The last of these is the Prayer of Oblation which was used by the Church of England (in common with the rest of the Western Church) before the translation of her offices into English. In the Prayer Book of 1649, the Prayer was substantially retained, the following words succeeding the words of Institution —

English Communion Office of 1649.—Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the Institution of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, the memorial which Thy Son hath willed us to make: having in remembrance His blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same; entirely desiring Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ . . . . [as in the present Office].

When the Canon was separated into three parts in 1652, these words of oblation were placed after the Communion and the Lord's Prayer. In the Scottish Office of 1697, a return was made to the Liturgy of 1649; and in the revision of 1661, Bishop Cosin proposed to restore this form rather than that of 1562, as Quenington, Elizabeth and Lord Burleigh had also wished. But Bishop Cosin's wishes were overruled, probably because it was considered that the times were too dangerous to admit of any conspicuous change in the Communion Service.

Although, however, the change in the position of the words of Oblation has tended to obscure the meaning of the Service, it cannot for a moment be supposed that the revisers of our Liturgy in 1552 were so exceedingly and profanely presumptuous as to wish to suppress the doctrine of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. There were probably some unfortunate temporary reasons (such as the unscrupulous tyranny of ignorant and biased rulers), which induced them to make such a change as would save the doctrine, while it left the statement of it more open than before; and they probably thought it better to consult expediency to a certain extent, than to run the risk of such an interference as would have taken the Prayer Book out of the hands of the Church, and moulded it to the meagre faith of Calvinistic Puritans. After the alteration was made, some of our best and holiest Divines, such as Andrews and Overall, were accustomed to say the "first Thanksgiving," or Prayer of Oblation, before administering the elements, and the second, "Almighty and everlasting God," after the Lord's Prayer, but this practice has been discontinued since the last Revision, though its revival is much to be desired.

From the very nature of the Holy Eucharist it is, however, impossible for any such change as that which was thus made to vitiate its sacrificial character. The Act of Consecration is in itself an act of Sacrifice, whether or not it is accompanied by express words of oblation. So long therefore as properly ordained Priests use the proper formula of consecration, there must necessarily be an offering of the Holy Eucharist to God; although such a minimum of form is, it is true, quite discordant with the spirit and letter of Apostolic Liturgies. The whole service is also a virtual memorial before God, even if there were not in any part of it specific words on the subject.

But the Prayer of Oblation yet remains in our Liturgy, though displaced from its ancient position, and vivid after Communion;
and while any portion of the consecrated elements remain upon
the altar (even after a portion has been consumed), the ancient
Sacramental Act of the Church is literally and verbally continued in
respect to that portion; supposing that it is not sufficiently con-
tinued towards the portion previously consumed by the more
general form of the Prayer of Consecration. There need, there-
fore, be no room for saying that the Eucharistic Sacrifice is not
effectively offered by the modern Liturgy of the Church of
England; and all that can be truly said is, that a deviation from
ancient practice has been made in consuming a part of the con-
secrated elements before a formal, verbal oblation of them has
been made.

The constant language and practice of the Church having thus
been shown, it remains to state in a few words what the
Eucharistic Sacrifice is, and what its relation to the one "full,
perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the
sins of the whole world," which was made by our Lord and
Saviour upon the cross.

1. The very nature of the rite makes it sufficiently evident
that whenever the words of Oblation are used, they apply to
that which the elements of Bread and Wine become by the Act
of Consecration. An oblation of the Bread and Wine, as such,
is made in the Prayer for the Church Militant, and before the
Act of Consecration they are spoken of as "these Thy creatures
of Bread and Wine," with special reference to this oblation of
them as unconsecrated elements, offered to God that He may
sanctify them. But after the Act of Consecration they are no
longer called Bread and Wine, but the Body and the Blood of
our Lord Jesus Christ. What is offered to our heavenly Father
in the Holy Communion is the whole substance of the Sacramento,
that which (even although the nature bread and wine are not
amalgamated by Consecration) is reverently called by the name of
the Body and Blood of Christ, and by that name alone.

2. This Sacrifice or Oblation is a solemn memorial offered
to God the Father "according to His Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's
holy institution," of the Sacrifice which was offered upon the
cross. There is no new immolation of the Body of Christ, but a
re-presentation of that which was once for all accomplished at
Calvary, a showing,—καταργησία, or ἐνδιαψήφισις, a proclamation or
memorial,—of the Lord's death until He come. When we can
understand how the elements become the Body and Blood of
Christ by Consecration, then we may understand in what manner
the offering of those consecrated elements to God the Father is a
re-presentation of the Sacrifice of the Cross. But as the fact is
a mystery in the one case, so there is a mystery connected with
the act in the other; and the very nature of the Sacramento is
such as to lead to the belief that these mysteries will not be
unveiled to the Church in its Militant condition; but that Faith
must still be exercised towards it when Understanding can no
further.

3. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is not the offering of the Celebret
alone, but of the whole Church, and especially of those who are
then before the altar where it is being offered. This was made
especially clear in the language of the ancient Church of England,
which carefully used a plural pronoun even in several places
where the singular is used in the Roman Liturgy. But in both
the Roman and the English rite the Prayer of Oblation is worded,
"We Thy servants, and also Thy holy people offer to Thy Divine
Majesty . . ." And in one part of it the Priest is directed to
turn to the people and say, "Pray, brethren and sisters, for me
that this my sacrifice, which is also equally yours, may be ac-
cepted by our Lord God!" In our modern Liturgy this important
recognition of the priesthood of the laity is still made by a
similar use of plural pronouns, by the "Amen" of the people at
the end of the Prayer of Consecration, and by the rubric which
directs that when the Priest says the Lord's Prayer after Com-
munion the people are to repeat it as well.

4. It must be remembered that as the anticipatory Sacrifices
of the Jewish Church were acceptable to the Father only through
Christ, so the memorial Sacrifice of the Christian is also accepta-
table through Him alone. The Priest on earth does his sacerdotal
work as the agent, deputy, and representative of the eternal
High Priest from Whom he receives his commission; and the
work done by him is efficacious, because it is taken up into the
continual Intercession of Christ in heaven. So the Sacrifice of
the Holy Eucharist is acceptable to the Father because it is
associated with the perpetual presentation of Himself which our
Intercessor is making for our sakes: because, that is, the Body
and Blood of Christ which are offered upon the earthly altar are,
in a mystery, the Body and Blood of that " Lamb as it had been
slain," which stands in the midst of the throne, and in the midst
of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders; and
Whom all the host of heavenly adore as the Lamb Who has
redeemed men by His blood out of every kindred, and tongue,
and people, and nation.

HE USE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.

The preceding sections have shown with how great reverence
the Church has always regarded the Holy Eucharist, and what
grounds there are in the nature of the rite, as a Sacramento
and a Sacrifice, why it should be so regarded. The question which
naturally follows is, what is the place held by this holy rite in the
economy of grace and salvation: that is, independently of
What it is,—or rather, following on What it is,—What is its use?

§ The Divine Presence conferred on the Church by the Holy
Eucharist.

The nature of the Sacramento being what it is, the Divine
Presence is associated with it in a special manner on every occa-
sion of its celebration. For where the Body and Blood of Christ
are, there is the Human Nature of Christ; and where the Human
Nature of Christ is, there is the Divine Nature of Christ. For
as that Divine Nature was united to the dead Body of our Lord
when it lay in the tomb, preserving it from corruption, and with
His soul when it descended into Hell, triumphing by Divine
right over Satan and breaking the bonds of those He had
rasonned, so much more is that Divine Nature inseparable from
His reunited Body and Soul now that they are in a glorified
condition. Although, therefore, it would be rash over-definition
to allege any thing as to the manner in which our Lord vouch-
safes His Divine Presence in and by the holy Sacramento, yet the
fact is so clear that it may be almost called self-evident; and no
one who believes that the "inward part or thing signified" is
present, can logically withhold his assent from the further con-
clusion that He Who is "One Christ" is present as God as well
as present as Man. And as we believe that the elements of
Bread and Wine are by consecration taken up into a higher
nature and become the Body and Blood of Christ, so we must
believe also that the effectuation of that marvellous mystery
effectuates likewise a fulfilment of the gracious promise, "Where
two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in
the midst of them."

Hence a simple faith finds no difficulty in respect to the
adoration of our Divine and Human Lord at the time of, and in
special association with, His Presence in the Holy Eucharist.
Such a faith draws its possessor into close agreement with the
spirit of the Liturgy, in which the elements of Bread and Wine
pass out of its language after consecration, and only the Body
and Blood of Christ are then spoken of. Such a faith looks
beyond the means to the end. To it the outward part of the
Sacrament is as if it were invisible, for its gaze is absorbed on the
inward part. From the material substance it passes onward to the
Divine Presence, and without asking Where? or How? it
bows down in humble adoration, saying, not so much My God
is here, as, I am before my God, even the God Whom Heaven
and earth must worship.
§ The Eucharist a Sacrifice offered for the benefit of the Church.

As the Holy Communion is the great Oblation or Sacrifice of the Christian Church to memorialize the Father of our Blessed Lord's work, so it is offered with a purpose, which is, to memorialize Him on behalf of the souls whom our Lord's work is saving. Thus it is the great means by which the Church out of Heaven participates in that propitiatory Sacrifice of Intercession which is being for ever offered in Heaven by our Lord and Saviour. The habit of thought on this subject in the Primitive Church is very clearly illustrated by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century. In describing the rites of the Holy Eucharist to the newly-confirmed he speaks as follows:—"Then, after the spiritual Sacrifice is perfected, the bloodless Service upon that Sacrifice of propitiation, we entreat God for the common peace of the Church; for the tranquillity of the world; for kings; for soldiers and allies; for the sick; for the afflicted; and, in a word, for all who stand in need of succour we all supplicate and offer this Sacrifice. Then we commemorate also those who have fallen asleep before us, first, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, that at their prayers and Intercession God would receive our petition. Afterward also on behalf of the holy Fathers and Bishops who have fallen asleep before us; and in a word, of all who in past years have fallen asleep among us, believing that it will be a very great advantage to the souls for whom the supplication is put up, while that holy and most awful Sacrifice is presented" [Catech. Lctt. xiii. 9, 10]. These words exactly represent the tone and custom of the Primitive Liturgies. The following most beautiful prayer is from that of St. James, and was offered up day by day in the Church of Jerusalem, where St. Cyril was one of that holy Apostle's successors. It was said immediately after the Consecration.

Eucharistic Prayer for the Living and the Departed, from the Liturgy of St. James.

That they may be to those that partake of them, for remission of sins, and for eternal life, for sanctification of souls and bodies, for bringing forth good works, for the confirmation of Thy holy Catholic Church, which Thou hast founded upon the rock of faith, that the gates of hell may not prevail against it; freeing it from all heresy and scandals, and from them that work wickedness, and preserving it till the consummation of all things. We offer them also to Thee, O Lord, for Thy holy places which Thou hast glorified by the Divine appearing of Thy Christ, and by the Advent of Thine All-Holy Spirit, especially for the glorious Sion, the mother of all Churches. And for Thy Holy Catholic Apostolic Church throughout the world. Supply it, O Lord, even now, with the plentiful gifts of Thy Holy Ghost. Remember also, O Lord, our holy fathers and brothers in it, and the Bishops that in all the world rightly divide the word of Thy truth. Remember also, O Lord, every city and region, and the Orthodox that dwell in it, that they may inhabit it with peace and safety. Remember, O Lord, Christians that are voyaging, that are journeying, that are in foreign lands, in bonds and in prison, captives, exiles, in mines, and in tortures, and bitter slavery, our fathers and brethren. Remember, Lord, them that are in sickness or travail, them that are vexed of unclean spirits, that they may speedily be healed and rescued by Thee, O God. Remember, Lord, every Christian soul in tribulation and distress, desiring the pity and succour of Thee, O God, and the conversion of the erring. Remember, Lord, our fathers and brethren that labour and minister to us through Thy holy Name. Remember, Lord, all for good; give pity, Lord, on all; be reconciled to all of us; give peace to the multitude of Thy people; dissipate scandals; put an end to wars; stay the rising up of heresies. Give us Thy peace and Thy love, O God our Saviour, the succour of all the ends of the earth. Remember, Lord, the healthfulness of the air, gentle showers, healthy dew, plenteousness of fruits, the crown of the year of Thy goodness, for the eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season;' Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plentifulness. Remember, Lord, them that bear fruit and do good deeds in Thy holy Churches, and that remember the poor, the widows, the orphans, the stranger, the needy; and all those who have desired us to remember them in our prayers. Furthermore, O Lord, vouchsafe to remember those who have this day brought these obligations to Thy holy Altar; and the things for which each brought them, or which he had in his mind: and those whom we have now commemorated before Thee. Remember also, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercy and pity, me Thy humble and unworthy servant; and the Deacons that surround Thy holy Altar. Grant them blamelessness of life, even to their ministry spotless, keep in safety their going for good, that they may find mercy and grace with all Thy Saints that have been pleasing to Thee from one generation to another, since the beginning of the world, our ancestors, and fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Teachers, Holy Persons, and every just spirit made perfect in the faith of Thy Christ... Remember, Lord, the God of the spirits and of all flesh, the Orthodox whom we have commemorated, from righteous Abel unto this day. Give them rest there, in the hand of the living, in Thy kingdom, in the delight of paradise, in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, our holy fathers, whence pain, sorrow, and groaning, out of which the light of Thy com-
things have been devised, nor do we in vain make mention of the departed in the course of the divine mysteries, and approach God in their behalf, beseeching the Lord, Who is before us, Who taketh away the sin of the world; not in vain, but that some refreshment may thereby ensue to them. Not in vain doth he that standeth by the altar cry out, when the tremendous mysteries are being celebrated, 'For all that have fallen asleep in Christ, and for those who perform commemorations in their behalf.' For if there were no commemorations for them, these things would not have been spoken, since our service is not mere scenery, God forbid; yea, it is by ordinance of the Spirit that these things are done?" [Hom. xii. on 1 Corinth. xvi. 46]. We cannot trace all the details of the benefits which are to be gained for the Church at large, and for its individual members, by the Oblation of the most holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood; but we can accept with our reason the general doctrine of the ancient Church on this subject, and with our faith we can make a reverent application of that doctrine to the details of our own necessities and those of others. Such being the principle of the Eucharistic Sacrifice as regards the benefit to be gained by means of it, there is one further consideration to be named. These benefits are connected with the Sacrament as an Act of Oblation, not as an Act of Communion: and although Communion adds still greater blessing to those who receive it, yet the Communion of one person cannot be of advantage to another, and the benefits referred to must thus be considered as independent of the Act of Communion, so far as the latter, not being necessary to complete the Act of Oblation, would therefore be extremely rash to assert that a person can gain so great a benefit from being present at the Holy Communion without receiving it. Moreover we may well shrink from saying so, since the Church has never authoritatively asserted that God limits the blessings of the Holy Eucharist to its reception; the practice of the Church teaches her belief that He does not do so; and many saints have been convinced that they themselves had been spiritually gainers even by being devoutly present only at the celebration of the Holy Communion without partaking of it. Although, therefore, certain abuses of this holy Sacrament may associate themselves with a frequent habit of being present without communicating, there is no theological reason for believing it a useless or injurious practice; and whatever legitimate objections there may be to it must rest on their proper ground, that of reverent and pious expediency.

§ The Eucharist as a means of union with God.

Among our Lord's words, in His anticipatory exposition of the Holy Eucharist, there is a clear declaration that it is a means of union between the receiver and Himself. "He that eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him." [John vi. 56.] Of these words the Lord Jesus is given in an exhortation of our Communion Office: "The benefit is great, if with a true pious heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; for then we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ, and drink His blood; then we dwell in Christ, and Christ in us; we are one with Christ, and Christ with us." The union thus spoken of in such solemn tones is not a mental conformity of opinion, sympathy, and will, although these necessarily result from it, but it is a real and actual incorporation of the spiritual portion of man's nature with the Sacramental Body and Blood of Christ, and hence with Christ Himself. Such an incorporation is initiated in Holy Baptism, by which the foundation of spiritual life is laid; and it is ever being renewed, strengthened, and perfected in the Holy Communion by which the superstructure of spiritual life is built up in the soul.

Union between God and man is represented in Holy Scripture as the height, length, breadth, and depth of spiritual work in the soul. No reasoning can explain what it means, but neither can any reasoning expiate the statements made by God respecting it, as if they had no meaning. But as in tracing up physical life we pass from one step to another until we are stopped at the threshold of the Eternal Self-Existence, so as we follow up the phenomena of the spiritual life of our nature, we find them less by less but step by step raised by the Holy Spirit upon it to the indwelling of Christ's Human Nature, and thence to Union with the Divine Nature itself through the Man Christ Jesus. Thus the words of Our Lord at the Institution tell us that participation in the elements which have been consecrated by Him, (through the ministration of His word by the priest of the earthly altar,) enables the partaker to receive spiritual food, the Body and Blood of Christ. His previous discourse, in John vi., had declared that by means of that spiritual food, the partaker would dwell in Christ and Christ in him. The Apostle St. Paul speaks of this indwelling as so close an incorporation that we "are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones," and we cannot exactly refer to the sense of our Lord's own when He spoke of Himself as a Vine and of His disciples as branches, and added, "He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing." [John v. 5.] Still going to our Lord's discourses, we find Him declaring, "At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you" [John xiv. 20], words which are again reflected in those of His Apostle St. Peter that we are "partakers of the Divine Nature." [2 Pet. i. 3.]

Thus a continuous chain of Unity is formed between the altar of the Church on earth and the Throne of the Divine glory in Heaven; and by an inseparable operation of grace the Christian soul is linked into that chain, so that Union with God becomes the essential fact of our existence. The Holy Communion is not merely a federal bond of love between God and man, but a means of spiritual incorporation through the Human Nature of our Lord Jesus Christ.

§ The Eucharist as a symbol, and a means, of union among Christians.

The name "Sacrament" shows that an analogy was soon observed between the Holy Communion and the "Sacramentum," or military oath, by which the secular armies of the Roman Empire were bound together in one body. It was probably given to the Holy Eucharist because the latter was an outward sign of the bond of love in which the soldiers of the Christian army were bound together.

The circumstances under which the Institution took place gave it this character. It was in some now unintelligible connection with the first administration of the Holy Communion that our Blessed Lord gave the Apostles His great example of humility and love by washing their feet. It was at that time also that He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. This shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." [John xiii. 34.] No doubt, then, that the significant rite of a common participation in a sacrifice was a self-evident symbol to the disciples, and would be so to others also, of that love which was so solemnly enjoined upon them at the time; and of that spiritual relation to each other in which they were bound by their Christian profession.

But though the Christian sacramentum was a symbol, it was also far more than a symbol. It was a sign, but it was an efficacious sign. And in the particular aspect under which we are now viewing it, we must consider the Holy Communion as not only a symbol and sign of spiritual union between Christians, but also as a means by which that union is effected.

For the true cause of Christian unity is the Presence of Christ: and that Presence is bestowed upon the Christian community by sacramental means and agency. The wills of many may combine together, and combine in a holy manner and for a holy purpose, but it is the will of Christ pervading the individual members of which the Church is made up that such a combination become a truly spiritual and actual bond of union, not from the members of the Body mystical binding themselves to each other, but from their being united to their Head. The branches of the Vine have an unity with each other by the Unity which they have with the Stem and Root. Thus it is our Lord's action in
the holy Sacrament, cementing and consolidating the collateral union by cementing and consolidating the direct union, which gives real unity to the various members of the Body, and to the various branches of the Vine.

This is a very important consideration in respect to the divisions of Christendom. No two Churches can be really separate from each other if they are really united to their Head. In proportion also as the life of Churches is maintained in vigour by means of the blessed Sacrament, in such proportion must they be drawing near to each other; nearer and nearer as they draw into closer union with Christ. Such a consideration may tend to mitigate the sorrow which is felt at the separation between the orthodox, living churches of Christendom; and to establish a conviction that notwithstanding the want of external signs of unity, there is yet a vital unity underlying apparent separation which is most precious, and the development of which is doubtless the true pathway to a restoration of the outward tokens of charity and intercommunication. Neither individual Christians nor corporate Churches can be really in a condition of spiritual separation when the One Christ is dwelling in each, and each is thus a living branch of the True Vine.

§ The Eucharist strengthening and refreshing the soul.

The Gift bestowed in the Holy Communion is the spiritual wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and the Bread of Heaven which strengtheneth man's heart; that food of the spirit respecting which our Lord said, "He that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." [John vi. 57.] Its effect upon the Christian nature, to those who faithfully receive it, may be said, generally, to be a renewal of spiritual life: a re-invigoration of that nature from spiritual weakness: a continual elevation of it from a lower to a higher sphere of good.

This is effected by the power of Christ's indwelling, i.e. by the greater or less communication of His power according to the measure of the Gift of Himself. Hence the Scriptural language respecting Christ being "formed" in us; the "measure of the stature of Christ" being attained by us; the building up, or "edification," of our Christian nature in Him. For the Body and Blood of Christ are the true recuperative Substance which is represented in the New Testament by the word "Grace;" the antithete of the Fall; and the germinating nucleus of the restored Life. A careful distinction must, however, be drawn between the action of natural food on the body, and the operation of the holy Sacrament. In the former case the living body assimilates the food, and draws it into its own system and substance and life: but in the latter the higher life is that which is received by the lower, and the process of assimilation is reversed. For he who, eating Christ, lives by Him, is by such sacramental feeding taken up into and transformed by that which he receives: and his whole spiritual nature elevated to a nearer degree of conformity with that of his Lord.

And thus it may be seen that as the Holy Communion is a means for elevating the Life of the spirit by communicating to it Him who said, "I am the Life," and "the Truth:" and as the disciples who walked with Him in faith when He was on earth were illuminated by Him, so those who faithfully receive Him in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood may look for spiritual Illumination, and quick perception of Truth. With Him is the well of Life, and in His Light shall we see light. The power of faith in perceiving the "things that are unseen" will be increased, the capacity of knowledge for grasping them will be developed, and continual approximation will be made to that condition in which we shall no more "see as through a glass darkly," but "face to face."

And as the life of the soul, its faith, and its knowledge are thus to be refreshed and strengthened by the inward part of the holy Sacrament, so the love of God and man is to be developed by the same participation at the Fountain of Divine Love. For, as we love God because He first loved us, so it is by the Presence of Him who showed His love for men by giving up His life for them, that the gift of charity will grow and increase. Thus the cold heart will become warm; thus the relationship of the Christian brotherhood will be carried out in practical life: thus devotion will fix itself upon its Divine object, and the earnestness of worship in the Church Militant will train the heart for the fervour of heavenly adoration.

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The Holy Communion being an institution of so exalted a character, and bringing both the Celebrant and all other communicants into such solemn proximity to the Person of our Lord, Saviour, and God, the ritual provisions for its celebration have ever been carefully guarded and guarded either by the rules of the written Liturgies, or by the known traditional practice of Churches. The rubrics of our own Office will be considered in detail in their respective places, but it will be convenient to say a few words separately, in this Introduction, by way of sketching out the system on which the Holy Communion is celebrated, as to the place of its celebration, the persons engaged in celebrating it, and one or two other subjects connected with its reverent and profitable administration.

§ The Altar.

Although it is possible that in the "breaking of bread from house to house" no special altar was provided, yet it is beyond all doubt that as soon as ever places were altogether set apart for the Divine Worship of the Christian Church, the "Lord's Table" became their most essential feature. St. Ignatius, who lived in the Apostolic age itself, says, "In every church there is one altar." [Ad Philipp.] Other early fathers frequently allude to the Christian altar as an object familiar to Christian sight; and in a detailed description of the Cathedral of Tyre, given by Eusebius in his dedication sermon, he distinctly names the holy altar [δόμος θεαματισθησθαι] placed in the midst of the aple at the east end of the church. There were, however, distinct names given by early Christian writers to the heathen altar [θυσιαστήρ] and the altar of the Church [θυσιαστήρας], and while they constantly declare that they had not the former, they as frequently speak of the latter as that on which was offered the Christian Sacrifice [θυσία] of the Holy Eucharist.

Altars were made of both stone and wood in the ancient Church. One of wood is preserved in St. Peter's Church at Rome, which has been asserted for many centuries to have been used by the Apostle St. Peter. In the time of St. Augustine wooden altars were in use in African churches, while stone altars existed in some of the churches of Asia. The Council of Ephesus [A.D. 431] forbade any altars, except those of stone, by its twenty-sixth Canon: but such a Canon does not show that stone was considered to be absolutely essential, although no doubt there were some strong reasons of reverence for the Cause being passed. William of Malmesbury says that wooden altars were originally in common use in England; and that Wulstan, Bishop of Worcester in the eleventh century, caused all such in his diocese to be changed for altars of stone. They are generally of wood in the Eastern Church.

Of whatever material the altar may have been made, or by whatever name called, it has ever been regarded as the Lord's Table, because it is the place where the Christian Sacrifice
is offered to Him, and whence He bestows the Body and Blood of Christ. And because of the honourable office thus belonging to it, the altar has ever been placed in the most honourable position of the Church, raised high above its floor, and decorated with such splendour as art and skill could give it. The Emperor Constantine gave some rich tapestry for an altar, but whether this was for a covering or for curtains cannot be determined. It is certain, however, that fine linen cloths were used to cover the altar during the time of celebration by the Primitive Church. They are mentioned in the Liturgy of St. Chrysostom, by St. Isidore, by Optatus [vi. 95], and by St. Gregory, in whose Sacramentary there is a prayer for the benediction of the Palla Altaris and the Corporis Palla. The symbolic use of lighted tapers in Divine Service is of Primitive Antiquity. They were especially connected with the two great Sacraments and the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing in both the illumination which the Church derives from the "Light of the world." It is thought by some writers [Koënel on Acts xx. 8] that the "many lights" in the upper chamber where St. Paul preached at Troas were there in honour of the "breaking of bread." They are mentioned frequently by St. Athanasius [Ad Orthadox. i. p. 946], and in the third of the Apostolical Canons; as also by St. Jerome, who speaks of their being lighted by day, at the reading of the Gospel. [Contra Vigil. ill.] By the Injunctions of Edward VI. [A.D. 1547] it was expressly provided that there should be "two lights upon the high altar before the Sacrament, ... for the signification that Christ is the very true Light of the world," and the use of them, lighted or unlighted, has always been retained in our Cathedrals, College and Episcopal Chapels, and some Parish Churches.

The Altar Cross is also handed down to us from the Primitive Church, in which the book of the Gospels was laid upon the Holy Table, resting against, or surmounted by, a Cross, as the sign of the Son of Man, the Word of God, the Saviour whose sufferings upon the Cross had won the salvation of mankind.

It is only necessary further to notice the Credence Table, which is a reverent adjunct of the Altar for holding the vessels and elements until the time when they are offered up at the first Oblation, in the Prayer for the Church Militant.

§ The Celebrant.

In all acts of Divine Service the officiating priest appears in a twofold capacity. (1) Firstly, he is the representative of the great High Priest, who is the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, and (2) secondly, he is the leader of the people in their adorations and devotions. A little careful reflection will show to which of these two divisions of the MINISTER'S office particular parts of his duties in Divine Service principally belong; and as regards the celebration of the Holy Communion, it will be observed that except when teaching in the Sermon, reading Holy Scripture in the Epistle and Gospel, speaking the words of pardus in the Absolution, or of blessing in the Benediction, the Ministerial work of the Celebrant is that of offering to God the prayers, the alms and oblations, and the "Sacristie of praise and thanksgiving" (or Eucharist), on behalf of, and at the head of his people. The Church comes together in its corporate capacity (by whatever number it may be represented), as a "spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." [1 Pct. ii. 5.] The Minister who stands at the altar, stands there on behalf of the people, and as their leader, to represent them before God, and to offer up in their name the spiritual sacrifices which they have come together to offer.

These principles lie at the root of all the regulations which are made by the Church as to the dress and the position of the Celebrant, and of those who attend upon him. It is of infinitely small importance, in itself, what costume the officiating minister wears, or in what particular place he stands; but when the inner meaning and reality of his work, and of his relation to God and the people, are to be seen, we at once see that only those who do not consider, with those which are superstitious, or persons indifferent to the truth or falsehood of outward appearances, can imagine that these things which are of so much importance themselves continue to be so when they are connected with a mystery so full of meaning, and a Sacrament so full of life and reality as that of the Holy Communion.  

a] The dress of the Celebrant.

The general principles by which the ritual costume of the Clergy in the Church of England is regulated will be found set forth in detail in the third section of the Ritual Introduction to this volume, p. 470 and sqq. Applying these general principles to the particular case of the Holy Communion, we find a particular rubric of 1549, which defines the usage of the Church of England as follows:—"[Upon the day, and at the time appointed for the ministration of the Holy Communion, the Priest that shall execute the holy ministry, shall put upon him the vesture appointed for that ministration, that is to say, a white albe plain, with a vestment or cope."

It is clear, therefore, that the ancient tradition of the Church of England was retained and confirmed; and that the existing authoritative law, interpreted by the "Interpretation clause" inserted before Morning Prayer, enjoins the Celebrant to wear the following dress:—

Over his casock, or long ecclesiastical coat, he is to put on (1) a linen albe, i.e., a white robe of more compact and close-fitting character than a surplice, suitable for wearing under another vestment, and not as the one chiefly in view such as the surplice is. (2) Over the albe, as over the surplice, is to be worn the stole, a narrow strip of silk passed across the neck like a yoke, or scar, and long enough for the ends to reach a little below the knee. (3) Over the stole is to be worn the chasuble, called capacitiously the "Vestment," because it is the characteristic Eucharistic robe of all Christendom, and has been so from the earliest age of the Church. The form of the chasuble is that of a short cloak, reaching nearly to the knees, and gathered up by the arms at each side, so as to hang in an oval form before and behind. This vestment is usually made of silk, and its colour (as also that of the stole) varies at different seasons according to rules shown at p. lxxix. But it has often been made of materials more humble or more costly than silk, according as much or little could be expended upon the Service of the Lord's House and Table. [For further detail see the General Appendix.]

b] The position of the Celebrant.

It would appear, at first sight, that nothing could be easier than to determine what should be the position of the Celebrant during his ministration at the Lord's Table, yet it has been the subject of protracted controversy; and volumes full of ponderous

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1 Under the name "albi."  
2 See Introduction to Baptismal Offices, § Baptism in the sixth century.  
3 The Altar Lights and all other ornamental not actually used in the celebration of the Holy Communion, should be placed on a retable behind the Holy Table, and rising about eight inches above its surface.  
4 Cf. Executor officii, p. 1, margin.  
5 During the last and the preceding century the Cope seems to have been substituted for the Chasuble in the celebration of the Holy Communion. It was so used in Durham Cathedral until towards the close of the eighteenth century, being first discontinued by Bishop Warburton, when Prebendary of Durham, through irritable impatience of some collision between his wig and the collar of the Cope. This preoccupation of the 24th Bishop, and many proofs exist that the Canon has only been disregarded in comparatively recent times. Vast numbers of copies were destroyed during the persecution and spoliation of the great Rebellion, but many were preserved, as were those of Peterborough [Kennett's Register, 181] and other Cathedral Churches. Either the Cope was thus substituted for the Chasuble because many of the former being used, more of them escaped destruction than of the latter; or else the name of cope was given to the chasuble itself, which seems less improbable, as the form of the two in England was very similar. The Bishops of Queen Elizabeth's reign, in their interpretation of her injunctions, ordered "that there be used only one apparel; as the cope in the ministration of the Lord's Supper, and the surplice in all other ministrations." [Card. Docum. Ann. i. 504.]
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learning were published on the subject by Archbishops Williams and Dr. Peter Heylyn, in the seventeenth century. The cause of all doubt on the subject was the introduction of a ritual phrase, "the north-side of the Table," in 1552, which had not been previously used by the Church of England.

The principles stated in a preceding paragraph make it clear that the most natural and common-sense position for the leader of the congregation, when the "Sacifice of praise and thanksgiving" is being offered at the Altar, is in the front of the Holy Table where his special work is to be done, and where he manifestly stands at their head as an officer stands at the head of his soldiers, when he is leading them forward. Probably no one who held orthodox doctrine respecting the Holy Communion would ever have thought of any other position but for the introduction of the words "north-side," and the practice of the Puritans, which latter was regulated by the unorthodox theory that the Minister was one at the head of a table entertaining guests seated around it. This shockingly irreverent theory of the Puritans led to the constant removal of the Holy Table into the body of the Chancel or Church by them, without any regard to the supposed necessity on account of which such a removal was permitted in extreme cases by the rubric [see note at p. 165].

Until this removal became so common a habit, the universal position for the Celebrant was in front of the Altar [fig. 1]; and when the removal took place, the relative position of the Table and the Celebrant remained the same, although the former was placed "table-wise," or with its long sides parallel to the north and south walls of the Church [fig. 2]. When, again, the Holy Table was returned to its ancient place at the east end, and set altar-wise, many of the Clergy retained the position with reference to the congregation, though not with reference to the Table, which they had held when the latter stood table-wise in the Church [fig. 3].

Hence it came to be supposed that "at the north-side of the Table" meant at the part occupied by the Celebrant in the third figure, whereas it was nothing but a ritual synonym for the ancient rubrical expression "in dextro cornu altaris" of the ancient Latin Communio Office of the Church of England: the dexter corner being that which would be so called in heraldic language, i.e., with reference to that of which it was a part, and not to the right and left hand of the spectator. Thus in the ancient ritual of the Church of England the Altar was ritually divided into three parts:


Each of these is mentioned in the following rubric of the Sarum Missal:— 1 Scivendum est quod quaeque simul consecrata dictum ante epistolon in dextro cornu altaris ecelebratur: propter receptionem gloria in ecclesia. Similiter rad post receptionem Sacramenti. Cetera omnia in medio altaris ecelebratur, nisi forte diaconus defuerit. Tune enim in sinistro corne Altarum legaret evangelium 2.

1 The expression is found in the Syriac Ordo Communionis of the Liturgy, and also [see Neil's East Ch. ii. 689] in the Mozarabic Liturgy.
2 So general had this practice become, that in 1628 Bishop Cosin (then Prelate of Durham) was accused of being "the first man that caused the Communion Table in the church of Durham to be removed and set altarwise." Cosin's Works, i. xxiv.

The original name for those who assist the Celebrant at the celebration of the Holy Communion was doubtless the general one of Deacon or Minister. When Sub-deacons were appointed they were permitted to read the Epistle, and to wait upon the Deacon, as the Deacon did upon the Celebrant. In the Church of England the rites are comparatively few, and these attending Clergy came often to be called by names characteristic of the most conspicuous part of their duties, the Gospeller and Epistler. So the 24th Canon speaks of them:—

"In all Cathedrals and Collegiate Churches the holy Communion shall be administered upon principal feast-days, sometimes by the Bishop, if he be present, and sometimes by the Dean, and at sometimes by a Canon or Prebendary, the Principal Minister using a deacon Cope, and being assisted with the Gospeller and Epistler agreeably according to the Advertisements published Anno 7. Eliz. . . ."

So also they are spoken of by Bishop Cosin in the rubric proposed by him instead of that now standing before the Nicene Creed, and which is printed on p. 166 in the foot-notes.

The rubric of 1549, which defines the dress of the Celebrant, defines also that of his assisting clergy: "And where there be many Priests or Deacons, there so many shall be ready to help the priest in the ministration as shall be requisite; and shall have upon them likewise the vestures appointed for their ministrv, that is to say, albs with tunicles." The tunicle is a loose coat with hanging sleeves, to be made of the same material and colour as the chasuble of the Celebrant [see p. lxxix and General Appendix]. That of the Deacon or Gospeller is called in the old rubric a Dalmatic.

The ordinary places for the assistants of the Celebrant are on the steps of the Altar, behind him, and on either side, the Sub-deacon or Epistler reading the Epistle from his place, two steps below the footstep of the Altar on the south side, and the Deacon or Gospeller from his, which is one step below the footstep on the
The hour for the Celebration of the Holy Communion.

In the early and unsettled age of the Church, there was no restriction as to the hours during which it was proper to have public celebrations of the Holy Communion. As Christian worship (which consisted almost entirely of this rite) was offered up in the upper chambers of dwelling-houses, or in the "eaves and dens of the earth," which were to be found in such places as the catacombs, because it was impossible to do so otherwise than in secret, even so it was offered up at such times as the necessities of Christians demanded, by day or night; and generally, no doubt kiln'd in the hours of darkness. So in the Apocalypse, when the Plu'y wrote to Troja that the Christians held their assemblies before daybreak; and Tertullian, a century later, gives the true force to the heathen writer's testimony when he says, "The Sacrament of the Eucharist commanded by our Lord at the time of Supper, and to all, we receive even at our meetings before daybreak." [De Corun. iii.] St. Cyprian, in his sixty-third epistle, written A.D. 253, gives a reason why the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Church in the morning, although instituted by our Lord at night. "It behoved Christ," he says, "to offer to the evening of the day, that the very hour of the Sacrifice might intimate the setting and evening of the world, as it is written in Exodus, 'And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall stand up at night and shall put on their girdles, and they shall wash their faces, lifting up of my hands be an Evening Sacrifice.' But we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord in the morning." [Ep. lix. 13.]

St. Augustine was consulted as to an evening celebration in the fifth day in Holy Week, that is, Munday Thursday, and he very distinctly speaks of the general practice of the Church at all times as that of morning celebrations, giving a similar reason to that given by St. Cyprian; but he permits an evening celebration on that day for the Communion of those who could continue their fast so long, as well as the morning one for those who could not. [Ep. xlix. ad Januari.] Precisely the same rule is laid down by the third Council of Carthage [A.D. 397], which ordained in its twenty-ninth Conon, "That the Communion of the Altar is not to be celebrated but by fasting men, the one anniversary day being excepted, on which was instituted the Supper of the Lord; for if communion is to be made of any departed, whether of bishops, or of clergy, or of others, after noon, let it be done with prayers only, if they who make it shall already be found to have dined."

Many later testimonies might be added, showing that the practice of the Church was always to celebrate the Holy Communion early in the day, and at the last before the principal meal was eaten. Some early writers appear even to enjoin the rule observed in later times, that it should be celebrated and received before any food whatever had been taken on that day. Another established rule of the later Church is, that the Holy Communion should not be celebrated until after some other Office has been said. "Potest colligi," says Lyndwood [iii. 23], "quod in festo Natalis Domini celebraturus primam Missam, quae solet centari ante Lunedes, demitt prius pericere Matutinas et Primam."

The same rule is to be found in the decrees of several diocesan synods of the Church of England, as, e.g., in that of Norwich [A.D. 1257], which states that "qui consecravit sacerdos celebrat, quia diurnum evangelion sic completo."

The ancient hour appears to be indicated by St. Gregory of Tours, when he writes, in the life of St. Nicetius, "Hora tertia cum populus ad Missam sollemnem convocaret." The same hour is named by St. Gregory the Great, in his thirty-seventh homily on the Gospels, where he speaks of a bishop who "obtulatur sacrificium ad horam tertiurn venerat." This hour is found appointed in the rules of some religious communities [Maskell, Anc. Lit. 154], and was observed in the Cathedral of Durham, of which Davies writes, "At nine of the clockes thon rang a bell to mass, called the Charch mass." [Davies' Rites of Durham, 82.] That nine o'clock in the morning in mediaval times represented the first half of the day, and is not an error; yet it is clear, beyond all doubt, that it has been the constant rule of the Church of England to celebrate the Holy Communion before the middle of the day, and after Mattins.

The frequency with which the Holy Communion should be celebrated.

In the first fervour and joy of their Pentecostal life the disciples of our Lord "continued daily with one accord in the Temple," observing the hours of prayer, and daily also celebrated the Holy Communion in one or other of their private assemblies, "breaking bread from house to house." [Acts ii. 46.] Holy Scripture gives us no further indication whether a daily Communion became the established habit of the Church; but it seems to have been so invariable a feature of primitive Christian worship that there is hardly any room to doubt its having so become. It must have been such a habit which led the early Fathers to write as they did of the "daily bread" in the Lord's Prayer, meaning the gift bestowed in the Eucharist; calling it the "superestructural Bread" with St. Cyril of Jerusalem [Catech. Lect. xxiii. 15, or, with Tertullian, the "Bread which is the Word of the living God which cometh down from Heaven." [De Orat. vi.] St. Cyprian speaks of it in direct terms as a familiar habit of the Church of his day, "... It will be the especial honour and glory of our Episcopate to have given peace to Martyrs; so that we who, as priests, daily celebrate the Sacrifices of God, shall prepare victuah for God as well as oblations." [Ep. vii. 2, "lostias Deo et victuariis praebere."] The same writer also says, "This Bread we pray that it be given us day by day, lest we who are in Christ, and who daily receive the Eucharist for food of salvation, should by the admission of any

8 a St. Augustine in the Epistle to Januarius, previously quoted, writes as follows:—"It plainly appears that when the disciples first received the Lord's Body and Blood, they did not receive it fasting. Ought it then to be a matter of reproach to the Catholic Church that this Sacrament has ever been received fasting? For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost that for the honour of so great a Sacrament, the Lord's Body and Blood should enter the Christian's mouth before other food. Since it is for this reason that such a custom is kept throughout the world. And though the Lord gave it after meat, yet the brethren ought not to assemble to receive that Sacrament after dinner or supper, nor mix it up with their meals, as they did when St. Paul reproves and corrects. For the Saviour, in order more earnestly to recommend the depth of that Mystery, wished, as He was going away from His disciples, that He would give them food from His House; for thus He led them to believe that He was not leaving any directions as to the future order, that He might reserve It for the Apostles to do, to whom He was about to commit the Churches. For had He commanded that it should be always received after other food, no one I believe, would have altered that custom.
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grievous crime . . .” [De Orat. Dom. xiii.] The words of St. Augustine show, however, that there was not one rigid and uniform rule on this subject, for he says, “The Sacrament of this thing, that is, of the unity of the Body and Blood of Christ, in some places every day, in some places at certain intervals of days, is on the Lord’s Table prepared, and from the Lord’s Table is taken.” [In Joan. vi. 54.] He also writes elsewhere, “I neither praise nor blame those who receive the Holy Communion daily, but I exhort all to receive it on the Lord’s Days.”

In the ancient Liturgy of St. Jerome, and in the Sacramentaries, provision is made for celebrations on every day at the more sacred seasons of the year; and, in general, on Wednesdays and Fridays at other times; and this also is the case with the Salisbury Missal, which during a large part of the year has Epistles, Gospels, &c., for several or all of the week-days. But no canon of the Church of England exists imposing daily celebration as a rule on the English clergy, although the rule as to Sunday was strict and definite. Nevertheless, it is certain, that daily celebration was the practice of the Clergy; and probably few if any exceptions can be proved in mediæval times.

In the Prayer Book of 1549 provision was made for daily public celebrations, in a rubric before the first Exhortation, as follows:—“If in cathedral churches, or other places where there is Daily Communion, it shall be sufficient to read this Exhortation above written once in a month, and in parish churches, upon the week-days, it may be left unsaid.” The Post-communion sentences were also directed “to be said or sung, every day one, after the Holy Communion,” and in the end of the Service is a rubric permitting the omission of the Gloria in Excelsis, the Creed, the Homily, and the Exhortation, “when the Holy Communion is celebrate on the work-day.” One of the final rubrics also directs that after the Litany has been said on Wednesdays and Fridays, preparation shall be made to celebrate the Holy Communion, “the Priest shall put upon him a plain albe or surplice, with a cope, and say all things at the altar (appointed to be said at the celebration of the Lord’s Supper), until after the Offertory,” when, if there were no Communicants, he was to dismiss the people with a Collect and “the accustomed blessing.” “And the same order shall be used,” it is added, “all other days whensoever the people be customably assembled to pray in the church, and none disposed to communicate with the Priest.” These rules were, in 1662, condensed into the rubric, which (with the word “Colleges” added) now stands at the end of the Service: “And in cathedral and collegiate churches, where be many Priests and Deacons, they shall all receive the Communion with the Minister every Sunday at the least, except they have a reasonable cause to the contrary.”

The rubrics respecting Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, and Proper Prefaces, will show that provision is made for the celebration of the Holy Communion on any day of the week, and that, at least, at certain solemn seasons, such frequent celebrations are plainly contemplated. After the great Rebellion frequent Communions were urged by all our pious Divines, Sparrow, Jeremy Taylor, and Beveridge advocating its daily celebration. Dean Grenville of Durham used most energetic endeavours, under the sanction of Archbishop Sancroft, to get the weekly celebration properly restored in all cathedrals, and, happily, there have been few in which the habit has since been dropped.

The conclusion to be drawn from these evidences of the rule and practice of the Church of England is, that while regular Sunday celebrations of the Holy Communion are the undoubted rule for every Church, provision is also made for more frequent, and even daily celebrations in cathedral churches, and whenever reasons of pious expediency make them desirable. The object of every celebration being twofold, first, an offering of the Holy Eucharist; and, secondly, a Communion, the frequency of them between Sunday and Sunday can never, in the abstract, be without justification; and may, in particular circumstances, become a great spiritual necessity and privilege, to the Church at large, to a particular parish, and to individual Communicants.
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or
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¶ So many as intend to be partakers of the holy
Communion shall signify their names to the
Curate, at least some time the day before.
¶ And if any of those be an open and notorious
evil livers, or have done any wrong to his
neighbors by word or deed, so that the Con-
gregation be thereby offended; the Curate,
having knowledge thereof, shall call him
and advertise him, that in any wise he pre-
of the fellowship which is thus originated through the
communion established between the Head and His members by com-
munication to them of His Body and His Blood in that Sacra-
ment. As our Church has happily consecrated the term Bible
by calling the book of the Scriptures the "Holy Bible," so by
the prefix "Holy" to the word "Communion" a sacred dis-
tinctive title is given to the Sacrament which it designates,
expressive of its relation both to God and man.

THE INTRODUCTORY RUBRICS.

at least some time the day before] In the Liturgy of
1549 and 1552 the direction was "overnight, or else in the morning,
afore the beginning of Matins, pr immediately after." This
implies, as Cosin remarks, "a certain distance of time between
Morning Prayer and High Service. A rule which is at this
time duly observed in York and Chichester, but by negligence of
ministers, and carelessness of people, wholly omitted in other
places" [Works v. 83]. It also shows the intention of the
Church, that Mattins should be said before the Celebration of
Holy Communion, which is to be inferred likewise from the fact
that on Palm Sunday the Proper Second Lesson at Mattins is
Matt. xxvi., and the Gospel is Matt. xxvii., and on Good Friday
the Proper Second Lesson is John xviii., and the Gospel is John
xix. This is a very ancient rule of the Church of England; as,
e.g., in some constitutions of the Province of Canterbury, A.D.
1325, it is ordered, "Let no parish priest celebrate mass till he
hath finished matins, prime, and deacon." Grindal, in
his injunctions as Archbishop of York, in 1571, ordered the
Morning Prayer, Litany, and Communion to be said together
"without any intermission; there being, doubtless, some local
or temporary reason for his so doing.

And if any] These disciplinary Rubrics formed part of the
First Reformed Liturgy of 1549. The English, like the Scottish
and Continental Reformers, laid great stress on discipline. The
definition of the Church in the Homily for Whitsunday includes
among its marks, "The right use of Ecclesiastical Discipline;" and
that in the Catechism of 1553, "Brotherly correction and
excommunication, or banishing those out of the Church that
will not amend their lives." Compare also Art. 33, and Canons
26. The disuse of it amongst ourselves, is due partly to the
studty individualism and indisposition to submit to authority
which is part of our national character, and partly to the fact
that no sufficient method was devised of supporting the Curate in
the exercise of this part of his duty. It is perhaps, to some extent,
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some not to come to the Lord's Table, until he hath openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former naughty life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied, which before were offended; and that he hath recompensed the parties, to whom he hath done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.

† The same order shall the Curate use with those betwixt whom he perceive malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties so at variance be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other hath trespass against him, and

to make amends for that he himself hath offended; and the other party will not -persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his forwardness and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate. Provided that every Minister in responding any, as is specified in this, or the next precedent Paragraph of this Rubrick, shall be obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary within fourteen days after at the farthest. And the Ordinary shall proceed against the offending person according to the Canon.

† The Table, at the Communion-time having a fair white linen cloth upon it, shall stand

practically compensated for by the voluntary abstinence from the Lord's Table of all "open and notorious evil lives."

* the Lord's Table] The word Altar, retained in the Liturgy of 1549, was entirely dropped in the Revision of 1552. The motive was the necessity (1) of disabusing the minds of the people of the gross and superstitions notions with reference to the Eucharistic Sacrament, connected to a belief in a metropolitan reiteration of the sacrifice of the Cross, which had gradually grown up during the latter centuries of the mediæval period; and (2) of bringing back into its due prominence the truth (which the denial of the cup, and the usually exclusive communion of the Celebrant, had most grievously obscured), that this holy ordinance is intended to be a means of heavenly communion with Christ by the spiritual feeding on His most precious Body and Blood. The consequence of this, and of some other changes made at the same time in the same direction (such, for instance, as the removal of the Prayer of Oblation from its place immediately after the Consecration, the placing of the Altar—during the century which immediately followed the Reformation—in most instances "table-wise," in the middle of the Chancel or of the Nave, so that the Celebrant standing, as usual, at the middle of the long side, faced south instead of east), has been the partial obscuration of the sacrificial aspect of the Holy Eucharist, and the almost exclusive concentration of popular belief on its communion aspect. Only those ignorant of theology can maintain that there is any contradiction between the two. They are in truth correlative and mutually complementary. The Holy Communion is, (1) A solemn presentation and pleading before Almighty God of the one, only, unique, and absolutely sufficient Sacrifice once and for ever finished upon the Cross, and the earthly counterpart of that perpetual presentation of it, and of Himself, which is made in Heaven by the one and only true Priest, who "ever liveth to make intercession for us" in His "unchangeable Priesthood," as our "High Priest for ever" [Heb. vii. — x.]. And in this aspect that wherein it is celebrated is rightly called, and in ordinary speaking we do call it, an "Altar" [Heb. xiii. 10]. It is (2) A Feast, after an heavenly and spiritual manner, upon that one Sacrifice so pleaded and presented, i.e., upon the Body and Blood of Christ, and in this aspect the Altar is rightly called a "Table" [1 Cor. x. 16—21], though the word "Altar" is twice used by St. Paul, 1 Cor. ix. 13, and Heb. xii. 18 (ammonition to the "pertaking" of it). In Scriptural usage the words are synonymous, i.e., different names for the same thing in different aspects, or as respects different uses of it. See Isa. lxv. 11. Ezek. xxii. 41—xxxi. 17—20; xii. 22; xliv. 15, 16. Mal. i. 7, 12. 1 Cor. x. 16—21. The word "Altar" is still retained throughout in the Form for the Coronation of the Kings and Queens of England in Westminster Abbey [see "Burder's Religious Customs"], and is used throughout the "Office of Institution of Ministers into Parishes or Churches," set forth in the General Convention of the American Branch of the English Church in 1804 and 1808. In the Apostolic Fathers the word "Table" is never used for "Altar," and in the Ecclesiastical writers of the first three centuries after Christ only once. [See also the Introduction to this office, p. 158.]

It may be added that the term "Communion Table" is not to be found in the Prayer Book, the table being invariably viewed as the Table of the Lord, and not of the Communicants.

† a fair white linen cloth] To understand the force of a law, we must understand the meaning which was given to its words at the time when it was imposed. The application of this rule to these words of the rubric will show us that they mean a beautiful linen cloth, not one that is simply clean. So "faryo" is translated "pulcher, venustus, decorus, bellus," in the Preambula Parvulorum; and of the seventeen meanings given to this adjective by Johnson, that of pulcher only is to be found in the English Bible. Thus the Bible speaks of "fair colours" [Isa. liv. 11], and "fair jewels" [Ezek. xvi. 17, and sqq.], and of One Who is "fairer than the children of men" [Ps. xlv. 3]. Linen which is simply clean and white, is called in the Bible "pure and white" [Rev. xvi. 6], or "clean and white" [Rev. xix. 14], or "fine linen," the two former adjectives being both renderings of the same word, which is σαρκάζος, in the original. Hence a "fair white linen cloth" does not mean merely a "plain, clean linen cloth," but a white linen cloth which has been made beautiful for its special purpose by the addition of fitting ornamentation.

Since the invention of "damask" linen, the ornament thus wrought is the course of manufacturing the fabric has been very generally adopted; but plain, undamasked linen may be made much more "fair" by means of embroidery; and common sense will show that the word "white" limits the colour of the "linen cloth," not of its ornamentation.

In recent times a custom has been introduced of spreading a large white cloth over the Lord's Table, in the same manner as an ordinary table is prepared for a meal. This is, however, an innovation introduced into the Church at a time when all such arrangements were let to pew-openers and sextons. The "fair white linen cloth" here ordered, and that with which the Celebrant is directed to cover what remaineth of the consecrated elements, are the corporalia of the ancient rubrics, otherwise called palla linea; a third being used by custom to cover the middle part of the Altar during the celebration. The object of using such a cloth is not to give the idea of a meal; but to carry out the symbolism of the "linen clothes," in which our Lord's body was wound before it was placed in the sepulchre, and which were found there, laid in exact order, after the Resurrection [John xx. 7]. It is a memorial also of that shining raiment, "exceeding white as snow" [Mark ix. 3], in which His transfigured Body appeared to the three disciples; and it is further observable that fine or white linens is ever represented as the clothing of those who dwell in Heaven.

The custom of the Church is to have the linen cloth two or
in the Body of the Church, or in the Chancel, where Morning and Evening Prayer are appointed to be said. And the Priest standing at the North-side of the Table shall say the Lord's Prayer, with the Collect following, the people kneeling.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; they stand the secrets of the high mysteries there to be celebrated.


D EUS cui omne cor patet, et omnis voluntas loquitur, et quem nullum latet secretum; purifica in

with patrix, chalice, and other decent furniture, meet for the high

The Priest standing at the North-side] This means at the north-side of the Table's front, no other boundary-line of the rectangular space than that in front being taken account of in directing the ministrations of the Celebrant. This seems always to have been the rule of the English Church, except in such unsettled days as those referred to in the last note. Curtains (sometimes called altar-veils) at the north and south ends, appear to have been always used in England, instead of the baldacchino or canopy which surrounds the altars of foreign churches; but solid pillars were substituted for these in the elaborates classical "altar screens" of the seventeenth and eighteenth century. The ladies of the latter seems to require a more general return to the curtail than has yet been made, for the purpose of adding dignity to the Lord's Table. In Durham Cathedral those which were anciently in daily use were of white silk.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

In the ancient Use of Salisbury the Lord's Prayer formed part of the Introductory Service which was said by the Celebrant before he went up to the Altar, and probably in the Vestry. This seems to have been the practice of the Primitive Church, the third Council of Carthage [A.D. 397] decreeing, "Ut...cum altari adsititur semper ad Patrem dirigatur oratio: fuit hoc exemplo Christi, Qui discipulos docerat orare, corde preces etiam ad Patrem direxit." The first Prayer Book [A.D. 1549] ordered that "the Priest, standing humbly afore the midst of the Altar, shall say the Lord's Prayer, with this Collect," before the Introit was sung; and probably the custom soon arose of saying it aloud. It is, however, still to be said by the Priest alone, as the history of the Service shows; and as is also indicated by the manner of printing the "Amen," which is not to be repeated by the people, but said, like the rest of the Prayer, by the Priest. The Lord's Prayer is not indicated at all in this place in Merbecke's book, and was not printed at length until the Revision of 1661.

As in all other parts of Divine Service, the Prayer of our Lord is here used with a special object. It is a royal Antiphon of Prayer which supplies the key-note of that which is to follow; and the Celebrant uses it as a prevailing intercession with the Father that he may be found not unworthy in the execution of his special office. With the same intention it should be heard by the people, since the offering to be made in the Holy Eucharist is theirs as much as it is that of their leader who stands at their head in front of God's altar.

THE COLLECT.

This Prayer, which is commonly called the "Collect for
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1 John iv. 16, 17. 
Luke i. 46, 47.

Purity," also formed part of the Introductory Prayers of the Celebrant in the Sarum rite, and is not found in any other of the English Liturgies or in the Roman. It appears again in a "Missa ad invocandum gratum Spiritus Sancti" at the end of the Sarum Missal, and this Mass is attributed by Muratori [ii. 383] to St. Gregory. It is also found in the Sacramentary of Alcuin, and at the end of the York Litany: so that it is probably a Prayer of the early Church, but preserved almost solely by the Church of England.

The Prayer for Purity now forms, naturally, a part of the public Service, and in making it so, it was doubtless the intention of those who reconstructed our Liturgy to make it a Prayer of the people with the Celebrant, for themselves, as well as his own prayer with reference to his special work of celebration. Standing at the head of his flock, the Priest offers up this preliminary Prayer to God for himself and them, that all may be prepared by His mercy for the solemn rite in which they are about to take their respective parts as Priest and Christian laity.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

1 Then shall the Priest, turning to the people, rehearse distinctly all the TEN COM- MANDMENTS; and the people still kneeling shall, after every Commandment, ask God mercy for their transgression there- of, for the time past, and grace to keep the same for the time to come, as followeth.

Minister.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sab- bath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People.

C hose words, and said ; I am the Lord thy God : Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my command- ments.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

...fusionem Sancti Spiritus cogitationes cordis nostrī; ut Te perfecte diligere, et dignare mereamur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

CLEANSE the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

...Luke i's. Ps. xxxii. xx. 1-17. 
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Exod xx. 1-17.

G OD spake these words, and said ; I am the Lord thy God : Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
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People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt do no murder.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

In the American Prayer Book the Commandments are followed by our Lord's Summary of the Decalogue from Matt. xxii. 37—40: the use of which is also allowed instead of that of the Decalogue by the Scottish Liturgy. The respond after each Commandment is somewhat similar in phrasing to the Prayer which follows them in Poulain’s Liturgy. The version used at Glastonbury, and printed at London, in 1552, is as follows: “Seigneur Dieu, pere de misericorde, qui nous as par ton serviteur Moyse donné le decalogue, pour nous instruire en la plate justice de ta Ley: veulliez la templer imprimier en nostre cuer par ton saint Esprit, qu’en toute notre vie nous ayons autre desir ou plaisir, sinon de te servir et obéir en toute sainctete et justice, par Jesus Christ son fils. Ainsi soit il.” But this respond is, in reality, a Christian application of the Law in the words of Jeremiah xxxi. 33, and Psalm cxix. 36, and as already made by St. Paul in Hebrews viii. 10. It may be clearly traced in the Vulgate: “Inclinavi cor meum ad facientes justifications Tuas...” [Ps. cxix. 36]. “Inclinavi cor meum in testimonia Tuas...” [Ibid. 36]. “...et custodiam illam in toto corde meo” [Ibid. 34].

Before the Commandments were formally introduced into the Communion Office, in 1552, the Collect for Purity was followed by the Introit, as in the ancient Service; and, as in it also, the Introit was followed by the Kyrie Eleison said nine times.

The Kyrie thus said appears to represent the ancient Litany element [the Greek eute] of the Eucharistic Office, and especially when it was sung in an expanded form, as it was on all “double” festivals. At the end of some Missals there are several pages, “De canto Kyrie Eleison,” and these contain nine such expanded forms, Kyrie generally beginning the first three lines, Christe the second three, and Kyrie the third three; all the nine lines ending with “Eleison.” Mr. Maskell has referred to these expanded forms of the Kyrie at p. 23 of his Ancient Liturgy of the Church of England, and has printed two of them. Translations of two are also here given from a Missal of 1514 as specimen:

“Lord, Almighty, Father unbegotten, on us wretched ones have mercy.”

L’Ordre des prières et ministères ecclésiastiques... et la Confession de Foy de l’Eglise de Glastonbury en Somerset... A Londres, 1552.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant VICTORIA, our Queen and

Lord, Who hast redeemed Thine handiwork, by Thine own Son have mercy.

Lord, Adonal, blot out our sins, and on Thy people have mercy. Christ, the splendour of the Father’s glory and the image of His substance, have mercy.

Christ, Who didst save the world at the Father’s bidding, have mercy.

Christ, Salvation of men and eternal life of angels, have mercy.

Lord the Spirit, the Paraclete, Bestower of pardon, have mercy.

Lord, Fountain of mercy, sevenfold in grace, have mercy.

Lord, most gracious Pardoner, proceeding from both, most bonmonteous Bestower of Spiritual gifts, have mercy.

Lord, the Maker of all creatures, have mercy upon us.

Thou who blottest out our sins, have mercy upon us without ceasing.

Let not Thy handiwork perish; but graciously have mercy upon it.

Christ, the only Son of the Father, born of the Virgin, have mercy upon us.

Thou that by Thy Blood savedst a ruined world from death, have mercy.

Hear the Prayer of those who now cry unto Thee, and in tenderness have mercy.

Gracious Spirit, fill us with Thy grace, have mercy.

Thou who flowest from the Father and the Son continually have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, trinal Unity, together to be worshipped, Loosen the bonds of our sins, redeeming us from death.

Let us all now cry aloud with sweetly-flowing voice, O God, have mercy.”

An interesting feature of these expanded forms of the Kyrie is the retention of Greek words, which indicates their Eastern origin, and that the associations connected with them were precious to the Church of England.

COLLECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN.

the Priest standing as before] That is, at the northern part of the front of the Altar, looking towards the East.

Both these Collects appear to have been composed in 1549, but the second is very similar in its phrasing to the first Collect of
the Missa pro Rege given at p. 27, of which the first words are "Deus in cœnis manu sunt cords regum." There seems to have been considerable variety in the Missa pro Rege et Regina: and it is possible that these Collects are both of them taken from some ancient sources not yet recognized.

The insertion of this Prayer for the Sovereign may be thus accounted for. The Sovereign was mentioned in the ancient Canon, in that of the first Prayer Book, and in the Prayer for the Church Militant, when that Canon was afterwards broken up into three portions as we now have it. But in the first Prayer Book one of the final rubries directed that on Wednesdays and Fridays, if there was no celebration, the Communion Service should yet be said as far as the end of the Offertory. When so used, the memorial of the Sovereign in the Canon would not be said, and this Collect was probably inserted to supply the deficiency. It would also be said constantly that those who did not remain to receive (and therefore did not hear the Canon), might still hear, and take part in, a Prayer for the Sovereign and the Church. When the Canon was broken up, and that part of it which now forms the Prayer for the Church Militant was removed to an earlier part of the Office, it was directed to form part of the Offertory even when there is no Celebration: and thus the second memorial forms not only part of the Canon, as in ancient days, but of the Service used when there are no communicants. Temporary reasons connected with the disloyalty of the times had probably some influence in fixing this Collect upon the Church.

Viewing the Ten Kyries preceding as a representative, in some degree, of the primitive Ecumen, or Great Collect, the Collect for the Sovereign is not without a certain propriety as to its Liturgical position. One of the petitions in that Eucharistic Litany is, "For our most religious and God-protected Sovereigns, for all the Palace and their Army, let us beseech the Lord. R. Lord, have mercy upon us."

It should also be added that "Memoriam" were said with the Collect for the day under the old system of the Church of England, and that the use of the present memorial Collect for the Sovereign may represent an ancient custom. The Rubric was as follows: - "Deinde diecurm oratorio, sin determinando, Per omnia sacra seclorum. Amen. Et si aliqua Memoria habenda est iterum dicat Sacerdos Orenmus ut supra. Et quando sunt phrase collecta dicenda, tune omnes Orationes qua sequentur sub uno, Per Dominum, et us Orenmus dicuntur. Ita tamen quod septen-narium numerocevord non delet secundum usum Ecclesa Saprum."

the Collect of the day] Some notes on the history of the Collects of Tempore will be found at p. 69; some special rules connected with their use at p. 24.

If Memorial Collects, on account of national or diocesan afflic- tions or necessities, should ever be issued by the authorities of our Church, the proper place to use them is after the Collect or Collects of the day, both here, and at Mattins and Evensong, shall read the Epistle] For notes on the history of the Epistle and Gospel as used in the Communion Office, see p. 70. The Epistle was anciently read from a lectern near the Altar, from which sometimes both it and the Gospel also were read. At Durham Cathedral, before its iniquitous spoliation, "at the North End of the High Altar there was a very fine Lectern of Brass, where they sang the Epistle and Gospel, with a great Pelican on the height of it finely gilt, billing the blood out of her breast to feed her young ones, and her wings spread abroad, wherein lay the Book, in which they sung the Epistle and Gospel: it was thought to be the finest Lectern of Brass in this country 1." But this lectern doubtless stood on the north of the altar because it was used for the Gospel. The proper side from which to say the Epistle is the south.

The following is Cosin’s alteration of this rubric in the Durham Prayer Book: -

Immediately after the Collects, the Priest, or the Epitist appointed, shall turn to the people and read the Epistle in the place assigned for it, beginning thus: The Epistle is written in the Chapter of and ending thus: Here endeth the Epistle. And the Epistle ended, the Priest or the Gospeller appointed shall read the Gospel, saying first: The Holy Gospel is written in the Chapter of And the people all standing up shall say: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. And at the end of the Gospel he that readeth it shall say: Here endeth the holy Gospel. And the people shall answer: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Then shall he read the Gospel] The highest reverence has

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1 "David’s Rites of Durham," written by an eye-witness of the spoliation. There was another brass Lectern in the midst of the Quire for the music-book, and a wooden one for the Lessons lower down, near the Quire door.
BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PIXETETOMEN eis eiv Θεον, Pa-}

téra pantokrátora, poiyptin oúranov kai ζησι, drátovn te pátovn kai mór-}

tovn.

Kai eis eiv Kúriov Ισχούν Χριστού, τον Τιόν τον Θεον τον monogéno, τον έκ τον Πατρος γεννηθέντα προ πάντων των αἰώνων' [Θεον έκ Θεον] θ' δέκ έκ Φωτός, Θεον αληθινόν έκ Θεου αληθινοῦ γε-}
nηθόντα, ου ποιήθην, ομοιόσαυρ στο Πατρι δι' ου τα πάντα εγένετο τον δι'}

ημάς τον άνθρωπον, και δι' την ημε-}
tέραν σωτηρίαν, κατελθώντα έκ των οὐρανών, και σαρκωθέντα έκ Πνεύματος}

'Αγίου, και Μαρίας τῆς παρθένου, και άνθρωπόν στηριζόμεναν σταυρωθέντα τε έπρε}

ημών επί Ποιόν Πιλάτου, και πα-}

βώντα, και τάβεντα, και άναστάται τη}

τρίτη ημέρα κατά τὰς γραφάς και άνέλθοντα εις των οὐρανών, και καθε-}

δομένον έκ δεξιῶν τον Πατρός έπί πάλαι}

έχρυμεν μετά δοξῆς κρίναι ξοιακαν και}

νεκροί ου τῆς βασιλείας οὐκ ἔσται}

τέλος.

Kai eis το Πνεύμα το Αίγου, το}

Κύριον, και το ζωοποιόν, το έκ τον Πα-}

τρός εκπορευόμενον, το σύν Πατρι}

και Τίρ συμπροκοσμούμενον και συν-}

δοξαζόμενον, το λαλήσαν διά των προ-

φητῶν. Εἰς μίαν άγνω καθολικήν και}

αποστολικήν ἐκκλησίαν δυσλογούμε}

νενβάπτισαι εἰς δέσιν ἁμαρτιῶν, προσδοκόμεναι ἀνάστασιν νεκρῶν, καὶ}

ζωῆν τοῦ μέλλοντος αἰώνος. Ἀμήν.
THE HOLY COMMUNION.


The following is an interesting English version of the Nicene Creed, taken from our Lady's Mirror. Printed in 1530, it is yet almost exactly identical with that adopted in 1549. There are much older English versions:

"I bylone in one god y* father almyghty, maker of heven and of erthe, and of all thynge vyvable and lyuable, and in one lorde oun cryste, the only begettoun sone of god: borne of the father before all worlkes. god of god. lyghte of lyghte. very god. of very god. brygotten and not made, and of one substance wyth the father. By whom all thynge are made, which for us men and women, and for oyle holte the downe frome hevens. And he was incarnate of the holy gooste of the vrgyn marye, and he is made man. He was crucyfied also for us under ponce pysho suffered passyon, and was buryed. And he arose the thryde day after scripture, And he ascended in heven and seteth on the fathers ryghte hande. And he shall commaung with glory to deme the quycke and the deade. Of whose kyngevsle shall be none ende. And I bylone in the holy goste, lord and quyner, which procedeth of the father and of the soule, which is worshiped, and glorified together wyth the father and wyth the soule, whych hath spoken by the prophete. And I bylone on holy comon and anonylyt chirche. I knowlege one baptym in ramseye of synnes. And I abyde the resurecyon of the deade. And I abyde the lyfe of the worlde to come. Amen."

THE NICENE CREED.

The recitation of the Creed in the public ministration of the Holy Eucharist was first introduced by Peter the Fuller, Bishop of Antioch in 471, and adopted by Timothoe Bishop of Constanti-


pople in 511. In the West it was adopted first in Spain, by the Third Council of Toledo in 589, as an antidote to the Arian heresy, with which the Spanish Church had been infected; then in France in the time of Charles the Great, and lastly in the Roman Church under Pope Benedict VIII. in 1014. Originally the Creed seems to have been used only in the instruction of catechumens, and as their profession of faith when baptized; and also as that of Bishops at their ordination.

One of the most interesting of the early creeds is that of Caesarea, because it was adopted by the Council which assembled at Nicæa in 325, to condemn the errors of Arius, as the basis of that profession of the Faith which,—with the addition made at the Second General Council of Constantinople in 381, (from "the Lord and Giver of life") to the end,—to meet the heresy of Macedonius,—was confirmed and finally adopted by the Third General Council of Ephesus in 431, and by the Fourth, that of Chalcedon, in 451. [See Hammond's "Definitions of Faith and Cans of the Universal Church."]

The Nicene, or, more correctly, the Nicæo-Constantinopolitan Creed, from the solemn sanction thus given to it by the great Ecumenical Councils, stands in a position of greater authority than any other; and amid their long-standing divisions is a blessed bond of union between the three great branches of the One Catholic Church—the Eastern, the Roman, and the Anglican, of all whose Communion office it forms a part. It is very seriously to be regretted that the American portion of the Anglican Communion has made its use in the Communion Office optional, giving the Apostles' Creed as an alternative.

The shorter draught of the Creed as it came from the Nicene Council contained the words ολῶς οὖν καὶ, which the Council of Constantinople omitted as unnecessary, and the words Deum de Deo do not occur in the Creed as given in the Galician Sacra-


mentary. [Muratori, Lit. Rom. i. 540.] But they have since been universally restored throughout the Western Church.

The words "et Filio" or "Filioque" of the Procession of the Holy Ghost, have, as is well known, never been admitted into the Creed by the Eastern Church. They were first introduced, probably, as an additional protest against the Arian denial of the full Godhead of the Son, by the Spanish Church, at the great Council of Toledo in 589; or, according to Bingham, at the still earlier Council of Bracara in 411. Some however think that they cannot be traced with certainty higher than the Tolidan Council of 633. [Guetté, Papaté Schismatique, p. 335.] The addition first became of importance towards the end of the eighth century, when the doctrine of the procession of the Holy Ghost from the Son was wielded as a theological weapon against the adoptionist heresy of the Spanish Bishops, Felix and Elipandus.

It was then generally adopted through Gaul and Germany, chiefly through the influence of Charlemagne, who is said to have written the hymn Pæni, Creator; and although Pope Leo III., on the subject being referred to him by a Council held at Ais-


la-Chapelle in 800, declined to sanction it, and caused a copy of the Creed without the "Filioque" to be engraved on silver plates and set up in St. Peter's: Pope Nicholas I., the great rival of the patriarch Photius, half a century later, insisted, in spite of the protests of the Greeks, on its insertion throughout the churches of the West. The dispute was embittered by the growing assumptions of the Roman See, which have always been stedfastly resisted by the Eastern Church; and the rupture was unhappily completed on July 16, 1054, when the legates of Pope Leo IX. laid on the altar of St. Sophia at Constantinople a writ of Excommunication against Michael Cerularius the Patriarch, which was answered by an anathema on the part of the Patriarch and his clergy.

The resistance of the Easterns to the insertion of the "Filioque" seems to have been influenced principally by these considerations.

1. An objection to the doctrine, if it was intended to assert that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Son in the same sense, that, namely, of eternal derivation, in which He proceeds from the Father. This they thought was to trench on the great fundamental verity of one sole 'Arché, or Originating Principle, in the Godhead. The being the sole fount of Deity was, they argued, not one of the Substantial attributes of Godhead as such, since then it would belong equally to each of the Three Blessed Persons; but the distinctive Personal attribute of the Father only, as it is the distinctive Personal attribute of the Son that His Godhead is eternally derived from the Father by way of Generation, and of the Holy Spirit that His Godhead is eternally derived from the Father by way of Procession. And they maintained that the passages of Holy Scripture urged in defence of the eternal Procession of the Holy Ghost from the Son, referred only to His temporal mission by the Son; and that on so mysterious a subject it was safer to keep strictly, as the Ecumenical Councils had done, to the plain letter of Holy Scripture, which affirms expressly that

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1 Some of the earlier creeds may be seen in Harvey's History and Theology of the three creeds, Hasselt's Harmony Symbolica, Walchus' Bibliotheca Symbolica, and Bingham's Antiquities, X. iii. 4. See also pp. 17-21 and 36-38 of this work.
the Holy Ghost proceedeth from the Father, but does not affirm expressly that He proceedeth from the Son.

2. An objection to any unauthorized interpolation in the universally accepted Creed of Christendom, resting on the universally admitted authority of the Second and Fourth General Councils, especially when it originated in a local Church of the then unsettled and unlettered extreme West, and afterwards enforced by the Papal See very much by way of asserting and establishing its inscend claims of supremacy, and of dominion over the Faith of the Church.

At the English Reformation the question was not raised, and the Creed in this respect continued as before.

Then the Curate shall declare unto the people] We have to have two very ancient notices that were given out to the people during Divine Service in the early Church. The one is the notification of Easter, which was given on the feast of the Epiphany, according to Ambrose, and which will be found in a note at p. 104. This is placed after the Collect "Super Populum" in the Missal of St. Ambrose, and was probably, therefore, read at an analogous part of the Service to that directed above. The other is a notice by St. Augustine in the following words:—"I suggest to you, Beloved, what ye know already. To-morrow dawns the anniversary day of the Ordination of the venerable Lord Aurelius. He asks and admonishes you by my humble ministry that you will, of your charity, grant him a meeting with all devotion at the basilica of Faustus. Thanks be to God." [Serm. cxl. Ben. ed., xi. Oxford transl.] In mediaval times it was the custom (according to Cardinal Bona) to give out notices of feasts and fasts after the Benediction, which occurred in the part of the Service that comes between the Consecration and the Communion, and he gives some examples of these and other notices (including one of Baptism) from a Roman Sacramentary written before the ninth century. [Rer. Liturg. ii. 16.] The practice of interpolating such notices in the Communion Office is therefore one of great and apparently Primitive antiquity. In the Church of England it appears to have been the mediaval custom to associate the bidding of Holydays with the bidding of Prayers, a list of Festivals having been found written on the same parchment, from which the former was evidently read, in a fourteenth century MS. printed by L'Estrange 3.

The Sixty-fourth Canon directs as follows:—

"Canon 64.

Ministers solemnly to bid Holydays.

Every Parson, Vicar, or Curate shall, in his several charge, declare to the people, every Sunday, at the time appointed in the Communion-book, whether there be any Holydays or Fastingsdays the week following. And if any do, hereafter, wickedly omit the same, or being once admonished thereof by his Ordinary, shall again omit the duty, let him be censured according to law, until he submit himself to the due performance of it."

And then . . . . of the Communion] The notice here directed does not refer to either of the Exhortations subsequently printed, as they are ordered by the rubric preceding them to be used after the Sermon, this notice being before it. There is some confusion in the rubrics, both of which belong to an unhappy time of rare celebrations and communions; and neither of them come into operation where the Holy Communion is regularly celebrated, as it undoubtedly should be, every Sunday. In the one rubric the parenthesis "(if occasion be)" indicates that such notice is left to the discretion of the minister; and in the other the meaning plainly is, that the exhortations are to be used on the Sunday or Holyday preceding the Communion, if the celebration of it is not a regular part of the Sunday Service, and "warning" is therefore necessary.

the Banns of Matrimony published . . . ] This portion of the rubric has been altered by the Delegates of the Press at Oxford, and the Syndics at Cambridge, without any authority whatever, in all Prayer Books printed during the last sixty years. The authoritative rubric is as above, and could only be altered by the same constitutional authority which imposed it. 5 By Lord Hardwicke's Act, 26 Geo. II., c. 33 (1753), it was enacted that "all Banns of Matrimony shall be published in an audible manner in the Parish Church according to the form of words prescribed by the rubric annexed to the Office of Matrimony in the Book of Common Prayer, upon three Sundays preceding the Solemnization of Marriage, during the time of Morning Service, or of Evening Service (if there be no Morning Service in such church upon any of those Sundays) immediately after the Second Litanies, and all other the rules prescribed by the said rubric concerning the publication of Banns, and the solemnization of Matrimony, and not hereby altered, shall be duly observed." 4 It will be seen that this clause does not define any thing with respect to the time of publication at the "Morning Service," leaving it still to take place after the Nicene Creed, or (which is the same thing when there is no Sermon) "immediately before the sentences for the Offertory." A judicial decision on this subject, and some further particulars, will be found in the notes to the Marriage Office.

Briefs] These were letters patent issued by the sovereign, directing the collection of alms for special objects named in them. They were granted for building and repairing churches, and for many benevolent purposes (such as the compensation of losses by fire), which are now provided for by societies or public subscriptions. Great abuses arose out of Briefs, and a statute was passed to regulate them in Queen Anne's reign. [A Anne, c. 14.] The abuses still continued, however, as will be seen by the following particulars of ninety-seven Briefs for repairing or rebuilding churches or chapels, and forty-seven Briefs for accidents by fire, inundations, &c., issued between Michælmas, 1605, and Michælmas, 1818:—

Michaelmas, 1605. £100. 10s. 6d. to Michælmas, 1618. £100. 10s. 6d. money required. collected. Net proceeds.

97 briefs for churches, &c. ... 125,246 19 4s. 25,857 6 7s. 14,297 14 14 47 ... accidents, &c. ... 24,804 15 9 ... 41,000 16 12 ... 14,000 10 7

144 £106,125 14 8s. 67,513 19 4s. ... 26,904 12 113

An attempt was again made to reform the system in 1821, but with so little success that Briefs were at last abolished, in 1828, by 9 Geo. IV., c. 28. "King's Letters," which were only discontinued five or six years ago, were documents of a similar character, and one granted by Charles II., for Chelsea Hospital, (but never used,) is among Archbishop Sancroft's papers in the Bodleian. These were granted, in recent times, to the Incorporated Societies for Church Building, Missions, and Education.

Citations] A citation is a judicial act, whereby the defendant, by authority of the judge (the plaintiff requesting it), is commanded to appear, in order to enter into suit, at a certain day, in a place where justice is administered. [Burn's Ecc. Law.] They were read after the Offertory in the Mediaval Church. The only kind of Citation ever heard in church at the present day is the "Si quis" of candidates for Holy Orders, calling upon any persons who know reasons why they should not be ordained to declare those reasons to the Bishop.

Excommunications} These are sentences of ecclesiastical censure passed by competent authority, that is, by some ecclesiastical standard works on the Nicene Creed are those of Bishop Bull and Bishop Forbes of Brechin. There is an admirable old English exposition of it, with the above translation, in *"the Mirror of our Lady."* 3 Alliance Div Off p. 262. Ang. Cath. Lib. Ed. 5 See pp. xii—xiii. 4 See also 4 Geo. IV. c. 76, 1823.
the Church, during the time of Divine Service, but by the Minister; nor by him any thing, but what is prescribed in the Rules of this Book, or enjoyned by the Queen, or by the Ordinary of the place.

¶ Then shall follow the Sermon, or one of the Homilies already set forth, or hereafter to be set forth, by Authority.

¶ Then shall the Priest return to the Lord’s Table, and begin the Offertory, saying one or more of these Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient in his discretion.

Matthew 16.

[1] Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 19, 20.

[2] Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

sistical judge or ordinary. Canon 65 fully explains this part of the rubric. [See also Palmer’s Orig. Liturg. ii. 384.]

And nothing shall be proclaimed] Many Acts of Parliament required that parochial notices respecting purely secular matters should be publicly read in church; and the example had been followed in respect to numberless matters of the same kind without the same authority. All such enactments were repealed by 7 Will. IV., and 1 Vict. c. 46, which thus practically enforced the authority of the rubric.

Then shall follow the Sermon] No authority is herein given for that use of the academical gowns in preaching which was once so common. Nor is it clear whether the Celebrant, if he is also the preacher, is to lay aside his Vestment. The ancient custom was to preach from the altar steps, and pulpits were far from being universal in churches when this rubric was first inserted. For a sermon preached from the pulpit the Enchastic Vestment seems scarcely fitting, though it would be strictly so if the sermon was preached from the altar.

The only form of prayer before sermon which has any authority whatever is that enjoined in the Fifty-fifth Canon.

“Canon 55.

The form of a Prayer to be used by all Preachers before their Sermons.

Before all Sermons, Lectures, and Homilies, the Preachers and Ministers shall move the people to join with them in Prayer in this form, or to this effect, as briefly as conveniently they may: Ye shall pray for Christ’s holy Catholic Church, that is, for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the whole world, and especially for the Churches of England, Scotland, and Ireland; and herein I require you most especially to pray for the King’s most excellent Majesty, our Sovereign Lord James, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and Supreme Governor in these his realms, and all other his dominions and countries, over all persons in all causes, as well Ecclesiastical as Temporal: ye shall also pray for our gracious Queen Anne, the noble Prince Henry, and the rest of the King and Queen’s royal issue: ye shall also pray for the Ministers of God’s holy Word and Sacraments, as well Archbishops and Bishops, as other Pastors and Curates: ye shall also pray for the King’s most honourable Council, and for all the Nobility and Magistrates of this realm: that all and every of these, in their several callings, may serve truly and painfully to the glory of God, and the edifying and well-governing of His people, remembering the account that they must make: also ye shall pray for the whole Commons of this realm, that they may live in the true faith and fear of God, in humble obedience to the King, and brotherly charity one to another. Finally, let us praise God for all those who are departed out of this life in the faith of Christ, and pray unto God that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good example: that this life ended, we may be made partners with them of the glorious resurrection in the life everlasting; always concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.”

This is a modernized form of the ancient “Bidding of the Bedes,” but is seldom used except in Cathedrals and Colleges.

It was enjoined on preachers in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, on account of the iniquitous use which was made of their so-called prayers before the sermon by the Paritans; some of whom made it a weekly vehicle for teaching sedition and schism. It may be doubted whether the Bidding Prayer was ever intended to be used for Sermons preached during the Communion Service. When it was inserted in the Canons, Sermons were often preached apart from prayers, as at Paul’s Cross, and as the University Sermons are still preached at Oxford and Cambridge. In similar cases it would still be very appropriate.

The Offertory.

The solemn oblation of the elements to be consecrated for the Holy Communion has always formed a prominent feature of the Liturgy. In the Eastern Church the elements are prepared in

1 For ancient forms of this see Liber Festivalis, L’Estrange’s Alliance of Div. Offices, Muskelitt’s Mon. Rit. ill. 312. Cox’s Forms of Bidding Prayer with Introduction and Notes, 1840.

2 See a single instance, extending from p. 97 to p. 109 of Mr. Cox’s volume.

3 The writer, commonly called Dionysius the Areopagite, tells us that after the exclusion of the Catechumens and persons under penance, the ministers and priests “then place upon the altar of God the holy bread and the cup of blessing.” [De Eccl. Hierarchia, cap. 5. Op. Tom. L, p. 187 D.]
1 Cor. ix. 13, 14. Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

2 Cor. iv. 6, 7. He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Gal. vi. 6, 7. Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things. Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap.

Gal. vi. 10. While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and specially unto them that are of the household of faith.

1 Tim. vi. 6, 7. Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath: for we brought nothing into the world, neither may we carry anything out.

1 Tim. vi. 17—19. Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life.

Heb. vi. 10. God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have shewed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister.

To do good, and to distribute, for—Heb. xiii. 16, get not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Whoso hath this world's good, and 1 John iii. 17 seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Give alms of thy goods, and never Tob. iv. 7. turn thy face from any poor man; and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Be merciful after thy power. If Tob. iv. 8, 9. thou hast much, give plenteously: if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.

He that hath pity upon the poor Prov. xix. 17. lendeth unto the Lord: and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again.

Blessed be the man that provideth Ps. xii. 1. for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

[Whilst these Sentences are in reading, the Deacons, Churchwardens, or other fit person appointed for that purpose, shall receive the alms for the poor, and other devotions of the people, in a decent basin, to be provided by the Parish for that purpose, and reverently bring it to the Priest; who shall humbly present and place it upon the Holy Table.]

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the Prothesis, the northern of the chapels on either side of the altar, with a special service, called "The Office of the Prothesis," and are taken to the altar with much ceremony in a procession called "The Great Entrance." Then they are offered to God with a Prayer of Oblation, the following being that appointed in the Liturgy of St. Chrysostom, which is now generally used in the East and in Russia:—

"Lord, God Almighty, Only Holy, Who receivest the sacrifice of praise from them that call upon Thee with their whole heart, receive also the supplication of us sinners, and cause it to approach to Thy holy Altar; and enable us to present gifts to Thee, and spiritual sacrifices for our sins, and for the errors of the people; and cause us to find grace in Thy sight, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable unto Thee, and that the good Spirit of Thy grace may tabernacle upon us, and upon these gifts presented unto Thee, and upon all Thy people. Through the mercies of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art to be blessed, and with the all-lowly, and good, and quickening Spirit, now and ever, and to ages of ages."

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[In honour of the Blessed Mary and of all Thy Saints,] for my sins and offences, for the wealth of the living, and for the rest of all the faithful departed. May this new sacrifice be acceptable to Almighty God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

In the Commination Office of 1549 there was no special prayer connected with the Oblation of the elements; but there was the following rubric:—"Then shall the Minister take so much bread and wine as shall suffice for the persons appointed to receive the Holy Communion, laying the bread upon the corporal, or else in the paten, or in some other comely thing I prepared for that purpose: and putting the wine into the chalice, or else in some fair or convenient cup prepared for that use (if the chalice will not serve), putting thereto a little pure and clean water, and setting both the bread and wine upon the altar."
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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostles hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept our alms and] to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and also all the servants of the same, and grant them such help at the hour of their death, that they may be delivered from all their sins of this life, and may come to receive immortal glory in the next.

After which followed, "The Lord be with you," "Lift up your hearts," and the sanctus with its Preface.

The substance of this rubric is retained in that which immediately preceded the Prayer for the Church Militant, and its significance was heightened in the revision of 1661 by the introduction of the word "oblations" into that prayer. The rubric and the words of the prayer together now give to our Liturgy as complete an "Oblation of the Elements" as is found in the ancient Offices. This should be distinctly shown by the reverent method of placing the bread and wine upon the Lord's Table; so that it may be seen they are placed there as a devout offering to God of His creatures of bread and wine that He may accept them at our hands (as the Lord accepted the five loaves from His disciples), to be by Him consecrated to the higher sphere and purpose of the new creation. A separate Prayer of Oblation is still in use in the Office of Holy Communion, when celebrated at Coronations. It is as follows: — "Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these Thy gifts, and sanctify them unto this holy use, that by them we may be made partakers of the Body and Blood of Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and fed unto everlasting life of soul and body."

A secondary part of the Offertory is the collection and offering of "alms for the poor, and other devotions of the people." The words "accept our alms" were inserted where they now stand in 1559, but the rubric directing the churchwardens to put them "into the poor men's box," is doubtless whether they were offered upon the altar. Perhaps it was this doubtful character of the rubric which led to such a distinct direction as that which we now have, and which was inserted in 1661. This direction should also regulate the collection of alms in Church at other services.

The idea of an offering of alms at the Holy Communion arises out of the idea of the oblation of the elements. The elements are the materials of the sacrifice about to be offered to God and partaken of by the communicants; and (as under the Jewish system) such materials are provided by those who are to be benefited by the sacrifice. But since so small a quantity of material is not; recognizably precedes a sacrificial act, the churchwardens to put them into his account according to his ability with an offering of money to be applied as alms for the poor, whom "always ye have with you," or for some sacred object connected with the work of Christ and of the Church. Such an offering at such a time is very significant; for, if we thereby acknowledge God's sovereignty over all, and His great bounty to us in particular, that "all things come of Him," and of His own do we give Him; fulfilling His command of not "appearing before Him empty;" and, secondly, the people acknowledge and fulfill their duty of providing for the maintenance of God's Priests, of God's Poor, of God's Church, His consecrated fabrics and His holy services.

In his Durham Book, Cosin made a re-arrangement of, and some additions to, the Offertory sentences, which are worth notice. He annexed the following direction to the printer: — "Print the first thirteen of these sentences at a distance from the six following: and those six at a distance from the four next after: and the last (being the 20th) at a distance by itself." This classification may be understood by comparing the following numbers and additions with the numbers affixed to the sentences in the margins above. The two from Tobit were included by Cosin in the third class, but appear to have been erased by the Revision Committee, though still printed in the Prayer Book.

I.


II.

6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.

III.

5. 16. 20. 19 [17. 18, these two, from Tobit, erased by Sand.]

IV.

Blessed be Thou, O God, for ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the glory. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. Both riches and honour come of Thee; and of Thine own do we give unto Thee. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things. And now have I seen with joy Thy people who are here present to offer willingly unto Thee. 1 Chron. xxi. 11—13. 17.

Another classification may be suggested, as follows: — For general use, 1. 2. 3. 4. 9. 12. 13. 15. 18.

the poor, 5. 17. 19. 20.

1 support of Churches, Clergy, and Missions, 6. 7. 8. 10.

special Church charities, 11. 14. 16.

Hospitals, 20.

§ Prayer for the Church.

The "Oremus" of this prayer is formed from the title of an ancient prayer for the living and the departed, which was in use before the Reformation, and which is printed (from a volume of Hours dated 1581, and belonging to J. D. Chambers, Esq.)
and specially thy servant VICTORIA our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

- A foot note at p. 65 must be supplemented by what is here stated.
- See p. xiii.
I. When the Minister gives warning for the celebration of the holy Communion, (which he shall always do upon the Sunday, or some holy-day, immediately preceding,) after the Sermon or Homily ended, he shall read this Exhortation following.

DEARLY beloved, on — day next I purpose, through God's assistance, to administer to all such as shall be religiously and devoutly disposed the most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, to be by them received in remembrance of his meritorious Cross and Passion, whereby alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the Kingdom of heaven. Wherefore it is our duty to render most humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God our heavenly Father, for that he hath given his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in that holy Sacrament. Which being so divine and comfortable a thing to them who receive it worshipfully, and so dangerous to them that will presume to receive it unworthily; my duty is to exhort you in the mean season to consider the dignity of that holy mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; and so to search and examine your own consciences, (and that not lightly, and after the manner of dissemblers with God; but so) that ye may come holy and clean to such a heavenly feast, in the marriage-garment required by God in holy Scripture, and be received as worthy partakers of that holy Table.

The way and means thereto is; first, to examine your lives and conversations by the rule of God's commandments; and whereinsoever ye shall perceive yourselves to have offended, either by will, word, or deed, there to bewail your own sinfulness, and to confess yourselves to Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life. And if ye shall perceive your offences to be such as are not only against God, but

Liturgy of St. Chrysostom. Further, we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy abode, and for all our fathers and brethren that have fallen asleep before us, and lie here, and the orthodox that lie every where." [From the Eclect.]

And, further, we offer to Thee this reasonable Service on behalf of those who have departed in the Faith, our ancestors, fathers, . . . and every just spirit made perfect in the Faith." [From the Prayer of Oblation.] "And remember all those that are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, and give them rest where the light of Thy countenance shineth upon them." [From the commemoration of the departed members of the Church.]

It will thus be seen how great a devotion it would be from Primitive Christianity to omit all mention of the deceased members of Christ, at the time when celebrating the great Sacrament of Love by which all the whole Church is bond together. And it must be considered as great matter for thankfulness, that in all the assaults made upon the Liturgy of the Church of England by persons holding a more meagre belief in things unseen, the Providence of God has preserved the prayer for the whole Church, departed as well as living, in the Prayer for the Church Militant.

THE EXHORTATIONS.

These short homilies were introduced into the Communion Office at a time when the Church of England lay were in danger of two extremes. The first was that almost total neglect of Communion which had sprung up during the Middle Ages: the second was that fearful irreverence towards the Holy Communion which arose from the dreadful principles held respecting it by the Puritans: an irreverence so great as to call out even an Act of Parliament for its suppression. [1 Edw. VI. c. 1, 1547.]

In the face of these dangers, and when Sermons were but rarely preached in comparison with later times, these Exhortations were placed where they are, for instruction of the people, as well as for a hortatory purpose. Although extremely valuable as statements of doctrine, they are not so necessary in times when sermons respecting the Holy Communion are so common as they service at once, as indeed they do, it would be better to let the Communion follow immediately after Mattins, using the Litany as a separate service in the afternoon. This would abate the sameness of repeated prayers for the same persons and objects, which, more than the actual time taken, is the cause of the common complaints of the length of the Morning Service. Particular intercession should be privately made after the word "adversity," and it is well for the Priest to make a short pause, to allow those present thus silently to commend to God any for whom they are specially bound to pray.

If it be thought by any to be an omission in this prayer we do not pray for "all sorts and conditions of men," Heathen as well as Christian, but only for Christ's Church, it should be remembered that our Lord Himself in His Eucharistic Intercession expressly says, "I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me" (John xvii. 9). Very observable also is it that the earnest prayer for unity, which is found in the great intercessory Prayer that forms part of every known Christian Liturgy, is a close following of our Blessed Lord's own example at the first Institution of the Eucharist (John xxi. 20—23). In commemorating the departed at the time of celebrating the Holy Eucharist, the Church of England simply does as every known Church has done from the earliest age in which its Liturgical customs can be traced. The following are some Primitive examples:—

Liturgy of St. James. See Introduction to this Office, p. 156. The first words of commemoration, "that they may find mercy and grace with all Thy Saints..." will be found exactly similar in character to those of the Church Militant Prayer.

Liturgy of St. Mark. "Give rest to the souls of our fathers and brethren that have herebefore slept in the faith of Christ, O Lord our God, remembering our ancestors, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, bishops, holy and just persons, every spirit that has departed in the faith of Christ, and those who shall to-day we keep in memory."

Liturgy of St. Clement. "Let us commemorate the holy martyrs, that we may be deemed worthy to be partakers of their trial. Let us pray for all those who have fallen asleep in the Faith."

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also against your neighbours; then ye shall reconcile yourselves unto them; being ready to make restitution and satisfaction, according to the uttermost of your powers, for all injuries and wrongs done by you to any other; and being likewise ready to forgive others that have offended you, as ye would have forgiveness of your offences at God's hand: for otherwise the receiving of the holy Communion doth nothing else but increase your damnation. Therefore if any of you be a blasphemer of God, an hinderer or slanderer of his Word, an adulterer, or be in malice, or envy, or in any other grievous crime, repent you of your sins, or else come not to that holy Table; lest, after the taking of that holy Sacrament, the devil enter into you, as he entered into Judas, and fill you full of all iniquities, and bring you to destruction both of body and soul.

And because it is requisite, that no man should come to the holy Communion, but with a full trust in God's mercy, and with a quiet conscience; therefore if there be any of you, who by this means cannot quiet his own conscience herein, but requireth further comfort or counsel, let him come to me, or to some other discreet and learned Minister of God's Word, and open his grief; that by the ministry of God's holy Word he may receive the benefit of absolution, together with ghostly counsel and advice, to the quieting of his conscience, and avoiding of all scruple and doubtfulness.

† Or, in case he shall see the people negligent to come to the holy Communion, instead of the former, he shall use this Exhortation.

DEARLY beloved brethren, on—

I intend, by God's grace, to celebrate the Lord's Supper: unto which, in God's behalf, I bid you all that are here present, and beseech you, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, that ye will not refuse to come thereto, being so lovingly called and hidden by God himself. Ye know how grievous and unkind a thing it is, when a man hath prepared a rich feast, decked his table with all kind of provision, so that Sick, it is yet not considered to be of absolute necessity before the receiving of the holy Communion, as in the Roman and Eastern Churches, whose laity, as a rule, communicate much less frequently than do those of the Church of England. It is permitted and recommended, and perhaps even enjoined to such as find it necessary for their own comfort; for in the English of 1548 the phrase "let him come" was more probably imperative than merely permissive. It can hardly be questioned that the Church of England regards private Confession as occasional and remedial, not as habitually desirable; as medicine, not regular food. In estimating the teaching of the Prayer Book on this subject, it must always be remembered that an authoritative priestly absolution is provided, both in the Common Book and in the daily Matins and Evensong, which only differs from a private absolution in being addressed to individuals as included in a congregation and not separately. [See note on the Absolution in the Common Book.]

† The first Exhortation.

The original of this formed part of the "Order of Communion," set forth in 1548, when a great endavour was being made to revive the practice of actual Communion among the laity. Who was its author is unknown. It underwent some alterations in 1652, the most important of which was the omission of the following admirable passage respecting Confession and Charity, with which it ended in 1549, "requiring such as shall be satisfied with a general Confession, not to be offended with them that doth use, to their further satisfying, the auricular and secret Confession to the Priest; nor those also which think needful or convenient for the quietness of their own consciences particularly to open their sins to the Priest, to be offended with them which are satisfied with their humble confession to God, and the general confession to the Church; but in all these things to follow and keep the rule of charity; and every man to be satisfied with his own conscience, not judging other men's minds or acts, whereas he hath no warrant of God's Word for the same."

In 1661 some changes were made by Bishop Cosin, the principal being the prefix of the first paragraph, which is in his handwriting in the margin of the Durham Book.

The concluding paragraph of this Exhortation is very important as indicating that, while the Church of England advises auricular confession in some cases [see notes on Visitation of the
there lacketh nothing but the guests to sit down; and yet they who are called (without any cause) most unthankfully refuse to come. Which of you in such a case would not be moved? Who would not think a great injury and wrong done unto him? Wherefore, most dearly beloved in Christ, take ye good heed, lest ye, withdrawing yourselves from this holy Supper, provoke God's indignation against you. It is an easy matter for a man to say, I will not communicate, because I am otherwise hindered with worldly business. But such excuses are not so easily accepted and allowed before God. If any man say, I am a grievous sinner, and therefore am afraid to come: wherefore then do ye not repent and amend? When God calleth you, are ye not ashamed to say ye will not come? When ye should return to God, will ye excuse yourselves, and say ye are not ready? Consider earnestly with yourselves how little such feigned excuses will avail before God. They that refused the feast in the Gospel, because they had bought a farm, or would try their yokes of oxen, or be-cause they were married, were not so excused, but counted unworthy of the heavenly feast. I, for my part, shall be ready; and, according to mine Office, I bid you in the Name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you, as you love your own salvation, that ye will be partakers of this holy Communion. And as the Son of God did vouchsafe to yield up his soul by death upon the Cross for your salvation; so is it your duty to receive the Communion in remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, as he himself hath commanded: which if ye shall neglect to do, consider with yourselves how great injury ye do unto God, and how sore punishment hangeth over your heads for the same; when ye wilfully abstain from the Lord's Table, and separate from your brethren, who come to feed on the banquet of that most heavenly food. These things if ye earnestly consider, ye will by God's grace return to a better mind: for the obtaining whereof we shall not cease to make our humble petitions unto Almighty God our heavenly Father.

**At the time of the Celebration of the Communion, the Communicants being conveniently placed for the receiving of the holy Sacrament, the Priest shall say this Exhortation.**

Dear beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorted all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as

pleads earnestly for frequent Communion:— "Modis omnibus instan tum, ut qui presentes sunt communicent. Sed sunt qui in eo nobissem sentiunt, quo autem id obtinant non veris uti-
tar rationibus. Alii enim co quod Dominici usum heus Sacramentum commendavit discipulis suis, ut ceremoniam pertinenter ad solenem sui inter nos celebrandam memoriam, quae sane a nobis celebrari debet omni die Dominico. Hic, ex eo quod Apostolus, 1 Cor. xi. eandem communem singularem uel eundem consuetudinem uel totam reservabat, et quod Ecclesia Apostolica legitur ita fractione panis perseverasse, ut in doctrina Apostolorum, Act. II.; appareat ergo Ecclesias praeceps illud ex certa Apostolorum traditiuncula acceptae, ut Sacram Communis

galis diebus Dominici et Festis, in suo quoque tota conveniatur Ecclesia, exliberat." As this Exhortation originally stood, it contained a strong passage about the ill effects of habitually remaining to “goe” without receiving the Communion, which shows that the habit was an extremely common one at that time. This paragraph, which followed the words “hangeth over your hands for the same,” was crossed out in Cosin’s book, apparently by Sancroft, as Secretary to the Committee, the ink being of the colour used by him, and not of that used by Cosin.

§ The third Exhortation. *conveniently placed* After the Offertory the sentences the Liturgy of 1549 has this rubric: "Then so many as shall be partakers of
the Holy Communion shall tarry still in the quire, or in some convenient place nigh the quire, the men on the one side and the women on the other side. All other (that mind not to receive the said Holy Communion) shall depart out of the quire, except the Ministers and Clerks. This implies that "the Ministers," i.e. the Deacon and Subdeacon, and the "Clerks," i.e. the Choristers, might remain in the quire, and others in the body of the church, during the celebration, even if not intending then to communicate.

This Exhortation, to be used at the time of the Communion, appears to be handed down in principle, and partly in words, from the habit of the unreformed Church of England. The old English form placed parallel to it was evidently known, perhaps familiar, to those who wrote it; and the position of the Con- fession and Absolution at the end of it appears to indicate that the Reformers adopted no new system when they introduced these into their office in their present form, but simply remodelled what they found already in use.

Whether this was the general habit of the Church of England before the Reformation or not, certainly now one of the most remarkable of the peculiar features of the Anglican Communion.

The benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; (for then we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ, and drink his blood; then we dwell in Christ, and Christ in us; we are one with Christ, and Christ with us;) so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. For then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour; we eat and drink our own damnation, not considering the Lord's Body; we kindle God's wrath against us; we provoke him to plague us with divers diseases, and sundry kinds of death. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and stedfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet part-takers of those holy mysteries. And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man, who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners; who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding goodness of God's body fleshe and blade, yn the forme of bred; & that (which) he receyvyth the afterward, ys no thyng ells but wyne & water, for to clense your mowthys of the holy sacrament. Furthermore, y charge yow that no man nether woman go to Godds borde lase than he be of ys synynys clem confessyd, & for hem contryte; that ys to sey haunying sorow yn yowr herts, for yowre synynys. Furthermore, I charge yow yf ther be eny man or woman, that beryth yn his herte eny wrothe or ran- cor to eny of his evencerns [fellowChristian] that he be not ther howselyd, thier to the tyme that he be with hym yn perfyte love & cherytfe, for ho so [whoso] beryth wyrrhe or eyvil wyll yn herte, to eny of his evencerns, he ys note worthy hys God to receyve; and yf he do, he resevythere theis dampa- cynyon, where he schuld receyve his sal- uation. Furthermore, y charge yow that none of yow go to Godds borde to day, lasse than he be yn full wyll & purpose for to sese and to withstand the deds of syn. For who proposty now to contyme yn syn ajene after hys holy tyme he is note worthy to receyve his God; & yf he do hyt ys to hym grete perell. Furthermore I charge all strangers bothe men and women, that none of yow go to godds borde, yn to tyme that ye hane spoke with me, other [or] with myn asynys. Furthermore, y charge yow bothe men
great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained to us; he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort. To him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Amen.

§ Then shall the Priest say to them that come to receive the holy Communion.

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

§ Then shall this general confession be made, in the name of all those that are minded to receive the holy Communion, by one of the Ministers; both he and all the people kneeling humbly upon their knees, and saying,

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From the ancient form of Exhortation given above, it will be seen that public confession and absolution before Communion were not a novelty when introduced into the Order of Communion of 1548, and subsequently into the full Communio Office of 1549. There was indeed a form of confession in the ancient office (which will be found in the Appendix to the Liturgy, and at p. 5), yet this cannot be considered as the Confession of the people, but rather as that of the Celebrant and his Ministers. One was therefore used by the people before their too rare reception of the one element in ante-Reformation times, and this was methodized into its present form in 1548. It originally stood after the Consecration, and referred therefore to Communion only; but in 1562 it was placed in its present position, probably with the very reasonable and pious view that as "we are unworthy to offer any sacrifice" to God, so before we offer that sacrifice, the offering of which is our bounden duty, it is fit that we should make open confession of our unworthiness, and receive the benefit of Absolution. There is, indeed, an analogy between this and the washing of the disciples' feet by our Lord before the Institution. "Ye are clean," said He, when He had done this to them: or, as St. John records, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." [John xvi. 3.] all men, we acknowledge, and we lament that we were conceived and born in sins, and that therefore we be prone to all evils . . . .

Confiteor Deo, beatus, quia peccavi . . . .

mea culpa . . . .

And we are sorry for it with all our hearts . . . .

Have mercy upon us, most gentle Father, through thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ . . . .

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION.

BECUSE our blessed Lord hath left this power to his congregation, that it may absolve them from sins, and restore them in to the favour of the heavenly Father, which being repentant for their sins, do truly believe in Christ the Lord . . . .

Misercutum vestri Omnipotens Deus Salisbury Us.

et dimitat vos ab omni male, conservet et confirmet in bono, et ad vitam perdu-
cat æternam. Amen.

So by the absolving word of God, even of "Our Lord Jesus Christ," Who hath power on earth to forgive sins, and "who hath left power to His Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him," all such may approach the solemn moment of Consecration, cleansed and prepared by the act of the Church, crowning their own penitence and confession.

The present position of the Confession and Absolution may thus be regarded as another recognition of the Priesthood of the Laity, and of the share which they have in the subsequent offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice by their leader and representative who stands at the altar.

Both the Confession and Absolution owe some expressions to Hermann's Consultation, but there is no ground for supposing that the idea of them was taken from thence. Hermann's Confession is a long and homiletic kind of form, of which the only words at all similar to that of our Office are those given above. What slight association is traceable between the two, may be further seen by a reference to the note on the Absolution, in the "Order for the Visitation of the Sick."

Until 1661 the rubric directed the Confession to be said "in the name of those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, either by one of them, or else one of the Ministers, or by the Priest himself." The Puritans objected to this, saying, "We desire it may be made by the Minister only," and that "it is a
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Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

S. Matt. xi. 28. COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

S. John iii. 16. So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Hear also what S. Paul saith.

1 Tim. i. 15. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Hear also what S. John saith.

1 S. John ii. 1. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

Then shall the Priest say,

Lam. iii. 41. After which the Priest shall proceed, saying, Lift up your hearts.

Answer.

Ps. xxv. 1. cxvii. 1. cxvii. 1. We lift them up unto the Lord.

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1 Cor. xiv. 16. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer.

2 Thess. i. 3. It is meet and right so to do.

Hear ye the Gospel. John iii.

OD so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that all which believe in him, should have life everlasting.

¶ Or 1 Tim. i.

This is a sure saying, and worthy of all embracing, that Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners.

¶ Or John iii.

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hands; he that believeth in the Son hath life everlasting.

¶ Or Acts x.

All the prophets bear witness unto Christ, that all that believe in him receive remission of their sins through him.

¶ Or 1 John ii.

My little children, if any have sinned, we have a just Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, and he is an atonement for our sins.

Sursum corda.

Habemus ad Dominum.

Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

Dignum et justum est.

private opinion, and not generally received in the Catholic Church, that one of the people may make the Public Confession at the Sacrament, in the name of all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion.” Coein altered the rubric to, “by one of the Ministers, or the Priest himself, both he and all the people kneeling humbly upon their knees, and saying.” The Puritans apparently wished to prevent the people from saying it at all.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS.

The use of these texts of Scripture is peculiar to the English Liturgy, and seems to have been derived from the Consultation of Archbishop Hermann. Before Communion and after Consecration the Liturgy of St. Mark directs the 42nd Psalm to be said, and that of St. James has the 23rd, 34th, 115th, and 116th in the same place. There is some analogy between this custom and our own, but it can scarcely be considered the precedent which led to the present usage.

Perhaps the object of their introduction was the obvious one suggested in the title of “comfortable words,” that of confirming the words of Absolution with those of Christ and His Apostles; and of holding forth our Lord and Saviour before the communicants in the words of Holy Scripture to prepare them for “discerning” His Body in the Sacrament.

THE PREFACE.

This portion of the Communion Office is found almost word for word in every known Liturgy, in every part of the Catholic Church, from the earliest times; and there can be no doubt that it is a correct tradition which assigns it to the Apostolic age. The originals are here given from the Ancient Greek Liturgies. Αὕτωι σχέμισθαι τῷ κυρίῳ ἐξομνεῖς πρὸς τὸν Κύριον. Εὐχαριστήσωμεν τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἀληθῶς οὗτοι καὶ θείαι, πρὸς τό τε καὶ κοινωνίας, στὶς αἰώνιοι, στὶς ὡριστεῖς, στὶς προσκυνηθεῖς, στὶς δοξολογίας, στὶς εὐλογίας. [St. James.] Δόθησαι Κύριε Θεί, Ἱατὴρ παντοκράτωρ. [St. Mark.] ἐν ἑορτασίαις τῶν ὁμολογίων, καὶ πᾶσα ἡ δόξα αὐτῶν . . . . ἐγενείον, ἐρχόμενον [St. James], καὶ τελευταίος διά Κυρίου ἐν εὐλογίαις. THE WESTERN PREFACES . . . "Agnus, Agnus, Agnus Domini Jesu Christi, pax et salus..."
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Ps. xxix. 2. Rev. xiii. 18. Ps. xxxiv. 1. Eph. v. 20. Rev. vi. 6, 7.

There were [Holy Father] must be omitted on Trinity Sunday.

¶ Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say,

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

¶ Here shall follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed: or else immediately shall follow,

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we land and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere, Domine Sanete, Pater Omnipotens, aterne Deus.

¶ Sequuntur Praefationes.

ET ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum thronis et dominationibus, cum omni militia coelestis exercitus, hymnurn gloriam tuam canimus, sine fine dicentes:


δῶρας, ή γὰρ τοῦ δόξα σου. ὁσιωδάν ἐν τοῖς ὑψιστοις. εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ἄνωτατ πνεύμα των ἀνθρώπων ἐν τοῖς ἄνωτατος. [St. James.]

It seems more than probable that this long thanksgiving prayer (the εὐχαρίστα τῶν τοῦ Justin Martyr, Apol. i. ch. 80), which, beginning with the Sursum Corda, included also the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, the recitation of the Words of Institution, and the Prayer of Oblation, and closed with the Lord's Prayer, is alluded to by St. Paul, in "Else when thou shalt bless with the Spirit, how shalt he that ocupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks [τῆς ἑαυτοῦ εὐχαρίστασεν,} seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?" [1 Cor. xiv. 16.]

The "Sursum Corda," is referred to by St. Cyril, in his treatise on the Lord's Prayer [A.D. 253], where he says, "Is it for this cause that the Priest before worship uses words of introduction, and puts the minds of the brethren in preparation, by saying, 'Lift up your hearts!' that while the people answer, 'We lift them up unto the Lord,' they may be reminded that there is nothing for them to think of except the Lord." [Cyp. de Ornt. 20.] St. Cyril of Jerusalem, a century later, also comments upon them in these terms: "After this the Priest cries aloud, 'Lift up your hearts.' For truly ought we in that most awful hour to have our heart on high with God, and not below, thinking of earth and earthly things. The Priest then, in effect, bids all in that hour abandon all worldly thoughts, or household cares, and to have their heart in heaven with the merciful God. Then ye answer, 'We lift them up unto the Lord;' assenting to him by your avowal. . . . Then the Priest says, 'Let us give thanks to the Lord.' For in good sooth are we bound to give thanks, that He has called us, unworthy as we are, to so great grace; that He has reconciled us who were His foes; that He has vouchsafed to us the spirit of adoption. Then ye say, 'It is meet and right!' for in giving thanks we do a meet thing and a right; but He did, not a right thing, but what was more than right, when He did us good, and counted us meet for such great benefits." [Cyp. Catech. Lect. xxiii. 3, 4.] These verses are also referred to by St. Chrysostom [de Euch., de Praelection], by St. Augustine [De Deo Perseverant. xiii.], and by Cassarius of Arles [Hom. xvi. 16.]

The use of the Sanctus is of equally ancient date. St. Cyril speaks of its long Preface in a passage following that just quoted, and then goes on to say: "We make mention also of the Sacrament, whom Jesus, by the Holy Ghost, beheld encircling the throne of God, and with two of their wings veiling their countenances, and with two their feet, and with two flying, who cried, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.' [Jan. vi. 1. Rev. iv. 8.] For this cause, therefore, we rehearse this confession of God, delivered down to us from the Sacrament, that we may join in hymns with the hosts of the world above." It is very remarkable that in all the Ancient Liturgies, both of East and West, the saying of the Sanctus is given to the choir and people. The Celebrant having recited the Preface, or Introductory part of this great act of Eucharistic Thanksgiving, the "Triumphal Hymn," itself, as the Liturgics of St. Basil and St. Chrysostom call it, is taken up by the whole body of the worshippers who, as kings and priests unto God, join in that solemn act of adoration of the ever-blessed Trinity. To mark this Catholic custom the Sanctus itself ought to be printed as a separate paragraph, and so it was printed in 1549 and 1552. In choirs, and places where they sing, both it and the Gloria in Excelsis ought always to be sung in the same manner as the Creed. In this our highest, most glorious, and most joyous service our highest efforts ought to be used to make it as worthy as we can of Him to whom it is offered, and to bring out as fully as we can its character of adoring thanksgiving.

In the Primitive and Mediaeval Liturgies the Sanctus concluded with the words, "Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." In translating it for the Office of our Prayer Book, the four latter words were changed to "Glory to Thee, O Lord, in the highest," and the present termination was substituted in 1552, thus displacing the Hosanna altogether.

No reason can be assigned for this deviation from ancient custom. But there was, perhaps, some popular superstition, now lost sight of, which made it seem desirable to drop the words in question. The Mirror of our Lady [A.D. 1530] comments upon the Sanctus as then used in the following words: "This song Sanctus is the song of Angels, and it is said to the Blessed Trinity, as is said before in the hymn Te Desc in Mattins. The second part thereof, that is, Benedictus, is taken from the Gospel, where the people on Palm Sunday came against our Lord Jesus Christ, and said to Him the same words in

1 In the Clementine Liturgy, however, the Sanctus and the Hosannah are placed separate, and at a considerable distance from each other.


### Proper Prefaces.

#### Upon Christmas day, and seven days after.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who by the operation of the Holy Ghost was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother, and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

#### Upon Easter day, and seven days after.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

#### Upon Ascension day, and seven days after.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

#### Upon Whitsunday, and six days after.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery

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The presence of angels at the celebration of the Holy Communion has been a pious belief of the Church from Primitive times, and in all parts of the Christian world. [See 1 Cor. xi. 10.]

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§ Proper Prefaces.

Besides these five proper Prefaces, the Sarum Missal had one for Epiphany and seven days after, one for Ash-Wednesday and Ferial days in Lent, one for Festivals of Apostles or Evangelists, and one for the Festivals of the Blessed Virgin. The Trinity Preface was used on all the Sundays after Trinity, and at every
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tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal, constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

¶ Upon the Feast of Trinity only.

W H O art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, &c.

¶ After each of which Prefaces shall immediately be sung or said.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord’s Table, say in the name of all them that shall receive the Communion this Prayer following.

W E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great wedding celebration. The Liturgies of the Eastern Church have but one invariable Preface, much longer and fuller than those of the West, throughout the year. In the Latin Church the variety of Prefaces was ancienly much greater than it is now. The Sacramentaries of SS. Leo, Gelasius, and Gregory, which have been the great sources of Bragaline forms for all the Churches of the West, contain a Preface for nearly every Sunday and Festival throughout the year. The same is true of the Mozarabic Missal, in which the Preface is called “Illatio,” and of the ancient Gallican Liturgies, whose name for it is “Contestatio.” The number was reduced to ten about the end of the twelfth century, in the English, and in all other Western Missals but the Ambrosian and the Mozarabic. The ancient Missals always contained the musical notation of the various Prefaces as well as of the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer; and the Intonation of the Gloria in Excelsis.

§ The Prayer of Humble Access.

This Prayer, together with the Invitation, “Ye that do truly,” the Confession, Absolution, and Comfortable Words, which it then immediately followed, was placed in the Liturgies of 1518 and 1549 between the Consecration and the Communion. It is similarly placed in the Scottish Liturgy of 1637; and in the present Scottish Office. Archbishop Laud says: “If a comparison must be made, I do think the order of the Prayers as they now stand in the Scottish Liturgy to be the better and more

Sequens Prefatio dictatur in die Sancta Trini. Salisbury Use.

Qui cum unigenuo Filio Tu et Spiritu Sancto unus es Deus, unus es Dominus, non in unius singularitate Personae, sed in unius Trinitate Substantia. Quod enim de tua gloria revelante te eredimus, hoc de Filio tuo, hoc de Spiritu Sancto, sine differentia discretionis sentimus . . . una voce dicentes.

¶ Item in aliis Prefationibus conclusio.

Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum thronis et dominionibus cuncte omni militia celestis exercitus, hymnum glorie tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua; Osanna in excelsis; beneditus qui venit in nomine Dominii; Osanna in excelsis.

Oremus.

DOMINE, sancte Pater, omnipo-
tens, eterno Deus, da nobis hoc corpus et sanguinem Filii tuui Dominii
Dei nostri Jesu Christi ista sumere, ut
mercy by making use of the mysteries of the Holy Communion; and I believe they which are learned will acknowledge it."

The change was made in 1562, and like some others made at the same time is difficult to account for, except on the ground of some temporary influence and danger. In the Liturgies of 1549 and 1549, after "drink his blood" was added "in these holy mysteries," which words were omitted in 1552, and proposed for restoration by Cosin. In the Eastern Liturgies the Prayer which answers to this is called the Prayer of Inclination, and is said immediately before the Communion of the People.

In the Salisbury Missal this Prayer was said in the singular number; but the York Missal had it in the plural as given above.

The emphatic sense of "to eat" must not be overlooked in the use of this Prayer. The sense of it may be best seen by a paraphrase: --- "We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table, but of Thy mercy Thou dost grant us the flesh and blood of Thy dear Son: Grant us so to eat and drink that precious Gift that His promise may be altogether fulfilled, that we may eat and drink of these after the manner of those to whom He is Life unto Life; and not after the manner of those to whom the Word of Life itself is Death unto Death."

Bishop Cosin proposed to place this Prayer immediately before the Communion: the reasons already given for the place of the Confession and Absolution seem, however, to justify its retention here.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 1.

This is the central portion of the "Canons of the Mass" as it was rendered in the English Liturgy of 1549. The original form

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The change was made in 1562, and like some others made at the same time is difficult to account for, except on the ground of some temporary influence and danger. In the Liturgies of 1549 and 1549, after "drink his blood" was added "in these holy mysteries," which words were omitted in 1552, and proposed for restoration by Cosin. In the Eastern Liturgies the Prayer which answers to this is called the Prayer of Inclination, and is said immediately before the Communion of the People.

In the Salisbury Missal this Prayer was said in the singular number; but the York Missal had it in the plural as given above.

The emphatic sense of "to eat" must not be overlooked in the use of this Prayer. The sense of it may be best seen by a paraphrase: --- "We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table, but of Thy mercy Thou dost grant us the flesh and blood of Thy dear Son: Grant us so to eat and drink that precious Gift that His promise may be altogether fulfilled, that we may eat and drink of these after the manner of those to whom He is Life unto Life; and not after the manner of those to whom the Word of Life itself is Death unto Death."

Bishop Cosin proposed to place this Prayer immediately before the Communion: the reasons already given for the place of the Confession and Absolution seem, however, to justify its retention here.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 1.

This is the central portion of the "Canons of the Mass" as it was rendered in the English Liturgy of 1549. The original form

1 The manner in which Bishop Cosin desired to restore the ancient mode of Consecration and Oblation may be best seen by printing his marginal alterations in their proper order. A comparison of these with the Offices of 1669 and 1669, as printed in the Appendix, will give a complete view of this Prayer.

"Here followeth the Prayer of Consecration."

"When the Priest, standing before the Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say as follows:"

"Agnus Dei, who cometh from the Father, who is true brightness of the Father’s glory; who is true TRUE TRUTH, who hath shown himself to the world in the flesh and by the miracles that he had wrought, and by the death and resurrection of his body, and by the Holy Ghost, who is given to those that believe in him; and who, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, wilt come to save us."

"Who in the same name that he was betrayed took Bread, and when he had kissed, and given thanks He brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat this is My Body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me."

"Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup, and when he had blessed and given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this: for this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many for the remission of sins, do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of Me. Amen."

"Immediately after shall follow this Memorial, or Prayer of Oblation."

"Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the Institution of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants do celebrate, and make here before Thy divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, the memorial which Thy Son hath willed and commanded us to make: having in remembrance His most blessed passion and sacrifice, His mighty resurrection, and His glorious ascension into heaven, rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, and we entirely desire Thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, now represented unto Thee, and through faith in His Blood who maketh intercession for us at Thy right hand, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and be made partakers of all other benefits of His Passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves our soul and bodies."

"As in 1690. See Appendix."
ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, (a) took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, (b) he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take,

_Here the Priest_ The marginal rubrics for the manual rites were omitted in the Revision of 1552. The two directing the _Priest_ to take the Bread, and then the Wine, into his hands, were restored in 1661, and the other three directing the Breaking of the Bread, and the laying of the hand on the Bread, and on the Wine, were then first inserted. In the case of the first marginal rubric there is a needless and awkward change from that of 1549. It is the Bread, not the Paten, the Priest should take into his hands. If he takes the Paten, he must certainly put it down again before he can conveniently comply with the next direction.

_Here and to break the Bread_ The breaking the Bread before consecration, though apparently “most agreeable with the institution of Christ,” is peculiar to the English Rite. In all other Liturgies it occurs after the Consecration, usually after the Lord’s Prayer, with which the long Consecration Prayer invariably closes, and shortly before the dipping of a portion into the cup before actual communion, a rite which is found in all the great Liturgies of East and West. The laying of the right hand on each element during the utterance of the words of consecration is also peculiar to the English Rite. It seems to come most naturally in the place of making the sign of the cross, which in the unreformed Use the Celebrant did as he said the word _beati eius_ over each element.

That we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine_ In this place the Invocation of the Holy Ghost was inserted in 1549. This occurs in every ancient Catholic Liturgy of both East and West, excepting only the Roman, and those derived from it (if indeed the Roman or Petrine family of Liturgies did not itself also originally contain it), and the Holy orthodox Church of the East has always thought it essential to the act of consecration. It was omitted in 1552, probably in deference to the scruples of Luther. It was inserted in the Scottish Book of 1637, and forms part of the existing Scottish and American Communion Offices, where it follows the Words of Institution and the Prayer of Oblation, as in the Eastern Liturgies. The clause in our present Office contains an implied or oblique invocation of the Holy Ghost, since it is only through His divine operation that we, by receiving God’s “creatures of Bread and Wine,” can “be made partakers of Christ’s most blessed Body and Blood.” But we may be allowed to wish, with Bishops Horsley and Wilson, and the best informed English Divines, that the direct Invocation had been left untouched.

§ The Words of Institution.

The whole Western Church has always held that the Consecration of the Holy Eucharist is effected and completed by the recitation of our Lord’s words of Institution. They are of such solemn importance, as bringing our Lord Himself to be the Consecrator of the Holy Sacrament, that they should be uttered with deliberation and distinctness, the Celebrant taking ample time for the manual gestures. Bishop Cosin marked off as separate paragraphs the words beginning, “Who in the same night,” and “Likewise after Supper:” and it is much to be wished that this mode of printing the prayer was adopted. The Sarum rubric for the pronunciation of the words “Hoc est enim corpus meum” is as follows:—“_El debent ista verba proferri cum suo spiritu et sub una prolataio, nulla pantonio interposita._”

Previously to the words “blessed and brake,” the Liturgies of St. Mark, St. James, St. Clement, and that of Malabah, and all the great Western Liturgies, except the Mozarabic, insert “Our Lord looked up to Heaven,” and the Sarum and Roman Liturgies direct the Celebrant to lift up his eyes to Heaven. This is not mentioned in the Gospel accounts of the Institution, though our Lord may well have done so, as it is mentioned He did in blessing the bread at the Feeding of the Five Thousand, and tradition may have preserved it. The Liturgies of St. Basil and St. Chrysostom do not notice it. After “given thanks” all the ancient English Liturgies, the Roman, Ammonian, and Mozara- bic, the Liturgies of St. Mark, and St. Basil, and of Malabah, insert “He blessed,” both for the Bread and the Cup; the Liturgy of St. James and the Clementine for the Cup only; and the Liturgy of St. Chrysostom for the Bread only. _he brake it_ There cannot be too great exactness and reverent formality on the part of the Celebrant in consecrating the

1 On this subject see Nale’s Introd. to Hist. of the Holy Eastern Church 111, 9; and Freeman’s Brit. Div. Serv. 11, 2, pp. 190—192.
(c) And here to lay his hand upon all the bread.
(d) Here he is to take the cup into his hand.
(e) And here to lay his hand upon every vom-

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is any wine to be consecrated.
Matt. xxvi. 27, 28.

at, (c) this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he (d) took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this (e) is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

Elements by means of which, when consecrated, an acceptable sacrifice is to be carried up to the Father, and the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ received by the communicants. The Priest having, therefore, taken the Bread into his hands at the words “took bread,” should raise his hands in front of his breast, break the Bread by separating it into two portions, and then hold the separated portions one in each hand in such a manner that they may be visible to the communicants. He should then replace the fragments on the Paten, take the Paten in his left hand, and hold his right hand over it whilst saying the words, “This is My Body which is given for you.” He should then raise the Paten slightly in both hands, and, bowing his head, hold it in front of him whilst saying the words, “Do this in remembrance of Me,” and then replace it on the Altar and cover it. Similarly after the Consecration of the Wine he should raise the Chalice slightly in both hands, and hold it in front of him whilst saying the words of Consecration, and then replace and cover it.

This is the most solemn part of the whole ministration of the Liturgy. Standing before the flock of Christ in the Presence of Almighty God, the Priest stands there as the vicarious earthly representative of the invisible but one true and only Priest of the Heavenly Sanctuary: acting “in His Name,” and “by His commission and authority” [Art. xxvi.], he brings into remembrance before the Eternal Father the one only and everlasting Sacrifice which was once for all made and “finished upon the Cross” [Art. xxxi.], but is perpetually pleaded, offered, and presented, by the One Everlasting Priest and Intercessor in Heaven. For Christ as our Great High Priest, Who “ever liveth to make intercession for us,” and Who is the ever-acceptable Victim and Propitiation for our sins, doth indeed no more that which He pronounced to be “finished” on Calvary, but evermore pleads for our sake that which then He did. And this He does in two ways. (1) In Heaven, openly, as one may say, and by His own immediate action. (2) On Earth, mystically, but as really, acting mediately by the earthly Priest as His visible instrument. The Action is the same in both cases, and the real Agent is the same; for Christ, since Pentecost, is as really (though supernaturally and spiritually) present on earth, in and by the ordinance of His own Institution, as He is since the Ascension in Heaven naturally and corporally. “Where two or three are gathered together in His name,” (and where so truly are we so gathered as when we meet to celebrate the great Memorial Sacrifice specially appointed by Himself?) “there is He in the midst of us;” not so much as the acceptor (for such is sometimes mistaken to be the only meaning of this text) as the leader and offerer of our worship, invisibly acting through His visible instrument and representative. The great and only Sacrifice once made can never be repeated. But it is continually offered, i. e., brought into remembrance and pleaded, before God. They who are called “Priests” because, and only because, they visibly represent to the successive generations of mankind the one immortal but invisible Priest, are through God’s unspeakable mercy privileged to bring it into remembrance before Him, by His order, Who said, “Do this for a Memorial, a Commemoration of Me.” Thus the Priest’s action in offering our Christian Sacrifice may be described (1) as the earthly counterpart of that which Christ continually does in Heaven: (2) as the commemoration of that which, once for all, He did on Calvary. The Priest makes the Oblation actually and verbally when he says the words, “Do this,” &c., and afterwards verbally, with greater fulness, in the “Prayer of Oblation” which follows the actual consummation. [Art. xxxvi.] But although the celebrating Priest stands thus before God offering up to Him this holy Oblation, he does it in company with all the faithful, at whose head he stands. And to signify their co-operation with him in his great act, they say “Amen” to his Eucharistic words and acts, adopting them as their own. On this point a venerated writer of our own day has written as follows:—

“It is the unquestionable doctrine both of the Old and New Testament, that, without prejudice to the special official Priesthood of the sons of Aaron in the one dispensation, and the successors of the Apostles in the other, all the people of God, with the true Melchisedec at their head, are ‘a kingdom of Priests, a royal priesthood,’ and every one is a ‘king and priest unto the Father, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.’ None may doubt that the chief of those spiritual sacrifices is that which causes all the rest to be acceptable,—Christ Himself offered up to the Father by the offering of His Body and Blood in the Holy Communion. Accordingly, the Christian people have been instructed from the beginning to take their part in that offering, by the solemn Amen especially, whereby they have always responded to the Prayer of Consecration. There is hardly any point of our ritual which can be traced more certainly than this to the very Apostolic times. Every one will remember St. Paul’s saying, ‘When thou shalt bless with the Spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unsRNarned say Amen at thy giving

1 Covers were provided for Chalices during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, but Chalice veils of linen are now generally used

2 On the Eucharistic Sacrifice, see Hickes' “Christian Priesthood,” John-son’s “Unbloody Sacrifice,” the Bishop of Brechin’s “Theological Defense,” pp. 13-50, 104; Keble’s “Eucharistic Adoration,” 11. 56, &c. Many more works might be named, but these are comparatively accessible to the theo-
logical student. See also the Introduction to the Communion Office, p. 132 of this work.
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The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for me, preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen. I take and eat this for the remembrance of Christ who died for me, and feed on Him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for me, preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen. I take and eat this for the remembrance of Christ who shed His blood for me, and am thankful.

Then shall he stand up and proceed to deliver the Holy Communion, first to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, (if any be present,) in both kinds; and after to the people in due order, into the hands of all humbly kneeling and so con tinuing, as is most meet, at their devotions and prayers unto the end of the whole Communion.

And when he delivereth the Sacrament of the Body of Christ to any one he shall say,

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The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul into everlasting life. [And here each person receiving shall say, Amen. Then shall the priest add], Take and eat this for the remembrance of Christ who died for thee, and feed on Him in thine heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

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The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul into everlasting life. [And here each person receiving shall say, Amen. Then the priest shall add], Drink this for the remembrance of Christ who shed His blood for thee, and be thankful.

If there be another Priest or a Deacon to assist the chief minister, then shall he follow with the Cup, and as the chief minister pith the blessing of the Body, so shall he give the Sacrament of the Blood, in form before preserved.

If any Bread or Wine be wanting, the Priest is to consecrate more, as is before appointed, beginning with [Our Saviour Christ in the same night] for the blessing of the Bread, and at [Likewise after Supper, &c.] for the blessing of the Cup.

In the Communion time shall be sung (where there is a Quire),

O Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; and, O Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace: together with some or all of these sentences of holy Scripture following:—Rom. xi. 33; Ps. ciii. 1—5; Luke i. 68, 75, 76; 1 Cor. v. 30, 31; John v. 18; John viii. 31, 32; Matt. xxiv. 33; Luke xii. 37, 49; John xii. 35, 50; Rom. iii. 15—26; 1 Cor. iii. 14, 15; 1 Cor. vii. 32; John xvii. 11; Eph. v. 1, 2; Rom. vii. 13, 15.

And where there is a Quire, let the Communicants make use of the same at their own private devotions and meditations.

When all have communed, he that celebrateth shall return to the Lord's Table, and receive thereupon that which remaineth of the consecrated elements, covering the same with a fair Linen cloth, and then say,

The Lord be with you.

The priest.

And with thee, priest.

Priest.

Let me pray.

Almighty and everlasting God . . . without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung,

Glory be to God on high . . . the Father. Amen.

//[Divided by Cosin into four paragraphs.]

Then the Priest . . . blessing. [Benediction as now.]
THE HOLY COMMUNION.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

† And the Minister that delivereth the Cup to any one shall say,

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

If the consecrated bread or wine be all spent before all have Communicated, the Priest is to consecrate more according to the form before prescribed: Beginning at [Our Saviour Christ in the same night, &c.] for the blessing of the bread; and at [Likewise after Supper, &c.] for the blessing of the cup.

Punishment, because Christ never promised His mysterious (yet real) presence, but in reference to such commemoration: nor can there be a true commemoration without the Body and Blood exhibited and participated; because Christ gave not these visible elements, but His Body and Blood to make that Spiritual Representation. This view gives to the latter clause the character of an ablation in the case of each communicant.

to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons] i. e., actually taking part in the Service, not when merely present unofficially among the congregation. Compare the Rubric of 1559, "And next deliver it to other Ministers, if any be there present, that they may help the chief Minister." So also the Scotch Liturgy of 1587, "that they may help him that celebrateth." in order] i. e., first the men and then the women, according to the practice usual in some of the best-ordered churches.

into their hands] Communicants ought instead of taking it with their fingers to receive the consecrated Bread in the palm of the right hand, according to St. Cyril's direction in his fifth Catechetical Lecture, "Making thy left hand a throne for the right which is about to receive a king, hollow thy palm, and so receive the Body of Christ, saying thereafter the Amen." And, when he delivereth] 1548 and 1549 have, "And when he delivereth the Sacrament of the Body of Christ he shall say to every one these words." The practice of saying the words only once for each group of communicants as they kneel before the altar is contrary to the plain direction of the Prayer Book and of Canon 21, and inconsistent with the individualizing love of Christ and of His Church for souls. The large number of communicants is no excuse for it. The remedy for that difficulty is to divide the number by more frequent celebrations. The question was raised at the last Revision, and the Bishops answered those who desired that it might "suffice to speak the words to divers jointly," in these words: "It is most requisite that the minister deliver the Bread and Wine into every particular communicant's hand, and repeat the words in the singular number; for so much as it is the propriety of Sacraments to make particular obligation to each believer, and it is our visible profession that by the grace of God Christ tasted death for every man." [Cardwell, Conf. p. 354.]

It is a very ancient and primitive custom for the communicant to say "Amen" on receiving the consecrated elements. The Apostolical Constitutions and St. Cyril [Catech. Myst. 5. 18] attest its use in the East; Tertullian, Saints Ambrose, Augustine, Jerome, and Leo in the West. Bishops Andrews, Cosin, Sparrow, and Wilson recommend it. The Scotch Liturgy of 1637 directs it.

During the actual delivery of the elements the Antiochene Liturgy of St. James, and the Mozarabic Liturgy, direct the 34th Psalm to be sung, a custom alluded to both by St. Jerome and by St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

The English Liturgy of 1549 directed the clerks "in the Communion time" to sing the Agnus Dei, "O LAMB of God," &c. The American Liturgy orders "a Hymn, or part of a Hymn, from the Selection for the Feasts and Fasts," &c.

The form of Communion Service in the "Simplex ac pia deliberatio" of Archbishop Hermann of Cologne, directs that where there are Clerks the Agnus Dei should be sung both in German and in Latin, and if there be time the German hymns, "Gott es gelobet," and "Jesus Christus unser hilf," Among his suggestions submitted to Convocation, Bishop Cosin made one to a similar effect, as shown in a preceding note; and a relic of the custom still remains at Durham Cathedral, where a soft voluntary is played during the Communion. [See also p. lxxv.]

If the consecrated bread or wine be all spent] The Com-


THE HOLY COMMUNION.

When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

Then shall the Priest say the Lord's Prayer, the people repeating after him every Petition.

O UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Deacon, taking the sacred paten, Liturgy of St. Chrysostom, and holding it over the sacred chalice, . . . with care and reverence covers it with the veil. In like manner he covers the paten with the asterisk, and that with its veil.


THE PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND THANKSGIVING.

§ The Lord's Prayer.

The repetition of the Lord's Prayer as the key-note of oblation and thanksgiving is a custom handed down to us from the Primitive Liturgies. After the Consecration, and before the Communion, says St. Cyril, "we say that Prayer which the Saviour delivered to His own disciples, with a pure conscience styling God our Father." [Catech. Leccl. xxiii. 11.] It is accordingly found here in every ancient Liturgy, except that of St. Clement. In the Gallican Liturgy (as now in the Mozarabic form of it) the Lord's Prayer was here preceded by a Proper Preface, in the same manner as the Tersanctus; and in all it was followed by the Embolismus, a prayer which was an expansion of the petition, "Deliver us from evil."

The words of St. Cyril plainly show that the Lord's Prayer was repeated, in this place, by the people as well as by the Celebrant. St. Gregory of Tours also refers to the same practice, in describing the miracle of a dumb woman who received speech at this moment to say the Lord's Prayer with the rest. St. Gregory the Great [Ep. clxxv.] says, "Among the Greeks it is the custom for the Lord's Prayer to be said by all the people, but among us by the Priest only;" and his words are found in the "Mirror of our Lady" [fol. cxxix.], showing that the custom of his day was also that of the Medieval Church of England. It is, however, certain that the Gallican Liturgy required it to be said by all the people as well as by the Priest; and as the customs of the ancient English Church were analogous to those of that Liturgy, we may conclude that our present habit is a return to the usage of the Primitive Church in England as well as in the East.

In the Sarum Missal the Lord's Prayer was included in the Office to be said by the Clergy in the vestry after the Service at the Altar was ended. It is probable, therefore, that this custom influenced its present position. In the English Communion as well as after Consecration—the public and the private recitation of it being thus combined.

§ The Prayer of Oblation.

It has been already remarked, in the Introduction to this Office, that if there is any room for doubt as to the completeness of the Oblation as made by the acts and words of Consecration, that doubt may be entirely dispelled by the consideration that this definite Prayer of Oblation is used while "what remaineth of the

1 St. Cyril goes on to give the Exposition of the Lord's Prayer, which will be found at p. 31.
LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

After shall be said as followeth.

Supplies to rogamus... ut quo... Salisbury Use. Conorn.

non estinator meriti, sed venus, quassumus, largitor admitte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum... Per ipsum et cum ipso et in ipso est tibi Deo Patri Omnipo dent in unitate Spiritus Sancti omnis honor et gloria. Per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Dr. Overall, it should be remembered, was Bishop of Norwich, and was the author of the latter portion of the Catechism relating to the Sacraments. Thomdike also [Just Weights, ch. 22] says, "That Memorial or Prayer of Oblation is certainly more proper there (immediately after the Prayer of Consecration) than after the Communion." The suggestions submitted to the Revisers of 1661 included the proposal of a "Memorial or Prayer of Oblation," much resembling that of 1549, to follow immediately the words of Consecration. Its displacement was, we cannot doubt (if not, as Cosin suggests, accidental), one of those alterations which Bishop Horsley, in his well-known letter to the Rev. J. Skinner, on the subject of the Scotch Liturgy, condemns as made "to humour the Calvinists," and, "in his opinion, much for the worse."
ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung,

GLORY to be God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

of Oillation commemorated and represented) doth not only extend itself to the living, and those that are present, but likewise to them that are absent, and them that be already departed, or shall in time to come live and die in the faith of Christ." [Works, v. 351. 517.]

So too Bishop Andrewes, to whom Cosin [ibid.] refers, in his answer to Cardinal Perron:

"The Eucharist ever was, and by us is considered, both as a Sacrament and as a Sacrifice. A sacrifice is proper and applicable only to divine worship. The sacrifice of Christ's death did succeed to the sacrifices of the Old Testament. The sacrifice of Christ's death is available for present, absent, living, dead (yes, for them that are yet unborn). When we say the dead, we mean it is available for the apostles, martyrs, and confessors, and all (because we are all members of one body): these no man will deny.

"In a word, we hold with St. Augustine, in the very same chapter which the Cardinal citeth: 'Quod hujus sacrificii caro et sanguis, ante adventum Christi, per victimas similitudinem proenitutatur; in passione Christi, per ipsum veritatem redhibatur; post adventum [sp: ascensionem] Christi, per Sacramentum memoriae celebratur.'" [Minor Works, Ang. Cath. Lib. p. 19.]

§ The Thanksgiving.

A prayer of thanksgiving formed a conspicuous feature in all the Primitive Liturgies, but it had dropped out of the mediaval service, except in the form of a private prayer of the Celebrant. That which was introduced into our Liturgy was partly taken from Hermann's Consult; but there is much resemblance between it and the corresponding part of the Liturgy of St. James, which is as follows:—"We give Thee thanks, Christ our God, that Thou hast vouchsafed to make us partakers of Thy Body and Blood, for the remission of sins, and eternal life. Keep us, we beseech Thee, without condemnation, because Thou art good, and the lover of men. We thank Thee, God and Saviour of all, for all the good things which Thou hast bestowed on us; and for the participation of Thy holy and spotless mysteries. . . . Glory to Thee, Glory to Thee, Glory to Thee, Christ the King, Only-begotten Word of the Father, for that Thou hast vouchsafed us sinners and Thy unworthy servants to enjoy Thy spotless mysteries, for the forgiveness of sins, and for eternal life: Glory to Thee." It should be remembered that the words "who have duly" apply to all who have received, "duly" being the English word for "rite," i.e., according to proper form and ordinance.

§ The Gloria in Excelsis. 1

The use of a Hymn of Thanksgiving after the Communion may be reasonably associated with what is recorded of our Lord and

1 " . . . procul incipitur semper in medio altaris quandoque dictatur." [Bar.] "En medio altaris oratio in excelsis detur." [Eber.] "Quae dicta est sacrificio in medio altaris: et elevando manus suas dicit, Gloria in Excelsis Deo." [Herford.]
THE HOLY COMMUNION.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

His Apostles at the first Institution of the Holy Eucharist; that, "when they had sung an hymn," they left the upper chamber as having thus concluded the sacred service. [Matt. xxvi. 30.] The hymn or psalm then sung was probably part of the great Hallel, i.e., of Psalms 113—118, of which an account will be found in the Notes on those psalms. Or it might be, as Archdeacon Freeman considers [Principi. Div. Serv. ii. ii. 377], the "Praise-song" still in use among the Jews, and in which he traces some remarkable coincidences of expression with our Lord's great Eucharistic Prayer. In the Armenian Liturgy the 34th Psalm, and in the Constantinopolitan the 23rd Psalm, are sung after the Communion.

The ordinary position of the Gloria in Excelsis in ancient Liturgies was, however, at the beginning, not at the end of the Office. It occupied such a position in our own Liturgy until 1552, when among the other changes made was that of turning the Gloria in Excelsis into a Post-Communion Thanksgiving. At the same time was added a third "Then that takest away the sins of the world," having in view probably the threefold Agnus Dei which was until then used as a Post-Communion. The only other Liturgy in which it has such a position is, according to Palmer [Origin. Liturg. iv. § 23], that in use among the Irish monks of Luxovium in Gaul in the seventh century. Bold was the change thus made and the Revisers of 1552, there is so striking an appropriateness in the present position of the Gloria in Excelsis that there is reason to rejoice at the alteration rather than to regret it: and it may be truly said that there is no Liturgy in the world which has so solemn and yet so magnificent a conclusion as our own.

The Gloria in Excelsis is, as it is called in the Oriental Church, "The Angelical Hymn," or "Great Doxology,"—is of great antiquity, having been used from very early times as a daily morning hymn [ἕνων ὁ Ἰωάννης] in combination with what is evidently the germ of the Te Deum. [See p. 11.] This use of it is mentioned in the Apostolical Constitutions [vii. 47], where a text somewhat differing from the above is given [Daniel's Thesaur. Hymnolog. ii. 269]: and it is also quoted and directed to be used by St. Athanasius in his treatise on Virginity. [De Virg. tom. ii. p. 132, Bened.] St. Chrysostom frequently mentions it, especially as used by ascetics for a morning hymn; and the title of it in Athelstan's Psalter is "Hymna in die Dominica ad Matutinas."

Its introduction into the Liturgy appears to have been gradual. It does not seem to have been thus used in the East, except among the Nestorians, at any time; but the first words of it are found in the Liturgy of St. James, and another portion of it in that of St. Chrysostom: "Thee we hymn, Thee we praise; to Thee we give thanks, Lord, and pray to Thee, our God." The germ of it was evidently used in Apostolic times, and perhaps the holy martyr Polycarp was quoting it, when among his last words he said, Γάρ τοῦτο καὶ σημαίνει σὲ αἰών, σὲ εὐλογίαν, σὲ δόξαν. [Euseb. Eccl. Hist. iv. 15.]

Ancient liturgical writers state that the Gloria in Excelsis as now used was composed by Telephorus, Bishop of Rome, a.d. 129—138, but it does not appear that he did any thing more than order the first words, the actual Angelic Hymn, to be sung in the Mass. Alcuin attributes the latter part of it to St. Hilary of Poitiers [a.d. 350—367], whose name has also been associated with the Te Deum: but it is clear that it was in use in its complete form when Athanasius wrote his treatise on virginity, and that it was then too familiar to the Church for a recent composition.

The truth may possibly be that St. Hilary separated the ancient Morning Hymn of the Church into two portions, the first of which we know as the Gloria in Excelsis, and the second as the Te Deum. Symmachus, Bishop of Rome, a.d. 500, definitely appropriated the Angelic Hymn to its present use as an Eucharistic thanksgiving, placing it in the position before spoken of, at the beginning of the Communion Office.

It appears to have been an ancient custom to expand the Gloria in Excelsis somewhat in the same manner as the Kyrie Eleison [see p. 167]. The following is such an expanded form, arranged for the Festival of our Lord's Nativity:—

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Then the Priest (or Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this blessing.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Collects to be said after the Offertory, when there is no Communion, every such day one or more; and the same may be said also, as often as occasion shall serve, after the Collects either of Morning or Evening Prayer, Communion, or Litany, by the discretion of the Minister.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The blessing.

This beautiful Benediction is peculiar to the English Liturgy, both as to form and place. It is plainly intended to be a substitute for the Benediction anciently given after the Lord's Prayer and the Fraction of the Bread, and before the Agnus Dei. The latter half of it is analogous to a Benediction used in Anglo-Saxon times and given in the Appendix to Hickes' Letters, as well as in the Exeter Pontifical [see also Confirmation Office]: the former half is a reversion from the old Liturgical form to one containing more of the actual words of Holy Scripture: and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. [Phil. iv. 7.] This former part alone was used in "The Order of Communion" of 1549.

A comparison of the modern and ancient rubrics (for the latter of which see the Burntisland edition of the Sarum Missal, 622 f.) will show that this Blessing is to be considered a special mediator act, belonging of right to the episcopal office, and devolving from it to the Priest, in the absence of the Bishop. As Absolution conveys actual pardon of sins to the true penitent, so does Benediction convey a real benefit to the soul when received in faith at the mouth of God's minister. This Benediction is commonly used on other occasions in the full form in which it is here given; but it seems better to use it thus only in connection with the Holy Communion, and at other times to begin with "The Blessing of God Almighty," as at the end of the Confirmation Service, and as was the ancient custom. Bishop Cosin inserted it thus at the end of the Burial Office, but the Commissioners substituted 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The Occasional Collects.

The rubric which precedes these Collects originally extended only as far as "Every such day one;" all that follows was added in 1553. Bishop Cosin amended it thus:—"Collects to be said one or more at the discretion of the Minister, before the final Collect of Morning and Evening Prayer, Litany, or Communion, as occasion shall serve: as also after the Offertory, or Prayer for the estate of Christ's Church, when there is no Communion celebrated." But although this emendation was not erased, the rubric was printed in the old form. By "before the final Collect," Cosin meant before what is headed the "third" collect in Morning and Evening Prayer. He erased the words of then Bishop Cosin's emendation.
O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline some to be too abrupt; and that, therefore, discretion was given to use one of these Collects in addition.

The first, second, and fourth of these Occasional Collects are translated from ancient forms, used for many ages in the Church of England. The third is found in the Book of Prayers printed by Polanus; but whether he took it from the English Prayer Book, or whether both came from some common ancient original, cannot be determined. The fifth and sixth appear to be compositions of the Reformers, the latter reading like a paraphrase of the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.
thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Upon the Sundays and other Holy-days (if there be no Communion) shall be said all that is appointed at the Communion, until the end of the general Prayer [For the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth] together with one or more of these Collects last before rehearsed, concluding with the Blessing.

† And there shall be no celebration of the Lord's Supper, except there be a convenient number to communicate with the Priest, according to his discretion.

† And if there be not above twenty persons in the Parish of discretion to receive the Communion; yet there shall be no Communion, except four (or three at the least) communicate with the Priest.

THE FINAL RUBRICS.

These "Cautela Missam" were inserted in 1552, superseding some longer rubrics which had been placed here in the Prayer Book of 1549: but some important alterations were made by Cosin, some of which were adopted by the Commissioners in 1601.

Upon the Sundays and other Holy-days] The Liturgy of 1549 here ordered that when there were "some to communicate with the Priest" he should still "say all things at the altar, appointed to be said at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, until after the Offertory," concluding with "one or two of the Collects aforesaid," and the "accustomed blessing." The present paragraph was substituted in 1552, but without the words "Sundays and other" before "holy-days," and without the direction to conclude with the Blessing. These were added in 1601. The Scottish Liturgy of 1637 does not order the Blessing to be given.

It is observable that our Communion Office contains absolutely no hint as to whether or when, on occasion of a celebration, persons present in the Church and not intending them to communicate are to withdraw. Still less is there any warrant for the practice of dismissing the noncommunicants with one or two of the preceding Collects and "The grace of our Lord." The Church clearly intends, however, that the Alms should always be collected from the whole of the congregation, and that all should stay to the end of the Prayer for the Church militant. Then, "if there be no Communion," the Priest is to dismiss the whole congregation with one or more of the Collects and the Blessing.

The Service would then be what Durandus [Div. Off. iv. 1. 23] calls a "Missa Sine," i.e., when "the Priest, being unable to celebrate, because he has already done so, or for some other reason, puts on his stole, reads the Epistle and Gospel, and says the Lord's Prayer, and gives the Benediction." The same sort of service is said by Socrates [Hist. Eccl. v. ch. 22] to have been in use in the Church of Alexandria.

If, on the other hand, there is a celebration, non-communicants are permitted, not commanded, to withdraw; whilst communicants, drawing nearer towards the chancel and the altar (tarrying "still in the quire, or in some convenient place nigh the quire, the men on the one side, and the women on the other side," 1619), so as to be "conveniently placed for the receiving of the Holy Sacrament," are more specially addressed in the Exhortation, "Dearly beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come," &c. With regard to the question of non-communicating attendance, it is best left open, as the wisdom of the Church has left it. The presence of persons, who, being regular communicants at certain intervals, may not feel prepared to receive at every celebration, but yet may want to leave the Church, and may wish devoutly to use the opportunity for prayer and intercession, cannot fairly be called non-communicant attendance, and could not be forbidden without needless cruelty. The probably rare occurrence of the presence of persons who have never communicated, and are not preparing to do so, ought to be discouraged. But it would no doubt be wise to encourage young persons preparing for their first Communion to remain throughout the whole service. The fact of never having witnessed the actual Celebration and Communion, joined to the natural shyness of the English character, has probably in numerous cases delayed the first Communion for years.

The whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth] This phrase was altered by Cosin into "the good estate of Christ's Catholic Church," which is found in the Occasional Prayer for all Conditions of Men [see p. 65], and was printed here in many Prayer Books after that of 1662 was enacted, as if there was some authority for the expression. [See also p. 175.]

A convenient number] This is defined, by the next rubric, to be "four (or three at the least) besides the Priest himself. The rule is in agreement with the directions given by several ancient Councils. The forty-third Canon of the Council of Mentz [A.D. 813] forbade priests to Mass when there was no one else present. That of Paris [A.D. 829] says in its forty-eighth Canon, that "a blameworthy custom has in very many places crept in, partly from negligence, partly from avarice, viz. that some of the priests celebrate the solemn rites of masses without ministers." A Council at York [A.D. 1195] decries that no priest shall celebrate, "sine ministro litterato;" and many others of a similar kind might be quoted.

Yet there is no essential reason why this rule should be enforced. Should a celebration and communion take place in the chamber of a sick person, "in time of plague . . . when none of the parish or neighbours can be gotten to communicate with the sick in their houses for fear of the infection," and only the priest and the one sick person are there, it is quite as valid as if "four, or three at the least" were present. The reason, moreover, assigned by Councils and by Liturgical writers against Solitary Masses is that there is an indecorum and absurdity in saying "The Lord be with you," and similar verses, when there is no one present: a difficulty which has been supposed to be met by the suggestion that the priest addresses himself to the absent Church "as present by faith and communicating in the Sacraments by charity."

On the whole it must be considered that the rule is one of expediency, and not of principle. It arose out of two conflicting causes, (1) The anxiety of the Clergy to offer up the Holy Eucharist day by day for the benefit of the Church, and (2) the indifference of the laity to frequent Communion. Bishop Cosin wrote, "Better were it to endure the absence of people, than for
the minister to neglect the usual and daily sacrifice of the Church, by which all people, whether they be there or no, reap so much benefit. And this was the opinion of my lord and master, Dr. Overall." [Works, v. 127.] Yet the "four, or three at the least," was written in a slightly varied form of the rubric, which he inserted in the Durham volume. Perhaps it is one of those rules to which exceptions may sometimes be made under the wise law, "Charity is above rubrics."

in Cathedral and Collegiate Churches, and Colleges] The word "Colleges" was inserted by Cosin, who also erased the words "except they shall have a reasonable cause to the contrary," and inserted after "Sunday" "or once in the month." It is to be hoped that the next generation will be entirely without experience of "Cathedrals, Collegiate Churches, or Colleges" where this rule of a weekly celebration is transgressed.

it shall suffice that the Bread] This rubric stood thus in the Prayer Book of 1549: "For avoiding of all matters and occasions of dissension, it is meet that the Bread prepared for the Communion be made, through all this realm, after one sort and fashion: that is to say, unleavened, and round, as it was afore, but without all manner of print, and something more larger and thicker than it was, so that it may be aptly divided in divers pieces; and every one shall be divided in two pieces, at the least, or more, by the discretion of the minister, and so distributed. And men must not think less to be received in part than in the whole, but in each of them the whole body of our Saviour Jesus Christ." It was altered to its present form in 1552.

Bishop Cosin proposed to substitute the following: "Concerning the Bread and Wine, the Bread shall be such as is usual: yet the best and purest that conveniently may be gotten: though wafer Bread (pure and without any figure set upon it) shall not be forbidden, especially in such churches where it hath been accustomed. The Wine also shall be of the best and purest that may be had;"

This was scarcely in accordance with the interpretation put upon the existing rubric by the Elizabethan Injunctions [A.D. 1559], and by Archbishop Parker. The former directs as follows: "Item. Where also it was in the time of K. Edward the Sixth used to have the Sacramental bread of common fine bread, it is ordered for the more reverence to be given to these holy mysteries, being the Sacraments of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, that the same Sacramental bread be made and formed plain, without any figure thereupon, of the same fineness and fashion round, though somewhat larger in compass and thickness, as the usual bread and wafer, heretofore named singing cakes, which served for the use of the private Mass." Archbishop Parker, when appealed to as to the meaning of the rubric, wrote, "It shall suffice, I expose, where either there wanteth such fine usual bread, or superstition be feared in the wafer-bread, they may have the Communion in fine usual bread; which is rather a toleration in these two necessities, than in plain ordering, as it is in the injunction." [Correspondence, p. 376.] He also wrote to Sir Wm. Cecil, "As you desired, I send you here the form of the bread used, and was so appointed by order of my late Lord of London" [Grindal] "and myself, as we thought it not disagreeable to the injunction. And how many churches have of late varied I cannot tell; except it be the practice of the common adversary the devil, to make variance and dissension in the Sacrament of unity." [Ibid. 378.] Parker was also consulted by Parkhurst, Bishop of Norwich, on the subject. He first referred him to the rubric and Injunction, and in a subsequent letter wrote, "I trust that you mean not universally in your diocese to command or wink at the leaven-bread, but, for peace and quietness, here and there to be contented therewith." [Ibid. 460.] In his Visitation Articles, Parker also inquired, "And whether they do use to minister the Holy Communion in wafer-bread, according to the Queen’s Majesty’s Injunctions?"

Thus the contemporary interpretation of the rubric was plainly that the Sacramental Bread was usually to be in the form of wafers, but that for peace and quietness’ sake, where wafers were objected to, “the best and purest Wheat Bread that may conveniently be gotten” might be permitted. Such an interpretation was also given to the rubric by the practice of learned men like Andrews, by the custom of Westminster Abbey, the Royal Chapels, and the practice of learned Clergymen, such as Burton, author of the Anatomy of Melancholy, who was Vicar of St. Thomas’, Oxford.

in the Oriental Church fermented or leavened bread is used: but the general practice of the Western Church has been to use bread prepared without fermentation, as being purer.

And if any of the Bread and Wine remain unconsecrated] This is a recognition of the right which the Christian Ministry has to “live by the altar.” See 1 Cor. ix. 4—14. Gal. vi. 6.

but if any remain of that which was consecrated] These words were inserted by Bishop Cosin. They bear important testimony as to the opinion held by the Revisers of 1661 in respect to the effect of consecration. Some remarks on the Reservation of the Holy Eucharist for the use of the Sick will be found at p. 290. shall be provided . . . at the charges of the Parish] In the Primitive Church the Elements were offered by the people, probably in successive order, the bread being taken from that which was offered for the love-feasts. In some churches of France this very ancient custom is still kept up, under the name of "Poffrondes." Large circular cakes of bread, surrounded by lighted tapers, are, during the offertory, carried on a sort of bier by two deacons or sub-deacons from the west end of the Church up to the Altar, and after being blessed (hence called pain bénit) and cut up into small pieces are carried round in a basket and distributed among the congregation. A similar relic of the Primitive Church is maintained at Milan, where ten bedesmen and two aged women serve the community for the purpose; two of whom, vested in black and white mantles, carry the Oblations up to the choir, where they are received by the Deacon.

In all the ancient Bidding Prayers of the Church of England there is a clause, “ye shall pray for him or her that this day gave the holy bread,” or “the bread to be made holy bread,” and

1 Cardwell prints "water," after Sparrow; but this seems to have been a printer’s error.
THE HOLY COMMUNION.

And note, that every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one. And yearly at Easter every Parishioner shall reckon with the Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or his or their Deputy or Deputies; and pay to them or him all Ecclesiastical Duties, accustomedly due, then and at that time to be paid.

After the Divine Service ended, the money given at the Offertory shall be disposed of to such pious and charitable uses, as the Minister and Churchwardens shall think fit. Wherein if they disagree, it shall be disposed of at the Ordinary shall appoint.

WHEREAS it is ordained in this Office for the Administration of the Lord’s Supper, that the Communicants should receive the same kneeling; (which Order is well meant, for a signification of our humble and grateful acknowledgement of the benefits of Christ therein given to all worthy Receivers, and for the avoiding of such profanation and disorder in the holy Communion, as might otherwise ensue) Yet, lest the same Kneeling should by any persons, either out of ignorance and infirmity, or out of malleus and obstinacy, be misconstrued and depraved; It is here declared, That thereby no adoration is intended, or ought to be done, either unto the Sacramental Bread or Wine there bodily received, or unto any Corporal Presence of Christ’s natural Flesh and Blood. For the Sacramental Bread and Wine remain still in their very Natural Substances, and therefore may not be adored, (for that were Idolatry, to be abhorred of all faithful Christians) and the Natural Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ are in Heaven, and not here; it being against the truth of Christ’s Natural Body to be at one time in more places than one.

for him that first began and longest holdeth on, that God reward it him at the day of doom,” from which it may be seen (as from much other evidence) that this custom of the blessed bread maintained its hold in England as late, at least, as the sixteenth century. It was discontinued because the bread so blessed was superstitiously regarded by many ignorant persons as equivalent to the Holy Sacrament itself.

The present rubric may be considered as an adaptation of this custom, but it is quite certain that the wafers for consecration must always have been provided under the special direction of the clergy, though certainly at the cost of the Parish.

The 20th Canon provides that the wine shall be brought to the Altar in a metal flagon or cruet, of pewter or silver, thus forbidding any domestic vessel such as a glass bottle.

the money . . . shall be disposed of] This rubric was added in 1661. It is a modification of the following, which was the one proposed by Bishop Cosin:—

“[After the Divine Service ended, the money which was offered shall be divided, one half to the Priest” [ensure, “to provide him books of Divinity”], “the other half to be employed to some pious or charitable use for the decent furnishing of the Church, or the relief of the poor, among whom it shall be distributed if need require, or put into the poor man’s box at the discretion of the Priest and Churchwardens, or other officers of the place that are for that purpose appointed.”

This was substantially taken from the Scottish book of 1637; and offers some guide as to the purposes to which it was intended that the Offertory money should be applied.

THE DECLARATION ON KNEELING.

This Declaration was first added to the Communion Office at the last Revision in 1661. It was framed, though with a most important difference in the wording, from the Declaration which, as a sort of afterthought, was inserted in the majority but not in all of the copies of the Prayer Book issued in 1552 [see p. xxxii]. This affirmed that “no adoration was done or ought to be done, either unto the Sacramental Bread or Wine there bodily received, or unto any real and essential presence there being of Christ’s natural Flesh and Blood.” It was probably framed by Cranmer, and intended merely [see the Rev. T. W. Perry’s exhaustive volume entitled “The Declaration on Kneeling”] as a protest against the doctrine of Transubstantiation, and the low notion of a corporal presence which had come to be the interpretation too commonly put on the phrase “real and essential presence.” The Declaration of 1552 was “signed by the King,” [Strype’s Cranmer, bk. ii. ch. 38.] but it was never ratified by the Church, and is wanting in all editions of the Prayer Book from Elizabeth’s Accession to the Restoration. At the Savoy Conference the Presbyterians desired its restoration. The Bishops replied, “This rubric is not in the Liturgy of Queen Elizabeth, nor confirmed by law; nor is there any great need of restoring it, the world being now in more danger of profanation than of idolatry. Besides the sense of it is declared sufficiently in the 29th Article of the Church of England.” [Cordw. Conferences, p. 354.] Whilst partly adopting it, the Revisers of 1661 (under the influence, as it seems, of Bp. Gauden, probably at the suggestion of the venerable Gunning) made the important change of substituting the word “corporate” for the words “real and essential.” Thus they retained the protest against Transubstantiation, whilst they removed all risk of the Declaration, or “Black rubric” as it was sometimes called, being misunderstood as even an apparent denial of the truth of the Real Presence.
APPENDIX TO THE COMMUNION OFFICE.

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THE ANCIENT LITURGY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, ACCORDING TO THE USE OF SARUM.

The Priest, having first confessed and received Absolution, said the Hymn, "Veni, Creator", whilst putting on the holy vestments, and then the Collect, "Deus, cui omne cor patet," Ps. xliii. Judica me, with the Antiphon, "Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui habitat juvantem meum;" followed by "Kyrie, Pater noster," and "Ave Maria." All this, apparently, was done in the Sacristy.

The "Officium," or Introit, having been begun, the Priest proceeded "ad gradum Altarum," and there, (with the Deacon on the right and the Sub-deacon on the left side of the Altar,) said "Confiteor," &c.; to which they responded with "Misereatur," &c. Then they said the "Confiteor," and the Priest responded with "Misereatur," and "Absolutionem." He then kissed the Deacon and Sub-deacon, saying "Habete oculos pacis et delictioris, ut apsi sita sacrasancto altari, ad perfectiorem officia Divina;" and then going up to the altar, and standing before the midst of it, said secretly, "Take from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, all our iniquities, that we may with pure minds enter in unto the Holy of Holies. Through Christ, our Lord." He then signed himself with the cross in his forehead, saying, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Then, turning the censer from the Deacon, he ceased the altar in the middle and at each horn, and gave it back to the Deacon, who ceased him.

All this was done during the singing of the Introit by the Choir. Then, after "Kyrie Eleison," &c., the Priest, standing before the midst of the altar, presented the "Gloria in excelsis Deo;" after which he returned to the "dexter horn" of the altar, for according to Sarum Use, the Priest, having gone to the "dexter horn" after the "Auer a nobis," remained there until the Epistle, or, if assisted by Episcopii and Gospellor, until the Creed, excepting only when he had to present the "Gloria in excelsis."

Then the Priest, having crossed himself on the forehead, turned to the People with ὶ. The Lord be with you. ὶ. And with thy spirit. Then, turning to the altar, he said the Collect.

The Sub-deacon then going from the Altar through the Choir, read the Epistle, sometimes from a pulpit, sometimes from the step of the Choir; after which the Gradale, and Alleluia, and sometimes a Sequence or Tantum was sung.

Then the Deacon, having first ceased the middle of the Altar, went down through the Choir, preceded by the two taper-bearers and the censer-bearer, and read the Gospel from the same place from which the Epistle had been read, the Sub-deacon holding the Book, the taper-bearers one on each side, and the censer-bearer behind him. After the announcement of the Gospel the Choir turned to the Altar and sang "Glory be to Thee, O Lord!" but during the reading of the Gospel they turned towards the reader. The Gospel finished, the Deacon kissed the Book, and taking it from the Sub-deacon, carried it back in front of his breast, and the Priest, moving to the midst of the Altar, presented the first words of the Creed, "I believe in one God." The Sarum Use directs the Choir to turn to the Altar at the Creed, and to bow, 1. at "And was incarnate;" 2. at "And was made man;" 3. at "And was crucified."

After the Creed, the Priest, saying first "The Lord be with you," said the "Offertory," which consisted of a few verses of Holy Scripture, most frequently from the Psalms. After the "Offertory" the Deacon handed to the Priest the Chalice containing wine and water, and upon it the Paten containing some bread. The Priest then raised the Chalice slightly in both hands, "offereamus sacrificium Domino," and saying the prayer, "Suscipe, Sancta Trinitate, hanc oblationem quam ego indignus pectori offero in honore tuo, beatus Mariæ et omnium Sanctorum tuarum, pro peccatis et officionibus meis: et pro salute vivorum et requie omnium fidelium defuntorum. In nomine Patris et Fili et Spiritus Sancti accepistis sit omnipotent Deus hoc sacrificium novum." He then replaced the Chalice and Paten upon the Altar, and covered them with the Corporse; and taking the censer from the Deacon, ceased the oblations, saying, "Let my prayer, O Lord, be set forth in Thy sight as the incense." Then the Deacon ceased the Priest, and an acolyte censed the Choir.

Then the Priest going to the "right horn" of the Altar washed his hands, saying, "Cleanse me, O Lord, from all defection of mind and body, that I may be able with purity to fulfil the holy work of the Lord." Then, returning to the midst of the Altar, he bowed, and said, "In the spirit of humility and with contrite hearts may we be accepted of Thee, O Lord; and may our offering be so made in Thy sight, that it may be accepted of Thee this day, and may please Thee, O Lord my God." Then, crossing himself "In the Name," &c. and turning to the people, he said, "Pray, brethren and sisters, for me, that this my sacrifice, which is also equally yours, may be accepted by our Lord God:" and the Clerks answered, "The grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten thy heart and thy lips, and the Lord graciously accept this sacrifice of praise at thy hands for our sins and offences."

Turning back to the Altar, the Priest then said the "Secreta," corresponding in number to the Collects said before the Epistle; and again saluting the People with "The Lord be with you," began the Anaphora, or more solemn part of the Communion Service, which was as follows:

Priest. Lift up your hearts.
Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.
Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

1 The "Gloria in excelsis" was not said during Advent, nor from Septuagesima to Easter Eve.
Priest. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty everlasting God: through Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominions adore Thee, and Powers tremble before Thee. The Heavens, and all the Hosts of them, and the blessed Seraphim, together in united exultation praise Thee. With whom we pray that Thou wouldst convey our vending of Thee to be admitted, evermore humbly praising Thee and saying: 

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

[Then immediately, joining his hands and raising his eyes, he began the Canon of the Mass, as follows,]

Most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, that Thou wouldest accept and bless these gifts, these offering, these holy and unblemished sacrifices,

Which, before all things, we offer unto Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church, which do Thou vouchsafe to keep in peace and unity, and to rule and govern it throughout the world, as also Thy servant N. our Pope, and N. our Bishop, and N. our King, and all orthodox believers of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servants and Thy handmaidens, N. and N., and all here present, whose faith and devotion are known unto Thee: for whom we offer unto Thee, and who themselves also do offer unto Thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves and all their friends, for the redemption of their own souls and the hope of their own salvation and deliverance, and who pay their vows to Thee, the eternal, living, and true God:

In communion with, and having in devout remembrance, first, the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God, as well as also Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter, Paul, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddæus; Litus, Cleopas, Clemens, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian; and all Thy Saints: by whose merits and prayers do Thou grant, that we may evermore be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

This oblation therefore of us Thy humble servants, as well as of Thy whole family, we pray that Thou, O Lord, wouldst favourably receive; and wouldst dispose our days in Thy peace, and deliver us from eternal damnation, and make us to be numbered with the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblation do Thou, O God Almighty, vouchsafe to make altogether blessed, most, and right, reasonable, and acceptable, that to us it may become the holy and blessed God of most dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Here the Priest raised the Host saying,]

Who the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and lifting up His eyes to heaven, [here he raised his eyes,] to Thee, O God, His Father Almighty, and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it, and brake it, and [here he touched the Host] gave it to His disciples, saying, Take and eat ye all of this. For this is My Body. [After these words the Priest bowed himself towards the Host, and here raised it above his forehead that it might be seen by the people, and then reverently replaced it in front of the Chalice. He then uncovered the Chalice, and taking it in his hands, said,]

In like manner after they had supped, taking also this noble cup into His holy and venerable hands, and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take and drink ye all of this. [Here he raised the Chalice slightly, saying,]

For this is the cup of My Blood of the new and everlasting covenant, the mystery of faith, which shall be shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. [Here he raised the Chalice to his breast, or above his head, saying,]

As often as ye shall do this, ye shall do it in remembrance of Me. [Here he replaced the Chalice on the Altar, and covered it.]

Wherefore, O Lord, in memory of the same Thy Son Christ our Lord and God, of His blessed Passion as well as of His Resurrection from the grave and glorious Ascension into Heaven, we Thy servants, and also Thy holy people, offer to Thine illustrious Majesty of Thine own gifts which Thou hast given, a pious offering, an holy offering, an undefiled offering, even the holy bread of eternal life, and the cup of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look with favourable and propitious countenance, and to accept, as Thou vouchsafedst to accept the gifts of Thy righteous servant Abel, and the Sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy High Priest Melschesodech offered unto Thee, a holy sacrifice, an offering undefiled.

We humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, command these to be carried by the hands of Thy holy angel to Thine altar on high, in the sight of Thy Divine Majesty, that as many of us as by partaking of this altar have received the holy body and blood of Thy Son, may be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember also, O Lord, the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens N. and N. who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and now do sleep in the sleep of peace: to them, O Lord, and to all that are at rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, of light and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

To us sinners also Thy servants, who trust in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to give some portion and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs, with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all Thy Saints, into whose company do Thou, we beseech Thee, admit us, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences. Through Christ our Lord.

Through Whom, O Lord, Thou evermore createst all these good things, sancti^fiest, quickens, bless est, and giveth them to us.

Through His®m, and with His®m, and in His®m, in the unity of the Holy®Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O God, the Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

Taught by His wholesome precepts, and guided by His divine instruction, we are bold to say:

[Here the Deacon took the Paten, and, standing on the right of the Priest, raised it up on high uncovered, and held it so, to the words, Grant, of Thy mercy, peace in our days. The Priest meantime raising his hands, said:]

Our Father, ye®c. Choir. But deliver us from evil.

Priest, secretly. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and future: and, the blessed and glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and Thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and all Thy saints, interceding for us,

[Here the Deacon gave the Paten to the Priest, who, first making the sign of the cross with it in front of himself, placed it on the Altar, saying,]

Grant of Thy mercy peace in our days, that we being aided by the help of Thy mercy, may evermore be both free from sin, and also secure from all disturbance.

[Here the Priest uncovered the Chalice, and, bowing reverently, took the Host, and, holding it with his thumbs and forefingers over the Chalice, broke it into three parts; saying, at the first breaking,]

Through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the second, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God.

And then, holding two portions in his left hand, and the third in his right hand over the top of the Chalice, aloud, World without end.

Choir. Amen.

Priest. The peace of the Lord be with you evermore.

Choir. And with thy spirit.

[Then the Priest, with the Deacon and Sub-deacon, said,]
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: Grant us Thy peace.

or, in Masses for the departed,
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: Grant them rest.

Adding eternal at the third repetition.

[Then the Priest dipped the third portion of the Host into the sacrament of the blood, making the sign of the cross, and saying,]

May this holy commingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to me and to all who receive it, health of mind and body, and a bountiful preparation towards the attainment of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Before giving the Peace, the Priest said,]
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty everlasting God, Grant me so worthily to receive this holy body and blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, that I may thereby receive the remission of all my sins, and be filled with Thy Holy Ghost, and have Thy peace; for Thou art God alone, and beside Thee there is none else, Whose glorious kingdom and dominion endureth evermore, world without end. Amen.

Priest, to the Deacon. Peace be to thee, and to the Church of God. Amen. And with thy spirit.

[Before communing, the Priest, holding the Host with both hands, said these private prayers:]
O God the Father, the source and origin of all goodness, Who moved by pity didst will that Thine Only-begotten should descend to the lower parts of the earth and take flesh, which I unworthy hold here in my hands, [bowing to the Host.] I adore Thee, I glorify Thee, I praise Thee with the whole intention of my mind and heart, and pray that Thou wouldest not forsake Thy servants, but wouldest forgive our sins, that we may be able to serve Thee, the only living and true God, with pure heart and chaste body. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who by the will of the Father and the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life unto the world: Deliver me, I beseech Thee, by this Thy holy body and blood from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me to be always obedient unto Thy commandments, and suffer me not to be separated from Thee for ever, O Saviour of the world, Who with the Father and the same Holy Ghost livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

May the sacrament of Thy body and blood, O Lord Jesus Christ, which, although unworthy, I receive, be not unto me for judgment and condemnation; but of Thy pity be profitable unto me for salvation both of body and soul. Amen.

[Then, with an act of humble reverence he said, before receiving,]
Hail evermore, most holy flesh of Christ, to me before and above all things the sum of delight. May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ be unto me a sinner the way and the life.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

[Here he took the body, first making a cross with it before his mouth. Then with humble reverence and devotion towards the blood, he said:]
Hail evermore, heavenly drink of Jesus’ blood, to me before and above all things the sum of delight. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be profitable to me a sinner for an everlasting remedy unto eternal life. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

[Here he took the blood; and then bending himself, said with devotion the following prayer:]
I yield Thee thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty everlasting

ing God, Who hast refreshed me with the most holy body and blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; and I pray that this sacrament of our salvation, which I, an unworthy sinner, have received, may not come into judgment or condemnation against me according to my deserts, but may be for the advancement of my soul and body unto life eternal. Amen.

[Then followed immediately the cleansing of the vessels, the Priest carrying the Chalice to the “dexter horn” of the Altar, and the Sub-deacon pouring in the wine and water. After this the following prayers were said,]

That which outwardly with our mouth we have taken, Grant, Lord, we may with pure mind inwardly receive; and may the gift vouchsafed in this life be to us a healing remedy unto which it is come.

Lord, may this communion cleanse us from sin, and make us partakers of Thy heavenly blessings.

[The Priest then washed his hands, the Deacon in the mean time folding the Corporals. After which the Priest with his assistants said the “Communion,” (usually a verse from a Psalm,) and after that the Post-communion collect or collects, followed by the “Ite, missa est,” to mark the conclusion of the service. He then, standing before the midst of the altar, with his body inclined and his hands joined, said secretly,]
O Holy Trinity, may this my humble duty and service be pleasing unto Thee: and grant that this sacrifice which I unworthy have offered before the eyes of Thy Majesty, may of Thy mercy be favourably accepted by Thee, for myself and for all those for whom I have offered it: Who livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

[This done, he raised himself, signed the Cross upon his forehead, with the words, In the Name, &c., and left the Altar, saying, as he went, the first fourteen verses of the Gospel according to St. John.]

[II.]

THE FIRST VERNACULAR LITURGY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

A.D. 1549.

The Supper of the Lord, and the Holy Communion, commonly called the Mass.

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The Priest standing humbly afore the midst of the Altar, shall say the Lord’s Prayer, with this Collect.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit: that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall he say a Psalm appointed for the Introit; which Psalm ended, the Priest shall say, or else the Clerks shall sing,

iii. Lord, have mercy upon us.

iii. Christ, have mercy upon us.

iii. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Priest standing at God’s board shall begin,

Glory be to God on high.

The Clerks. And in earth peace, good will towards men, &c.

Then the Priest shall turn him to the people, and say,

The Lord be with you.

The Answer. And with thy spirit.

The Priest. Let us pray.

Then shall follow the Collect of the day, with one of these two Collects following for the King. [Collects the same as at present.]

The Collects ended, the Priest, or he that is appointed, shall read the Epistle, in a place assigned for the purpose, saying,

The Epistle of St. Paul, written in the Chapter of the

The Minister then shall read the Epistle. Immediately after
the Epistle ended, the Priest, or one appointed to read the Gospel, shall say,

The holy Gospel, written in the

Chapter of

The Clerks and people shall answer,

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Priest or Deacon then shall read the Gospel: After the Gospel ended, the Priest shall begin,

I believe in one God.

The Clerks shall sing the rest.

After the Creed ended, shall follow the Sermon or Homily, or some portion of one of the Homilies, as they shall be hereafter divided: wherein if the people be not exhorted to the worthy receiving of the holy Sacrament of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, then shall the Curate give this exhortation, to those that be minded to receive the same.

Dearest beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come, &c.

In Cathedral churches or other places, where there is daily Communion, it shall be sufficient to read this exhortation above written, once in a month. And in parish churches, upon the week-days it may be left unsaid.

And if upon the Sunday or holyday the people be negligent to come to the Communion: Then shall the Priest earnestly exhort his parishioners, to dispose themselves to the receiving of the Holy Communion more diligently, saying these or like words unto them.

Dear friends, and you especially upon whose souls I have care and charge, on next, I do intend, by God’s grace, to offer to all such as shall be godly disposed, the most comfortable Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, &c.

Then shall follow for the Offertory one or more of these Sentences of Holy Scripture, to be sung whiles the people do offer, or else one of them to be said by the Minister, immediately after the offering.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matt. v.

Lay not up for yourselves, &c.

Where there be Clerks, they shall sing one, or many of the sentences above written, according to the length and shortness of the time, that the people be offering.

In the mean time, whiles the Clerks do sing the Offertory, so many as are disposed shall offer to the poor men’s box every one according to his ability and charitable mind. And at the offering days appointed, every man and woman shall pay to the Curate the due and accustomed offerings.

Then so many as shall be partakers of the Holy Communion shall tarry still in the quire, or in some convenient place nigh the quire, the men on the one side, and the women on the other side. All other (that mind not to receive the said Holy Communion) shall depart out of the quire, except the Ministers and Clerks.

Then shall the Minister take so much Bread and Wine, as shall suffice for the persons appointed to receive the Holy Communion, laying the Bread upon the Corporas, or else in the Paten, or in some other comely thing prepared for that purpose: And putting the Wine into the Chalices, or else in some fair or convenient cup, prepared for that use (if the Chalice will not serve), putting thereto a little pure and clean water:

And setting both the Bread and Wine upon the Altar: Then the Priest shall say,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty

that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty everlasting God.

Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time (if there be any specially appointed), or else immediately shall follow,

Therefore with Angels, &c.

PROPER PREFACES

[at present].

After which Preface shall follow immediately,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the holy company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee, and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Glory to Thee, O Lord, in the highest.

This the Clerks shall also sing.

When the Clerks have done singing, then shall the Priest, or Deacon, turn him to the people, and say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church.

Then the Priest, turning him to the Altar, shall say or sing, plainly and distinctly, this prayer following:

Almighty and everlasting God, which by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty, beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant

that all they that do confess Thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Specially we beseech Thee to save and defend Thy servant Edward our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that be put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of God’s true religion and virtue. Give grace (O heavenly Father) to all Bishops, Pastors, and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments: and to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness (O Lord) to comfort and succour all them, which in this transitory life be in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And especially we commend unto Thy merciful goodness this congregation which is here assembled in Thy name, to celebrate the commemoration of the most glorious death of Thy Son: And here we do give unto Thee most high praise, and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue, declared in all Thy Saints, from the beginning of the world: And chiefly in the glorious and most blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God, and in the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, whose examples (O Lord) and steadfastness in Thy faith, and keeping Thy holy commandments, grant us to follow. We commend unto Thy mercy (O Lord) all other Thy servants, which are departed hence from us, with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace: Grant unto them, we beseech Thee, Thy mercy, and everlasting peace, and that, at the day of the general resurrection, we and all they which be of the mystical body of Thy Son, may altogether be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice: Come unto Me, O ye that be blessed of My Father, and possess the kingdom, which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

O God, heavenly Father, which of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption, who made there (by His one oblation, once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction,
for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to celebrate, a perpetual memory of that His precious death, until His coming again: Hear us (O merciful Father) we beseech Thee; and with Thy Holy Spirit and Word vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these Thy gifts, and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ: Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had blessed, and given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of Me.

Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for remission of sins: do this, as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.

These words before rehearsed are to be said, turning still to the Altar, without any elevation, or showing the Sacrament to the people.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dear, beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants do celebrate, and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, the memorial which Thy Son hath willed us to make: having in remembrance His blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, entirely desiring Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee (O Lord) our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee: humbly beseeching Thee, that whatsoever shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Thy Son Jesus Christ, that He may dwell in them, and they in Him. And although we be unworthy (through our manifold sins) to offer unto Thee any sacrifice: yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, and command these our prayers and supplications, by the ministry of Thy holy Angels, to be brought up into Thy holy Tabernacle before the sight of Thy Divine Majesty; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Christ our Lord; by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are boly to say, Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. Amen.


Then shall the Priest say, The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The Clerks. And with Thy spirit.

The Priest. Christ our Paschal Lamb is offered up for us, once for all, when He bare our sins on His body upon the cross; for He is the very Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world: wherefore let us keep a joyful and holy feast with the Lord.

Here the Priest shall turn him toward those that come to the Holy Communion, and shall say,

You that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins to Almighty God, and be in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: draw near and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, make your humble confession to Almighty God, and to His holy Church here gathered together in His name, weekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general Confession be made, in the name of all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, either by one of them, or else by one of the ministers, or by the Priest himself, all kneeling humbly upon their knees.

[Here follow the Confession, the Absolution, the Comfortable Words, and the Prayer of Humble Access.]

Then shall the Priest first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and next deliver it to other Ministers, if any be there present, (that they may be ready to help the chief Minister,) and after to the people.

And when he deliveth the Sacrament of the Body of Christ he shall say to every one these words:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

And the Minister delivering the Sacrament of the Blood, and giving every one to drink, once and no more, shall say, The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

If there be a Deacon or other Priest, then shall he follow with the Chalice: and as the Priest ministereth the Sacrament of the body, so shall he (for more expedition) minister the Sacrament of the blood, in form before written.

In the Communion time the Clerks shall sing,

ii. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

Beginning so soon as the Priest doth receive the Holy Communion, and when the Communion is ended, then shall the Clerks sing the Post-Communion.

Sentences of Holy Scripture, to be said or sung every day one, after the Holy Communion, called the Post-Communion.

If any man will follow Me, let him forsake himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. Matt. xvi.

Whosoever shall endure unto the end, he shall be saved. Mark xiii.

Praised be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people: therefore let us serve Him all the days of our life, in holiness and righteousness accepted before Him. Luke i.

Happy are those servants, whom the Lord (when He cometh) shall find working. Luke xii.

Be ye ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour when ye think not. Luke xii.

The servant that knoweth his master's will, and hath not prepared himself, neither hath done according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. Luke xii.

The hour cometh, and now it is, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, John iv.

Behold, thou art made whole sin no more, lest any thing happen unto thee. John v.

If ye shall continue in My word, then are ye My very discipiles, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John vii.

While ye have light believe on the light, that ye may be the children of light. John xii.

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, the same is he that loveth Me. John xiv.

If any man love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and dwell with him. John xiv.
If ye shall hide in Me, and My word shall abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done to you. John xv.

Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, and become My disciples. John xv.

This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. John xv.

If God be on our side, who can be against us? which did not spare His own Son, but gave Him for us all. Rom. viii.

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's chosen? it is God that justifieth; who is he that can condemn? Rom. viii.

The night is past, and the day is at hand; let us therefore cast away the deeds of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Rom. xii.

Christ Jesus is made of God, unto us, wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption, that (as according as it is written) He which rejoiceth, should rejoice in the Lord. 1 Cor. i.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. 1 Cor. iii.

Ye are dearly bought; therefore glorify God in your bodies, and in your spirits, for they belong to God. 1 Cor. vi.

Be you followers of God as dear children, and walk in love, even as Christ loved us, and gave Himself for us an offering and a Sacrifice of a sweet savour to God. Eph. v.

Then the Priest shall give thanks to God, in the name of all them that have communicated, turning him first to the people and saying,

The Lord be with you.

The Answer. And with thy spirit.

The Priest. Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee, &c.

Then the Priest turning him to the people, shall let them depart with this blessing:

The peace of God (which passeth all understanding) keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you alway.

Then the people shall answer, Amen.

Where there are no clergies, there the Priest shall say all things appointed here for them to sing.

When the Holy Communion is celebrate on the work-day, or in private houses: Then may be omitted, the Gloria in Excelsis, the Creed, the Homily, and the Exhortation, beginning, Deary beloved, &c.

[III.]

THE SCOTTISH LITURGY.

[AD. 1764.]

In the Communion Office of the Church of Scotland, the Office is followed immediately by the Sursum Coras, Preface, and Sanctus. It then proceeds as follows:—

Then the Presbyter, standing at such a part of the Holy Table, as he may, with the most ease and decency, use both his hands, shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth:

All glory be to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou, of Thy tender mercy, didst give Thy only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; Who (by His own oblation of Himself once offered) made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that, His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again.

For, in the night that He was betrayed (here the Presbyter is to take the paten into his hands) He took bread, and when He had given thanks (and here to break the bread), He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat (and here to lay his hands upon all the bread), This is My Body, which is given for you: do this in remembrance of Me.

Likewise, after supper (here he is to take the cup into his hands), He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this (and here to lay his hands upon every vessel [be it chalice or flagon] in which there is any wine to be consecrated), for this is My Blood, of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Wherefore, O Lord, and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, we, Thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here, before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto Thee, the memorial Thy Son last commanded us to make; having in remembrance His blessed Passion and precious Death, His mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, of Thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with Thy Word and Holy Spirit, these Thy gifts and creatures of Bread and Wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Thy most dearly beloved Son.

And we earnestly desire Thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.

And here we humbly offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee, beseeching Thee, that whatsoever shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in them, and they in Him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everliving God, Who by Thy holy Apostles hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech Thee, most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess Thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech Thee to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors, and especially Thy servant Victoria our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed; and grant unto her whole Council, and to all who are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments.

And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence they may bear and receive Thy holy
Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness, all the
days of their life,
And we commend especially to Thy merciful goodness the con-
gregation which is here assembled in Thy name, to celebrate the
commemoration of the most precious death and sacrifice of Thy
Son, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
And we most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are
in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Commemo-
ration of the
Dead.

And we also bless Thy holy Name, for all Thy
servants, who having finished their course in faith,
do now rest from their labours.
And we yield unto Thee most high praise, and hearty thanks,
for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy Saints,
who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of
the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching
Thee, to give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness
in Thy faith, and obedience to Thy holy commandments; that
at the day of the general resurrection, we, and all they who are
of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand,
and hear His most joyful voice, Come, ye blessed of My Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of
the world.
Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator
and Advocate. Amen.

Then shall the Presbyter say,
As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are
bold to say, Our Father, &c.

Then the Presbyter shall say to them that come to receive the
Holy Communion, this invitation:
Ye that do truly and earnestly, &c.
[Then follow the Confession, the Absolution, the Comfortable
Words, and the Collect of Humble Access, as in the English
Office.]

Then shall the Bishop, if he be present, or else the Presbyter
that celebrateth, first receive the Communion in both kinds
himself, and next deliver it to other Bishops, Presbyters, and
Deacons, (if there be any present,) and after to the people in
due order, all humbly kneeling. And when he receive himself,
or delivereth the Sacrament of the Body of Christ to others, he shall say,
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Here the person receiving shall say, Amen.

And the Presbyter or Minister that receiveth the Cup him-
self, or delivereth it to others, shall say this Benediction,
The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Here the person receiving shall say, Amen.

If the consecrated bread or wine be all spent before all have
communicated, the Presbyter is to consecrate more, according
to the form before prescribed, beginning at the words, All
glory be to Thee, &c., and ending with the words, that they
may become the Body and Blood of Thy most dearly beloved
Son.

When all have communicated, he that celebrateth shall go to
the Lord’s Table, and cover with a fair linen cloth that which
remaineth of the consecrated elements, and then say,
Having now received the precious Body and Blood of Christ,
let us give thanks to our Lord God, who hath graciously vouch-
safed to admit us to the participation of His holy Mysteries;
and let us beg of Him grace to perform our vows, and to per-
severe in our good resolutions; and that, being made holy, we may
obtain everlasting life, through the merits of the all-sufficient
Sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Then the Presbyter shall say this Collect of Thanksgiving,
as followeth.
Almighty and everlasting God, we most heartily thank Thee
[The Office closes with the “Gloria in Excelsis,” the Peace,
and the Blessing, as in the English Use.]

IV.
The American Liturgy.
The order and arrangement of the Communion Office of the
American Church is the same as our own, with this one impor-
tant difference, viz. that the Prayer of Oblation and the Invoca-
tion have been restored to their place in immediate connexion
with the Prayer of Consecration, which now closely resembles
that of the Scottish Liturgy, and is as follows:—
All glory be to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for
that Thou of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus
Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who
made there (by His one oblation of Himself once offered) a full,
perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world; and did in-
stitute, and in His holy Gospel command us to con-
tinue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death
and sacrifice until His coming again: For in the night
in which He was betrayed, (c) He took bread; and
when He had given thanks, (d) He brake it, and
gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; (e) this
is My Body, which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of Me. Likewise, after supper, (f) He
took the cup; and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for
(c) this is My Blood, of the New Testament,
which is shed for you, and for many, for the re-
mission of sin: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of Me.
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to
the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ, we, Thy humble servants, do celebrate
and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holygifts,
which we now offer unto Thee, the memorial Thy Son hath com-
manded us to make; having in remembrance His blessed Passion
and precious Death, His mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascen-
don; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks, for the immu-
nounceable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most
humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to hear us:
The Invocation,
and, of Thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless
us, to sanctify, with Thy Word and Holy Spirit, these Thy gifts
and creatures of bread and wine; so that we, receiving ac-
cording to Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution,
in remembrance of His Death and Passion, may be partakers of
His most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire Thy
fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that
by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through
faith in His blood, we, and all Thy whole Church, may obtain
remission of all our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.
And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls,
and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto
Thee; humbly beseeching Thee, that we, and all others who shall
be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the
most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who
was filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one
body with Him, that He may dwell in them, and they in Him. And
although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer
unto Thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech Thee to accept this our
bountiful duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardon-
ing our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord; by Whom, and
with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory
be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.
Here shall be sung a Hymn, or Part of a Hymn, from
the Selection for the Saints and Fasts, &c.

V.
The Presbyterian Form.
[This presumptuous and irreverent parody of the Liturgy is
repeatedly reprinted, for the sake of historical completeness, from

the "Directory" of 1644. When the children asked for bread, this was the stone which was provided for them during the persecution of the Church by the Puritans, from 1645 to 1661. Ed.]

Of the Celebration of the Communion, or Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Communion, or Supper of the Lord, is frequently to be celebrated; but how often, may be considered and determined by the ministers, and other church-governors of each congregation, as they shall find most convenient for the comfort and edification of the people committed to their charge. And, when it shall be administered, we judge it convenient to be done after the morning sermon.

The ignorant and the scandalous are not fit to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Where this sacrament cannot with convenience be frequently administered, it is requisite that public warning be given the Sabbath-day before the administration thereof; and that either then, or on some day of that week, something concerning that ordinance, and the due preparation thereunto, and participation thereof, be taught; that, by the diligent use of all means sanctified of God to that end, both in public and private, all may come better prepared to that heavenly feast.

When the day is come for administration, the minister, having ended his sermon and prayer, shall make a short exhortation:

"Expressing the inestimable benefit we have by this sacrament, together with the ends and use thereof: setting forth the great necessity of having our comforts and strength renewed thereby in this our pilgrimage and warfare; how necessary it is that we come unto it with knowledge, faith, repentance, love, and with hungering and thirsting souls after Christ and His benefits: how great the danger to eat and drink unworthily.

"Next, he is, in the name of Christ, on the one part, to warn all such as are ignorant, scandalous, profane, or that live in any sin or offence against their knowledge or conscience, that they presume not to come to that holy table; showing them, that he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself: and, on the other part, he is in an especial manner to invite and encourage all that labour under the sense of the burden of their sins, and fear of wrath, and desire to reach unto a greater progress in grace than yet they can attain unto, to come to the Lord's table; assuring them, in the same name, of ease, refreshing, and strength to their weak and wearied souls."

After this exhortation, warning, and invitation, the table being before decently covered, and so conveniently placed, that the communicants may orderly sit about it, or at it, the minister is to begin the action with sanctifying and blessing the elements of bread and wine set before him (the bread in comely and convenient vessels, so prepared that, being broken by him, and given, it may be distributed amongst the communicants; the wine also in large cups), having first, in a few words, showed that those elements, otherwise common, are now set apart and sanctified to this holy use, by the word of institution and prayer.

Let the words of institution be read out of the Evangelists, or out of the first Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, chap. xi. 23, I have received of the Lord, &c. to the 27th verse, which the minister may, when he seeth requisite, explain and apply.

Let the prayer, thanksgiving, or blessing of the bread and wine, be to this effect:

"With humble and hearty acknowledgment of the greatness of our misery, from which neither man nor angel was able to deliver us, and of our great unworthiness of the least of all God's mercies; to give thanks to God for all His benefits, and especially for that great benefit of our redemption, the love of God the Father, the sufferings and merits of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by which we are delivered; and for all means of grace, the word and sacraments; and for this sacrament in particular, by which Christ, and all His benefits, are applied and sealed up unto us, which, notwithstanding the denial of them unto others, are in great mercy continued unto us, after so much and long abuse of them all.

"To profess, that there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved, but the name of Jesus Christ, by whom alone we receive liberty and life, have access to the throne of grace, are admitted to eat and drink at His own table, and are sealed up by His Spirit to an assurance of happiness and everlasting life.

"Earnestly to pray to God, the Father of all mercies, and God of all consolation, to vouchsafe His gracious presence, and the effectual working of His Spirit in us; and so to sanctify these elements both of bread and wine, and to bless His own ordinance, that we may receive by faith the body and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified for us, and so to feed upon Him, that He may be one with us, and we one with Him; that He may live in us, and we in Him, and to Him who hath loved us, and given Himself for us."

All which he is to endeavour to perform with suitable affections, answerable to such an holy action, and to stir up the like in the people.

The elements being now sanctified by the word and prayer, the minister, being at the table, is to take the bread in his hand, and say, in these expressions, (or other the like, used by Christ or His Apostle upon this occasion):

"According to the holy institution, command, and example of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, I take this bread, and, having given thanks, break it, and give it unto you; (there the minister, who is also himself to communicate, is to break the bread, and give it to the communicants) Take ye, eat ye; this is the body of Christ which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Him."

In like manner the minister is to take the cup, and say, in these expressions, (or other the like, used by Christ or the Apostle upon the same occasion):

"According to the institution, command, and example of our Lord Jesus Christ, I take this cup, and give it unto you; (here he giveth it to the communicants) This cup is the new testament in the blood of Christ, which is shed for the remission of the sins of many: drink ye all of it."

After all have communicated, the minister may, in a few words, put them in mind

"Of the grace of God in Jesus Christ, held forth in this sacrament; and exhort them to walk worthy of it."

The minister is to give solemn thanks to God,

"For His rich mercy, and invariable goodness, vouchsafed to them in that sacrament; and to entreat for pardon for the defects of the whole service, and for the gracious assistance of His good Spirit, whereby they may be enabled to walk in the strength of that grace, as becometh those who have received so great pledges of salvation."

The collection for the poor is so to be ordered, that no part of the public worship be thereby hindered.
AN INTRODUCTION

TO THE

OFFICES FOR HOLY BAPTISM.

The ecclesiastical word βάπτισμα, from which our familiar English word is derived, always associates itself with the idea of purification, although such an association of ideas was not necessarily connected with the classical βαπτίζω, βάπτω, from which it is formed. On the other hand, although the original classical word has the primary sense of dipping, (that is, of more or less immersion in some fluid,) this sense is not necessarily connected with the ecclesiastical word. It is used in the New Testament with several applications: as, for example, to the baptism of the Jews by St. John the Baptist [Matt. 3:6]; to ceremonial washings of the person and of vessels used for eating and drinking [Mark vii. 4. Heb. ix. 10]; to the ministry of our Lord [Matt. iii. 11]; to the Passion of our Lord [Luke xii. 50. Mark x. 39]; to the operation of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles [Acts i. 5]; and, lastly, in its most customary sense, to the rite of Holy Baptism, instituted by Christ [Matt. xxviii. 19. Acts viii. 36. Eph. iv. 5. I Pet. iii. 21]. In all these applications of the word, the idea of purification is plainly latent, even when it is so metaphorically used as in the case of our Lord's words, "I have a baptism to be baptized with;" for although He had no sin from which He could be purified, yet was He "made sin for us," and also "made perfect through sufferings" [Heb. ii. 10]. It is moreover observable, that after the institution of the rite of Christian Baptism by our Lord, the word is not any longer used in other senses in Holy Scripture, (except historically,) but is restricted to the one which it has commonly held in all subsequent ages.

§ History of Holy Baptism.

It appears from the Holy Gospels that the ordinance of Christian Baptism was a sacramental climax which had been arrived at, and developed out of, other and inferior ordinances. St. John the Baptist prepared the way for our Lord's ministrations among the Jews by leading them to confess their sins; and this confession of their sins was followed up by a Baptism of which no further particulars are given to us than that those who received it went down into the water [Matt. iii. 16]; and we are not told whether any words were used at the time of the immersion. Of this rite our Lord Himself was pleased to partake, and by doing so consecrated the element of water to its future and higher use. A Baptistical rite was also used in the ministrations of our Lord, but not by Himself [Matt. iii. 26; iv. 2]; and from the manner in which this was spoken of by the disciples of St. John the Baptist, it would appear that there was no outward distinction between this rite and that which he had used. In both cases an ancient custom of the Jews appears to have been adopted, signifying by a ceremony of ablution the cleansing away of an old life for the purpose of beginning a new one, as a prolelyte to a new and a stricter faith. In the case of Jewish baptisms the change signified was from heathenism to Judaism; in that by St. John our Lord from a sinful life as Jews to a good life as the disciples of the Baptist or of Christ. This significant use of water as the outward sign of admission to a new spiritual condition ought doubtless to be regarded as a preparation, by the Providence of Almighty God, for the sacrament which was to be instituted by our Lord.

There were also certain verbal and typical preparations made for that institution by our Blessed Lord Himself. At the outset of His ministry occurred His interview with Nicodemus [John iii. 1-15], in which He spoke of a result of Baptism which had evidently never been supposed to accompany it hitherto. Men were to be born of water and the Spirit that they might enter into the kingdom of Heaven: and although Nicodemus must have been familiar with the Baptism of proselytes, the idea of new birth by the use of Baptism was evidently novel to him.

At the close of His ministry, our Lord washed the feet of His disciples, teaching them that the act, as performed by Him, was not only a sign of humility, but also a means of spiritual purification; a truth the full meaning of which was not then revealed to them, but would be at a later period, when its revelation was to be a part of the instructions given for their appointed work [John xii. 4-10]. And in the midst of His ministry Jesus had taken little children in His arms and blessed them, that by His touch and word they might be admitted (even without other sacrament) to the kingdom of God, and that the Church might learn for ever to suffer little children to come to Him, and forbid them not. Lastly, when blood and water flowed from the side of the Lord, the connexion between His Death and the two Sacraments was unmistakably symbolized.

Thus, by the course of His Providence, our Lord had prepared the Jews, and the Apostles especially, for the institution of Christian Baptism. (1) They had become familiar with the use of water as an external sign of a spiritual change; (2) they had been instructed (by words the meaning of which was to be developed to them by the Holy Ghost) that the use of water was to be not a sign only, but also the means of spiritual cleansing and new birth into the kingdom of God; and (3) it had been shown them that even little children were capable of entering that kingdom. And, thus prepared by our Lord's words and acts, the Apostles received His last command and commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach [μαθητεύοντες, see margin of English Bible] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Their work was, as it had been hitherto, to "make disciples;" as they had long been doing, they were to admit to discipleship by baptizing, i.e. by immersing...
their converts in water: but the rite was now to be distinguished from all previous baptisms by being administered with the most solemn words that man can use, an invocation of the One God in three Persons1. [Matt. xxvii. 19.]

The subsequent parts of the New Testament show that the Apostles carried out this command of our Lord in its most literal sense. When a multitude had been converted on the Day of Pentecost, and asked, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” St. Peter’s immediate answer was, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you” [Acts ii. 38]; and the same day there were added to the little flock which the Lord had made up Christ’s mystical Body about three thousand souls. When the people questioned the Apostles about the Holy Spirit preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women” [Acts viii. 12]. So it is recorded of the eunuch, Saul, the household of Cornelius, the household of Lydia, the Philippian goer “and all his,” the household of Stephanas, and many others, that they were baptized according to our Lord’s commands as soon as they had been converted to belief in Him: and the cases recorded furnish evidence sufficient to give us a moral certainty that the Apostles universally baptized, or caused to be baptized all, in every place, who desired to be added to the Church.

§ Administration of Baptism in the Primitive Church.

Of the manner in which the Sacrament of Baptism was administered in the Apostolic age we have no detailed record beyond the fact that it was ordinarily by immersion, and that the invocation of the Blessed Trinity accompanied the immersion. St. Paul twice speaks of being “buried with him in baptism” [Rom. vi. 4. Col. ii. 12], and St. Chrysostom uses the expression “a certain burial in water” [Hom. in Joh. xxv. xxvii. and xviii.] with an evident reference of the Apostle’s words to the act of immersion in baptism. Shortly after the time of the Apostles, Tertullian describes the rites of Baptism in general terms as follows:— “To begin with Baptism, ... we do in the Church testify, under the hand of a chief minister, that we renounce the Devil, his pomps, and his angels. Then are we thrice dipped,” or, as in another place, “we dip not once but thrice, at the naming of each Person of the Blessed Trinity ... pledging ourselves to something more than the Lord hath prescribed in the Gospel. ... After this, having come out from the bath, we are anointed thoroughly with a blessed unction ... next to this the hand is laid upon us, calling upon and inviting the Holy Spirit through the blessing ... some undertaking the charge of us, we first taste a mixture of honey and milk, and from this the fullness of the blessing is thenceforth poured in on the faithful subject. [Tertull. de Coro. v. 8, adv. Prax. xxvi., de Bapt. vii. and viii.]. From St. Cyprian, in the following century, we learn that the water was “first cleansed and sanctified by the priest” (or Bishop), “that it may be able, by Baptism therein, to wash away the sins of the baptized,” and that interrogations were used, “Dost thou believe in eternal life, and remission of sins through the holy Church?” [Cyp. Ep. xii. 6; Ixx. 1, 2.] In the latter half of the fourth century St. Cyril of Jerusalem gave his lectures on the Mysteries to the recently baptized; and the first three being on the rites before and after Baptism, we may gather in some detail what was the custom of the Church in that day. “First ye entered into the outer hall of the Baptistery, and there facing towards the West ye heard the command to stretch forth your hand; and as in the presence of Satan ye renounced him ... with arm outstretched to say to him as though actually present, ‘I renounce thee, Satan, and all thy works, and all thy pompy, and all thy service.’ Then thou wert told to say, ‘I believe in the Father, and in the Son, and in the Holy Ghost, and in one Baptism of repentance.’ And these things were done in the outer chamber. As soon as ye entered into the inner chamber, ye put off your garment, and this was an image of putting off the old man with his deeds. Then when ye were unclothed, ye were anointed with exorcised oil from the very hairs of your head to your feet, and were made partakers of the good olive-tree, Jesus Christ. After these things, ye were led to the holy pool of Divine Baptism, as Christ was carried from the Cross to the Sepulchre, which before our eyes. And each of you was asked whether ye believed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and ye made that saving confession, and descended three times into the water, and ascended again; here also covertly pointing by a figure to the three days’ burial of Christ. ... And at the selfsame moment ye died and were born; and that water of salvation was at once your grave and your mother. After you had come up from the pool of the sacred streams the invocation was given, the emblem of that wherewith Christ was anointed. This holy unction ... is symbolically applied to thy forehead and thy other senses; and while thy body is anointed with visible unction, thy soul is sanctified by the Holy and Life-giving Spirit. And ye were first anointed on your foreheads; then on your ears ... then on your nostrils ... then on your breast. When ye are counted worthy of this holy Chrism ye are called Christians, verifying also the name by your new birth” [Cyril, Catech. Lec. xix. xx. xxii.]. To these early customs of the Church it may be added that white garments were worn by the newly baptized for eight days or more after their Baptism [Ibid. iii. 10; xxii. 8], and that a new name was given, as Peter and Paul received new names on their conversion, whose names, with that of St. John, were “used by many among the faithful” [Euseb. vii. 25.]

The earliest Baptismal Office that has been handed down to modern times is that contained in the Sacramentaries of Gelasius and St. Gregory; but which the following summary (taken from the Easter-Eve Service of the latter) will give a sufficient view 2.

§ Administration of Baptism in the Sixth Century.

[1] The clergy and people being assembled in the church at the eighth hour [2 P.M.], the clergy went within the sacristary, having on the customary vestments; and two tapers being lighted, and held at each corner of the altar by two notaries or readers, another reader went up to the ambon, and read eight Lessons concerning the creation of man, the temptation of Abra- ham, and other apostolic subjects from Exodus, Isaiah, and Jonah,—after each of which was said a Collect founded on the preceding lesson; and before the last Collect was sung, “Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,” &c.

[2] A procession was formed from the altar “ad fontes,” the “school” or quire singing the “Litanies septima” 3; the taper- bearers, and a minister carrying the ampulla of consecrated oil, going before the Bishop, who was supported by a Deacon on either side.

[3] The prayers for the Benediction of the font were said by the bishop, who, at a particular part of them, divided the water with his hand in the form of a cross; at a second, held the taper in the water; and, at a third, breathed on the water thrice, afterwards pouring in the chrism in the form of a cross, and sprinkling it with his hands 4.

1 The Institution of the Sacrament of Baptism is not to be looked for in an exemplary action of our Lord, as in the case of the other Sacrament; for we are expressly told that our Lord did not baptize. [John iv. 2.] The view taken above is substantially that of the ancient handbook of the Clergy, the Pupilla Dei, in which is the following passage:—“Baptismus Christi fuit institutus materialiter et inchoativo; quando Christus tectis man- dissimis carnis vini regeneratam invicem contulit. Precipue; quando dixit Nichodemus, nisi quis renatus erit. Eficiat; quando Christus passus est in cruce. Usum infimato; quando dixit discipulis suos ad praedicationem et baptismandum. Pronuiliathum ad omnes; post passiolem, Matth. xvi. ult.” [Pupil. Oecolii iii. 24.]

2 This was said in Jerusalem.

3 See Notes to the 1st Sunday after Easter, p. 107.

4 The admission as Catechumens of those who were afterwards to be bap- tised, took place at a separate ceremony some time previously. It has not been thought necessary to give any account of this service above, as, although incorporated with that for Baptism in later times and in our own office, it was really a separate rite.

5 See some notice of the Litania Septima, and the analogous Litania Septiformis, at p. 47. Menard [Notes 9] seems to consider that these were identical, but the Litania Septima was probably sung by those only who were in Holy or in Minor Orders.

6 St. Augustine notices the custom of signing the water with the cross in his 118th Homily on St. John, and in his 1181 Sermon de tempore.
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[1] The child being held without the doors of the church, the priest made the sign of the Cross upon its forehead and breast, saying, "I place the sign of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on thy forehead, and on thy breast." Then he placed his hand upon the head of the child, while he offered a prayer, beseeching God to open it to the door of His mercy, and grant it the grace of Baptism.

[2] Salt, over which an exorcism had been said, was placed in the month of the child with the words, "N. Receive the salt of wisdom, that God may be gracious to thee unto life everlasting. Amen." This was followed by a prayer that God would send his holy angel to take care of His servant N., and bring him to the grace of Baptism.

[3] An exorcism and adjuration of Satan to forsake the child was then said; followed by another signing with the cross, and a prayer that the child might be turned from darkness to light, and made fit to receive Baptism.

[4] The Gospel was then read.

[5] The ears and nostrils of the child were touched with saliva.

[6] The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and Creed, were said by the priest, sponsors, and congregation.

[7] The child was again signed with the cross, the words "Trudo tibi sigillumum," &c. being said; and afterwards the priest, taking him by the right hand, led him within the church, saying, "Enter thou into the house of God: that thou mayest have eternal life, and live for ever and ever. Amen."

§ The Essentials of Holy Baptism.

The words of our Lord to the Apostles seem so clear as to place beyond a doubt what is essential to a true Christian Baptism: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" [Matt. xviii. 19]. Yet questions have arisen, from very early ages, as to the manner and form with which the Sacrament is to be administered, and also as to the person by whom it is to be administered. Tertullian, in the opening of his treatise on Baptism, speaks of a sect which denied the necessity of water in Baptism [Tertull. de Bapt. i.]; and St. Augustine refers to the rejection of water because created by the evil one, and therefore in itself evil, as one of the heresies of the Manicheans. [Ang. de Haeres. xlv.]. In the twelfth century, the Cathari, or Puritans,

At the end of the Office a Gospel was inserted [Mark i. 17-20], which was to be used, if desired, for the prevention of the falling sickness,—"quia secundum deores maxime valeat pro morbo cancri." There is, however, a touching anecdote on record which seems to indicate that, like some other changes, these were forced upon the Convocation by considerations of expediency rather than principle. During the reign of Queen Mary, a Mr. H. L. X., whose husband had fled out of the country, "was sent down to a gentleman's house in Oxfordshire for her approaching confinement, as she was not able to bear the voyage to Germany. But when her child was born, it was in a dilemma about the baptism, not liking to have it baptized by a 'Romish priest' according to the ritual then in use restored. So she contrived to send a message to the Bishops then in prison at Oxford to know what she should do, and their answer was, that she might safely employ the priest, for that 'the Service for Holy Baptism was on all the Services, in which the Church of Home had least depare from the truth of the Gospel and the primitive practice.' This anecdote is given in Massey's Lectures on the Prayer Book, p. 123, from the leaves of a copy of Buss's New Testament, belonging to a descendant of the family. The testimony is valuable, as two of the imprisoned Bishops, Cranmer and Ridley, were connected with every step taken in the Reformations of the ancient Offices.

1 This prayer is found at an earlier date, in the fourth century. See St. Ambrose de Myst., ill. 7.
denied the necessity of the Sacrament altogether, but adopted a ceremony which they called baptism with fire, as a substitute for that with water. The Waldenses also regarded water as unecessary to a spiritual baptism; and the Flagellants of Germany, Poland, Hungary, and France, held that the only true baptism was one in blood, effected by scourging the body. With respect to the elements, I think it is evident that the water is the necessary element which the person is supposed to be baptized, it is sufficiently evident that all who have rejected the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity must necessarily have modified and adapted to their original principles the words used by the Church, if they continued to administer a rite in imitation of Christian Baptism. The Arian form is given by St. Jerome [cont. Lucif.], and the Eunomian by Epiphanius [Heres. xxxv.]; but both are too irreverent towards the second and third Persons of the Holy Trinity to be set down here.

Such practices gave rise to strict definitions on the part of the Church, which are represented by the questions in our Office for Private Baptism of Children: "Because some things essential to this Sacrament may happen to be omitted through fear or haste, in such times of extremity; therefore I demand further of you, "With what matter was this child baptized?" "With what words was this child baptized?"

In the first rubric of the Office for Public Baptism, also, the font is directed to be filled with "pure water;" and in the Catechism "the outward visible sign or form of Baptism" is clearly stated to be "Water wherein the person is baptized In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Such distinct language being used by the Church of England, it may also be well to add that which was used by the Council of Trent: "If any one shall say, that true and natural water is not of necessity for Baptism, and, on that account, shall refuse to some sort of metaphor those words of our Lord Jesus Christ, 'Except a man be born of water and of the Holy Ghost,' let him be anathema." [Sess. vii. Can. ii. de Bapt.] It may also be added that cases of necessity have occasionally arisen, in which pure water was not at hand for the purpose of baptism, when wine, or even sand, has been used as the element or material of Baptism; but sound theologians have always ruled that this ceremony could not be a true and valid administration of the Sacrament. Such cases of emergency may arise, even in the present day, among missionaries; and it is therefore well to point out this general consent of the Church to take our Lord's words in their literal sense. "Baptizing them with water," the Church is to follow literally the practice of His Apostles as recorded several times in the New Testament. [Acts viii. 36; x. 46. 1 Pct. iii. 20. Cf. also Ezek. xxxvi. 25.]

The form of words used by the Church of England is that which is used by the whole Western Church, and that which has been so used from time immemorial. In the Eastern Church a similar form is used, but in the third person, and with a passive verb: "The servant of God, X, is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The essential part of the form is the distinct mention of each Person of the Blessed Trinity with reference to the act of Baptism; and both East and West therefore agree in naming (1) the person, (2) the act of Baptism, and (3) the Persons of the Holy Trinity. The most ancient records of the Church point to the Western form, as shown in the citation made above from the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, and this form differs from the Eastern in also naming the person baptizing. "I baptize thee:" but it may be considered that this is included in the Eastern form, since the statement that the person "is baptized" comprehends elliptically the words "by me, who am now performing the act, and speaking the words." Such an explanation of the Eastern form cannot, however, justify any, the slightest, departure from the cither in the Church of England.

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It is supposed that the Eastern form was adopted as a standing refutation of the error that the virtue of Baptism was derived from the person ministering it: an error apparently referred to in the words of the Apostle, "Every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollo; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ." [1 Cor. i. 12.]

doubtedly by the descent of the person to be baptized into a stream or pool of water. It is probable that the person baptism also stood in the water [Acts viii. 38], and poured some of it with his hand upon the head of the other, as the latter bowed himself three times (at the naming of each Person of the Trinity by the baptizer) into the stream. St. Paul gives a different account, when he said, "We are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so also we should walk in newness of life" [Rom. vi. 4]. When fonts were made in churches, they were made with a descent of seven steps, symbolizing the sevenfold gift bestowed by the Holy Ghost [Isidore de Ecc. Off. ii. 24]; and this implies a considerable depth of water, reaching to about the waist of an ordinary-sized man. The practice of trine immersion also appears to be of primitive origin. It is mentioned by Tertullian, and other early Fathers, in passages already quoted; and also by St. Ambrose, in his Treatise on the Sacraments; St. Basil, in his work on the Holy Spirit; and St. Leo, in his fourth Epistle: and all give substantially the same account of the practice with that given by St. Ambrose: "Thou wast asked, Dest thou believe in God the Father Almighty? Thou didst answer, I believe, and didst dip into the water, that is, thou wast buried. Again wast thou asked: Dest thou believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, and in His Cross? Thou didst answer, I believe, and didst dip into the water; therefore also thou wast buried with Christ: for whoever is buried with Christ, shall rise again with Christ. A third time wast thou asked: Dest thou believe in the Holy Ghost? Thou didst reply, I believe; and a third time didst thou dip into the water." The Apostolical Constitutions of the fifth century even forbade the practice of single immersion, decreing in their fifth Canon: "If any bishop or priest does not perform the one initiation with three immersions, but with giving one immersion only into the death of our Lord, let him be deposed. For the Lord said not, Baptize into My death; but, Go—baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Yet there seems to have been an early necessity for guarding against error in the use of this trine immersion, and St. Gregory of Nyssa writes: "We immerge to the Father, that we may be sanctified: we immerse to the Son also to this same end: we immerse also to the Holy Ghost, that we may see which He is and is called. There is no difference in the water itself. "Baptizing them with water," comprehends the water, and to follow literally the practice of His Apostles as recorded several times in the New Testament. [Acts viii. 36; x. 46. 1 Pct. iii. 20. Cf. also Ezek. xxxvi. 25.]

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done in the Church," not, i. e., by heretics, "where the faith both of the giver and receiver is entire, all holds good, and is consummated and perfected by the power of the Lord and the truth of faith." [Cyp., Ep. lix. 11, 12.] The principle thus so plainly set forth by St. Cyprian has ever since been generally accepted by the Church, and abulia, or the actual touch of water during the invocation of the Blessed Trinity, has always been accounted the essential feature in the administration of Holy Baptism. Whether that abulia is effected by the more complete method of immersion, or by the less perfect one of affusion, the result is the same: care being always taken that the actual contact of the water with the person is really effected. And thus the rubric of the English Office leaves it discretionary whether the infant or adult to be baptized shall be dipped in the water, or have water poured upon them; security being provided for the actual contact of the water by the exclusion of mere sprinkling, which is not recognized at all in the Church of England, and can never be considered a safe method of applying the water, or a reverent way of obeying the command of our Blessed Lord, however much it may, as a minimum of obedience, fulfill the required conditions.

§ The Minister of Baptism.

Having said so much about the matter and form of Holy Baptism, it remains to be considered who is the proper minister of the sacrament.

There can be no doubt that in the first instance our Blessed Lord gave to His Apostles a commission to "baptize all nations," and that such a commission was to be handed on to those who were to take up their work after their deaths, those whom they ordained for that purpose according to the words of their Master, "As My Father hath sent Me, so send I you." Very early in the history of the Apostolic Church also, we find a deacon, Philip, baptizing at Samaria, and the Apostles, St. Peter and St. John, remarkably by containing those whom he had baptized.

From this it may be concluded that as the Bishops are the one principal channel through which ministerial authority is conveyed from our Lord, the Fount of all such authority, to others, so they undoubtedly commissioned inferior ministers to baptize in the very beginning of the Christian Church.

But the question soon arose whether the nature of Holy Baptism was not such as to make a Bishop, Priest, or Deacon, absolutely essential to its right administration; and upon this subject three theories have been held. (1) The first and strictest of these was that maintained by St. Cyprian, who esteemed that Baptism only to be true and effectual which is administered by those who have been ordained by orthodox Bishops, and are in communion with the Church. (2) The second theory was much more generally held in the early Church, viz., that even schismatics and heretics could give Baptism, provided they wore in holy orders. (3) A third, and this was that held by St. Augustine, made the essence of the Sacrament to consist in the application of the water with the proper words of Invocation, by whomsoever this was done. The Council of Arles [A.D. 351] decided by their eighth Canon against the first theory, and in favour of the second; a decision practically confirmed by the nineteenth Canon of the Council of Nicaea, which directed the re-baptism of those only who had been baptized by the followers of Paul of Samosata, and so not in the Name of the Blessed Trinity. No further decision on the subject was ever given by a General Council, and thus the question still remained open whether those who were not in Holy Orders could, by the proper use of water and the proper Invocation, administer true Baptism. In ancient times this question was not one of very extensive bearing, as none but the Clergy ever baptized, except in cases where there was danger of death, and no clergyman could be found. But in modern times it has become a matter of primary importance, as a considerable portion of the people of England, and the majority of those in Protestant countries, are baptized by persons who have never been ordained by Bishops, and who are not therefore either Priests or Deacons.

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The validity of such Lay Baptism was maintained by Tertullian [de Bapt. xii.], who however adds that a woman is as much forbidden to baptize as to teach in the Church. It was allowed by the Patriarch of Alexandria in the case of some boys baptized by Athanasius when he himself was a boy. [Bryn. i. 14.] St. Augustine maintained it to be valid, not only in cases of necessity, but under other circumstances also. [Aug. de Bapt. vii. 102, cont. Parmen. i. 13.] St. Jerome also allowed it in cases of necessity; and the Council of Illiberis or Zlirica [A.D. 800] decided in its thirty-eighth Canon that no re-baptism was necessary to those who had been baptized in an emergency by laymen, but only that the persons so baptized should be brought to the Bishop for Confirmation, if they should survive.

Without citing any further authorities, it may be sufficient to give the emphatic words of Hooker, "Yea, 'Baptism by any man in case of necessity,' was the voice of the whole world heretofore." [Ecc. Pol. V. i. 3.] He also affirms in his subsequent argument, that even Baptism by women in case of extreme necessity was valid, and not to be reiterated.

The principle thus laid down has been definitely stated from time to time by English synods from a very early age; and the Puritan Oecumen, in which was a standard book of instructions for the Church in the medieval period, has some exhaustive statements on the subject. [ii. 2], which plainly show that it was the practice to recognize Baptism as valid, by whomsoever administered, if given with the proper matter and form of words; which practice undoubtedly continued up to the time of the Reformation. This is, at the same time, shown most clearly and authoritatively by the rubric placed at the end of the Ritus Baptistae in the Salisbury Manual, which is as follows:—


The substantial part of the above rubric was retained in the Book of Common Prayer in the following words:

"The Pastors and Curates shall oft admonish the people that they defer not. . . . And also they shall warn them that without great cause and necessity they baptize not children at home in their houses. And when great need shall compel them so to do, that then they minister it on this fashion. "First, let them that be present call upon God for his grace, and say the Lord's prayer, if the time will suffer. And then one of them shall name the child, and dip him in the water, or pour water upon him, saying these words:—IN. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

1 Another rubric added this caution:—"Non baptismem quod prohibet his verbis: nisi super iucundum, nisi in articulo necessitatis. Si vero vir et mulier absens ubi inimmotim necessitas ars baptandi puetum, et non esset alius minister ad hoc magis idoneus presens, vir baptizet et non mulier, nisi forte mulier bene sciens verba sacramentales et non vir, vel aliud im- mediatus substantiae." But these rubrics were constantly licensed by the Bishops to baptize in case of necessity [Barnh. Ecc. Law, Art. Midwives] down to quite recent times. It may also be added that surgeons frequently baptize children in danger of death at the present day. [Bisbt's Directorium Pastoral. p. 156.] In 1564 the Puritans presented a memorial to Archbishop Whitgift, praying, amongst other things, "that all baptizing by midwives and women may from henceforth be inhibited and declared void." The Archbishop replied that he had long been of opinion that "so that the institution of Christ touching the word and element is only used;" and he adds that no learned man ever doubted that such was the case, though some of late by their singularity in some points of religion had given the adversary greater advantage than any thing else could do.
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. And let them not doubt, but that the child so baptized is lawfully and sufficiently baptized. . . ." After the Hampton Court Conference, in 1603, the above rubric was altered to meet the prejudices of the Puritans, the words "lawful minister" taking the place of "one of them." In 1661, this was further altered to: "the Minister of this Parish," and at Bishop Cosin's suggestion was added "(or in his absence, any lawful Minister that can be procured)." 1 These successive alterations have been supposed to narrow the theory of the Church of England respecting Baptism, and to restrict its valid administration to Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. But, although these additions and alterations were probably made with the object of checking Lay Baptisms, it cannot be said that they contain any decision against their validity; nor, indeed, can it be supposed, for a moment, that the prudent men who superintended the various revisions of the Prayer Book would have reversed, merely by a rubric, the long-established tenet of the Church of England that "Lay Baptisms are in some cases necessary, and are not to be resisted." Moreover, in the questions to be asked by the Clergyman of those who bring a privately-baptized child to the Church to be received, it is expressly stated that the "things essential to this Sacrament are the "matter" and the "words," no notice being given that the person who performed the ceremony was one of these "things essential" more than those who were present. Lastly, although there were supposed to be about 300,000 persons in England who had been baptized by laymen, at the time when the Clergy were restored to their duties in 1661, no public provision was made by the Church for rebaptizing them, nor does it appear that any doubt whatever was thrown upon the validity of their baptism by those who revised our offices. 2 Lay Baptism being thus allowed to be valid in case of necessity, it is yet clear that its validity depends upon the manner of its administration, not upon the reality of the necessity; and hence even if there is no such necessity, it must still be accounted valid, provided the proper matter and form are used. And Baptism by those who have not received Holy Orders (however they may lay claim to ministerial authority) being of this latter class, it must be granted that the question of its validity resolves itself into a question of the actual administration by water and the proper words of the sacrament. No doubt there is much uncertainty respecting this; for many Dissenters attaching little importance to Baptism, it is reasonably to be supposed that they would be sometimes indifferent about exactness in administering it. For cases of doubt the hypothetical form, "if thou art not already baptized," &c., is provided; and by its use an unconscious iteration of Baptism is avoided, while at the same time the certainty of its administration is secured. It is hardly necessary to add that Lay Baptism should be resorted to only in great extremity; and that when the Sacrament is administered by one who is not ordained without such necessity, the person baptizing is guilty of a great sin, even though his act may bring a blessing to the person baptized. His act cannot be undone, but it ought not to have been done. 3

§ The Effect of Holy Baptism.

It remains now to speak of the spiritual benefits which result from Holy Baptism to those who do receive it according to the ordinance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They are spoken of in the Offices as "a washing and sanctifying with the Holy Ghost, a deliverance from the wrath of God, a receiving into the ark of Christ's Church, a remission of sins by spiritual regeneration, an embracing with the arms of God's mercy, a gift of the blessing of eternal life, a participation of God's everlasting kingdom, a bestowal of the Holy Spirit, a being born again and made heir of everlasting salvation, a release from sins, a gift of the Kingdom of Heaven and everlasting life, a burial of the old Adam and raising up of the new man, an enduing with heavenly virtues, a mystical washing away of sin, a regeneration and grafting into the body of Christ's Church, a death unto sin and a living unto righteousness, a putting on of Christ." In the Catechism the effect of Baptism is first stated in the familiar words in which every child replies, that "therein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven?" and, secondly, in the definition of the inward and spiritual grace of the Sacrament, where it is described as "a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace. 4 These blessings and benefits of Holy Baptism, thus set forth with such an overflowing fulness of language, are all comprehensively included in the Scriptural term "Regeneration;" the first use of which recorded in the New Testament is by our Blessed Lord when He said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot see, he cannot enter into, the Kingdom of God." [John iii. 3. 5.] This language of our Lord is also that of His Apostles, as of St. Paul: "According to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" [Titus iii. 5—7]; and of St. Peter, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth ever for" [1 Pet. i. 23]. The mode by which God effects this regeneration is a mystery. "We know it," says Dr. Pusey, "in its author, God; in its instrument, Baptism; in its end, salvation, union with Christ, sonship to God, resurrection from the dead, and the life of the world to come." We only know it not, where it does not concern us to know it, in the mode of its operation. 5 But though we do not know the manner in which God effects regeneration by the rite of Baptism, we are able to follow up the language in which the Church has ever been accustomed to speak of Holy Baptism, and to trace out its efficacious operation under the two heads indicated by St. Cyril's words, "at the self-same moment, ye died and were born" [Catech. Lect. xx. 4]; and by our English Catechism in the expression, "a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness." 6

I. That which is comprehended under the first of these heads, "a death unto sin," is the breaking off from that chain of spiritual relationship between the baptized and Adam, by which they are, first, inheritors of a nature prone to evil rather than good; and, secondly, inheritors of the penalty due to sin.

1 The inheritance of a fallen nature is not merely an historical circumstance, but a practical power exercising its influence upon those whose nature it is. The moral habitat of this fallen nature is among the lowest regions of moral intuition, or conscience, and of moral power. Good is naturally alien to it; evil is naturally its choice. It is, normally, incapable of spiritual perception, for "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" [1 Cor. ii. 14]; and hence belief in miracles or sacraments is scarcely possible for those who are wilfully rejecting Baptism, and must always be different from the faith in which the Church has ever been accustomed to speak of Holy Baptism, and to trace out its efficacious operation under the two heads indicated by St. Cyril's words, "at the self-same moment, ye died and were born" [Catech. Lect. xx. 4]; and by our English Catechism in the expression, "a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness." 7

2 Scriptural Views of Holy Baptism, p. 23.
off its bondage to the Fall, has become dead to the strongest and primary influences of it; and receives a tendency to rise towards good and the Author of good rather than to sink towards evil and the Evil One.

(2) There is also conveyed in Baptism a "death unto sin" in respect to the penalty which is its due,—the wrath of God, and the punishment which is an inevitable consequence of that wrath. This is the "remission of sins" which is connected with the "One Baptism" in the Nicene Creed. It is solemnly named to God in the ancient prayer before Confirmation which was said immediately after Baptism in the Primitive Church, and which is still retained in our English Confirmation Service:—"Almighty and ever-living God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these Thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins . . . . ." This remission extends to all actual sin in adults who come with penitence to Holy Baptism, as well as to original sin in all; and is so complete that, although an "infection of original sin" remains even in the regenerate, yet an entirely new life is begun in the favour of God, Who no longer regards the sin of the unregenerate in which the baptized person previously was, nor visits him with the punishment which must otherwise have fallen upon him. Hooker speaks of this as "that act of grace which is dispensed to persons at their baptism, or at their entrance into the Church, when they openly professing their faith, and undertaking their Christian duty, God most solemnly and formally doth absolve them from all guilt, and acquit them to a state of favour with Him." [Serm. on Justification.] In the same manner Bishop Jewell declares in his Defence of the Apology of the Church of England:—"We confess, and have evermore taught, that in the Sacrament of Baptism, by the death and blood of Christ, is given remission of all manner of sin, and that not in half, in part, or by way of imagination, or by fancy, but whole, full, and perfect, of all together; so that now, as St. Paul saith, 'there is no condemnation to them that be in Christ Jesus.'" [Def. of Apol. II. xi. 3.] As when Naaman washed in Jordan "his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child," so the waters of Baptism effect that cleansing of our fallen nature from the leprosy of sin which our Lord spoke when He said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven" [Matt. xviii. 3].

II. A new birth unto righteousness includes, first, Adoption by God, and, secondly, Union with our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1) In adopting as His children those who were previously alienated from Him, our merciful Father establishes a new relation between Himself and those whom He adopts, giving them a claim to paternal love and the privileges of sonship. This adoption is often called Justification in the New Testament, as where St. Paul says, "According to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." [Tit. iii. 5.—7.] God is the efficient cause of this justification: our Lord Jesus Christ is the meritorious cause of it; and Holy Baptism is the instrumental cause of it. And when God, for the sake of Christ's merits, and by the instrument of Baptism, has thus made them "heirs of eternal life," His children are entitled (through His free gift, and not by their deservings) to assisting grace by which they may be enabled to do His will while they are in a state of probation; and to that everlasting life which He has promised to those who are faithful and steadfast, when their state of probation is ended.

(2) A mystical union is effected in Baptism, by some unintelligible and supernatural operation, between the baptized and our Lord Jesus Christ. They are united to the Body and Soul of His human nature, and since that is inseparable from the Godhead, they are also through it united to His Divine Nature. By means of the union thus effected with the Person of their Mediator, they receive through Him the Divine gift of grace to which the Father's mercy entitles them. That grace is an active principle working in them to mould them to the pattern of Him of Whom they have become members. By it they are enabled both to know and to do the will of God; and a moral perfection of which the natural life is not capable becomes easy in the Christian life through this co-operating power of Christ. Through the same grace is derived an illumination of the mind by which it is enabled to grasp the knowledge of Divine truth, and in faith to receive those mysteries which are at present beyond the power of even an illuminated Christian understanding; they who wash at the Divine command, "come again seeing." And, lastly, this union with Christ through Baptism plants the germ of eternal life in the nature of the baptized person, restoring an immortality that was lost by the Fall; and reopening the Vision of God to the eyes of man.

Thus, then, the effect of Holy Baptism may be once more summed up in the words of the Apostle, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection . . . . Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." [Rom. vi. 4—11.]
THE MINISTRATION OF
PUBLICK BAPTISM OF INFANTS,
TO BE USED IN THE CHURCH.

¶ The people are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be administered but upon Sundays, and other Holy-days, when the most number of people come together; as well for that the Congregation there present may testify the receiving of them that be newly baptized into the number of Christ’s Church; as also because in the Baptism of Infants every Man present may be put in remembrance of his own profession made to God in his Baptism. For

BAPTISMUS Puerorum.
[Ordo ad faciendum Catechumenum.
Benedictio Fontis.
Ritus Baptizandi.]
Salisbury Use.

... the Pastors shall warn the people that... they bring their children to be baptized at those hours, when, after the custom, the people resort together, to hear the Lord’s word.

THE TITLE AND INTRODUCTORY RUBRICS.
Publick Baptism... to be used in the Church] The administration of Holy Baptism has always been, from the very beginning, a public ceremony, except in cases of urgency; not because publicity is in any way essential to the efficacy of the Sacrament, but that it might be given in the face of the Church. One of the Rubries at the end of the ancient office for Baptism in the Church of England is as follows:—¶ Non licet aliquem baptizare in sola, camera, vel aliquo loco privato, sed duumxat in ecclesias quibus sund fontes ad hoc specialiter ordinatis, nisi prioribus regis vel principis, aut taller necessitas emerserit propter quem ad ecclesiam accessus aequo periculo haberi non potest.” In 1552 the word “Public” was expunged from the title of this Office, but it was restored in 1661.

Infants Baptism has been given to Infants from the time of its first institution. No direct record of the custom of the Apostles is contained in Holy Scripture, but the fact that they baptized whole households is indirect evidence that the Sacrament was not denied to children. Our Lord’s act and words in blessing little children, and requiring the disciples to suffer them to come to Him and not to forbid them, is the strongest testimony that could be given short of the connexion of this command with the actual rite of Baptism, of His will on the subject. About A.D. 148, Justin Martyr writes, that there were in his time “many of both sexes, some sixty and some seventy years old, who had been made disciples to Christ from their infancy;” and Irenæus, not long after, speaks distinctly of “infants and little children, and boys and young men and old men,” all being alike new born to God by Holy Baptism [adv. Hares.ii. 22, al. 38]. St. Cyprian, writing to Fidus [Ep. Iviv.], says, “We all judge that the mercy and grace of God is to be denied to none born of man,” and the Epistle is written to contradict the opinion of Fidus, that infants ought not to be baptized until they are eight days old. St. Augustine speaks of “infants baptized in Christ,” and says, “In babes born and not yet baptized, let Adam be acknowledged; in babes born and baptized, and thereby born again, let Christ be acknowledged.” “Infants too,” he writes in another place, “are carried to the Church; for if they cannot run tother on their feet, they run with the feet of others, that they may be healed. If when infants are carried, they are said to have no birth-sin at all, and they come to Christ; why is it not said in the Church to those who bring them?—Away with these innocents hence; they that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick; Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” It was never so said; nay, nor ever will it he so said.” [Aug. Serm. 172 and 176, Ben., 124 and 126, Oxf. transl.] In the primitive Office for Baptism, which is noticed in the previous Introduction, “infants” are distinctly mentioned; and the twenty-seventh Article of Religion testifies to the ancient practice of our own Church, when it says, “The Baptism of young children is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.”

The necessity of Holy Baptism to salvation is so urgent, and the blessings conferred by it so great, that Infants should be brought to the font as early as possible. Baptism is often delayed until the mother is able to be present with her child; but however pleasing this may be to her feelings, such a delay is very undesirable, for the spirit in which children are brought to Baptism should be that in which our Lord vouchsafed to come to Circumcision,—“I made haste, and delayed not, to keep Thy commandments.” The Rubric at the commencement of the Office for Private Baptism, plainly shows the mind of the Church on this subject: “The Curates of every Parish shall often admonish the people, that they defer not the Baptism of their children longer than the first or second Sunday next after their birth, or other holy-day falling between, unless upon a great and reasonable cause, to be approved by the Curate.”

THE INTRODUCTORY RUBRICS.
Sundays, and other Holy-days] In the Primitive Church the seasons of Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost were those at which Baptism was administered, except urgent necessity required its administration at other times; and the two latter were the times
which cause also it is expedient that Baptism be ministered in the vulgar tongue. Nevertheless (if necessity so require), Children may be baptized upon any other day.

And note, that there shall be for every Male-child to be baptized two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers.

When there are Children to be baptized, the Parents shall give knowledge thereof over night, or in the morning before the beginning of Morning Prayer, to the Curate. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and principally used in the Western Church. The third Canon of the Council of Mayno [A.D. 558] forbids Baptism at any other time than Easter, meaning probably the whole season between Easter Eve and Whitsun-tide, and many mediaval counsels repeat the injunction. One of the Rubrics of the Salisbury Manual is as follows:— "Si Sолennis baptismus celebrari solet in Sabbato sancto Pascha et in vigilia Pentecostes, et idaei puori nati infra octo dies ante Pascha, vel infra octo dies ante Pentecostem, debent reservari ad baptismandum in Sabbato sancto Pascha vel in vigilia Pentecostes, et censum de sine periculo calare reservari." From 1549 to 1652 the following rubrical Introduction, taken from Hermann’s Consultation, stood before the Offices for Baptism, but the present Rubric was substituted in the latter year:—"It appears by ancient writers, that the Sacrament of Baptism in the old time was not commonly ministered but at two times in the year, at Easter and Whitsun-tide; at which times it was openly ministered in the presence of all the congregation: which custom (now being grown out of use), although it cannot for many considerations be well restored again, yet it is thought good to follow the same as near as conveniently may be. Wherefore the people are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be ministered, but upon Sundays and other holy-days, when the most number of people may come together; as well for that the congregation there present may testify the receiving of them that be newly baptized into the number of Christ’s Church; as also because in the baptism of infants every man present may be put in remembrance of his own profession made to God in his baptism. For which cause also it is expedient that baptism be ministered in the English tongue. Nevertheless (if necessity so require), children ought at all times to be baptized either at the Church or else at home." But the tendency of the Rubries, in later times, has been that indicated in the last note: and additional facilities were offered to the people for the Public Baptism of their children in Church, with the intention, probably, of discouraging lay-baptisms at their own houses.

It should be clearly understood also that the facilities offered for Public Baptism are extended to every Sunday and Holy-day by an express Canon of the Church, and do not depend only on the construction to be put upon the Rubric. It is as follows:—

"No Minister shall refuse or delay to christen any child according to the form of the Book of Common Prayer that is brought to the Church to him upon Sundays or Holy-days, to be christened, or to bury any corpse that is brought to the Church or Churchyard, convenient warning being given him thereof."

In primo deaturus infans ad valvae ecclesie. Salisbury Use. et inquirat Sacerdotes ab obedientia, utrum sit Ad fontem. infans masculus a feminis. Deinde, si infans fuerit baptizatus domi: et quo nomine vocari debeat . . . . . Masculus autem before, in such manner and form as is prescribed in the said Book of Common Prayer. And if he shall refuse to christen the one, or bury the other (except the party deceased were denounced excommunicated majori excommunicatione, for some grievous and notorious crime, and no man able to testify of his repentance), he shall be suspended by the Bishop of the diocese from his ministry by the space of three months."

In interpreting this Canon, due regard must be paid to the expression, "according to the form of the Book of Common Prayer," since this "form" limits the time of Baptism to "after the last lesson" at Morning or Evening Prayer, and the clergyman would not be bound to baptize a child brought to the Church at a later time of the service, or when there is neither Mattins nor Evensong. "Convenient warning" has also been defined as being "warning of the intention to bring," and reasonably means at least the evening before, as in the rubric.

And note . . . two Godfathers and one Godmother] The Rubric on this subject, at the end of our ancient baptismal office, is as follows:—"Non plures quam unus vir et una mulier debent accedere ad suscipiendum parvulum de sacro fonte: unde plures ad hoc simul accedentes pessant faciendo contra prohibitionem canonis, nisi alia fuerit consuetudo approbata: tumen tamen amplius ad hoc nullatenus recipiatur." Yet in a Legatine Council, held at York by Hubert, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1185, and in a Constitution of Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1236, there is a provision exactly similar to that in our present Rubric: "Ad levandum vero puerum de fonte, tres ad pius recipiatur; videlicet in baptismo maris duo males et una femina; in baptismo femine, duo males, et unus masculus; quod enim amplius est a malo est." [Gilson’s Codex, 483.] The primitive practice of the Church appears to have been identical with that of the Eastern and the Latin Church at present, in which only one Sponsor is required, although two are permitted.

[Duty of Parish Priests, iii. 10; Conc. Trident. xxiv. 2.] In the ancient English exhortation, printed at the end of this Office, it will be seen, that one Godfather and one Godmother are named: and it may be doubted whether three Sponsors were ever actually required until 1661, when the present Rubric was inserted by Bishop Cosin. The twenty-ninth Canon forbids parents to be sponsors for their own children, and in this follows the old Rubric:— "Si Similiter pater vel mater non debet proprum filium de sacro fonte levar . . . . ." but this Canon was altered by the Convocation of Canterbury in 1855, and the prohibition scarcely holds now. This change practically reduces the number of Sponsors to one again, as the father and mother are already responsible, in the highest degree, as Christian parents: but it would be well for the spirit of the ancient rule to be carried out by some one who is not the parent taking the baptized child from the hands of the priest who has baptized it."

1 In Cranmer’s answer to the Devonshire rebels, he speaks of the consecration of the Font at Easter and Whitsun-tide as having become an unwonted ceremony, for ‘except it were by chance, none were baptized, but all were baptized before.” Strey’s Memorials of Cranmer, ii. 353. Ecc. Hist. Soc. The custom of blessing the fonts on Easter Eve sprang out of the primitive usage, which also restricted this benediction to the Easter.

2 The above rubric ends: "non baptisare, nisi in extremo necessitatis urbe, tunc enim best present sine preo vel caro conjugalis ipsum
HATH this Child been already baptized, or no?

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin; and that our Saviour Christ

immediately after the last Lesson] In the Primitivel Church it was the custom to confirm Infants as soon as they were baptized, and then to administer to them a small particle of the consecrated bread moistened with the consecrated wine. Hence Baptism was administered (as may be seen by the ancient Sacramentary of St. Gregory) immediately before the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This was probably the custom also in the medieval Church; and in Dave’s translation of Archbishop Hermann’s book [A.D. 1547] are the words, “Our mind is that the handling of the Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood, called Eucharistia, may be joined with Baptism, and that they which bring the Infants to Baptism may use the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ after the manner and institution of the Primitive Church.” In the Prayer Book of 1549, the times appointed for Baptism were “either immediately after the last Canticle at Mattins, or else immediately after the last Canticle at Evensong,” as by the present Rubric.

And the Priest coming to the Font] In the Prayer Book of 1549 the sponsors were directed to be ready at the church door, where the priest came to them, and said the first part of the service as far as the Exhortation before the Interrogatories. This Rubric and benediction followed: “¶ Then let the Priest take one of the children by the right hand, the other being brought after him. And coming into the Church toward the font, say, The Lord vouchsafe to receive you into His holy household, and to keep and govern you alway in the same, that you may have everlasting life. Amen.” This usage was dropped in 1562. In 1661 the Presbyterians wished the font to “be so placed as all the congregation may best see and hear the whole administration;” but the Bishops replied, “The font usually stands, as it did in primitive times, at or near the Church door, to signify that Baptism was the entrance into the Church mystical: we are all baptized into one body” [1 Cor. xii. 12], and the people may hear well enough.” A large stone font, actually filled with pure water, and having a drain by which the blessed water may be let off after the Baptism, is plainly contemplated by the Rubric, and is directly enjoined by the eighty-first Canon. Some decorous vessel should be provided for bringing the water to the font, so as to avoid the use of an ordinary domestic pail or can. The ancient Salisbury Rubric is instructive: “¶ Presbyter autem si poterit poterit habeat fontem lapidem, integrum, et honestum, ad baptism

statuetur a dextra Sacerdotis: non vero a sinister.

dum: si autem acquirerit, habeat vas conveniens ad baptismum quod aliis usibus nullatenus deputetur, nec extra ecclesiam deportetur.”

THE INTRODUCTORY SERVICE.

The ancient division of the Baptistical Office into three parts is still to be clearly traced, as will be seen from the subsequent notes, and marginal references in the right-hand column. The Introductory portion answers to the Admission of a Catechumen; and extends as far as the end of the Collect which precedes the exhortation to the Godfathers and Godmothers.

Hath this Child been already baptized, or no?] The actual words of this question were substituted for the rubrical direction, “The Priest shall ask whether the children be baptized or no,” in 1681. In Bishop Cosin’s Durham Book, the MS. rubric as amended by him stands, “And the Priest, coming to the Font, which is then to be replenished with pure water, and standing there shall say, Hath this child been already baptized or no? Or if there be more, Hath any one of these children? varying the Form only in those words which are requisite to express a difference of the sex or number of the children.” The question is one of importance, as, in the words of Hooker, “iteration of Baptism once given hath been always thought a manifest contempt of that ancient apostolic sphorism, One Lord, one Faith, one Baptist, baptism not only inasmuch as it hath everywhere the same substance, and offereth unto all men the same grace, but also for that it ought not to be received by any one man above once” [Ecc. Polt. V. ixii. 4]. This is the unvarying doctrine of the Church, the only diversity of opinion on the subject being in respect to what constitutes true baptism. Care should therefore be used on both sides to secure a distinct answer to this question with respect to every child brought to the font; so as to avoid mistakes and accident through carelessness or want of understanding.

If they answer, No:] For the course to be followed in case the contrary answer “Yes” is given, see the notes at the beginning of the Office for Private Baptism.

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men] The address which follows, although partly suggested by that in Archbishop Hermann’s “Consultation,” seems to have been adopted with a knowledge of that in the ancient Baptistical Office of the French Church, which is not unlikely to have been handed down from the time of Polycarp and St. John. The following is a translation:—“Very dear Brethren, let us, in the venerable office of the present mystery, humbly pray our Almighty Creator and Restorer, who deigned to repair, through grace, the glories of our nature, lost through sin, that He will transfuse efficacy into these waters and by the presence of the Majesty of the Trinity, give power to effect the most holy regeneration; that He will break in pieces
THE PUBLICK BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

Eph. ii. 3.  
Acts i. 5.  
Tit. iii. 5, 6.  
Acts ii. 41, 47.  
1 Cor. xii. 13—14.  
Rom. vi. 3, 4, 11.

saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to this Child that thing which by nature he cannot have; that he may be baptized with Water and the holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a lively member of the same.

† Then shall the Priest say,  

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel thry people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan, didst sanctify Water to the all we, from the fall of Adam, are conceived and born in sins . . . .

the head of the dragon upon these waters; and that the debtors being buried with Christ by Baptism, the likeness of death may so take place here, that the perishing may be saved, and death may only be felt in the destruction here on earth through Jesus Christ.

Then shall the Priest say, Let us pray] There is no rubric here directing the position of the Priest or the People; the Durham book, however, shows the practice of the Church. A rubric is there inserted after “Let us pray,” “And here all the congregation shall kneel down,” which rubric is printed in the Service for “Baptism of such as are of riper years,” and therefore defines the position of the people. That of the clergyman has already been defined by the rubric, “The Priest coming to the Pont . . . and standing there.” Both are confirmed by the rubric following these two prayers, “Then shall the people stand up, and the Priest shall say:” The clergyman should not kneel at all during the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism, unless at the Lord's Prayer, when the rubric, “Then shall be said, all kneeling,” may possibly include him as well as the people. His standing during the former parts of the Office is in token that he is the minister of God, commissioned authoritatively to give the outward sign by which inward grace is conveyed. The “all kneeling” rubric was added by Bishop Cosin in 1661; and if it includes the Priest, must be taken as intended to show that the authoritative act is over, and that the Minister of God is now the mouth-piece of the people in offering up a humble thanksgiving. It may be added that this thanksgiving does not, as in the case of the Holy Communion, form an essential part of the rite. In that case the Priest stands as still continuing the act of Sacrifice, but here the sacramental act is completed before the child leaves his arms.

Almighty and everlasting God, who [This prayer is not derived from the old Office of the English Church, but is probably of great antiquity. Luther translated it into German from the ancient Latin in 1528, and it appears again in his revised “Baptismal Book” of 1524. From thence it was transferred to the Nuremberg Office, and appears in the “Consultation” of Archbishop Hermann in 1545. The latter was translated into

Let us pray.

FURTHER, Almighty God, which in old time didst destroy the wicked world with the flood, according to thy terrible judgment, and didst preserve only the family of godly Noah, eight souls, of thy unspeakable mercy: and which also didst drown in the Red Sea obstinate Pharaoh the king of the Egyptians, with all his army and warlike power, and causedst thy people of

English in 1547, and the prayer as it stands in the Prayer Book of 1549 is almost identical with this translation, as given above. 

1 didst save Noah . . . by water] The type of the deluge was used in two senses in the original, as will be seen above; first, indicating water as a means of destroying evil; and, secondly, as a means of salvation. The first sense was eliminated from the prayer in 1662, as also was the similar passage which spoke of the destruction of Pharaoh: and in its present form the idea of “saving by water” is more strongly expressed than it was previously by “whom . . . thou didst save in the ark.” Yet the original twofold sense is to be found in the Galatian office for Baptism,—“Who, washing away the sins of the world by water, didst in the very outpourings of the deluge, stamp a figure of regeneration; so that through the mystery of one and the same element, there was both an end put to sins, and a source of excellence.” The Baptism of the world by the deluge to the cleansing away of its iniquity, and the regenerating it for a new life, is a favourite idea with the ancient fathers.

2 didst sanctify Water] Every ancient Baptismal Office contains this reference to the effect of our Lord's Baptism in sanctifying the element of water, and yet it is remarkable that no such doctrine is to be found in Holy Scripture. It is one of those venerable religious impressions which pervade the whole Church of Christ, and which, at the same time, cannot be traced up to their origin. The words were objected to by the Presbyterians at the Savoy Conference, but happily the Bishops retained them, with the explanation that the Baptism of Christ was “dedicatio baptismi.” Compare this Prayer with that in the Baptism of Adults.

The signing with the Cross which now follows the act of Baptism, took place here in the Prayer Book of 1549, the words used being “N.” (the child having been named by the sponsors), “Receive the sign of the holy cross, both in thy forehead and in thy breast, in token that thou shalt not be ashamed . . . .” &c.

1 Scriptural Views of Baptism, 202, n.
2 The Benediction of the Waters of the Neva in the Russian Church is connected with this tradition.
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Almighty and immortal God, in the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for this Infant, that he, coming to thy holy Baptist, may receive remission of his sins by spiritual regeneration. Receive him, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock; that this Infant may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.


Almighty and immortal God, the aid?] This is from the Salisbury Office, where, and in the Prayer Book of 1549, it was associated with the Exorcism. The latter followed the prayer in the first Prayer Book, in this form:

"Then let the Priest, looking upon the children, say.

"I command thee, unclean spirit, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, that thou come out and depart from these infants, whom our Lord Jesus Christ hath vouchsafed to call to His holy Baptism, to be made members of His body, and of His holy congregation. Therefore, thou cursed spirit, remember thy sentence, remember thy judgment, remember the day to be at hand wherein thou shalt burn in fire everlasting, prepared for thee and thy angels. And presume not hereafter to exercise any tyranny towards these infants, whom Christ hath bought with His precious blood, and by this His holy baptism calleth to be of His flock."

This was founded on the ancient exorcism, but was not quite identical with it in the latter part. Both it, and the Dominus vocabatur which followed it, were left out in the revision of 1552. The exorcism seems to have been expunged in deference to the criticism of Bucer, who thought that it pointed to an actual possession of all unbaptized persons, similar to the cases of possession recorded in the Gospel. It was an usage derived from the Primitive Church, and showed a more sensitive appreciation of the actual power and presence of the Evil One than the half-sceptical Grammaticism of Bucer could understand; but it can hardly be regretted that it is not in our present office.
Hear the words of the Gospel. The practice of former days at the reading of the Gospel in the Baptismal Office appears to have been identical with that used at the same rite in the Communion Service, for Bishop Cotse inserted the following in his Prayer Book prepared for the Revision of 1661. Before the Gospel, "*Here the people shall stand up and say, Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"* and after the Gospel, "*So endeth the Holy Gospel. Antev. Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.*" In the ancient Offices these versicles were sometimes inserted, and in some cases (as in our modern one) left out. Reverence and analogy both suggest their use.

The parallel passage from St. Matthew’s Gospel was used in some Baptismal Offices (as in those of Beauvais and Remiremont) [Martene de Antiq. Eccl. I. 43] as long as eight hundred years ago, and is probably of as ancient a date in our own Office, although not traceable in the Sacramentaries of the Primitive Church. It was changed for the present Gospel from St. Mark in 1549, perhaps for the sake of the emphatic words of our Lord with which the passage concludes in that Evangelist, and which were a Divine witness against the Anabaptist heresy that infested the Churches of Europe at the time of the Reformation. It was also appointed in Hermann’s “Consultation.”

**Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel** that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will likewise favourably receive this present Infant; that he will embrace him with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto him the blessing of eternal life, and make him partaker of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards this Infant, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; and nothing doubting but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of his dictis, dictat sacrorum,


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*Then shalt the people stand up, and the Priest shall say,*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will likewise favourably receive this present Infant; that he will embrace him with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto him the blessing of eternal life, and make him partaker of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards this Infant, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; and nothing doubting but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of his dictis, dictat sacrorum,


Believe these words and this deed of our Lord Jesus Christ upon them, and doubt not but that he will so receive your children also, and embrace them with the arms of his mercy, and give them the blessing of eternal life, and the everlasting communion of the kingdom of God. The same Lord and our Saviour Jesus Christ confirm and increase this your faith. Amen.
ours in bringing this Infant to his holy Baptism; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy holy Spirit to this Infant, that he may be born again, and be made an heir of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers on this wise.

D EARLY beloved, ye have brought this Child here to be baptized, ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive him, to release him of his sins, to sanctify him with the holy Ghost, to give him the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life. Ye have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his Gospel to grant all these things that ye have prayed for: which promise he, for his part, will most surely

BELoved in Christ, yesterday by the grace of God we heard how exceeding and unspakeable mercy is exhibited in Baptism. Ye have renounced Satan and the world, ye have confessed the faith of Christ, and ye have promised obedience to Christ, and the congregation, and ye have required of God the Father that for His Son's sake our Lord Jesus Christ, He will deliver these infants from the kingdom of darkness, and settle them in the

Almighty and everlasting God] The Collect which follows the Exhortation is not from the ancient Offices of the English Church, but is taken from the Cologne Book of Archbishop Hermann. It may have been taken into that book, like the first prayer in the Office, from ancient German rituals. The first half of it is on behalf of the congregation, and is plainly inserted with reference to the Creed which originally preceded it: the latter is a prayer on behalf of the child to be baptized, in which the Church beseeches God that it may be made partaker by baptismal regeneration of the inheritance of everlasting salvation. The words of the Latin in Hermann's original are, " Da huiic infantii Spiritum Sanctum tuum quo regeneretur, et hanc fiat internus salutis." They must not be taken as referring to any expected indwelling of the non-innate God, the Holy Ghost, in the individual, but to the operation upon the individual of that Third Person in the Blessed Trinity, Who ever indwells in the Church as a corporate body, according to the promise of our Lord. The prayer has some analogy with the Invocation of the Holy Ghost which is found in ancient Encharistic Liturgies, the person being, of course, substituted for the elements.

It is a common practice for the congregation to repeat this Collect after the Minister. Perhaps the custom has some connection with the recitation of the Creed, by which it was (as has been shown) preceded until 1582. But a rubric stood before it in the first book of Edward VI, " The Priest shall add also this prayer," and there is nothing in the present book to indicate that it should be said by any one except the Priest.

Immediately after this Collect, according to the Office of 1549, the priest took the child (or one of the children) to be baptized by the hand, and went from the church door (where all the preceding parts of the Service had been performed), towards the font, saying, "The Lord vouchsafe to receive you into His holy household, and to keep and govern you always in the same, that you may have everlasting life. Amen." This ancient custom seems originally to have been instituted with reference to adult catechumens, the leading of an infant by the hand which was being carried in its godmother's arms being clearly an adaptation, and not a very significant one, of an usage which was highly significant in the case of a grown-up person. As the service for the admission of the catechumen ceased now to be separate from that for his baptism, and as the baptismal office was now intended primarily for infants, though in primitive times intended primarily for adults who had been Jews or Heathens, the abolition of the practice appears to be not unreasonable: and the less so as it is substantially continued in the Baptism of Adults.

The introductory part of the Office, answering to the primitive and medieval " Ordo ad faciendum Catechumenum," now ends with this collect.
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Deut. xix. 9, 10.
1 Tim. ii. 12.
Rom. viii. 6, 12—14.
Tit. ii. 11—14.

keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, this Infant must also faithfully, for his part, promise by you that are his suretis, (until he come of age to take it upon himself,) that he will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's holy Word, and obediently keep his commandments.

I demand therefore,

DOST thou, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer.

I renounce them all.

Minister.

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS.

With the Exhortation to the Sponsors the actual "Ritus Baptizandi" begins, as it began in the ancient Offices; but it is now intermingled with the Benediction of the Font, the chismum (robing) and the chiron (baptismal robe), with the lighted taper (symbol of the lamps of the ten virgins), are omitted, and a thanksgiving, with the Lord's Prayer, is added.

The earliest Christian writings, and even the Holy Scriptures, show that some form of interrogation always preceded Baptism. When the enunch desired baptism from Philip the Deacon, the latter said, "If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." [Acts viii. 37.] It has also been commonly believed by sound interpreters that St. Paul's words to Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses," [1 Tim. vi. 12] refer to this custom. Tertullian speaks of the renunciation of Satan, and the declaration of belief, as part of the ceremony for making Catechumens. [De Coron. iii.] St. Cyril says [Ep. lxx. 2], "The very interrogatory which is put in Baptism is a witness of the truth;" and from this time forward some form or other of interrogation and of Baptismal Vow is frequently alluded to by the Fathers. In the earliest extant Baptismal Liturgy, that of Gelasius and Gregory, the interpolations are identical with those of the Salisbury Manual as printed above; and as those now in use are substantially the same, it may be reasonably considered that the modern form represents that which was in use in the Primitive, and perhaps in the Apostolic Church.

§ The Vow of Renunciation.

The form of renunciation is referred to by Tertullian in these words: "We do in the Church testify, under the hand of a chief minister, that we renounce the devil and his pomp and his angels." St. Basil [de Sp. S. xxvii.] speaks of the same renunciation as one of the unwritten traditions and customs of the Church. St. Cyril of Jerusalem gives the form as, "I renounce thee, Satan, and all thy works, and all thy pomp, and all thy service," and he says that while the renunciation was being uttered the catechumen stood facing the West, as "the region of sensible darkness," and stretched out the arm as though actually speaking to the Evil One. The ancient Roman form is that of Gelasius and Gregory. The form of the Eastern Church is, "Dost thou renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his angels, and all his pomp? Answer. I renounce them:" the renunciation being made three times, which seems to have been the ancient practice. The original English form also contained three renunciations, being as follows:

"N. Dost thou forsake the devil and all his works? Answer. I forsake them all.

"Minister. Dost thou forsake the vain pomp . . . desires of the same?"

"Answer. I forsake them all.

"Minister. Dost thou forsake the carnal desires . . . nor be led by them?"

"Answer. I forsake them." These were combined into one question and one answer in the revision of 1662, and continued in that form with the addition, "in the name of this child," and the word "forsake" altered to "renounce" in 1661, the changes being made by Bishop Cosin. 2

§ The Vow of Belief.

The profession of faith is founded on our Lord's words in Matt. xxviii. 19; and from the case of the enunch in Acts viii. 37, it appears to have been required from the very first. It seems

1 "Pomp" comes from σωτική, pompa, and means strictly a religious procession. The ancient form of the renunciation carries us back to the primitive days of Christianity, when all public games and shows among the Greeks and Romans were connected with idolatrous and Satanic ceremonies. In its later form the "pomp" is connected with the world; and Shakespeare seems to have had the Baptismal vow in view when he put into Wolfe's mouth the words, "Vain pomp and glory of this world, I hate ye." [Henry Vili. iii. 2]

2 See other forms of the renunciations, and of the Baptismal Office at large, in Asseman., Cod. Liturg. l. 174, ii. 211; and in Neale's Hist. Eastern Church, ii. 345.
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And in Jesus Christ his only-begot\-ten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into hell, and also did rise again the third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the Remission of sins; the Resurrection of the flesh; and everlasting life after death?

**Answer.**

All this I stedfastly believe.

**Minister.**

**WILT** thou be baptized in this faith?

**Answer.**

That is my desire.

**Minister.**

**WILT** thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

**Answer.**

I will.

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Also to be required by our Lord's words, "He that believeth and is baptized" [Mark xvi. 16]: for as belief must necessarily, in adults, precede Baptism, so some confession of what is believed seems necessary as an outward evidence of belief. The object, however, is not that each person should declare his own private belief, but that he should assent to that of the Church. Tertullian [de Coron. iii.] speaks of such a confession being made in his time, "pledging ourselves to something more than the Lord hath preseribed in the Gospel;" that is, to a fuller Creed than the confession of belief in the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. Such a confession is extant in the case of Palmatius, who was baptized about a.d. 220, a few years after Tertullian wrote. It is as follows:—"Credita, ex toto corde, Deum Patrem, Omnipotentem, Factorem omnium visibilium et invisibilium? Respondit Palmatius. Credo. Et in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus? Et ali, Credo. Qui natus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virginis? "Palmatius respondit, Credo. Et in Spiritum Sanctum: Sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicaem: Remissionem peccatorum: et carnis resurrectionem? Et exclamavit cum lachrymis Palmatius, dicens, Credo, Domine 1." St. Cyprian, in his seventieth and seventy-sixth Epistles, gives part of a similar creed, and others are extant which were used at the baptism of various persons in the third and fourth century; this being, in fact, the earliest use of the Apostles' Creed 2. St. Cyril [Catech Lect. xix. 9] states that this profession of faith was made towards the East.

In our first English Office the three divisions of the Creed formed three separate questions, to each of which the answer "I believe" was given. They were put together under one question and answer in 1552, and were retained in that form in 1661, although Bishop Cosin wished to restore the old custom, and noted it accordingly in his revised book. The question, "Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?" represents the two questions, "What dost thou desire?" and, "Wilt thou be baptized?" of the old Office: which were altered to the present form in 1552.

§ The Vow of Obedience.

This is not represented in the primitive Offices of Baptism of the Sacramentaries, nor in that of the English Church before 1661. It first appears in Bishop Cosin's MS. annotations, the question beginning, "Dost thou promise that thou wilt obediently . . . ?" and the answer being, "I do promise." But it appears probable from Justin Martyr [Apol. i. 61] that a declaration of a similar kind was used in very ancient times in the Eastern Church.

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1 Haultay's Harmonia Symbolica, p. 106.

2 The Eastern Church uses the Nicene Creed at Baptism.
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DOMINE Deus aeterno . . . . fiat Min. Gallian., Malchion, P. 553.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in this Child may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in him. Amen.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in him, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him. Amen.

Grant that he may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Amen.

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endowed with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

All the interrogatories were formerly addressed to the child without any modifying expression, although they were, of course, intended to be answered by the sponsors, according to the Sarum rubric, "Respondeant compatrii et communitas." Among the fine-drawn objections, however, of Bucer in 1549, this was the subject of one; and the Presbyterian of 1661 objected to the answers being made in the name of the child at all. In Bishop Cosin's book there is written, "Dost thou, in the name of this child," and the alteration was adopted: but the Revisers refused to go further. Bishop Cosin also altered the rubric which precedes the interrogatories into this form: "*Then shall the Priest demand of the godfathers and godmothers of every several child to be baptized, these questions following.*

Where many children are to be baptized, it would be almost impossible to repeat the questions in the case of every several child: and it may be considered sufficient, if care is taken, by tone, gesture (and repetition, where necessary), that the sponsors of every child really make the answers which are appointed. An answer for each child is that which is required, and this may be secured even when the interrogatories are put only once to the whole body of sponsors. It must at the same time be remarked, that in making these answers the sponsors are simply the mouth-piece of the child, and do not incur any responsibility on their own account in consequence, either as regards the child or themselves. Yet as each godfather and godmother makes them, they can hardly fail to have a keen consciousness of the fact that these very replies were once made on their own behalf; and the thought may well arise, Have the vows thus made been kept in subsequent years? "Baptism doth re-present unto our own profession."

THE BENEDICTION OF THE WATER.

Although the element of water was sanctified to a sacramental purpose by our Blessed Lord when He was baptized in it Himself, it has ever been the practice of the Church to use a form of benediction upon that portion of water which was to be set apart for the administration of Baptism. From the words of Tertullian it would even seem that such a form was used over running streams: for after saying that there is no difference whether a man is baptized in the sea, in a pool, in a lake, in a river, or in a fountain, he adds that "all waters, from the ancient privilege of their origin, obtain, after prayer to God, the sacrament of sanctification." [De Baptism. iv.] St. Cyprian writes to Januarius in the year 255, "The water must first be cleansed and sanctified by the priest; that it may be able, by Baptism therein, to wash away the sins of the baptized." [Ep. lxx.] St. Cyril of Jerusalem taught his candidates for Baptism in similar words: "Regard not the sacred water as simple water, regard rather the spiritual grace given with the water . . . plain water, after the invocation of the Holy Ghost, and of Christ, and of the Father, gains a sanctifying power." [Catech. Lect. iii. 3.] St. Ambrose, in his treatise on the Sacraments, writes, "When the priest first comes to the baptismery, he exorcizes the creature of water, and afterwards makes an invocation and offers a prayer, that the font may be sanctified for the presence of the Eternal Trinity." In the Apostolical Constitutions, and in the Sacramentaries of Gallican and St. Gregory, the actual form of benediction is given; and the ceremonies by which it was accompanied are indicated in the previous Introduction to this Office. The ancient "Benedictio Fontis" of the Church of England was of a similar character to that of the Gregorian Sacramentary.

In all these cases the Benediction of the water was a ceremony separate from, or at least not necessarily performed at the same time with, the administration of Baptism. The special times of its performance were Easter Eve and Whitun Eve; and in the early Church the Bishop was the officiating minister. The impurity of water which has been kept for a long time rendered a more frequent benediction necessary when Baptisms came to be administered on any Sunday or Holyday; and as there was no essential necessity for the presence of a bishop, the rite was eventually performed by the priest, from time to time, whenever the water was changed. This custom was continued in the reformed Prayer Book, the Office for the Benediction of the Font being placed at the end of the two Offices for Baptism, as follows:—

"*The water in the font shall be changed every month once at the least, and afore any child be baptized in the water so changed, the Priest shall say at the font these prayers following.*

"O Most Merciful God our Saviour Jesu Christ, Who hast ordained the element of water for the regeneration of Thy faithful people, upon Whom, being baptized in the river of Jordan, the Holy Ghost came down in likeness of a dove: send down, we

1 Sacerdos, used in an inclusive sense, as we use "minister," the Bishop being then the minister of this rite.
ALMIGHTY, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood, and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation: sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin: and grant that this Child, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

blessed Thee, the same Thy Holy Spirit to assist us, and to be present at this our invocation of Thy holy Name: sanctify & this fountain of baptism, Thou that art the sanctifier of all things, that by the power of Thy word all those that shall be baptized therein may be spiritually regenerated, and made the children of everlasting adoption. Amen.

"O Merciful God, grant that the old Adam, in them that shall be baptized in this fountain, may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up again. Amen.

"Grant that all carnal affections may die in them; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them. Amen.

"Grant to all them which at this fountain forsake the devil and all his works, that they may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph against him, the world, and the flesh. Amen.

"Whosoever shall confess Thee, O Lord: recognize him also in Thy kingdom. Amen.

"Grant that all sin and vice here may be so extinct: that they never have power to reign in Thy servants. Amen.

"Grant that whosoever here shall begin to be of Thy flock: may evermore continue in the same. Amen.

"Grant that all they which for Thy sake in this life do deny and forsake themselves: may win and purchase Thee, O Lord, which art everlasting treasure. Amen.

"Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to Thee by our office and ministry: may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and eternally rewarded through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, Who dost live and govern all things world without end. Amen.

"The Lord be with you. Amen.

"Answer. And with thy spirit.

"Almighty, Everlasting God, Whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of His most precious side both water and blood, and gave commandment to His disciples that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: regard, we beseech Thee, the supplications of Thy congregation, and grant that all Thy servants which shall be baptized in this water, prepared for the ministration of Thy holy Sacrament, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord."}

In 1552 this separate benediction of the water was abolished, through the interference of Bucer. He objected to any benediction, but a portion of the service was, notwithstanding, incorporated with that for Baptism, to be used whenever the sacrament is administered. The last prayer was retained for the actual benediction instead of the first, the only alteration made being the omission of the words, "prepared for the ministration of Thy holy Sacrament." It was changed into its present form in 1661; but in Bishop Cosin's revised book the words are much less pointed than they were ultimately made, being, "... this water, which we here bless in Thy Name, and dedicate to this holy action."

Although this benediction of the water of Baptism is not essential to the regeneration of the baptized person, like the anointing of the water upon him, it is a solemn recognition of the work of God in the Sacrament: a significant symbol of the Creator laying "the beams of His chambers"—the Temple of Christ's mystical body—in the waters; of the Spirit of God moving upon the face of the waters, for the purpose of new creation; of the Victor breaking in pieces the head of the dragon in those waters by means of which the power of the evil one is counteracted and destroyed. Being a rite of so solemn a kind, it should be performed with reverence and exactness, and it is well to use the old custom of making the sign of the Cross in the water at the words "sanctify"; though it is not now the practice to print the cross in the Prayer Book, as formerly, in the places where it is proper to use it.

Care should also be taken not to repeat the benediction; and to avoid this the water should be let off from the font immediately after the conclusion of the Baptismal Office.

The four petitions with which the benediction of the water begins now, as it began when it was a separate service, are substantially taken from the ancient Ritual of the Gallican Church. They have no place in the Roman ritual, nor were they in the Latin Office of the English Church; but they probably belong to that ancient Ephesian rite of St. John, which formed the original basis of the Salisbury Use. The original form has a great resemblance to the Great Collect or Litany which begins the Eastern Baptismal Office.

During the suppression of the Prayer Book some forms of prayer were printed by Jeremy Taylor, to be used by those who

1 St. Augustine writes, "In fine, what is, as all know, the sign of Christ, save the Cross of Christ? Which sign unless it be applied, whether to the house of the believing, or to the very water out of which they are regenerated, or to the oil wherewith they are anointed, or to the sacrifices whereby they are fed, none of these is duly performed." [Aug. in Joann. cxviii. 5.] And in another place he also says, "For with this sign of the Cross the Body of the Lord is consecrated, and the water of Baptism sanctified." [Step. cxviii. de Temp.] The rubric of the Salisbury Office (at least as old as the time of St. Gregory) is, "He dividit aeratus aquam, aquam, aquam, in medio crucis."
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Then the Priest shall take the Child into his hands, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,

Name this Child.

And then naming it after them (if they shall certify him that the Child may well endure it) he shall dip it in the water discreetly and waryly, saying,

...I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

...But if they certify that the Child is weak, it shall suffice to pour water upon it, saying the foresaid words,

...I baptize thee In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

1. The water should be poured upon the child according to the rubric, not sprinkled. This may be done from the hollow of the hand, or from a small shell of silver or other material.

2. The water should be poured freely over the head of the child, so that it may flow back into the font.

3. To effect this properly, and with a reverent regard to the nature of the rite, the cap of the child must be removed from its head.

4. The hand or shell should be deliberately filled with water before the words are spoken.

5. In reverent accordance with ancient and primitive practice, and also for the more certain contact of the water with the child, it should be poured on thrice,—at the naming of each Person of the Blessed Trinity.

It is most necessary that the act of Baptism should habitually be thoroughly performed, primarily (of course) for the sake of the child, whose eternal interests are involved, but also that the essential nature of the external rite be made quite evident to the Laity, and that full confidence may be established in the ministries of the Clergy.

There can be no question that affusion, if thoroughiy performed, is amply sufficient for the due administration of the sacrament of Baptism. In such a climate as ours, with such habits as those of modern times, and all its consequences considered, the dipping of infants could seldom be scemly, and would often be attended with danger. The “weakness” of the rubric may justly be assumed (without supposing actual sickness) as the normal condition of infants brought up under such conditions. Although not recognized in the rubric until 1549, there can be little doubt that affusion was practised instead of immersion (at the discretion of the priest), in ancient as well as in modern times.

1 See Lyndwood in Marshall's Mon. Riti. I. ed., Rituale Rom. De formâ Baptismi, and Catech. Trident. ii. 17. The latter speaks of affusion as the "general practice" at that time, the middle of the sixteenth century.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS.

It has been already mentioned that in the Prayer Book of 1549 the sign of the Cross was made upon the forehead and breast of the child at an earlier part of the service. In the ancient office this signing took place at the very beginning of the service for making a catechumen. The words used in the first Prayer Book were these:—

N. Receive the sign of the holy Cross, both in thy forehead, and in thy breast, in token that thou shalt not be ashamed to confess thy faith in Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldier and servant.
unto thy life’s end. Amen.” The first part of these words came from the ancient service, and the general idea of the remaining part is taken from those which accompanied two other consignations, one at the naming, and the other at the exorcism of the child, both also in the office for making a catechumen. The anointing after the Baptism (and after the delivery of the Chrisom) was continued in the first Prayer Book with the words of the ancient office, “The Priest shall anoint the Infant upon the head, saying, Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath regenerate thee by water and the Holy Ghost, and hath given unto thee remission of all thy sins: He vouchsaft to anoint thee with the unction of His Holy Spirit, and bring thee to the inheritance of everlasting life. Amen.”

Thus it will be seen that the present action and words represent the ancient usage, but that the use of anointing oil being discontinued and only the signing with the Cross retained, the words formerly used in the earlier part of the service were substituted here for those which referred to the act of anunction; and “we receive this child into the congregation of Christ’s flock, and do sign him with the sign of the Cross,” for the opening words which were previously addressed to the child itself. As the thirteenth Canon distinctly says, the signing with the Cross adds nothing to the virtue and perfection of the Baptism, so also we must remember that neither are the accompanying words, “We receive,” &c., any essential part of the Baptism. They have sometimes been spoken of as if by them the child was “received into the Church;” but the act of Baptism is the true reception into the Church, and these words are a ceremonial declaration only of that fact. In this respect they are analogous to the words used by the Priest in the Marriage Service, after the essential part of the office is completed by the solemn adjuration, “Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.” As the Priest then “pronounces” that the married couple are “man and wife together,” so here he pronounces that the baptized child has become one of the congregation of Christ’s flock. This is made still more evident by the rubric and words of the Office for Private Baptism, “... then shall not he christen the child again, but shall receive him as one of the flock of true Christian people, saying thus, I certify you... is now by the laver of Regeneration in Baptism received into the number of the children of God, and heirs of everlasting life.”

Neither the words nor the act have any sacramental efficacy, but it is clear (1) that the latter (as a substitute for anunction) is the emphatic part of this most significant, venerable, and even primitive rite; and also that (2) any idea of an additional “reception into the Church” by the use of these tends to obscure the full complemenality of that reception which is effected by the act of baptism itself.

The superstitious antipathy which the Puritans entertained for the material figure and for the sign of the Cross led the reforming Divines to try and conciliate them by not printing it in the places where it was customary to use it in the services of the Church; but no pressure could prevail on them, in any of the revisions, to remove its obligatory use from the Baptist
THE PUBLICK BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

THE THANKSGIVING.

The old office of Baptism, and that of 1549, concluded with the ceremonies which supplemented the baptism itself, and which were discontinued in 1552; except that it was always the practice

of the Church of England for the Priest to give a charge to the godfathers and godmothers respecting the future life of the child. But from the above address and prayer taken out of an ancient Italian Missal, written before A.D. 1100, it would appear that the revisionists of 1552 had a precedent for their innovation, though not perhaps exactly that here printed. The use of the Lord’s Prayer in this place is, at least, analogous with the custom of the Primitive Church, in which the newly baptized were permitted and enjoined to say it for the first time immediately they had become Christians by Baptism.

The address which is placed as a preface to the Lord’s Prayer shows that it and the Collect which follows are to be used (1) as an act of thanksgiving for the regeneration of the child by Baptism, and (2) as a prayer for the child’s final perseverance in the way of salvation in which it has now been placed; and thus these few words give a key to the doctrine of the Church respecting the condition of the baptized. It is also to be observed, that the use of the Lord’s Prayer immediately after Baptism is an act of thanksgiving similar to that comprehended in its use immediately after Communion; and when the Church bids us “with one accord to make our prayers” to God in the very words of our Blessed Lord, it is with the obvious intention of making that prayer the central point of devotional expression and devotional unity; a prayer as capable of expressing with one accord the highest praise and thanksgiving, as it is of expressing the deepest penitence and humiliation.

Of the Collect which follows it need only be remarked that it shows an unhesitating faith in the effects of Holy Baptism; and, also, an unhesitating conviction that without final perseverance on the part of those who have been baptized and have afterwards come to years of discrimination between good and evil, there is no hope of the attainment of that everlasting kingdom of which their regeneration has made them heirs.

At the revision of 1661 the Presbyterians objected to this Act


infant with thy holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own child by adoption, and to incorporate him into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that he, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as he is made partaker of the death of thy Son, he may also be partaker of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, he may be an inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, all standing up, the Priest shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers this Exhortation following.

FORSAMUCH as this child hath promised by you his sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your parts and duties to see that this infant be taught, so soon as he shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, he hath here made by you. And that he may know these things the better, ye shall call upon him to hear Sermons, and chiefly ye shall provide, that he may learn the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the ten Commandments, in the vulgar tongue, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul’s

I COMAUNDE ow godfadre and godmodre, on holy chirehe bialalue, that ye chargen the fadur and the modur of this child, that they kepe this child in to the age of seuen yere, that hit beo from fier and water, and from alle other mischeues and periles that mysten to him byfalle, throu; miskepinge, and also that ye or they tetchen his ryte bilee, hure pater noster, and hure Ave Maria, and hure Credo, or do him to beo tauhte: and also that ye wasthe youre hondes or ye gon out of Chirehe: and also that hit beo confirmed the next tyme that the byssop cometh to contre: and al this doeth in peyne of corsynghe.

of Thanksgiving after Baptism,—“We cannot in faith say that every child that is baptized is ‘regenerated by God’s Holy Spirit,’ at least, it is a disputable point, and therefore we desire it to be otherwise expressed.” To this the Bishops replied as follows,—“Having previously referred to John iii. and Acts iii. 3, for proof that “Baptism is our spiritual regeneration,” and that by it “is received remission of sins,”—Seeing that God’s Sacraments have their effects, where the receiver doth not ‘ponere obiem,’ put any bar against them (which children cannot do); we may say in faith of every child that is baptized, that it is regenerated by God’s Holy Spirit; and the denial of it tends to anabaptism, and the contempt of this holy sacrament, as nothing worthy, nor material whether it be administered to children or no.” Although this objection and its answer are contained in few words, they represent the substance of a long controversy, and the decision of the Church of England, a decision deliberately expressed, and in the most solemn way, by words spoken to Almighty God, in this prayer.

FORSAMUCH as this child hath promised] Some form of Exhortation to the Sponsors is directed in all the ancient Baptismal Offices of the Church of England, sometimes in a Latin rubric stating the substance of what the Priest was to say, and at others in the vernacular of the day. The above is found in a York Manual belonging to York Minster Library, and is also in a MS. Manual bought A.D. 1404-14, for the Chapel of South Charford, Bremacre, near Salisbury. [Mus. Brit. Bibl. Reg. MS. 2 A. xx.] The present exhortation restricts the responsibility of Sponsors to the spiritual oversight of their godchildren; but even this responsibility is practically in abeyance while the parents are living, since to them is assigned, in the first place, the duty of bringing up in a Christian manner the children whom God’s Providence has given them.

Bishop Cosin erred from this exhortation the words, “call upon them to hear Sermons, and chiefly ye shall,” and substituted in a later part, “ye shall call upon them at due time hereafter to frequent the Divine Service, and to hear Sermons in the Church, putting them in remembrance that” Baptism doth represent, &c. The charge respecting Confirmation was also formed by him out of the former rubric, by which the same thing was enjoined.
health; and that this child may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always, that baptism doth represent unto us our profession, which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that, as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

\[Then shall he add and say,\]

Ye are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as he can say the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the ten Commandments, in the vulgar tongue, and be further instructed in the Church-Catechism set forth for that purpose.

\[It is certain, by God’s Word, that Children which are baptized, dying before they commit actual sin, are undoubtedly saved.\]

To take away all scruple concerning the use of the sign of the Cross in Baptism; the true explication thereof, and the just reasons for the retaining of it, may be seen in the xxxth Canon, first published in the year MDCIV.

[This exhortation varies in its phraseology, but is always the same in substance.]

INFANTS, Innocents, and Children . . . . by the sacrament of baptism do also obtain remission of their sins, and be made thereby the very sons and children of God. Insomuch as infants, dying in their infancy, shall undoubtedly be saved thereby, and else not.

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This Rubric is, in part, a reproduction of words which appeared first in “Articles to establish Christian quietness,” put forth by the authority of Henry VIII. in 1536; afterwards in the “Institution of a Christian Man,” which was printed in the following year; and, thirdly, in the Rubric before the Confirmation Service. When introduced into the latter Rubric, the words “and else not” were dropped, and the object of their introduction there was to show, that Confirmation was not essential to the salvation of baptized Infants.

Neither in this Rubric, nor in any other formulary of the Church of England, is any decision given as to the state of infants dying without Baptism. Bishop Bethell says [Regeneration in Baptism, p. xiv], that the common opinion of the ancient Christians was, that they are not saved: and as our Lord has given us such plain words in John iii. 5, this seems a reasonable opinion. But this opinion does not involve any cruel idea of pain or suffering for little ones so deprived of the Sacrament of new birth by no fault of their own. It rather supposes them to be as if they had never been, when they might, through the care and love of their parents, have been reckoned among the number of those “in whom is no guile,” and “who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.”
THE MINISTRATION OF
PRIVATE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN
IN HOUSES.

[Most of the references in this and the following Service are in addition to those on the same subjects in the former Service.]

The Curates of every Parish shall often admonish the people, that they defer not the Baptism of their children longer than the first or second Sunday next after their birth, or other Holy-day falling between, unless upon a great and reasonable cause, to be approved by the Curate.

And also they warn them, that without like great cause and necessity they procure not their children to be baptized at home in their houses. But when need shall compel them so to do, then Baptism shall be administered on this fashion.

First, let the Minister of the Parish (or in his absence, any other lawful Minister that can be procured) with them that are present call upon God, and say the Lord's Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed to be said before in the Form of Publick Baptism, as the time and present exigence will suffer. And then, the Child being named by some one that is present, the Minister shall pour Water upon it, saying these words;

Non licet laico vel mulierem aliquem baptizare, Salisbury Use nisi in articulo necessitatis.

Notandum est quod quilibet sacerdos parochialis delegat parochianis suis formam baptizando in aqua pura . . . frequentem in diebus dominicis exposere, ut si necessitas emergat sciant parvulos in forma ecclesiae baptizare, preferring formam verborum baptismi in lingua materna . . . sic dicendo:

CRISTENÈ the N. in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

[See references in the Service for Public Baptism.]

I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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The Baptism of Infants who were in extreme danger was provided for by certain Rubries at the end of the Office in the ancient Manuals of the Church of England, and these Rubries made no mention of any prayer being used, or any other words than those essential to Baptism. These Rubries form the foundation of our present Office for Private Baptism. In the first Prayer Book, that of 1549, the person baptizing was directed to "call upon God for His grace, and say the Lord's Prayer, if the time suffer," the use of the Lord's Prayer with that special intention being doubtless what was meant, and not any extempore prayer. But in 1661, Bishop Cosin suggested the substitution of the words "call upon God, and say the Lord's Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed," &c. Probably great latitude had been introduced under a misinterpretation of the former Rubric, and the alteration was intended to suppress the use of extempore prayer in Private Baptisms by giving an authorized form to be used. At the same time the spirit of the old Rubrics was retained in the words, "as the time and present exigence will suffer," showing that the prayers were not to be considered as an essential part of Baptism, and that if the child is supposed to be dying rapidly, it is to be baptized at once. The Collect of Thanksgiving was also introduced from the public Service. Various attempts had been made to alter the rules of the Church, so as entirely to exclude Baptism by lay persons, even in case of extreme emergency, but these attempts were so contrary to the spirit of the ancient Church that they were never allowed to prevail, beyond the extent of so modifying the Rubric as effectually to discourage lay Baptism when there was no necessity for it.

In addition to the Rubries of this Office, there is also a special law of the Church on the subject of Private Baptism, the definite

1 See Cardw. Synodalia, i. 135, for a proposed Canon on the subject, and the Introduction to the Baptismal Office.
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\[\text{Then, all kneeling down, the Minister shall give thanks unto God, and say,}\]

\[\text{We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate this Infant with thy holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own child by adoption, and to incorporate him into thy holy Church. And we humbly beseech thee to grant, that as he is now made partaker of the death of thy Son, so he may be also of his resurrection; And that finally, with the residue of thy Saints, he may inherit thine everlasting kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.}\]

\[\text{And let them not doubt, but that the child so baptized is lawfully and sufficiently baptized, and ought not to be baptized again. Yet nevertheless, if the child, which is after this sort baptized, do afterward live, it is expedient that it be brought into the Church, to the intent that, if the Minister of the same Parish did himself baptize that child, the Congregation may be certified of the true Form of Baptism, by him privately before used: In which case he shall say thus,}\]

\[\text{I CERTIFY you, that according to the due and prescribed Order of the Church, at such a time, and at such a place, before divers witnesses I baptized this Child.}\]

words of which make it a good guide both for Clergy and Laity. It is as follows:—

"Canon 69.

"Ministers not to defer Christening, if the Child be in danger.

"If any Minister, being duly, without any manner of collusion, informed of the weakness and danger of death of any infant unbaptized in his parish, and thereupon desired to go or come to the place where the said infant remaineth, to baptize the same, shall either wilfully refuse so to do, or of purpose, or of gross negligence, shall so defer the time, as, when he might conveniently have resorted to the place and have baptized the said infant, it dieth, through such his default, unbaptized; the said Minister shall be suspended for three months; and before his restitution shall acknowledge his fault, and promise before his Ordinary, that he will not wittingly incur the like again. Provided, that where there is a Curate, or a Substitute, this Constitution shall not extend to the Parson or Vicar himself, but to the Curate or Substitute present.""

It cannot be said that there is never any "collusion" in this matter, and the clergyman is therefore bound to make strict inquiry as to the condition of the child whose baptism in private is required. Objection to the rite being administered during time of Divine Service, the expense of a "christening feast,"

\[\text{desire to make sure of "burial money," (which is lost when children die unbaptized,) are all reasons that have come within the writer's experience: and, except in cases where there is manifest danger of death, it is best both for the Clergy and the Laity that a medical certificate should be provided, stating that there is weakness or disease which renders the infant incapable of being brought to Church for public baptism without risk.}\]

The remaining part of what is printed under the heading, "The Ministration of Private Baptism of Children in Houses," is an adaptation to the case of such children of that part of the Office for Baptism which is not used in private.

The object of bringing a convalescent child who has been clinically baptized to Church, is twofold. (1) First, that a solemn public recognition may be made of the child's regenerated condition by the Priest "receiving him as one of the flock of true Christian people" in the face of the Church: and (2), secondly, that the child, by its sureties, may make those solemn engagements of the Baptismal vow which were omitted when it was supposed that the infant would not "come of age" to be capable of fulfilling them.

The form in which the certification is to be given when it is to be made by the clergyman who has himself baptized the child was not defined until the revision of 1861. In Bishop Cosin's Durham Book he has written the following proposed form: "... in which case he shall say thus: I certify you that, according to the due and prescribed Order of the Church, in case of necessity, at such a time, and in such a place, and before divers witnesses, I administered private Baptism to this child, who being born in original..."
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But if the child were baptized by any other lawful Minister, then the Minister of the Parish where the child was born or christened, shall examine and try whether the child be lawfully baptized, or no. In which case, if those that bring any child to the Church do answer, that the same child is already baptized, then shall the Minister examine them further, saying,

By whom was this child baptized?
Who was present when this child was baptized?
Because some things essential to this Sacrament may happen to be omitted through fear or haste, in such times of extremity; therefore I demand further of you,
With what matter was this child baptized?
With what words was this child baptized?

And if the Minister shall find by the answers of such as bring the child, that all things were done as they ought to be; then shall he christen the child again, but shall receive him as one of the flock of true Christian people, saying thus,

CERTIFY you, that in this case all is well done, and according unto due order, concerning the baptizing of this child; who being born in original sin, and in the wrath of God, is now, by the laver of Regeneration in Baptism, received into the number of the children of God, and heirs of everlasting life: for our Lord Jesus Christ doth not deny his grace and mercy unto such Infants, but most lovingly doth call them unto him, as the holy Gospel doth witness to our comfort on this wise.

After the Gospel is read, the Minister shall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Gospel.

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he hath likewise favourably received this present infant; that he hath embraced him with the arms of his mercy; and (as he hath promised in his holy Word) will give unto him the blessing of eternal life, and make him partaker of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father, declared by his Son Jesus Christ, towards this infant, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say the prayer which the Lord himself taught us.

Eph. ii. 3—5.
Tit. iii. 5—7.
Matt. xviii. 1—14.

Mark ix. 23, 24.
Matt. xxii. 21, 22.
John xvii. 2, 3.
Acts xix. 13—16.
Ps. ciii. 1—4.

sin, &c. ut infra." From this it would appear, that the whole of the following part of the form, as afterwards printed, was intended by him to have been used in every case. The internal evidence of the Office seems to indicate such an intention also, and probably the omission is a clerical error, which has arisen from Cosin not writing the whole at length in his MS. revision.

Cosin also transferred the Lord's Prayer from the place which it here occupies, and which is that of the old Office, to the same place as it occupies in the ordinary service for Public Baptism: but although his alteration is left as he wrote it, while erasures are on either side, it was not printed, and the two forms of the Office do not agree.
OUR Father, which art in heaven, 
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy 
kingdom come. Thy will be done in 
earth, as it is in heaven. Give us 
this day our daily bread. And forgive 
us our trespasses, as we forgive them 
that trespass against us. And lead us 
not into temptation; but deliver us 
from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, 
heavenly Father, we give thee 
humble thanks, that thou hast vouch-
safed to call us to the knowledge of 
thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase 
this knowledge, and confirm this faith 
in us evermore. Give thy holy Spirit 
to this infant, that he, being born 
again, and being made an heir of ever-
lasting salvation, through our Lord 
Jesus Christ, may continue thy servant, 
and attain thy promise; through the 
same our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, 
who liveth and reigneth with thee and 
the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 
Amen.

DOST thou, in the name of this 
Child, renounce the devil and 
all his works, the vain pomp and glory 
of this world, with all covetous desires 
of the same, and the carnal desires of 
the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, 
or be led by them?

I renounce them all.

DOST thou believe in God the 
Father Almighty, Maker of 
heaven and earth? 

And in Jesus Christ his only-begotten 
Son our Lord? And that he 
was conceived by the Holy Ghost; 
born of the Virgin Mary; that he 
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was 
crucified, dead, and buried; that he 
going down into hell, and also did rise 
again the third day; that he ascended 
to heaven, and sitteth at the right 
hand of God the Father Almighty; 
and from thence shall come again at 
the end of the world, to judge the 
quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy 
Ghost; the holy Catholick Church; 
the Communion of Saints; the Re-
mission of sins; the Resurrection 
of the flesh; and everlasting life after 
death?

All this I stedfastly believe.

I will.

Then shall the Priest say, 

WHEREFORE we receive this child into the 
congregation of Christ’s flock, 
and do sign him with the sign of the 
Cross, in token that hereafter he shall 
not be ashamed to confess the faith of 
Christ crucified, and manfully to fight 
under his banner, against sin, the 
world, and the devil; and to continue 
Christ’s faithful soldier and servant 
unto his life’s end. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say, 

SEEING now, dearly beloved bre-
thren, that this child is by Bap-
tism regenerate, and grafted into 
the body of Christ’s Church, let us give 
thanks unto Almighty God for these 
benefits: and with one accord make 
our prayers unto him, that this child 
may lead the rest of his life according 
to this beginning.

Then shall the Priest say, 

We yield thee hearty thanks, 
most merciful Father, that it 
pleased thee to regenerate this 
Infant with thy holy Spirit, to receive

At the end of the Exhortation in the Prayer Books, as they stood before 1661, there was a Rubric, “And so forth, as in 
Public Baptism.” This Rubric was erased by Cosin, and he 
substituted, “Then shall he add and say, Furthermore, I require 
you to take care ut supra in public Baptism.” This Supple-
mentary charge is not printed in the Sealed books, yet it seems 
clear that its omission was a clerical error, and that it ought to 
be inserted by the clergyman when he uses the Office.

There is, in fact, a certain want of exact consistency about the 
use of this Office (and the same is observable in the use of the 
unreformed Office “ad faciem Catechumenorum”) over a baptized 
child. It is also impossible to follow it exactly if an attempt
him for thine own Child by adoption, and to incorporate him into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that he, being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as he is made partaker of the death of thy Son, he may also be partaker of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, he may be an inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then, all standing up, the Priest shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers this Exhortation following.

FORASMUCH as this Child hath promised by you his sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your parts and duties to see that this infant be taught, so soon as he shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, he hath here made by you. And that he may know these things the better, ye shall call upon him to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye shall provide, that he may learn the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the ten Commandments, in the vulgar tongue, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul’s health; and that this child may be virtually brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always, that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ and to be made like unto him that, as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ But if they which bring the Infant to the Church do make such uncertain answers to the Priest’s questions, as that it cannot appear that the Child was baptized with Water, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, (which are essential parts of Baptism,) then let the Priest baptize it in the form before appointed for Public Baptism of Infants; saving that at the dipping of the Child in the Font, he shall use this form of words.

If thou art not already baptized, N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

made to amalgamate it with the Office for Public Baptism. It was probably intended to be used at the font, but no water should be placed in the latter.

CONDITIONAL BAPTISM.
The earliest mention of conditional Baptism is in the statutes of St. Boniface, Archbishop of Mentz about A.D. 745. His words as given by Martene [de Antiqu., Lib. 1, xlvii. 10] are, "Si de aliquibus dubium sit, utrum sini baptizati, abscipe ullo scrupulo baptizandi; his tamen verbis premisias: Non te rebaptizo, sed si nondum es baptizatus, etc." It is not probable that Boniface would originate this form, nor is it likely that the whole Western Church would so exactly have adopted any form originated by him; we may therefore reasonably conclude that his words represent the established usage of the ancient and settled Churches of Europe when he wrote, and that the charity of the Church had always provided such a form.

Conditional Baptism ought not to be administered hastily as a means of escaping from a difficulty. The principle of the Church is clear and unhesitating (as is shown in the rubric above) that if water and the words of Institution have been used they have constituted a true Baptism, the iteration of which would be sinful in the baptizer, and at the same time useless to the baptized. But, after careful inquiry, doubts may often be felt as to the due use of the essentials of Baptism, and in such a case the conditional form should certainly be adopted, for the sake of the child.
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AND ABLE TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES.

When any such persons as are of ripier years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Bishop, or whom he shall appoint for that purpose, a week before at the least, by the Parents, or some other discreet persons; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves with prayers and fasting for the receiving of this holy Sacrament.

And if they shall be found fit, then the Godfathers and Godmothers (the people being assembled upon the Sunday or Holy-day appointed) shall be ready to present them at the Font immediately after the second Lesson, either at Morning or Evening Prayer, as the Curate in his discretion shall think fit.

And standing there, the Priest shall ask whether any of the persons here presented be baptized or no: If they shall answer, No; then shall the Priest say thus,

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, (and that which is born of the flesh is flesh,) and they that are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions; and that our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounte-ous goodness he will grant to these persons that which by nature they cannot have, that they may be baptized with water and the holy Ghost, and received into Christ’s holy Church, and be made lively members of the same.

Then shall the Priest say,

Let us pray.

(And here all the Congregation shall kneel.)

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel thy people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan, didst sanctify the element of water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon these thy servants; wash them and sanctify them with the holy Ghost, that they being delivered from thy wrath may be received into the ark of Christ’s Church; and being stedfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally they may come to the land of everlast-

THE BAPTISM OF ADULTS.

In that Preface to the Prayer Book which was written by Bishop Sanderson in 1661, it is stated that among other alterations and additions it was thought expedient to add “an Office for the Baptism of such as are of ripier years; which, although not so necessary when the former Book was compiled, yet by the growth of Anabaptism, through the licentiousness of the late times crept in amongst us, is now become necessary, and may be always useful for the baptizing of Natives in our Plantations, and others converted to the Faith.” It is probable that this was suggested by Bishop Cosin, for at the end of the Office for Privy
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ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for these persons, that they, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of their sins by spiritual regeneration. Receive them, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock; that these persons may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Then shall the people stand up, and the Priest shall say,

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint John, in the third Chapter, beginning at the first verse.

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou heardest the sound thereof; but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

† After which he shall say this exhortation following.

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the express words of our Saviour Christ, that except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Thereby ye may perceive the great necessity of this Sacrament, where it may be had. Likewise, immediately before his ascension into heaven, (as we read in the last Chapter of Saint Mark's Gospel,) he gave command to his disciples, saying, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Which also sheweth unto us the great benefit we reap thereby. For which cause Saint Peter the Apostle, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? replied and said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with

Baptism in his Durham Book, he has written, "Print in a new leaf. The Ministration of Publick Baptism to such as are of perfect age, or come to the years of discretion, and are able to render an account of their faith, and undertake for themselves," all after "discretion" being subsequently erased. The Office was, however, framed under the direction of a Committee of Convocation, consisting of the following Bishops and Clergy:—

Henchman, Bishop of Salisbury.
Laney, " Peterborough.
Griffith, " St. Asaph.

Earl, Dean of Westminster.
Oliver, " Worcester.
Sparrow, Archdeacon of Sudbury.
Creed, " Wilts.
Heywood, Gunning, afterwards Bishop of Chichester and of Ely.

These met at the Savoy for the purpose on May 20th, 1661, a date which shows that the review of the Prayer Book was begun six months before the final official steps towards revision were undertaken [see p. 21]. Wood, in his Athenae Oxoniensis, says
many other words exhorted he them, saying, Save yourselves from this un-toward generation. For (as the same Apostle testifieth in another place) even Baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will favourably receive these present persons, truly repenting, and coming unto him by faith; that he will grant them remission of their sins, and bestow upon them the holy Ghost; that he will give them the blessing of eternal life, and make them partakers of his everlasting kingdom.

Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards these persons, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, and say,

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy holy Spirit to these persons, that they may be born again and be made heirs of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

† Then the Priest shall speak to the persons to be baptized on this wise:

W ELL-BELOVED, who are come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism, ye have heard how the congregation hath prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you and bless you, to release you of your sins, to give you the

From this it is evident that all who would be considered old enough to be confirmed if they had been baptized some within the limits of those "riper years" named in the title. The second rubric lays down the rule that the office is not to be used for those who are not yet come to years of discretion to answer for themselves, but that such shall be baptized with the office for Infant Baptism. Adult idiots ought to be baptized, but not with this Office: and perhaps that for Private Baptism is best suited to their case, if neglect of Baptism in their infancy has been added to

1 Pet. iii. 21.


3 John 1.
And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the Resurrection of the flesh; and everlasting life after death?

Answer.
All this I stedfastly believe.

Question.
Acts viii. 36—38.
WILT thou be baptized in this faith?

Answer.
That is my desire.

Question.
1 John ii. 3, 4, 6.
WILT thou then obediently keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer.
I will endeavour so to do, God being my helper.

¶ Then shall the Priest say,
O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in these persons may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in them. Amen.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in them, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them. Amen.

Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Amen.

Grant that they, being here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be ended with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest say,
L MIGHTY, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood, and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of this congregation; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that the persons now to be baptized therein may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest say,
WE receive this person into the congregation of Christ’s flock: + and do sign him with the sign of the cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ’s faithful soldier and servant unto his life’s end. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest say,
S EENG now, dearly beloved brethren, that these persons are regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ’s Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that they may lead the rest of their life according to this beginning.

their natural misfortune. Perhaps it may be laid down as a general rule that while Confirmation is not given to young children, all under the age of twelve should be baptized as Infants, and all persons above that age with the present Office.

As this Office was framed entirely for adult persons, whether born of Christian or of Heathen parents, it necessarily recurred to those principles on which Holy Baptism was administered in the primitive times of Christianity when millions of such persons were so admitted into the Church of Christ. Thus the Candidate for Baptism is a Catechumen in the ancient sense; and as such is admitted to the sacrament of regeneration only by the express permission of a chief minister of the Church, and after proper instruction and examination, with the discipline of prayer and fasting. It may be observed also, that a Bishop or Priest is supposed throughout to be the minister of Adult Baptism in public; though, of course, the ordinary rules as to valid Baptism apply to extreme cases of dying persons, when no priest can be procured.
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Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, all kneeling.

O UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

We yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy holy Spirit to these persons; that being now born again, and made heirs of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, they may continue thy servants, and attain thy promises through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. Amen.

F ORASMUCH as these persons have promised in your presence to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your part and duty to put them in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession they have now made before this congregation, and especially before you their chosen witnesses. And ye are also to call upon them to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word; that so they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously, and soberly in this present world.

(¶ And then, speaking to the new baptized persons, he shall proceed, and say.)

AND as for you, who have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the children of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always that Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose again for us; so should we who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

It is expedient that every person thus baptized should be confirmed by the Bishop so soon after his Baptism as conveniently may be; that so he may be admitted to the holy Communion.

If any persons not baptized in their infancy shall be brought to be baptized before they come to years of discretion to answer for themselves; it may suffice to use the Office for Publick Baptism of Infants, or (in case of extreme danger) the Office for Private Baptism, only changing the word [Infant] for [Child or Person] as occasion requireth.

The ritual of the Baptism of Adults differs from that of infants only in three particulars:—1. The person to be baptized answers the interrogatories himself. 2. The Priest takes him by the right hand and brings him to the font, "placing him conveniently by the font." 3. An address to the newly baptized follows the short one which is made to the sponsors. To these it may be added, fourthly, though not directed in the rubric, that it is most reverent and solemn for the person who is being baptized to kneel during the act of Baptism. Women should also be provided with caps similar to those used at Confirmation, to be removed, of course, during the actual Baptism.

Persons who have come to years of discretion are sometimes in doubt respecting their baptism, and are anxious to be baptized with the conditional form. As a rule the Church has always concluded that those who have been born of Christian parents have been baptized, unless the contrary can be proved. Cardinal inquiry should, therefore, be made whether there is really any good reason for doubt before any such question is entertained. But if, after inquiry, there still remains cause for doubt, there seems to be no reason why the conditional form should not (the Bishop consenting) be used, although no actual provision is made for it in the case of adult persons. Even although a person may have been confirmed and have received the Holy Communion, if it is afterwards discovered that he has not been baptized, the sacrament of Baptism should be administered. In such a case, reverent doubt as to the effect of the latter Sacrament in supplying the omission of the former might well lead to the use of the conditional form.
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INTRODUCTION TO THE CATECHISM.

The ecclesiastical word Catechismus is derived from the Greek κατ'χησις, and means literally an instruction by word of mouth of such a kind as to draw out a reply or echo. In the earliest age of the Church the word was used for that kind of instruction which was given to the catechumenus or candidates for Baptism [Luke i. 4]; and from this usage it has come to mean also, in later ages, the instruction which is given to candidates for Confirmation. A similar kind of instruction among the Jews is indicated by the only incident which is recorded of our Lord’s childhood, when after three days’ disappearance He was found by His Mother and Joseph “sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions” [Luke ii. 46].

In the Primitive Church catechizing appears to have been carried on by means of what we should now call a lecture, the questions being asked rather by the persons catechized than by the person catechizing. A life-like description of such a method is contained in an epistle of St. Augustine to Deo Gratias, which is, in fact, a treatise on catechizing, and has the title “De catechizandis rudibus.” It was written A.D. 400. There is also an invaluable series of Catechetical Lectures by St. Cyril of Jerusalem, delivered in that city about A.D. 347. In the previous century Origen, and before him Clemens Alexanderus (who left a series of Catechetical Lectures entitled Pedagogus), and Pantaenus, his predecessor, had made the catechetical school of Alexandria famous for the instruction there conveyed in the principles of Christianity; but there can be no doubt that this instruction was of a less elementary character than what is usually understood by the word catechizing.

In St. Augustine’s treatise he gives a description of the manner in which a catechist is to keep alive the attention and interest of the person who is being catechized: he also sets forth the subjects of instruction, and gives two examples, one long, the other short, of the mode in which those subjects were to be taught in detail. From these it appears to have been the custom first to give a narration of the Bible History, and then to show its connection with Christianity, afterwards setting forth the doctrines of the Creed, and the principles of Christian duty. St. Cyril’s lectures also begin with an exposition of the relation which the Old Testament history bears to Christ and Christianity: they then go on to explain the principles of Baptism and the benefits to be derived from it; afterwards expound the Creed in fifteen lectures; and conclude with five on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the latter addressed to the same set of hearers immediately after their baptism had taken place.

It will be observed that this primitive form of instruction was of a different character from that fixed question and answer which we understand in modern times by the word Catechism. This was represented by the Interrogatories which formed part of the Office for Baptism and Confirmation, and which were called by that name both in primitive and in medieval times. Thus St. Cyril says, “Let thy feet hasten to the Catechizings, receive with earnestness the Exorcisms; for whether thou art breathed upon or exercised, the Ordinance is to the salvation” [Intro. Lect. 9, Org. transl.]. So among Archbishop Peckham’s Constitutions there is one which enjoins that “children baptized by laymen or women in case of urgent necessity are not to be baptized again,” and it is added, “let the exorcisms and catechisms be used over children so baptized, in reverence to the ordinances of the Church” [Johnson’s Canons, ii. 277].

When the Offices of the Church of England were translated into English, and an endeavour was being made to develop further than had hitherto been done the intelligent use of them by the laity, and also to promote generally an intellectual religion among them, a Catechism was inserted in the Office for Confirmation. This was, of course, to be learned during the period of preparation for Confirmation; but the Rubric directed that when the rite was to be administered, the Bishop, or some one appointed by him, should “assure” the persons to be confirmed by requiring them to answer such questions of this Catechism as the former should see fit. The object of this was stated to be that those who were about to be confirmed might “then themselves with their own mouth, and with their own consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confess” what their Godfathers and Godmothers had promised for them in their Baptism. This custom was continued until the last revision of the Prayer Book in 1661; but in 1552 the word “confess” in the rubric (used in the sense of confessing or professing our belief) was unfortunately altered to “confirm,” and the rubric being then adopted as a preliminary address in the Confirmation Service (while that which had been referred to by the word was removed from it), a confusion of ideas was originated which connected the expression “ratify and confirm” with the ordinance of laying on of hands instead of with the catechizing by which it is preceded [see notes on Confirmation].

The Catechism which thus stood in the Prayer Book from 1549 to 1661 (under both the general title “Confirmation, wherein is contained a Catechism for children,” and the particular one by which it is now alone headed), was nearly identical with the present one, but only extended as far as the end of the
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explanation of the Lord's Prayer. It has often been said to have been made by Alexander Nowell, who was second master of Westminster School at the time when the Prayer Book was in preparation, but Dean of St. Paul's from 1560 to 1562. It has also been attributed to Bishop Poyntz, who (at the age of thirty-three) was made Bishop of Rochester in 1550. But it is very unlikely that a young second master of Westminster School would have been entrusted with so grave an undertaking by the Divines who set forth the Prayer Book of 1549; and although Poyntz published a Catechism in Latin and English, the licence to print it was only asked from Cecil by the Earl of Northumberland on September 7th, 1552. Poyntz had, however, been one of Cranmer's chaplains.

The name of Goodrich, Bishop of Ely, has also been associated with the authorship of a part of the Catechism. The authority for this is a stone tablet on the east side and another on the west of a spacious bow in a gallery which he built on the north side of the palace at Ely. These tablets have engraved upon them "our duty to God," and "our duty to our neighbour," in the words now so familiar to every child. The date upon them is 1552, and they are reasonably supposed to have been put up by Goodrich. As he was one of the Committee of Convocation by whom the Prayer Book was prepared, there is no improbability in the supposition that these portions of the Catechism came from his pen; and if they did so, it may be fairly concluded that the remaining portion of it (as it stood at first) are his also.

The latter part of the Catechism of Cranmer and the authority of King James I, after the Hampton Court Conference, the Puritans complaining through Dr. Remolds that it was too short in its existing form. The addition," says Cosin, "was first penned by Bishop Overall (then Dean of St. Paul's) and followed by the bishops," [Cosin's Notes, p. 493, Ang. Cath. Lib.]. Many other writers repeat the statement.

As Bishop Cosin wrote this about 1640, twenty years only after Overall's death; and as he had, in his early life, been chaplain to that good and learned Divine, no doubt he had authority for his statement; but it is also pretty well established, from internal evidence, that Overall translated from some Latin formulas, probably from an ancient "A. B. C., with the Catechism," of unknown authorship, which was used in St. Paul's School, and of which there is a reprint dated 1687.

As in many other particulars, so in the matter of Catechizing, the Reformation rekindled a principle and a practice which had been gradually becoming extinguished in that decadence of spirituality which had been the bane of the Church of England for a century or more, and from which the Reformation itself was a reaction. Accordingly in a set of Injunctions framed by Cranmer and issued by authority of Henry VIII. in 1536, the fifth was a reiteration of the rule so often to be met with in medieval times, that the clergy should take care children were taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in their mother tongue. This rule had been so neglected (it is stated in the Homily against Disobedience and wilful Rebellion) that few even of the most simple people were taught them except in Latin, which they of course could not understand. In the Injunctions of Edward VI. [1547] this duty was again enforced upon the clergy in the following words: "Here, every holyday throughout the year, when they have no sermon, they shall immediately after the Gospel, openly and plainly recite to their parishioners, in the pulpit, the Pater-noster, the Credo, and the Ten Commandments in English, to the intent the people may learn the same by heart; exhorting all parents and householders to teach their children and servants the same, as they are bound by the law of God, and in conscience to do.... Item. That they shall in confessions every Lent, examine every person that cometh to confession to them, whether they can recite the articles of their faith, the Pater-noster, and the Ten Commandments in English, and hear them say the same particularly. The Catechism was a natural development of this ancient and now revived practice. It appeared in the Prayer Book which was completed in the year [1648] following the above Injunctions; and at the end of the Confirmation Service, of which it formed a part, was the following rubric:—\\side
   The Curate of every parish, once in six weeks at the least, upon warning by him given, shall, upon some Sunday or Holyday, half an hour before Evensong, openly in the Church instruct and examine so many children of his parish sent unto him, as the time will serve, and as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism. And all fathers, mothers, masters, and dames shall cause their children, servants, and apprentices (which are not yet confirmed) to come to the Church at the day appointed, and obediently hear and be ordered by the Curate, until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them to learn. And whenever the Bishop shall give knowledge for children to be brought afore him to any convenient place for their confirmation, then shall the Curate of every parish either bring or send in writing the names of all those children of his parish which can say the Articles of their Faith, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and also how many of them can answer to the other questions contained in this Catechism. In the previous Injunctions it had been ordered that none should be admitted to the Holy Communion until they could say these three primary summaries of Faith, Prayer, and Duty. A rubric following the above now embodied this rule in a different form:—\\side
   And there shall none be admitted to the Holy Communion until such time as he be confirmed. In 1649

As Erasmus and Colet were very intimate, it is not improbable that this Catechism may have originated with the former, who was a great authority at the time of the Reformation.  


3 Hist. Introd. p. xxxvi.

4 Much information about the long Catechisms of the Protestant Reformers may be found in Walchius, Bibl. Theol. vol. i. Nowell's Catechisms were republished at Oxford in 1835. The voluminous Catechism of the Council of Trent is in many respects a valuable summary of Christian doctrine, but was intended as a book of instructions for the clergy, and not for the use of children.
other Injunctions were issued, and the eighth is, "Item. That the Curates every sixth week at the least, teach and declare diligently the Catechism, according to the book of the same." The forty-fourth of Queen Elizabeth's Injunctions of 1559 reiterates that of Edward VI., altering the time to "every holyday, and every second Sunday in the year." All these Injunctions were embodied in the fifty-ninth Canon of the Church of England in the year 1603.

"Canon 69.

"Ministers to Catechize every Sunday.

"Every Parson, Vicar, or Curate, upon every Sunday and Holyday, before Evening Prayer, shall, for half an hour or more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons in his parish, in the Ten Commandments, the Articles of the Belief, and in the Lord's Prayer; and shall diligently hear, instruct, and teach them the Catechism set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. And all fathers, mothers, masters, and mistresses, shall cause their children, servants, and apprentices, which have not learned the Catechism, to come to the Church at the time appointed, obediently to hear, and to be ordered by the Minister, until they have learned the same. And if any Minister neglect his duty herein, let him be sharply reproved upon the first complaint, and true notice thereof given to the Bishop or Ordinary of the place. If, after submitting himself, he shall willingly offend therein again, let him be suspended; if so the third time, there being little hope that he will be therein reformed, then excommunicated, and so remain until he will be reformed. And likewise if any of the said fathers, mothers, masters, or mistresses, children, servants, or apprentices, shall neglect their duties, as the one sort in not causing them to come, and the other in refusing to learn, as aforesaid; let them be suspended by their Ordinaries (if they be not children), and if they so persist by the space of a month, then let them be excommunicated."

The present Rubric so far supersedes this Canon that it directs the clergyman to catechize after the Second Lesson at Evening Prayer. It is plain, that both Canon and Rubric contemplate catechizing as an open and public Ministration in the Church, and in the face of a congregation: and however diligently school catechizing may be carried on, it cannot be considered as adequately satisfying the law of the Church, or as being equivalent to a solemn ministration conducted in the House of God. The value of such a ministration has been testified by innumerable writers of former centuries and of modern times in the Church of England: and the catechetical works of Bishop Andrews, Hammond, Bishop Nicholson, Bishop Ken, and (in our own times) Bishop Nixon, show how our best Divines have recognized in the Catechism, and in the practice of public catechizing, a duty and a labour upon which the highest intellectual powers may be profitably exercised for the good of Christ's little ones, and of the Church at large.

It is obvious from the history of the Catechism, that it was formed upon the basis of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. To these and to the catechetical exposition connected with them, was prefixed a fourth division on the Christian nature and covenant; and at the end was afterwards added a fifth division on the Sacraments. It has thus become a comprehensive summary respecting (1) the relation between God and Christians, (2) Faith, (3) Duty, (4) Prayer, (5) Grace. But although thus happily comprehensive, it must be remembered, that it does not profess to be exhaustive; and that when the Puritans at the Savoy Conference wished it to be made longer by adding questions on justification, sanctification, &c., the Bishops replied, "The Catechism is not intended as a whole body of divinity, but as a comprehension of the Articles of Faith, and other doctrines most necessary to salvation."
A CATECHISM,

THAT IS TO SAY,

AN INSTRUCTION TO BE LEARNED OF EVERY PERSON, BEFORE HE BE BROUGHT TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE BISHOP.

THE CATECHISM.

What is your Name?] The Christian name is used in the Ministers of the Church, at Baptism, here, and in the Marriage Service. It was formerly used also at Confirmation. In this place it obviously singles out, by a sort of analysis, the individual Christian from the Christian body at large, and thus fixes on the idea of individual privilege, duty, and responsibility, while at the same time not interfering with the prominence of the idea of corporate unity which is contained in that of membership.

N. or M.] The most probable explanation of these letters is, that N was anciently used as the initial of Nomen, and that Nomen vel Nomina was expressed by \( \text{N} \); the double \( \text{N} \) being afterwards corrupted into \( \text{M} \). The M by which 1000 is expressed, was formed in a somewhat similar manner from the ancient notation, \( \text{CIIO} \), by which that number was expressed in classical Latin, and which became \( \text{O} \) in the Teutonic character of later inscriptions.

in my Baptism; wherein I was made] This answer is very comprehensive, and offers a concise definition of doctrine respecting the Christian nature. It declares that Christians are made such by God's work co-operating with the work of the person baptizing. The infant was dipped in water, or had water poured upon it, while the person baptizing named it, and said, "I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This constituted "my Baptism," so far as man's work could affect it. "In" that Baptism, without leaving room for any doubt, without imposing any condition by which the blessing could be nullified, God "made me a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven." The new birth is not conditional on the regenerated person's subsequent fulfillment of the Baptismal vows, but only on the due administration of the water and words of Baptism.

a member of Christ] This is a Scriptural expression, used by St. Paul, who says, "We are the body of Christ, and members in particular" [1 Cor. xii. 27]: also, that "by one Spirit are we baptized into one body . . . . . for the body is not one, but many." [1 Cor. xii. 14]: also that this Body in its completeness is Christ,—"As the body is one, and hath many members, so also is Christ." [Ibid. 12]: "For we are members of His Body, of His flesh, and of His bones." [Eph. v. 30.] How this membership can be a mystery, but the results of it are intelligible, and may be understood partly from analogy, partly from the statements of our Lord and His Apostles. By physiological analogy we may draw the inference, that life is maintained in every member by union with the Head, and without that union no member can live. Hence spiritual life is derived from our Lord the Fountain of life, not only as a gift bestowed by one person upon another, but by an actual, though mysterious, and therefore unintelligible union.

It is on such a principle that St. Paul founds his familiar but deep and important words, "He is the Head over all things to the Church, which is His Body, the fulness of Him Which filleth all in all." [Eph. i. 22, 23.] "And He is the Head of the Body, the Church." [Col. i. 18.] To baptize an infant is, therefore, to give it spiritual life by uniting it to Christ. To leave an infant unbaptized, is to leave it spiritually without life, by leaving it without this union. And the same is true, no willful bar to the Sacrament, intervening, of adults. Our Lord showed this in describing Himself as the true Vine, and the Apostles as branches; and especially in the words, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me [\( \chi\alpha\psi\pi\lambda\varsigma\varepsilon\omega\sigma\varsigma \)] ye cannot do nothing." To be made a "member of Christ" is, therefore, to be united in a living spiritual bond with "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," "the Light," "the Resurrection and the Life." Our spiritual existence, our spiritual knowledge, and our future Resurrection to life eternal, are dependent on that union being effected in and by Baptism.

the child of God] This term also is Scriptural. St. Paul uses it thus: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" [Gal. iii. 26]: and St. John, "Beloved, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God . . . . Beloved, now are we the sons of God." [1 John iii. 1, 2.] Such a relationship also springs from actual union with God through Christ in regeneration, and not from federal relationship. So St. Paul alleges when he writes, "For both He that sanctifieth, and they that are sanctified, are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren."
The blessed should exercise the promised add. of the flesh. Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. And, thirdly, that I should keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

[Heb. ii. 11.] So also St. John alleges in the words, “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of [γεγέννατο] God; and every one that loveth Him that begat [τὸν γεγεννασα], loveth also him that is begotten of Him” (τὸν γεγεννημένον ἐκ άνδρόν). To be the child of God is not only therefore to be taken into that relationship by a covenant, but to be made so by a supernatural effect of grace.

an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven] St. Paul writes that sonship brings heritage,—“If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.” [Rom. viii. 17.] The inheritance is (1) of the Church Militant, which our Lord speaks of as the Kingdom of Heaven on many occasions (e. g. Matt. iii. 2; xiii. 21); and (2) of the Church Triumphant, of which He also speaks under the same title. [Matt. xxi. 34.] The heritage of the Church Militant is a title to all Church privileges and teaching, to benediction, absolution, all sacramental rites, the blessed Sacrament, and burial within the fold of the Church, and may be described as a title to the grace of God (through His mercy, and not through our merits), which title can, of course, be forfeited by sin. The heritage of the Church Triumphant is the gift of blessedness which “eye hath not seen nor ear heard.”

St. Augustine writes respecting both: “Wherefore, dearly beloved, Catholic plants, members of Christ, think what a Head ye have! Children of God, think what a Father ye have! Christians, think what an Inheritance is promised you! Not such as on earth cannot be possessed by children, save when their parents are dead. For no one on earth possesses a father’s inheritance save when he is dead. But we, whilst our Father liveth, shall possess what He shall give; for that our Father cannot die. I add more, and say the truth, our Father will Himself be our Inheritance.” [Aug., Sermon, calv. 2.] As children could never grow up if they refused the food and shelter of their parents’ home, so the children of God can never grow to “the fulness of the stature of Christ” if they refuse the present privileges to which they are entitled in the Church of God. And while “not growing up” in the one case means physical death, so does it mean spiritual death in the other; an excision of the unfilial branch, the unworthy member of Christ; an expatriation of the prodigal son for ever from his father’s house; a forfeiture of the eternal inheritance to which the spiritual birthright has entailed, but of which the dispensation has been signed and sealed by the heir of his own free will.

They did promise and vow . . . . in my name] Baptism is not administered on the condition of vows being made, nor do the vows exercise any anticipative influence upon it. They are part of the discipline of the Church, and probably established by the Apostles, but do not belong to the essence of the Sacrament, which is entirely perfect as to its outward form and its inward grace, even where they are not used or intended to be used. At the same time, the vows of Baptism express obligations which are inseparable from the relation established with our heavenly Father by it: so that children who have never had God-parents to make them on their behalf are bound, by the nature of their position as Christian children, to the duties stated in these vows, as much as if they had been explicitly made at their Baptism. A child who has not made any verbal promise of obedience to its parents, is as much bound to obey, by the law of God, as one who has done so: and no superadded vow can heighten or intensify the obligations which naturally belong to the relationship of Christians towards God, though it may express and define them.
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**Question.**
Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?

**Answer.**
Yes verily; and by God’s help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life’s end.

Catechist.
Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**Question.**
What dost thou chiefly learn in [Deut. xxi. 12] these Articles of thy Belief?

**Answer.**
First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.
Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.
Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

**Question.**
You said, that your Godfathers and Godmothers did promise for you, that you should keep God’s Commandments. Tell me how many there be?

**Answer.**
Ten.

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Deut. xxvi. 17—
James ii. 17.
Ps. cxvi. 5.
Eph. v. 20.
2 Tim. iii. 9.
Tit. ii. 11.
Phil. iv. 6. 1. 6.
ii. 12.
2 Tim. iii. 14.

law over all; and His commandments are the expression of that will. This expression is by no means to be limited in our minds by the Ten Commandments, though these contain a summary of all moral duty; for the will of God is expressed in many other ways. Of such modes by which that Will is expressed, there are five principal ones. (1) By the natural relationships of life. Thus St. Paul shows that the duties of children towards their parents, of wives towards their husbands, and vice versa, are duties laid upon them by God. [Col. iii. 18. &c.] Duties so plainly imposed by our heavenly Father are a plain revelation of His Will; and the non-fulfilment of such duties is disobedience to it. (2) By the light of the Christianized conscience, which is “the candle of the Lord within” [Prov. xx. 27], “the light that is in thee,” of which our Saviour spoke when He said, “If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” [Matt. vi. 23.] But all apparent dictates of the Christian conscience are not hastily to be taken as such revelations of God’s will and commandment, as natural inclination may be mistaken for the voice of conscience. (3) By the voice of the Church, represented in its Catholic teaching, and in the admonitions and advice of those individual ministers whom God has appointed as spiritual guides to the flock in the midst of which He has placed them. (4) By the written word of God’s revelation, contained in the Holy Bible. (5) By the written and unwritten law of the land in which His Providence has placed us, respecting which St. Paul says, “Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God, and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.” [Rom. xii. 13.] Obedience to the will and commandment, however it may be revealed, draws our relationship to Him still closer; Christian nature and Christian obedience thus reacting upon each other, and fulfilling the words of Christ,—“Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and mother.” [Mark iii. 35.]

by God’s help so I will] This answer takes the form of an oath, the ordinary adjuration of which in this country is, “So help me God.” Every time it is repeated, the child or person repeating it “renews the solemn promise and vow that was made in their name at their Baptism; ratifying and confirming the same in their own persons, and acknowledging themselves bound to believe and do all those things which their Godfathers and Godmothers then undertook for them.” [See Confirmation Office.] This is done for the last time immediately before Confirmation by the reply, “I do,” to the bishop’s question. It must be remembered that the promise and vow made on behalf of a child by its God-parents do not originate the obligation of that child “to do all these things,” but only express an obligation that would be binding whether it was expressed or not.

this state of salvation] That is, into a Christian condition in which it is quite certain (whatever may be the possibility in a non-Christian condition) that salvation is within reach. The Christian child has already been saved from the guilt of original sin, and from much of its power over the soul. Final salvation depends on final perseverance, that is, on a continuance in the state of salvation, by God’s grace, to our lives’ end, so that we may not die in mortal sin.

First, I learn to believe] For an expository paraphrase on the Apostles’ Creed, see the notes on Morning Prayer, page 20. Illustrative texts of Scripture will be found in the marginal references to the Creed here and elsewhere throughout the book.

Ten] In the Catechism as it stood in 1649, the first five of the Ten Commandments were given in a much shorter form, as follows 1—

1 That a compendium of the Ten Commandments is perfectly justifiable
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Matt. xxii. 37—40.

**Question.**

Which be they?

**Answer.**

IF the same which God spake in the twentieth Chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage,

I. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

**Question.**

What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?

**Answer.**

I learn two things: my duty towards

stance of a moral law which is equally binding upon Christians. Thus our Lord recognized the summary of them which was given to Him by the lawyer, in Luke x. 27, and thus He summed them up Himself, in Matt. xix. 18, and xxii. 37—40, as a rule of obedience by which a man might “enter into life,” and on which “hang all the law and the prophets.” As, moreover, a greater measure of grace is bestowed upon Christians than was given to the Jews, so is the moral law interpreted to them by a more strict rule. Christ came, “not to destroy the Law, but to fulfil it,” and “the law was our schoolmaster, to bring us unto Christ,” so that we “serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter,” as children yielding a willing, not as servants yielding a forced, obedience.

I learn two things] The division of the Ten Commandments into the four which enjoin duties towards God, and the six which summarize duties towards man, was sanctioned and adopted by our Blessed Lord, and was probably derived from the manner in which they were written on the “two tables” brought down by Moses from Sinai, and preserved in the ark under the mercy-seat within the Holy of Holies.

my duty towards God] This summary exposition of the first four commandments sets forth first the mental qualities which are comprehended in a Christian disposition towards God, which are Faith, Fear, and Love; and, secondly, the acts by which the exercise of those qualities is manifested, which are principally Worship, Prayer, and faithful Service. Acts of worship are such offerings of praise as are made to God without any consideration of recompense, and the highest of such acts is the “sacrifice of

may be concluded from its adoption by our Lord in Matt. xix. 18, and by St. Paul in Rom. xiii. 9.
God, and my duty towards my Neighbour.

**Question.**

What is thy duty towards God?

**Answer.**

My duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him, and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength; to worship him, to give him thanks, to put my whole trust in him, to call upon him, to honour his holy Name and his Word, and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

**Question.**

What is thy duty towards thy Neighbour?

**Answer.**

My duty towards my Neighbour, is to love him as myself, and to do to all men, as I would they should do unto me: To love, honour, and succour my father and mother: To honour and obey the Queen, and all that are put in authority under her: To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters: To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters: To hurt no body by word nor deed: To be true and just in all my dealing: To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil-speaking, lying, and slander.

**things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets** [Matt. vii. 12]. Some portions of this answer seem to be taken from Sts. Augustine, who thus speaks of the obligations of Sponsors:—

"Admonent, ut castitatum custodiant, virginitatemque ad nuptias servent, a maledicto vel perjuria lingua renfrerent, sancta tertia vel luxuriosae excro non proferant, non superbia, fruenciolum veodium in corde non teneant . . . . morditibus et parentibus honorem amore vere caritatis Impendiant." [Serm. de Temp. cix.]

**What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?**

I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace unto me, and to all people; that we may worship
him, serve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, Amen, So be it.

H OW many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?  

**Answer.**  
Matt. xxviii. 18—20.  
Luke xxi. 18, 19.  

Two only, as generally necessary to salvation, that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

here may tend to the propagation of the Gospel, the establishment of God's kingdom in all the world, and to the subjection of ourselves to the rule of our heavenly Father.  

[III.] Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. In the third petition we pray that we and all men may keep the commandments and do the whole will of God.  

[IV.] Give us this day our daily bread. In the fourth petition we beseech God to give us day by day the bread we need, the food necessary for the strengthening and nourishing our body and soul; so that, sustained by His hand, we may be enabled to live to His glory.  

[V.] And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. In the next petition we ask God to forgive us those trespasses which have separated us from Him, and to restore us to that peace which by our actions we have disturbed, even as we forgive our brethren, and renew that concord which has been broken by our quarrels.  

[VI.] And lead us not into temptation. In the sixth petition we pray for the protection and support of God against the assaults of the Evil one, the flesh, and the world, for deliverance from all temptations.

[VII.] But deliver us from evil. By the seventh petition we seek deliverance from all evil temporal and spiritual, and for the consummation of the work of God in our hearts and lives.

Two only, as generally necessary to salvation. The use of the word "generally" in the sense of "universally," may be illustrated by the two places in which it is to be found in the Holy Bible. The first is in 2 Sam. xviii. 11, "Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Berenbaum," the expression in the Vulgate being "universus Israel," and the LXX πᾶς Ἰσραήλ. The second is Jer. xlvii. 38, "There shall be lamentation generally upon all the house-topps of Moab," where the Vulgate reads "super omnia tecla Moab," and the LXX εἰς πάντα τῶν ἔσω τῶν Μωάβ. So also Bishop Hooper says, "Notwithstanding that God's promises be general, unto all people of the world, yet many shall be damned" [Declaration of the Ten Commandments]. Bishop Latimer, again, says, "The promises of Christ are general; they pertain to all mankind" [Sermon on Parable of King's Son]. And, lastly, in the Prayer for the Parliament is the expression "this kingdom in general," which clearly means the whole of this kingdom, all persons therein. There are probably no instances to be found of any writer in the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries who used the word "generally" otherwise than with the meaning "universally," and such is its meaning in this place. The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are therefore declared to be the only Sacraments which are necessary to the salvation of all persons; and, by implication, "those five commonly called Sacraments, that is to say, Confirmation, Penance, Orders, Matrimony, and extreme Function" [Article 25], are necessary only for particular classes of persons. Among the Fathers the word Sacrament was used almost in the same sense that we now use the word mystery, and was not restricted to any particular number. "As for the number of them," says the Homily of Common Prayer and Sacraments, "if they should be considered according to the exact signification of a sacrament, namely, for visible signs expressly commanded in the New Testament, whereas unto is annexed the promise of free forgiveness, and of our holiness and joining in Christ, there be but two, namely, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord. But in a general acceptation the name of a Sacrament may be attributed to any thing whereby an holy thing is signified. In which understanding of the word, the ancient writers have given this name, not only to the other five commonly of late years taken and used for supplying the number of the Sacraments, but also to divers and sundry other ceremonies, as to washing, of feet, and such like; not meaning thereby to repute them as Sacraments in the same signification that the two forenamed Sacraments are. . . . And although there are retained by the order of the Church of England, besides these two, certain other rites and ceremonies about the institution of ministers in the Church, Matrimony, Confirmation of children . . . . and likewise for the Visitation of the Sick; yet no man ought to take these for Sacraments, in such signification and meaning as the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are: but either for godly states of life, necessary in Christ's Church, and therefore worthy to be set forth by public action and solemnity by the ministry of the Church; or else judged to be such ordinances as may make for the instruction, comfort, and edification [i.e. οἰκοδομεῖν] of Christ's Church."  

*I mean an outward and visible sign.* This definition is attributed to Peter Lombard, called the Master of the Sentences,
tized In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Question. What is the inward and spiritual grace?

Answer. A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

Question. What is required of persons to be baptized?

Answer. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and Faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Question. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Answer. Because they promise them both by their Sureties; which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

Question. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper ordained?

Answer. For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Question. What is the outward part or sign of the Lord’s Supper?

Answer. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Question. What is the inward part, or thing signified?

Answer. The Body and Blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord’s Supper.

Question. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Answer. The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Question. What is required of them who come to the Lord’s Supper?

Answer. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God’s mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and be in charity with all men.

\[\text{Notes} \quad 1 \text{Cor. xi. 23.} \]

\[2 \text{Cor. vii. 11.} \]

\[7 \text{Cor. ii. 11, 12.} \]

\[10 \text{Heb. x. 21, 22.} \]

\[12 \text{Col. i. 12—14.} \]

\[14 \text{Matt. v. 23, 24.} \]

\[16 \text{1 Cor. v. 7, 8.} \]

\[18 \text{xiv. 13.} \]

\[19 \text{John vi. 35, 51.} \]

\[20 \text{Ps. civ. 15.} \]

\[21 \text{John vi. 32, 56.} \]

\[22 \text{Ps. xiv. 15—15.} \]

\[24 \text{Luke xxii. 19.} \]

\[25 \text{Heb. iv. 20.} \]

\[26 \text{Acts ii. 36, 37.} \]

\[27 \text{Heb. x. 22, 23.} \]

\[28 \text{John vi. 32, 37.} \]

\[29 \text{Acts ii. 36, 37.} \]

\[30 \text{Acts ii. 38.} \]

\[31 \text{Heb. x. 22, 23.} \]

\[32 \text{John vi. 53, 47.} \]

in the twelfth century. The Hymn just quoted (written about 1562) says, “the common description of a Sacrament, which is, that it is a visible sign of an invisible grace.” The somewhat involved form of this answer may be made clearer by a paraphrase, as follows:—“I mean an outward and visible sign (ordained by Christ Himself) of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us. This outward sign was ordained by Christ, first, as a means whereby we are to receive the inward grace, and, secondly, as a pledge to assure us of that inward grace; for the grace cannot ordinarily be separated from the sign which Christ has ordained. For expositions of the doctrine of the Sacraments, see the Introductions to, and Notes on, the Offices for Holy Baptism and the Holy Communion.
INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFIRMATION OFFICE.

From the earliest ages of the Christian Church, and in every part of it all over the whole world, until modern times, the rite of Confirmation has been considered essential to the full perfection of Christian life in those who have attained to years when they can discern fully between right and wrong. Nor have any Christians been ordinarily permitted by the Church to partake of the Holy Communion until after they had been confirmed.

The rite appears to have been administered at first by an Apostle or Bishop laying his hands on the head of the baptized person, but at a very early period the rite of unction was added. The Apostles St. Peter and St. John went down to Samaria to lay their hands on those who had been baptized by the Deacon Philip [Acts viii. 14-17]; “and they received the Holy Ghost,” some new and special Gift being bestowed upon them by the Holy Ghost through that unction. In the same manner St. Paul laid his hands on the Ephesian disciples of St. John the Baptist as soon as they had been “baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” [Acts xix. 6]. In the latter case, and probably also in the former, the Gift bestowed was accompanied by other gifts of miraculous powers; but these were clearly a special addition to the ordinary gift, and thus was it for the confirmation of previous Baptism that the Apostles administered the rite by the imposition of their hands. The anxious care of St. Paul for the administration of it to the Ephesians, appears also to have a parallel in that which he expressed to the Roman Christians, when he wrote to them, “I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established” [Rom. i. 11].

The rite so administered has several names given to it in the New Testament. The most obvious is that derived from the particular ceremony which was used in administering it, as when in the Epistle to the Hebrews “the doctrine of Baptisms and of laying on of hands” [Heb. vi. 2] is spoken of. Another title given to it is that of the Seal or the Sealing, as when St. Paul writes to the Ephesians, “After that ye believed in Christ, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance” [Eph. i. 13, 14]; or, “Grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption” [Eph. iv. 30]; or again, “He which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts” [2 Cor. i. 21]. There seems also to be a reference to the same ordinance in the words, “The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His: and, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity” [2 Tim. ii. 19]. By all which passages, where the idea of sealing is connected with the gift of the Holy Ghost, we are carried back to the same idea in respect to our Blessed Lord, of Whom it is said, “For Him hath God the Father sealed” [John vii. 27]. As all grace flows down from the Father to the members of Christ through Christ their Head, so from Him to Whom the Father “gave not the Spirit by measure,” flows down, even to the “skirts of His” mystical “clothing,” that anointing Spirit of promise, whereby Christians are “sealed unto the day of redemption.” The Oriental Church, which is so conservative of Scriptural terms and language, still retains the name of the Seal of the Gift of the Holy Ghost, as that of the ordinance which the Western Church calls Confirmation.

The rite is also called “the unction” or “Anointing,” in the New Testament, and in this case also the name is clearly connected with our Lord, the Christ or Anointed One: the “holy Child Jesus, Whom Thou hast anointed” of Acts iv. 27, and of Whom St. Peter said, “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power” [Acts x. 38]. In a passage already quoted, St. Paul speaks of God having “anointed us” [2 Cor. i. 21]. St. John refers to it as a special means of illumination and union with Christ: “But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you: and ye need not that any man should teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him” [1 John ii. 27]. He also says of it, “Ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things” [1 John ii. 20]; and these words respecting illumination at once connect themselves with those of our Lord respecting the Holy Ghost the Comforter, “He shall teach you all things” [John xiv. 26].

The familiar name by which this rite is known in the Western Church appears first in the writings of St. Ambrose,—“Ye have received the spiritual seal. . . . God the Father hath signed you, Christ our Lord hath confirmed you, and, as ye are taught by the apostolic lection, hath given you the pledge of the Spirit in your hearts” [Ambros. de Myst. vii. 42]. By the time of St. Gregory, the name seems to have been commonly established, although it still continued to be called “sigillium” and “chrismas.”

In the early Church, when Baptism was publicly administered at special seasons, and in the presence of the Bishop, the baptized were confirmed immediately on leaving the font. In his Treatise concerning Baptism, Tertullian says: “After this, having come out from the bath, we are anointed thoroughly with a blessed unction . . . . Next to this, the hand is laid upon us, calling upon, and inviting the Holy Spirit, through the blessing” [Tert. de Bapt. vii. viii.]. St. Cyril writes, in his famous seventeenth Epistle, “Anointed also must be of necessity he who is baptized, that having received the chrism, that is, unction, he may be the anointed of God, and have within him the grace of Christ” [Ep. lxx. 3]. Again, expounding the passage in the Acts respecting the Confirmation of the Samaritans by St. Peter and St. John, he says, “Which now also is done among us, those baptized in the Church being brought to the Bishops of the Church, and by our prayer, and laying on of hands, they receive the Holy Ghost, and are perfected with the seal of the Lord” [Ep. Ixxiii. 8]. Some passages in which St. Cyril speaks of the use of the chrism after Baptism, will be found in the Introduction to the Baptismal Offices: he also says to those about to be baptized, “In the days of Moses, the Spirit was given by the laying on of hands, and Peter also gives the Spirit by the laying on of hands. And on thee also, who art about to be baptized, shall His grace come” [Catech. Lect. xvi. 26].

This administration of Confirmation at the time of Baptism is provided for in the Sacramentaries of Gelasius and St. Gregory. The following is the form which has been handed down from that distant time, beginning with the Rubric which follows the Baptism:

“Posttexit vero relicit in saecurum expectans, ut cum vestiti fuerant injusti, confirmet eos. Qui etiam non prohibentur
lactari ante saecrum Communio, si necece fuerit. Indetl
vero, ordinatur per ordinem silent scriptius sunt. Et infantes
quidem in brachia deizirs tenetur : majora vero pedem possunt
super pedem patrini sui. Deinde Schola jusse facit Latinam
quinam ad fontes, Pontifices vero veniendas ad infantes,
tenentes Archidiacono christiina, inviolati scutulii et brachii ex panno
lineo, et lecta manu sua super capilula omnium diecit. Omni-
potens sempiterne Deus, qui regenerare dignatus es . . . . [As in
the right-hand column in the Office beyond.]

"Et interrogavit Dominus nomine singulorum, Pontifex
sineculo pristinae, facit coronam in fronte unius, similiter
per omnes singulitatem." [Mozar. Sac. Greg. 73.]

In later days, Baptism and Confirmation were separated, the
later being administered, as now, by the Bishop, in periodical
visits to the greater churches: but the form of the rite has varied
very little since the days of St. Gregory. Bede narrates of St.
Cuthbert [A.D. 686], that he used to go round his diocese bounti-
fifully distributing consuls of salvation, "as well as laying his
hands on the lately baptized, that they might receive the grace of
the Holy Ghost" [Life of St. Cuthbert, xxix.]: and from a period
very little later, a Pontifical has come down to us which belonged
to Egbert, Archbishop of York, and which contains the
form of Confirmation, as it was then used; probably the same
that was used by St. Cuthbert. A translation of it is here given,
as it forms a link between the primitive office of St. Gregory,
and that of the Medieval Church, from which our own is directly
derived.

§ The Use of York. Cir. A.D. 700.

"The Confirmation of man, to be spoken by a Bishop.

"How he ought to Confirm.

"Almighty, everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate
this Thy servant with water and the Holy Ghost, and Who hast
been given unto him remission of all his sins, pour into him, O Lord,
the sevenfold Spirit, Thine holy Comforter, from heaven. Amen.
Give him the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. Amen. The
Spirit of counsel and strength. Amen. The Spirit of knowledge
and piety. Amen. Fill him with the Spirit of the fear of God,
and of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of Thy favour: sign him with
the sign of Thy holy cross unto eternal life.

"Here he ought to put the chrismon on the forehead of the man,
and say—

"Receive the sign of the holy cross, by the chrism of salvation,
in Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Amen.

"The Lord be with you.

"And with thy Spirit.

"The peace and blessing of the Lord be ever with thee. And
with thy Spirit.

"Afterwards, he ought to read this prayer—

"God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, confirm
thee, that thou mayest have eternal life; and thou shalt live for
ever. So thus let every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.
The Lord from out of Sion bless thee, and mayest thou see the
things which are good in Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
Peace be with thee unto eternal life. Amen.

"Then they are to be bound [with a band of linen round the
forehead].

"O God, who givest the Holy Ghost to Thy Apostles, and
willest Him to be given to the rest of the faithful by them and
their successors, look favourably upon our humble service, and
grant unto all them whose forehead we have this day smitten
and confirmed with the sign of the cross, that the Holy Ghost
coming upon their hearts may perfect them for a temple of His
glory, by worthy inhabiting them. Through . . . .

"Then they are to be communicated of the sacrifice.

"The episcopal benediction follows.

"God Almighty, who created all things out of nothing, bless
you, and grant you in baptism and in confirmation remission of
all sins. Amen.

"And may He who gave the Holy Ghost in fiery tongues to
His disciples, enlighten your hearts by His own enlightening,
and holy kindle them to the love of Himself. Amen.

"So that, being cleansed from all vices, defended by His own
assistance from all adversities, we may be worthy to be made His
temple. Amen.

"May He who created you guard you from all imminent evils,
and defend you from all wickedness. Amen.


"Another blessing of mass, after confirmation—

"Pour forth, O Lord, we pray Thee, Thy heavenly blessing upon
these Thy servants, and Thine handmaidens, to whom Thou hast been
pleased by us to deliver Thy excellent sevenfold Holy Ghost,
and to give to them the grace and gifts of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"That whosoever are born again of water and the Holy Ghost
may be ever defended by Thy protection. Amen.

"May charity, diffused by the Holy Ghost, abound in them,
which covers and overcomes every multitude of sins. Amen.

"Protect them with divine protection, that all sins may flee
from them; and may they always study to fulfil Thy command-
ments. Amen.

"Rest favourably in them, Who formerly rested glorious in the
Apologies.

"Which He Himself. Amen. The blessing. Amen."

These specimens of Confirmation Offices of the Western Church,
will show how little substantial variation there has been in them
from the days of Primitive Christianity down to our own time.
In the Eastern Church the rite is not restricted to the Bishop,
but is administered by the priest (as his deputy, and with Christ
blessed by him) immediately after Baptism, with the sign of the
cross in chrism on various parts of the body, and the words, "The
Seal of the gift of the Holy Ghost. Amen." The modern Roman
is almost identical with the ancient use of Salisbury.

The imposition of hands was undoubtedly the principal cere-
mony of Confirmation in Apostolic times, and cannot be regarded
otherwise than as the essential part of the rite. Nor can it be
doubted, that it consisted of an actual placing of one or both
of the Bishop's hands on the head of the person to be confirmed.
Yet, in medieval times (as in the modern Latin Church), con-
signation with chrism, and the blow on the cheek, were the only
ways in which the Bishop's hand came into actual contact with
the head of the candidate; and what was called imposition of
hands, was an elevation of his hands in an attitude of benedic-
tion, spreading them abroad towards the person kneeling before
him. A somewhat similar custom has been adopted by modern
English bishops, who lay their hands on each child successively,
and then say the words, "Defend, O Lord," &c., over the whole
collectively with hands outstretched. Yet the actual laying on
of hands is perfectly effected in the latter case, and it is certain
that the words are not an essential part of the rite 1. The
words of the English Rubric, however, plainly direct that the
words shall be uttered over each child while the hands of the Bishop
rest upon him; and as the words are a prelatory benediction,
it does appear, that the other custom may, in some degree, deprive
the person who ought to be individually blessed by the Bishop,
of the full benefit which the blessing is intended to convey.

Confirmation is not, according to the strictest form of defini-
tion, a Sacrament. Our Lord did indeed ordain "the outward
and visible sign" of benediction, by laying His hands on the little
children who were brought to Him, and on His Apostles. But
there is no distinct evidence that this laying on of hands was for
the purpose of Confirmation; and as Baptism, in its fullest Chris-
tian phase, was not administered before the Day of Pentecost,
it can scarcely be supposed that such was the case. Although,
however, not a Sacrament in the strictest sense, Confirmation
undoubtedly conveys grace, and the grace is conveyed by the out-
ward sign. Accordingly Bishop Cosin writes, "The nature of this
holy Sacrament (for so we need not fear to call it in a right sense)
will be more easily understood . . . ." [Works, v. 142], giving it

1 One of the oldest Bishops in the Church of England confirmed 12,694
persons during the summer of 1865. To say the words over each severely
in such a multitude seems almost impossible.
the sacred title in a subordinate sense, as an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace indeed, but not known to be certainly of Christ's Institution, nor "generally necessary for salvation."

§ The Effect of Confirmation.

The outward sign of Confirmation is the same as that of Ordination, the laying on of hands by a Bishop; and this fact suggests that there is some analogy between the two rites. Confirmation is, indeed, a kind of lesser Ordination, by which the baptized person receives the gift of the Holy Ghost for the work of adult Christian life; and hence it is the means of grace by which that "priesthood of the laity" is conferred, to which St. Peter refers when he writes, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people" (1 Pet. ii. 9). It is also the means of grace by which the Christian, whose sins were all forgiven in Baptism, receives a further measure of strength, enabling him to stand against the temptations which assail man's nature. Thus, although Baptism is a perfect Sacrament, conveying forgiveness of sin, and giving a new nature through the union which it effects between the baptized and Christ, yet Confirmation is the complement of Baptism, in that it (1) renews and strengthens the Christian life then given, and (2) carries the baptized person on to "perfection," so that he becomes competent to take part in the highest of Christian ordinances. And thus, as grace for the work of the ministry is given by the laying on of hands in Ordination,—the ordained person being placed in a different relation towards God from that he before occupied—so by the laying on of hands in Confirmation the relation of the confirmed person towards God is also changed, and he becomes competent to undertake spiritual work, both as to duties and privileges, for which he was not previously qualified.

The value of this holy ordinance as a means of grace, and its relation to Baptism, are plainly and beautifully set forth in these words, taken from a book of Homilies written before the Reformation, and here transcribed from Foxwell's MS. Annotations on the Prayer Book, preserved in York Minster Library:—"In Baptism he was born again spiritually to live, in Confirmation he is made bold to fight. There he received remission of sin, here he receiveth increase of grace. There the Spirit of God did make him a new man, here the same Spirit doth defend him in his dangerous conflict. There he was washed and made clean, here he is nourished and made strong. In Baptism he was chosen to be God's son, and an inheritor of His heavenly kingdom; in Confirmation God shall give him His Holy Spirit to be his Mentor, to instruct him and perfect him, that he lose not by his folly that inheritance which he is called unto. In Baptism he was called and chosen to be one of God's soldiers, and had his whole coat of innocence delivered unto him; in Confirmation he is encouraged to fight, and take the armour of God put upon him, which be able to bear off the fiery darts of the devil, and to defend him from all harm, if he will use them in his battle, and not put himself in danger of his enemies by entering the field without them."

Such being the benefits to be derived from Confirmation, the Church has provided that it shall be administered so frequently that it may be within the reach of every one. The Sixtieth Canon enjoins that it shall be performed every third year, as follows:

CANON 60.
"Confirmation to be performed once in Three Years.
"Forsanum as it hath been a solemn, ancient, and laudable custom in the Church of God, continued from the Apostles' times, that all Bishops should lay their hands upon children baptized, and instructed in the Catechism of Christian Religion, praying over them, and blessing them, which we commonly call Confirmation, and that this holy action hath been accustomed in the Church in former ages to be performed in the Bishop's visitation every third year; we will and appoint, That every Bishop or his Suffragan, in his accustomed visitation, do in his own person carefully observe the said custom. And if in that year, by reason of some infirmity, he be not able personally to visit, then he shall not omit the execution of that duty of Confirmation the next year after, as he may conveniently."

But there are few dioceses in England in which the Bishop does not now find it necessary to hold Confirmations more frequently

The age at which children are to be presented to the Bishop is not explicitly ordered by the Church of England; but the Sixty-first Canon makes it necessary for the child to have arrived at an age when he can have some intelligent acquaintance with the principles of faith and duty.

CANON 61.
"Ministers to prepare Children for Confirmation.
"Every Minister, that hath care and charge of souls, for the better accomplishing of the orders prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer concerning Confirmation, shall take especial care that none shall be presented to the Bishop for his lay his hands upon, but such as can render an account of their faith, according to the Catechism in the said Book contained. And when the Bishop shall assign any time for the performance of that part of his duty, every such Minister shall use his best endeavours to prepare and make able, and likewise to procure as many as he can to be then brought, and by the Bishop to be confirmed."

The rubrics at the end of the Catechism further direct that as soon as this age of intelligence has been attained, children shall be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed. A further light is thrown upon the subject by the old rubric, out of which the present Preface to the Confirmation Office was formed. It may also be added that the 112th Canon requires all persons to become communicants before the age of sixteen years; and that with triennial confirmations this supposed many to become so at twelve or thirteen years of age. Before that age they were forbidden to communicate by one of Queen Elizabeth's Injunctions: the reason for Confirmation, as intended by those who framed our present Office, appears therefore to have been from twelve to sixteen years of age, according to the development of intelligence on the one hand, and the opportunities offered, on the other, for coming to the ordinance. Yet the principle of the ordinance seems to suggest, that an earlier age even than twelve might often be adopted with great spiritual advantage to those who thus receive the grace of God to protect them against temptation.

1 Fothergill's MSS., xi. P. 9, p. 19. The first part of this quotation seems to be from Melchizedek, Epist. nd Hisp. in med., but Fothergill appears to have taken it from a book of English Homilies similar to the Liber Festivals.

2 It is to be feared that Confirmations were very much neglected by the Bishops from the Reformation until modern times. Bishop Cosin has a note which shows that a loose practice of mediaval times prevailed even in the eighteenth century: "The place whereto the children shall be brought for their confirmation is left to the appointment of the Bishop. If the place were entered here to be none but the church, and there the office to be done with the Morning or Evening Prayer said, it would avoid the offensive liberty that herein hath been commonly taken, to confirm children in the streets, in the highways, and in the common fields, without any sacred solemnity." [Worke, v. 353.] This seems to show that the canonical period of Confirmation was not observed, but any chance occasion was taken advantage of by the people.

3 A similar rule was enjoined by the Council of Trent. See Catechism of Council of Trent, chap. iii, quest. 7. The time there marked out for Confirmation is between seven and twelve years of age.
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OR LAYING ON OF HANDS UPON THOSE THAT ARE BAPTIZED AND COME TO YEARS OF DISCRETION.

† Upon the day appointed, all that are to be then confirmed, being placed, and standing in order, before the Bishop; he (or some other Minister appointed by him) shall read this Preface following.


To the end that Confirmation may be ministered to the more edifying of such as shall receive it, the Church hath thought good to order, That none hereafter shall be Confirmed.

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION.

Previously to the last revision of the Prayer Book, in 1661, Confirmation was preceded by such questions from the Catechism as the Bishop saw fit to ask, or to cause to be asked. The Versicles and Collect followed, without any address or other questions intervening, and then the act of confirmation. As soon as the act of Confirmation had taken place, the Collect which now comes after the Lord’s Prayer followed immediately, and the service concluded with the Blessing. In what respect this form of the Office differed from that of 1549 is shown further on.

The present form is due to Bishop Cosin, but he proposed even greater alterations, as will be seen in the following Office, copied from the margin of the Prayer Book which he prepared for the Revision Committee of 1661. He altered the title to its present form from the sub-heading, “Confirmation, or laying on of hands,” and erased altogether the principal title which preceded the above rubric, and included the Catechism. Under the new title he then inserted the following rubric and office:—

§ Order of Confirmation proposed by Bishop Cosin.

† Upon the day appointed, after Morning or Evening Prayer is ended, the Bishop shall go to the Lord’s Table, and all that are to be then confirmed being placed, and standing in order before him near unto the same, he, or his chaplain, or some other Minister appointed by him, shall read this Preface following.

“To the end that Confirmation, &c. [as before the Catechism usque ad] to the will of God.

“Answer me therefore, Do ye here in the presence of God, and of His holy Church, renew the solemn promise and vow that was made in your name at your Baptism, ratifying and confirming the same in your own persons, and acknowledging yourselves bound to do all these things which your Godfathers and Godmothers then undertook for you?

“And every one shall audibly answer,

“T do.

“Minister.

“Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all the covetous desires of the same, and the wicked desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

“Answer.

“I renounce them all.

“Minister.

“Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, &c. [as in Public Baptism usque ad] grace so to do?”

“Minister, or the Bishop.

“Almighty God, Who hast given you the will to promise and undertake all these things, grant you also power and strength to perform the same, that He may accomplish the good work which He hath begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“† Then shall they all kneel, and the Bishop standing at the Lord’s Table shall proceed, and say,”—

[Then follow the Versicles and the Collect.]

“† Then shall the Chaplain or Curate of the place read the Epistle—

“Acts viii. v. 12 to the 18 v.

† There appears to have been some confusion in Cosin’s mind, when he wrote this, between the Office for Public Baptism and the Catechism, in which are the words, “I pray unto God to give me His grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life’s end.”
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but such as can say the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and can also answer to such other Questions, as in the short Catechism are contained: which order is very convenient to be observed; to the end that children, being now come to the years of discretion, and having learned what their Godfathers and Godmothers promised for them in Baptism, they may themselves, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the same; and also promise, that by the grace of God they will evermore endeavour themselves faithfully to observe such things, as they, by their own confession, have assented unto.

be confirmed but such as can say, in their mother tongue, the articles of the faith, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and can also answer to such questions of this short catechism as the bishop (or such as he shall appoint) shall, by his discretion, oppose them in. And this order is most convenient to be observed for divers considerations.

First, because that when children come to the years of discretion, and have learned what their godfathers and godmothers promised for them in baptism, they may then themselves, with their own mouth, and with their own consent, openly before the church, ratify and confess the same; and also promise that, by the grace of God, they will evermore endeavour themselves faithfully to observe and keep such things as they, by their own mouth and confession, have assented unto.

Secondly, forasmuch as confirmation is ministered to them that be baptized, that, by imposition of hands and prayer, they may receive strength and defence against all temptations to sin, and the assaults of the world and the devil, it is most meet to be ministered when children come to that age, that partly by the frailty of their own flesh, partly by the assaults of the world and the devil, they begin to be in danger to fall into sin.

Thirdly, for that it is agreeable with the usage of the church in times past, whereby it was ordained that confirmation should be ministered to them that were of perfect age, that they, being instructed in Christ’s religion, should openly profess their own faith, and promise to be obedient unto the will of God.

And that no man shall think that any detriment shall come to children, by deferring of their confirmation, he shall know for truth that it is certain, by God’s word, that children being baptized (if they depart out of this life in their infancy) are undoubtedly saved.

“And the Gospel—

“St. Luke ii. v. 40 to the end of the chapter.”

[The remainder of the Office is the altered form which is now in use.]

From this Office, the basis of that now in the Prayer Book, it will be seen that the present question asked by the Bishop, “Do ye here,” &c., is the last relic of the public catechizing which was introduced into the Confirmation Service at the Reformation. This is made still more clear by a previous alteration which Cosin had made (and afterwards erased) in the rubric, which he turned into the present preface: after the words, “None shall hereafter be confirmed, but such as,” in the first paragraph, he had written, “the ministers of the several parishes having first instructed and examined them in the Catechism following, and shall certify and undertake for them, that they can say in their mother tongue,” &c. Cosin, therefore, shortened the Service by substituting an actual verbal renewal of the baptismal vows for the repetition of the Catechism; and it was afterwards still further shortened by retaining only the first of the questions which he proposed: in answering which the Candidates do still implicitly renew their baptismal vows.

The Latin in the right-hand page beyond represents the Confirmation Office as it stood in the early Manuals and Pontificals of the Church of England before the Reformation: the portion now discontinued being enclosed within brackets.

ratify and confirm] It will be observed that this originally stood “ratify and confess,” the word “confess” being used in the sense now more commonly expressed by the cognate word “profess.” The alteration was made in 1552, and seems to have been introduced out of pure love for a synonym. The phrase was adopted by Cosin in the subsequent question asked by the
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Do ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that was made in your name at your Baptism; ratifying and confirming the same in your own persons, and acknowledging yourselves bound to believe, and to do, all those things, which your Godfathers and Godmothers then undertook for you?

And every one shall audibly answer, I do.

The Bishop.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

DOETH that please the, then, and (Daye's transl., of Hermann's Consultation, A.D. 1547.)

Bishop, and its exact force may be determined by a parallel passage in the Declaration prefixed to the XXXIX Articles, in which the King is made to say, "... the Articles ... which we do therefore ratify and confirm." This declaration was firstissued by Charles I. some time between June 26th and January 20th, 1627-8. It was just at this time that Cosin was so much in the King's confidence as to be commissioned to draw up the "Private Devotions" for his Majesty's use; and it is not improbable that the Declaration itself was also drawn up by Cosin.

The use of the expression "ratify and confirm" being thus illustrated, it may be added that the ratification and confirmation spoken of is that of the Baptismal vows. The confirmation of the Baptism itself, and therefore of the baptized person, is a wholly distinct thing, performed by the Bishop, and having no essential connexion whatever with the previous ratification of the Baptismal vow by the person confirmed. The confusion of terms is unfortunate, as many have been misled by it to a total misapprehension of the nature of Confirmation. A person is spiritually competent to receive Confirmation who has been baptized in private, or even by a layman: and for whom no Baptismal vows have ever been made.

endeavour themselves] This reflexive form of the verb "endeavour" has passed out of ordinary use. It occurs, however, five times in the Prayer Book, and also in the fourth clause of the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity. The other places where it is used in the Prayer Book are the Collect for the second Sunday after Easter, in two Answers made by Deacons and Priests respectively at their Ordination, and in the last clause but one of the Exhortation to those about to be ordained priests. Other illustrations of its use abound in the writings of the period, as when in the first part of the Homily against Contention [A.D. 1547] it is said, "Let us endeavour ourselves to fulfill St. Paul's joy," and in Udall's translation of the paraphrase of Erasmus [A.D. 1585], "Those servants ... do still endeavour themselves to do their office" [Mark, fol. 87]; and again, "Endeavour yourselves earnestly to be such as ye would be taken for" [Luke, fol. 112].

The MS. of a Confirmation address in Bishop Cosin's own handwriting is inserted between the leaves of the Office in his Durham Prayer Book. He appears to have used it before the Preface, "To the end therefore, &c.," being written at the close as its continuation. This address will be found printed at p. 526 of the fifth volume of his works, and also in Nicholls's additional notes; but in neither of them have the Editors taken any notice of the indication afforded by the MS. respecting the manner in which the Bishop's address and the "preface" were intended by Cosin to be connected together. In adopting this Prefatory address, Cosin may have had in view the rubric of the Lyons Pontifical, in which the Bishop is directed to "first give an admonition to the people" respecting confirmation in its relation to themselves and those about to receive it. An "admonition" is also directed in a pontifical of the Church of Catalonia [see Martene 1. i. 18, for both], and it is probable that it formed part of the ancient Gallican rite.

I do] This short answer, taken in connexion with the question to which it is a reply, contains, as has been already shown, an implicit renewal of the Baptismal vows; and is a repetition, under more solemn circumstances, and to God's chief minister, of the answer in the Catechism, "Yes, verily; and by God's help so will I," to the question, "Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?"

The connexion of this latter solemn adjuration with the "I do" of the Confirmation Service is accidentally indicated by the first verse, "Our help is in the Name of the Lord." Every time the answer in the Catechism has been repeated by the children catechized, they have ratified and confirmed in their own persons, and acknowledged themselves bound to believe and to do, all those things which their Godfathers and Godmothers undertook for them; i.e. promised on their behalf, at their Baptism. They now ratify and confirm those Baptismal vows in so solemn a manner as possible, not before their parish priest only, but before the Bishop, who is the highest spiritual officer of Christ on earth, and His chief ministeral representative. This preliminary catechizing is therefore a formality of a very significant character, and, although no essential part of the rite of Confirmation, is a preparation for it which ought not to be passed over lightly. It marks the last step in the pathway of Christian childhood; and, on the verge of Christian maturity, sounds the trumpet-call of Christian duty to those who have promised manfully to fight under Christ's banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end. The last stone in the foundation of the Christian life is about to be laid, and sealed with God's signet in confirmation of His promises. It is a time to remember that although "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His," there is a "reverse" as well as an
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Ps. cxii. 2.
Ps. cxi. 48.
Ps. cxii. 1.
Ps. cxxx. 1, 2, Phil. iv. 6.

Bishop.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Answer.
Henceforth world without end.

Bishop.
Lord, hear our prayers.

Answer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

The Bishop.
Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins; Strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness;

Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

Ex hoc nunc et usque in seculum.

[Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Dominus vobiscum.

Et cum spiritu tuo.

O MNIPOPOTENS sempiternus Deus, Salisbury Usu, Greg. Gelas.

Qui regenerare dignatus es hos famulos Tuos vel has famulas Tuas ex aqua et Spiritu Saneto, Quique dedisti eis remissionem omnium peccatorum: inmittite in eos septiformem spiritum, Sanctum Paracclitum de coelis. Amen.

Spiritum sapientiae et intellectus.

Amen.

Spiritum scientiae et pietatis. Amen.

Spiritum consilii et fortitudinis. Amen.

"overse" to the seal of Confirmation, and that it has another inscription, "Let every one that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity" [2 Tim. ii. 19]. The new blessing confirms the promise of God made in Baptism: it also enforces again that obligation of faithful service from which the Christian can never become free.

Our help is in the Name] With the first four of these Versicles the Office of Confirmation anciently began. The latter two appear to have been added for the first time in 1552, when the Dominus vobiscum was placed after the act of Confirmation instead of before the Collect which preceded it. They are, however, found in very general use in ancient Offices, as they are in our own, and it is not improbable that some of our ancient Pontificals had them in this place. They are in the Offices for Holy Matrimony, the Blessing of Women, and the Viaticum of the Sick; and in 1601 they were placed after the Ven Creator in the Consecration of Bishops.

§ The Prayer of Invocation.

The Collect which follows the versicles is of primitive antiquity, being in the Sacramentaries of St. Gregory and Gelasius, and also in St. Ambrose’s Tresitice on the Sacraments [ii. 3; iii. 7]; while its position and use indicate a still higher antiquity. It is extant in a pontifical of Egbert, Archbishop of York, dating from about A.D. 700, so that we know it has been used in the Church of England for at least 1150 years. Some similar Invocation of the Holy Spirit is found in all Confirmation Offices.

The first words of this solemn invocation offer a distinct recognition of the truth that there is “One Baptism for the remission of sins;” and although Confirmation has been separated from Baptism for ages, yet the Church has never wavered in the continued use of these words, being assured that God’s promises are always fulfilled; and that if His pardon ceases to be effected, it is not through any deficiency in His Gift of regeneration, but from the obstacles placed by man in the way of its operation. The latter part of the Collect is based on a faithful appreciation of our Lord’s words, “I am the Vine, ye are the branches.” They who abide in the olive partake of the fatness of the olive. The anointing of the Head flows down upon the members, “even to the skirts of His clothing.” As the seventh Spirit rested upon our Lord and Saviour (according to the prophecy of Isaiah), after His Baptism in Jordan, so may those who have been united to Him by Baptism, hope for a participation in the gifts of the same Spirit through that rite by which their Baptist is confirmed, and their Christian nature matured.

The Puritans objected to this prayer, in 1661, in the following words: “This supposeth that all the children who are brought to be confirmed have the Spirit of Christ, and the forgiveness of all their sins; whereas a great number of children at that age, having committed many sins since their baptism, do show no evidence of serious repentance, or of any special saving grace; and therefore this confirmation (if administered to such) would be a perilous and gross abuse.” This was a reverent objection, but showed considerable ignorance of the theological principles on which the Offices of the Church are framed, as well as of the manner in which they are intended to be administered. The reply of the Bishops was short, but pointed and consistent with the principles of the Prayer Book: “It supposeth, and that truly, that all children were at their baptism regenerate by water and the Holy Ghost, and had given unto them the forgiveness of all their sins; and it is charitably presumed that notwithstanding the frailties and slips of their childhood, they have not totally lost what was in baptism conferred upon them; and therefore adds, ‘Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace,’ &c. None that live in open sin ought to be confirmed.” A faithful certainty respecting God’s justice, mercy, and grace, mingled with a loving habit of

1 It is also to be found, in more Oriental language, in the Confirmation Office of the Eastern Church. See Littledale’s Offices of the Eastern Church, pp. 50, 145.

2 Cardw. Conf., p. 322.

3 Ibid., p. 538.
and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever.
Amen.

Acts viii. 17. ¶ Then all of them in order kneeling before the Bishop, he shall lay his hand upon the head of every one severally, saying,

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child [or, this thy servant] with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine for ever: and daily increase in thy holy Spirit more and more, until he come unto thy everlasting kingdom.
Amen.

¶ Then shall the Bishop say.
The Lord be with you.

charitable doubt respecting the sins of individual Christians, pervades the whole of the Prayer Book.

§ The Act of Confirmation.
The original form of this, in the Prayer Book of 1549, was as follows:—

"Minister." Sign them, O Lord, and mark them to be Thine for ever by the virtue of Thy holy cross and passion. Confirm and strengthen them with the inwardunction of Thy Holy Ghost mercifully unto everlasting life.
Amen.

"Then the Bishop shall cross them in the forehead, and lay his hand upon their head, saying,

"N. I sign thee with the sign of the cross, and lay my hand upon thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"And thus shall he do to every child, one after another. And when he hath laid his hand upon every child, then shall he say,

"The peace of the Lord abide with you.

"Answer. And with thy spirit."

If the use of Unction was dropped in 1549, the consignation with the cross was thus retained. In 1552 the rubric and words with which the latter was given were omitted, and a pre-catory benediction founded on the preceding Collect was adopted as an accompaniment to the laying on of the Bishop's hands. But it is probable that the sign of the Cross was still used by our Bishops, for its use is defended as if it were a well-known custom in a sermon by Edward Boughen, chaplain to Howson, Bishop of Oxford. This sermon was preached at the Bishop's first visitation, on September 27th, 1619, Confirmations at that time being part of the Episcopal Visitations. Boughen's words are as follows: "The cross, therefore, upon this or the like consideration, is enjoined to be used in Confirmation in the Book of Common Prayer set forth and allowed in Edward VI. 's reign. And I find it not at any time revoked: but it is left, as it seems, to the bishop's discretion to use or not to use the cross in confirmation."

No doubt this represents the feeling of many who were occupied at various times with the revision of the Prayer Book. It might be desirable to omit the mention of many things for the sake of relieving the conscience of persons to whom they were a burden; but such omission was not necessarily to bind those in whose eyes the things omitted were precious to a total disuse of primitive and holy ceremonies. Charity towards those who disliked ceremonies was not intended to exclude charity towards those who loved them; and the Prayer Book thus represented in many places the minimum of ceremonial usage customary in the Church of England, but left the maximum to be sought from tradition. As for the sign of the cross itself, the time seems to have passed away when any justification of its use in Divine Service needs to be given to educated and religious persons. It may, however, be added, that neither the use of that ceremony, nor of the words, whether in the old or the present Prayer Book, is any essential part of the acts of Confirmation. Whatever of a sacramental nature is contained in the rite is contained in the Divinely instituted ceremony of the laying on of hands; the contact of which with the head of the person to be confirmed has always been esteemed (even in the form of consignation) absolutely necessary to a true Confirmation. It was the desire to restore this ceremony to its full importance, and to enforce the proper use of it, which really led to the changes made in the Office in 1552.

It will be observed that it was the custom (according to ancient practice) for the Bishop to confirm the children by name, until 1562. This custom gave rise to a power on the part of the Bishop to change the baptismal name for another if he saw fit. "Let priests take care that names which carry a lascivious sound be not given to children at their baptism, especially to those of the female sex: if they be altered, let them be by the bishops at confirmation." (Johnson's Canons, § 277.) On this subject Lord Coke says, "If a man be baptized by the name of Thomas, and after, at his confirmation by the bishop, he is named John, his name of confirmation shall stand good. And this was the case of Sir Francis Gawde, chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas, whose name by baptism was Thomas, and his name of confirmation Francis: and that name of Francis, by the advice of all the judges, he did bear, and afterwards used in all his purchases and grants." (Coke's Institutes, i. iii.) Lord Coke must have been well acquainted with the practice of the bishops in confirming, and his words indicate either that (1) the rite of confirmation was still retained by traditional usage, or (2) Bishops named the persons confirmed by saying, "This thy child N., or "thy servant N." (Johnson, in speaking of the practice (in a note to the above Canon), expressly says that the practice of confirming by name was altered "upon the review of the Liturgy at King Charles' restoration," but no Prayer Books are known which provide for this except that of 1549.

Bishop Kennett has left on record in some MS. notes to the Prayer Book, which are now in the British Museum, an account of a case in which a Bishop changed the name of a child so lately as 1707. He states the fact as follows:—"On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1707, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln confirmed a young lad in Henry VII. 's Chapel: who upon that ceremony was to change his Christian name: and, accordingly, the sponsor who presented him delivered to the Bishop a certificate, which his lordship signed, to notify that he had confirmed such a person by such a name, and did order the parish minister then present to register the person in the parish book under that name. This was done by the opinion under hand of Sir Edward Northey, and the like opinion of Lord Chief Justice Holt, founded on the authority of Sir Edward Coke, who says it was the common law of England." The ancient can--a law certainly only referred to such a change when the baptismal name was one of an improper kind, yet this may only represent a portion of the common law of the Church on the subject.

1 See p. 1, margin.
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Tim. iv. 22.

And with thy spirit.

† And (all kneeling down) the Bishop shall add, Let us pray.

O UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

‡ And this Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto thy divine Majesty; We make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants, upon whom (after the example of thy holy Apostles) we have now laid our hands, to certify them (by this sign) of thy favour and gracious goodness towards them. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Oratio.

D EUS, Qui apostolis tuis Sanctus, salutis praebenti, spiritui tuo in omne remedium aspersurus, in tua Deitatis membra vivens, nosque et servos tuos; et tu, Domine, adjuva nos in peccatis nostris, et repleas nos a doctrina et fidei perturbatione. Amen.

§ The Collect and Benediction.

The Lord’s Prayer was first inserted in the Confirmation Service in 1661, when the Dominus vobiscum, which had been removed from the Service altogether in 1552, was replaced in its present position, instead of with the other versicles. The Pax tibi was also removed in 1552, but was not restored. This “Peace be with you” was (as in the modern Latin Church) accompanied by a slight blow on the cheek, intended to signify that the person confirmed was to be a faithful soldier of Christ, and ready to suffer affronts for His sake.

The Collect which follows the Lord’s Prayer has some likeness to that which occupied the same place in the ancient office, but its words are taken in part from a long Collect which preceded the Act of Confirmation in Archbishop Hermann’s Cologne Book. The second Collect was inserted in 1661, probably with the intention of placing at the end of the Service a prayer for the general congregation, the preceding one being for the newly con-
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THE Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

And there shall none be admitted to the holy Communion, until such time as he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed.

Numb. vi. 22—27. ¶ Then the Bishop shall bless them, saying thus, 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The latter part of the ancient Benediction has been retained in the English Office, but the fifth and sixth verses of the 128th Psalm which preceded it were not continued in use.

The ancient benedictions in this place were sometimes very long; and were, in reality, a Psalm pronounced in a benedicatory form.

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SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

¶ First the Banns of all that are to be married together must be published in the Church three several Sundays, or Holydays, in the time of Divine Service, immediately before the sentences for the Offertory, the Curate saying after the accustomed manner,

I PUBLISH the Banns of Marriage between M. of ——— and N. of ———. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first [second, or third] time of asking.

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The words of our Blessed Lord and of His Apostles respecting Marriage, gave it at once the stamp of a religious institution having the character of a mystery,—that is, in the wide sense of the word, a Sacrament: and, accordingly, the Church has always enjoined its celebration with ecclesiastical ceremonies and by ecclesiastical persons. Among the earliest of all Christian writings after the New Testament are the Epistles of St. Ignatius; and in one of these, which he wrote to St. Polycarp and the Church of Smyrna, as he was journeying onward to his martyrdom, he writes: "It is fitting for those who purpose matrimony to accomplish their union with the sanction of the Bishop; that their marriage may be in the Lord, and not merely in the flesh. Let all things be done to the honour of God." [Ignat. ad Polycarp, v.]

Tertullian speaks of marriages being "ratified before God," and says afterwards, "How can we find words to describe the happiness of that marriage in which the Church joins together, which the Oblation confirms, the benediction seals, the angels proclaim when sealed, and the Father ratifies!" [Tertull. ad Ux. ii. 7, 8.]

In the thirteenth canon of the fourth council of Carthage [A.D. 398] it is enjoined that the bride and bridgroom shall be presented by their parents and friends to a priest for benediction. St. Basil calls marriage a yoke which καὶ τὰ ἔθιμα, by means of the benediction, unites in one those who were two. [Basil,Hexam. vii.] St. Ambrose calls marriage a sacrament, as does also St. Augustine in many places of his treatise "on the Good of Marriage:" and the former, again, says, "As marriage must be sanctified by the priest's sanction and blessing, how can that be called a marriage where there is no agreement of faith?" [Ambros., Ep. xix.] Lastly, to pass from the Fathers of the fourth century to our own land and to the tenth, there is among the Laws of King Edmund [A.D. 916], respecting espousals, one which provides that "the priest shall be at the marriage, and shall celebrate the union according to custom with God's blessing, and with all solemnity." Our English Office, which is substantially the same as the old Latin one, is probably a fair representative of the one which was in use in that distant age.

§ The Publication of Banns.

It is reasonably supposed, from the manner in which Marriage is referred to by the primitive fathers, that some public notice was given to the Bishop, or to the assembled Church, equivalent to that now in use: and traces of such a practice have been observed in the French Church of the ninth century. The earliest extant canon of the Church of England on the subject is the eleventh of the Synod of Westminster, A.D. 1200, which enacts that "no marriage shall be contracted without banns thrice published in church." [Johnson's Canons, ii. 91]: but this seems only like a canonical enactment of some previously well-known custom. The existing law of the Church of England is very strict on the subject, as may be seen from the first part of the sixty-second Canon.

"Canon 62.

"Ministers not to marry any Persons without Banns or Licence.

"No Minister, upon pain of suspension per triennium ipso facto, shall celebrate Matrimony between any persons, without a faculty or licence granted by some of the persons in these our Constitutions expressed, except the Banns of Matrimony have been first published three several Sundays, or Holydays, in the time of Divine Service, in the Parish Churches and Chapels where the said parties dwell, according to the Book of Common Prayer. . . ."

The Licence is an Episcopal dispensation, permitting the marriage to take place without any previous publication of banns. Such licences have been granted by English bishops at least since the fourteenth century, and the power of granting them was confirmed by 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21. Marriages to be performed under an ordinary Licence are subject to the same restrictions in respect to time and place as those by Banns; but special Licences can be
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And if the persons that are to be married dwell in diverse Parishes, the Banns must be asked in both Parishes; and the Curate of the one Parish shall not solemnize Matrimony betwixt them, without a Certificate of the Banns being thrice asked, from the Curate of the other Parish.

At the day and time appointed for solemnization of Matrimony, the persons to be married

granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, which are not subject to these restrictions 1. Banns hold good for three months, and no longer, from the date of the last publication; and licences for the same time from the day on which they were granted.

The law respecting clandestine marriages is so very strict, and the consequences to any clergyman who performs the ceremony are so serious, that it may be well to state shortly what means are provided for guarding against them. [1] By Stat. 4 Geo. IV. c. 76, § 7, "no minister shall be obliged to publish banns, unless the persons shall seven days at least before the time required for the first publication deliver or cause to be delivered to him a notice in writing of their names, of their house or houses of abode, and of the time during which they have dwelt, inhabited, or lodged in such house or houses." The clergyman is not bound to demand this notice, but the power of doing so is given, that he may have opportunity of inquiring into the truth of the statements made respecting the alleged residence of the persons in his parish; and if after the marriage it is discovered that the persons were not so residing, and that the clergyman marrying them made no inquiry, he is liable to the full penalty of three years' suspension imposed by the Canon. [2] The rubric enjoins that where the persons whose banns are to be published reside in different parishes, they shall be married in one of them, and a certificate of the due publication of bans in the other shall be given to the clergyman required to marry them before he be allowed to perform the ceremony. [3] The sixty-second Canon forbids a clergyman (under penalty of three years' suspension) to marry any persons by banns or licence except between the hours of eight and twelve in the morning, and in the Church.

Canon 62.

"... Neither shall any Minister, upon the like pain, under any pretence whatsoever, join any persons so licensed in marriage at any unseasonable times, but only between the hours of eight and twelve in the forenoon, nor in any private place, but either in the said Churches or Chapels where one of them dwelleth, and likewise in time of Divine Service. ..."

[4] The marriage of minors by banns is forbidden (under the same Canon and Statute of Geo. IV.) unless with the consent of parents or guardians.

Canon 62.

"... Nor when banns are thrice asked, and no licence in that respect necessary, before the parents or governors of the parties to be married, being under the age of twenty one years, shall either personally, or by sufficient testimony, signify to him their consents given to the said Marriage."

The eighth section of the Act, however, enacts that no clergyman shall be punishable for celebrating the marriage of minors without the consent of parents or guardians, unless he has had notice of their dissent. If such dissent is openly declared or caused to be declared, at the time of the publication of the bans, such publication becomes "absolutely void." Where a Licence is brought to the clergyman (however wrongly obtained) he is not legally responsible.

In modern Prayer Books the rubric respecting the publication of Banns is seldom printed correctly. About the year 1809 the

Delegates of the press at Oxford [see Bishop of Exeter's Speech in Hansard, III. v. 78, p. 21] caused it to be altered in all the Oxford Prayer Books, so as to make it direct that the Banns shall be published after the Second Lesson at Morning or the Second Lesson at Evening Prayer; their object being to bring the rubric into agreement with 29 Geo. 11. c. 38, s. 1. But that statute only provided for the publication to take place after the Second Lesson at Evening Prayer, in the absence of a Morning Service; and, according to the decision of Lord Mansfield and Baron Alderson, left the rubric untouched. In Reg. v. Benson, 1856, Sir Edward Alderson expressed a doubt whether the publication of Banns is valid under the Act of Parliament in question, when it has taken place after the second lesson instead of after the Nicene Creed. The law, said the judge, had not altered the injunction of the rubric. As, through the neglect of Bishops and Clergy in past times, Morning Service was not always celebrated, "the statute enacted that in such cases the publication should be made in the Evening Service after the Second Lesson." The Marriage Act of 1836 expressly confirms "all the rules prescribed by the rubric" in its first clause 2.

The limitation of the hours during which the celebration of Marriages may take place is partly to ensure publicity 3. So in 1502 a priest was presented to the Archdeacon for marrying a man and woman "in hora secunda post medium noctem, januarii clausis;" and in 1578 another was presented for marrying in the afternoon. [Hale's Precedents, 247. 507.] But it is conjectured with some reason, that the practice of morning marriages necessarily arose from the Office being followed by the Holy Communion. It is some confirmation of this, that the wedding breakfast is always eaten after the marriage, as if in obedience to the rule of not breaking the night's fast before Communion.

After the form of the Banns (which was inserted by him) Bishop Cosin proposed to print the following rubrics, which are written in the margin of his Durham Prayer Book:

"The impediments of Marriage are Pre-contract, or a suit depending thereupon, Consanginity, or Affinity within the degrees prohibited by the laws of God and this realm, Sentence or divorce from a party yet living, Want of competent years, Consent of parents in minors, and of Confirmation and such like."

And none shall be married till their Banns be thrice thus published, unless a lawful dispensation to the contrary be procured: neither shall any persons under the age of twenty-one years complete be married without the express consent of their parents or guardians.

No Minister shall celebrate any Marriage but publicly in the Parish Church or Chapel where one of the parties dwelleth; nor at other times than between the hours of eight and twelve in the forenoon.

And here it is to be noted that by the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Realm, there be some times in the year when Marriage is not ordinarily solemnized 4."

At the day and time appointed for the solemnization of

1 These Special Licences were originally a privilege of the Archbishop of Canterbury as "Legatus natus" of the Pope. The right to grant them is continued by the Marriage Act of 1836.

2 It has been doubted whether Banns published upon Holydays which are not Sundays would be considered legal, as Holydays are not mentioned, while Sundays are, in the Marriage Act, 4 Geo. IV. 76; but the later Act seems to resolve the doubt, and the Latin rubric shows the rationale.

3 The provisions to secure publicity were very stringent in the medieval Church of England. See Johnson's Canons, ii. 64. 91.

4 See note to Table of Vigils and Fasts, loc. 50, for Cosin's list of these times.
Matrimonium] These words do not refer to the day and time fixed for the particular marriage which is about to take place, but to the canonical periods of the year, and the canonical hours of the day during which Matrimony may be solemnized. Enough has been said respecting the hours of the day, but a few remarks may be added respecting the Canonical limitations as to the Ecclesiastical seasons for Marriage.

As early as the fourth century the Council of Laodicea [c. A.D. 365] forbade, by its fifty-second canon, the celebration of Marriages during Lent. Durandus states the times as from Advent Sunday to the Epiphany, from Septuagesima to the Octave of Easter, the three weeks before the feast of St. John, and from the first day of the Rogations to the Octave of Pentecost inclusive. [Durand. L. i. x. 7.] The Manual of Salisbury has a rubric on the subject as follows:—"Et scelendum est quod licet omnì temporí possint contrahili sponsali, et etiam matrimonium quod sit privatim solo concessi: tamen traditio uxorum, et nuptiarum solemnitís certís temporibus fieri prohibentur: videlicet ab adventu Domini usque ad octavam Epiphaniae: et a Septuagesima usque ad octavam Paschae: et a Dominica ante Ascensionem Domini usque ad octavam Pentecostis. In octava Danun Epiphania licite posse núptias celebrari: quia non inhabitus prohibitum est matrimonium short lapse time, et licet non licet. Similiter in Dominica proxima post festum Pentecostes licito celebratur nuptiae: quia dies Pentecostes octavam dictam non habet."

After the Rubric an entry of the prohibited times was often made in the Parish Register; and inquiries on the subject are found in some Episcopal Visitations Articles. A Latin notice of this kind appears in the register-book of Dun-church, in Kent, dated 1630; a rhyming English one, of the same tenor, in that of St. Mary, Beverley, dated Nov. 25, 1611. In that of Wimbish, in Essex, there is one dated 1666, of which the following is a copy:—

"The Times when Marriages are not usually solemnized.
From Advent Sunday until 8 days after Epiphany.
From Septuagesima until 8 days after Easter.
Rogation Sunday."**

A similar entry appears in the register-book of Hornby, in Yorkshire; and Sharpe, Archbishop of York, in a charge of 1750 names the prohibited times as then observed. They will sometimes also be found mentioned in old Almanacks, as if the practice still continued during the last century. Although there is no modern canon of the Church of England respecting these prohibited times, the consentient testimony of these various centuries will have great weight with those who would supply, by a voluntary obedience, the absence of a compulsory law, when the mind of the Church appears to be plain and clear.

[into the body of the Church . . . and there standing] The ancient rubric, as will be seen above, required this part of the Office to be said ante ostium ecclesiae. This seems to mean the same as the ad vates ecclesiae of the first rubric in the Office for making a Catechumen [see Holy Baptism]. The porch was probably intended in both cases, not the exterior of the Church. It is clearly from the ancient rubric that the English one is derived; and it is also equally clear that "the body of the Church" means some portion of the Nave. Of this practice it is difficult to find any explanation, unless it be that the betrothed anciently took place some time previously to the marriage, and that the latter only was associated with the Holy Communion. This was the opinion of the Bishops at the Savoy Conference; for when the Puritans objected to the "change of place and posture mentioned in these two rubrics," the Bishops replied, "They go to the Lord's Table because the Communion is to follow" [Cardw. Conf. 360]. Whatever may have been the origin of the custom, it is undoubtedly enjoined by the present rubric, and the rubric has been so carried out in many churches down to our own time. In Bishop Wren's "orders and directions for the diocese of Norwich," the ninth Indiction directs that immediately after the "close of the first service," the "marriage (if there be any) be begun in the body of the Church and finished at the table," and the eleventh orders, "that they go up to the holy table at marriages at such time thereof as the rubric so directeth." At Broadwater, in Sussex, the custom was found existing in 1800 by a new Rector, who continued it for the fifty years of his ministry there. It has also continued to the present day in some Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, and Somersetshire churches, and doubtless in many others elsewhere. In our modern churches the open space in front of the choir screen seems to be the most proper place for the first part of the service; although, of course, any other and more convenient part of the nave would equally suit the words of the rubric.

with their friends and neighbours] Marriages are always supposed to be celebrated in the face of the Church, and both the civil and ecclesiastical laws have always been severe in repudiating anything like secrecy in the performance of the rite. The sixty-sixth Canon even directs that the marriage shall take place in time of Divine Service, and an extract given above from Bishop Wren's Injunctions shows that such was the practice in his time. The words "in the face of this congregation" seem to signify the intention of the Prayer Book in 1661 to be the same as that of the Canon in 1603. By the Marriage Act witnesses are required to be present, and to sign the register; and although it is not expressly ordered that these shall be friends of the bridegroom or bride, it is certainly more conformable to the spirit of the enactment as well as to that of the Church that they should be so rather than strangers, or than the parish clerk and sexton impressed sine pede for the purpose.

the man on the right hand] The custom is to read this portion of the rubric (which was added by Bishop Coxein) in the sense of the ancient one placed by its side. Yet it would be more in conformity with ritual habit to suppose that "on the right hand" means on the right hand of the priest, as he faces the man and woman, his right hand then answering to the "dexter side" (as heralds would say) of the altar. This was the Jewish custom, which may reasonably be supposed to have been followed by the early Christians; and it may also be remarked that the north side of the Church is that which is appropriated to the men when the sexes are divided. Such a position would receive a significant meaning from the beautiful Marriage Psalm of Solomon, "Upon thy right hand did stand the Queen in a vesture of gold" [Ps. xlv. 10]: for, as the selection of this psalm for Christmas Day shows, these words are written prophetically of "the mystical union betwixt Christ and His Church," which is "signified" by holy matrimony.

It is worthy of notice that in the later part of the ancient Sarum Service there is a rubric directing that "when the prayers are ended and all have gone into the presbytery, that, to the south side of the Church, between the Chir and the Altar, the woman being placed on the right hand of the man, that is, between him and the Altar," the Service for the Holy Communion shall commence. After which the bride and bridegroom are to kneel in front of the altar in the same order while the pall is held over them, and also during their communion.

the Priest shall say] The ancient rule of the Church was...
Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man’s innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee; and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly, to satisfy men’s carnal lusts and appetites, like brute beasts that have no understanding; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God; duly considering the causes for which matrimony was ordained.

First, It was ordained for the procreation of children, to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His holy Name.

Secondly, It was ordained for a remedy against sin, and to avoid fornication; that such persons as have not the gift of continency might marry, and keep themselves undefiled members of Christ’s body.

Thirdly, It was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity. Into which holy state these two persons present come now to be joined. Therefore if any man can shew any just

that marriages should be celebrated “per presbyterum sanctis ordinibus constitutum” no change was made in this rule at the Reformation or subsequently, and there is not a shadow of authority for the celebration of the rite of marriage by Deacons. Chief Justice Tindal gave his opinion, and that of his brother judges, before the House of Lords on July 7, 1843, that it was the rule of the Church of England to require the ceremony to be performed by a priest; and it may fairly be doubted whether a marriage could be legally maintained which had only been performed by a deacon. From an ecclesiastical point of view it must be remembered that (2) The Marriage Office is especially one of Benediction; that (2) Benedictions are beyond the power of a deacon; that (3) The rubrics throughout contemplate the Minister of the Office as a Priest; and that (4) No authority to celebrate marriages is given, either in words or by implication, to the Deacon at his ordination or at any other time. The duty of celebrating marriages ought not to be imposed upon Curates in their diocese by their Rectors; and the Lady should insist strongly upon being married by Priests, remembering that otherwise their marriages are probably illegal, while they certainly cannot receive the fulness of Benediction which the Church has provided for them in the Office except from a Priest or a Bishop.

like brute beasts that have no understanding These unneccessary coarse words were erased by Cosin in his revised Prayer Book. He also re-inserted from the book of 1549 the words “that such as be married may live chastely in matrimony” before “keep themselves,” &c., at the end of the third paragraph.

Therefore if any man can shew any just cause These ancient words are equivalent (as the next rubric but one shows) to a fourth publication of Banns. They are exactly analogous to the admonition of the Bishop to the people at the Ordination of Deacons and Priests, and to a similar one used at the Confirmation of Bishops. As will be seen above, the Address is sub-
cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ And also, speaking unto the persons that shall be married, he shall say,

**REQUIRE** and charge you both, (as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgement when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed,) that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their matrimony lawful.

¶ At which day of Marriage, if any man do allege and declare any impediment, why they may not be coupled together in matrimony, by God's Law, or the Laws of this Realm; and will be bound, and sufficient sureties with him, to the parties; or else put in a Caution (to the full value of such charges as the persons to be married do thereby sustain) to prove his allegation: then the solemnization must be deferred, until such time as the truth be tried.

¶ If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Curate say unto the man, 

**N. WILT** thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

out of the power of the Clergyman to proceed with the marriage (whether the objector offers security or not) until a legal investigation has taken place. Impediments have been alleged at this part of the service, and the marriage has been stopped in consequence without any other formality; but such a proceeding does not seem to meet the requirement of the rubric, nor to be just to the persons desiring to be married.

§ The Mutual Consent.

Although this ceremony may appear to be a mere formality, since it is very improbable that persons will appear before the Clergyman for the purpose of being married unless they have previously come to a decision and agreement on the subject, yet it is a formality respecting which the Church has always been strict; and in the civil contracts which have been adopted under
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Deut. xxix. 8, Numb. xxx. 2.

† The man shall answer,
I will.

† Then shall the Priest say unto the woman,
N. WILT thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

Numb. xxx. 5, 6,
1 Cor. vii. 38, Gen. ii. 22.

† The woman shall answer,
I will.

† Then shall the Minister say,
Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

† Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner.

† The Minister, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth,

Matt. xix. 8, Mark x. 2, 5–8, 11, 12.

I. N. take thee N. to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, and her love honour holde and kepe heyl and syke as a housbonde owthy to kepe hys wyf and all other for her to lete and holde the only to her as long as your ethyr lyf lastyth?]

† Respondeat vir.
Volo.

† Item dicat sacerdos ad mulierem hoc modo.
N. VIS habere hune virum in sponsum et ei obedire et servire: et eum diligere, honorare, acceotodire sanum et infirmum sicet sponsa debet sponsum: et omnes alios propter eum dimittere, et illi soli adhæerere quamdiu vita utriusque vestrum duraverit?

[Ν. WYLTH thou have thyys man unto thy housebonde and obeye to hym and serve and hym to love and honour and kepe heil and syke as a wyf owthy to do the housebonde and to lele alle other men for hym and holde the only to hym whylls your euytht lyf lasteth?]

† Respondeat mulier.
Volo.

[Deinde Sacerdos.
Who schal zeve yis woman?]}

† Deinde detur femina a patre suo, vel ab amicis ejus: quod si puella sit discooperat habet manus: si vidua tectam: quam vir recipiat in Dei fe, et sua servandum, sicut vobit coram sacerdoti, et teneat eam per manum dextram in manu sua dextra, et sic det fidem mulieris per verba de præsent, ita dicena docente sacerdote.

I. N. take the N. to my wedded wyf to haue and to holde fro this day forwarde for better for worse: for

modern legislation equal strictness has been observed. In point of fact, forced marriages have not unfrequently taken place, and they are as alien to the spirit in which Holy Matrimony is regarded by the Church as the worst clandestine marriages are. At the last moment, therefore, before the irreparable step is taken, and the indissoluble bond tied, each of the two persons to be married is required to declare before God and the Church that the marriage takes place with their own free will and consent. This declaration is also worded in such a manner as to constitute a promise in respect to the duties of the married state; and although no solemn adjuration is annexed to this promise, as in the Invocation of the Blessed Trinity afterwards, yet the simple "I will," given under such circumstances, must be taken to have the force of a vow as well as that of an assent and consent to the terms of the marriage covenant as set forth by the Church.

The above English forms of the consent are given from a Salisbury Ordinal in the British Museum [Harl. MS. 873]. The following are from the York Manual:—

N. Wilt thou have this man to thy wyfe: and lone her and kepe her in syknes and in helthe, and in all other degré be to her as a housbonde shalde be to his wyfed, and all other for sake for her: and holde thee only to her, to thy lyues ende? Respondet vir hoc modo: I wyll.

N. Wyft thou have this man to thy husbande, and to be buxum to him, serve him and keep him in syknes and in helthe: And in all other degré be to his wyfe as a wyfe should be to his husbande, and all other to for sake for hym: and holde thee only to hym to thy lyues ende? Respondet mulier hoc modo: I wyll.

§ The Betrothal.

That esposals which used, in very ancient times, to take place some weeks or months before the marriage, and which constituted
for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ Then shall they loose their hands; and the woman, with her right hand taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,

Rom. vii. 2, 3.

I. N. take thee N. to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

3 Yet there is evidence of separate expositions having been made as late as the time of Charles I. For in the Parish Register of Bughton Monchelsea, in Kent, is the following entry:— Michaelis. 1633. Spontana inter Guilelm. Maddox et Elisabeth Grimesotone in debito Juris formà transacta, die Ianuarii. "Two years and three-quarters afterwards comes the entry of the marriage:"—Michaelis. 1633. Nuptias inter Guilelmm Maddox et Elisabeth Grimesotone, ultimo Octobris. "Burns' Hist. of Fleet Marriages, p. 2.

The ancient oath of espousals was administered in this form: "You swear by God and His holy saints here, and by all the saints in Paradise, that you will take this woman, whose name is N., to wife, within forty days, if Holy Church will permit." The hands of the man and woman being then joined together by the priest, he also said, "And thus ye affiance yourselves," to which they made an affirmative reply, an exhalation concluding the ceremony.

2 "Depart" is sound English for "part assunder," which was altered to "do part" in 1661, at the pressing request of the Puritans, who knew as little of the history of their national language as they did of that of their national Church.

2 "Truth," or "Trust," is commonly identified with "truth;" but this is an error, the meaning of the word being "fidelity," or "allegiance." To "give trust" is equivalent to "fidel dare.

4 "Either" is this the old comparative degree of "loath," as in "The richere: for poorer [for fairer for Fowler, Harl. MS.]: in sykenesse and in hele: tyld deth vs departe if holy chyrche it wolle ordeyne, and therto I plight the my troth.

I. N. take the N. to my wedded hous-bonder to have and to holde for this day forwarde for better: for wors: for richer: for poorer, in syknesse and in hele: to be bonere and baxum in bedde and at the borde tyll deth vs departe if holy chyrche it wol ordynye and therto I plight the my troth.

Here I tak the N. to my wedded hous-  

man, for my wedded hous-band, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sykenesse and in hele, to be luxun to the tyll deth us departe, as holy chyrche lyth ordered, and therto y plieth the my troth.

The words, and the accompanying ceremony, which are thus handed down to us from the ancient Church of England, have a very striking Christian significance. In the ceremony of betrothal it will be observed that woman is recognized throughout as still subject to the law of dependence under which she was originally placed by the Creator. As soon as the mutual consent of both the man and the woman has been solemnly given in the face of God and the Church, the minister of the Office is directed to ask, "Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?" Then she is given up from one state of dependence to another, through the intermediate agency of the Church; "the minister receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands" (to signify that her father's authority over her is returned into the hands of God, Who gave it), and delivering her into the hands of the man in token that he receives her from God, Who alone can give a husband authority over his wife. The quaint but venerable and touching words with which the two "give their troth to each other" express again and in a still more comprehensive form the obligations of the married state which were previously declared in the words of mutual consent. Each promises an unqualified avowal to the other, until the death of one or the other shall part them asunder; God joining them together, and His Providential dispensation alone having power to separate

am him the lathere." [Lazarus's Brut. I. 37.] The word "feather" is used in some Salisburies Manuals: and each, of course, expresses the idea of "less fair," or "less pleasing.

* This is a conjectural emendation. The word is "for" in two copies. * Buxom tyll baxum are the representatives of "Buxomay" (as in délicat), and "Boucheome," obsolete. Some Manusus added: "in all lawful places." In the Golden Litany printed by Haskel [Noo. R. it. II. 245] one of the petitions is, "By Thy infinite baxomese: have mercy on us." In the Promptorio Parvulum the two equivalents Halsimatis and Gexcialis are given under the word Buxomese.
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¶ Then shall they again loose their hands, and the man shall give unto the woman a ring, laying the same upon the book, with the accustomed duty to the Priest and Clerk. And the Priest taking the ring, shall deliver it unto the man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand. And the man holding the ring there, and taught by the Priest, shall say,

WITH this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

§ The Marriage.

With this ring I thee wed: The use of the wedding ring was probably adopted by the early Church from the marriage customs which were familiar to Christians in their previous life as Jews and Heathens: for the ring, or something equivalent to it, appears to have been given by the man to the woman at the marriage or at espousals, even from those distant patriarchal days when Abraham's steward betrothed Rebekah on behalf of Isaac, by putting "the ear rings upon her face and the bracelets upon her hands." Much pleasing symbolism has been connected with the wedding ring, especially that its form having neither beginning nor end, it is an emblem of eternity, constancy, and integrity. This meaning is brought out in the ancient form of consecrating a Bishop, when the ring was delivered to him with the words, "Receive the ring, the seal of faith, to the end that being adorned with inviolable constancy, thou mayest keep undefiled the spouse of God, which is His holy Church." The same form of blessing the ring was used in this case, as was used in the Marriage Service, and which is printed above. Probably it has always been taken as a symbol of mutual truth and intimate union, linking together the married couple, in the words of the ancient exhortation, "That they be from this tyme forth, but one body and two souls in the fayth and lawe of God and holy Chyrche." It is the only relic of the ancient tokens of sponsage,—gold, silver, and a ring being formerly given at this part of the service: and as the gold and silver were given as symbols of dowry, so probably one idea, at least, connected with the ring, was that of the relation of dependence which the woman was henceforth to be in towards her husband. In the Prayer Book of 1549 the gold or silver were still directed to be given, (and in Bishop Cosin's revised Prayer Book, he proposed a restoration of the custom, inserting, "and other tokens of sponsage as gold, silver, or bracelets," after the word 'ring,') but in 1662 the "acquainted duty to the Priest and Clerk" was substituted, and ultimately retained in the revision of 1661. It is possible

1 Bishop Taylor's Sermon on the Marriage Ring.
2 Tertullian speaks of the Roman matron's "one finger, on which her husband had placed the pledge of the nuptial ring," Tertull. Apol. vi. De Iod. xvi.
that the “gold or silver” had customarily been appropriated as the marriage fee; but Hooker says that the use of them had “in a manner already worn out” even so early as the time of York Use.

With this yngge I wedde the, and with this gold and silver I honoure the, and with this gyft I honoure the. In nomine Patris: et Filii: et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

An old manual in the British Museum [Bibl. Reg. 2. A. xxii.] has also the following words in addition, explaining the object of the gold and silver—

“Loe this gold and this siluer is leyd downe in signiﬁyinge that the woman schal haue houre dower of thi goodes, if hoo shalde after thy decease.”

The ring was anciency placed ﬁrst on the thumb at the invocation of the First Person of the Trinity, on the next ﬁnger at the Name of the Second, on the third at the Name of the Third, and on the fourth at the word Amen. The expression of the second rubric, “leaving the ring upon the fourth ﬁnger,” seems to point to this custom as still observed, and still intended. The ancient rubric also gave as a reason for its remaining on the fourth ﬁnger, “quia in medico est quidam venas procedens unque ad cor;” and this reason has become deeply rooted in the popular mind. The same rubric also adds “et in sornitatis argenti designator interna dilectio, quae semper inter eos debet esse recens.”

with my body I thee worship] The meaning of the word “worship” in this place is deﬁned by the word used in its place in some of the ancient Manuals, which (as may be seen above) was “honour.” The Puritans always objected to the word; and in 1661 it was agreed that “honour” should be substituted, the alteration being made by Sancroft in Bishop Cosin’s revised Prayer Book instead of the change suggested by Cosin himself. But either by accident, or through a change of mind on the part of the Revision Committee, the old word was allowed to remain. The more exclusive use of this word in connexion with Divine Service is of comparatively modern date. In the Liber Festivallis, printed by Caxton in 1483, an Easter homily calls every gentleman’s house a “place of worship,” and in the same century a prayer begins “God that commandest to worship ﬁdly and moord.” This secular use of it is still continued in the title “your worship,” by which magistrates are addressed, and in the appellation “worshipful companies.” The expression “with my body I thee worship” or “honour” is equivalent to a bestowal of the man’s own self upon the woman, in the same manner in which she is delivered to him by the Church from the hands of her father. Thus he gives ﬁrst the usufruct of his person in these words, and in those which follow, the usufruct of his possessions or worldly goods.

As far as the ceremony of marriage is a contract between the man and the woman, it is completed by the giving of the ring with this solemn invocation of the Blessed Trinity. In all that follows they are receiving the Benediction of the Church, and its ratiﬁcation of their contract.

shall both kneel down] All present should also kneel at this prayer, except the Priest. It is the only part of the Service, in the body of the Church, at which the bystanders are required to kneel; but the married couple ought to continue kneeling until the commencement of the Psalms or Introit. The prayer which follows is founded upon the ancient benediction of the ring. It takes the place of a long form of blessing which followed the subscription in the ancient Office. In 1549 the parenthesis “(after bracelets and jewels of gold given of the one to the other for tokens of their matrimony)” followed the names of Isaac and Rebecca; which indicates the origin of Cosin’s proposed dowry of bracelets.
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Then shall the Priest join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the people.

FORASMUCH as N. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of a ring, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And the Minister shall add this Blessing.

O GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Minister or Clerks, going to the Lord's table, shall say or sing this Psalm following.

Psalm cxxxvii.

Deus misericordatus. Amen.

And so let the minister joine their right hands together, and says,

That, that God hath joyned, lette no man dissoever.

And lette the pastour say more over, with a loude voice, that may be heard by all men.

FORASMUCHE as than thysh Joha N. desyreth thysh Anne to be thy wife in the Lorde, and this Anne desyreth thysh Johan to be her husbande in the Lorde, and one hath made the other a promise of holie and Christian matrimony, and have now both proffered the same openly, and have confirmed it with giuinge of ringes ecb to other, and joininge of handes: I the minister of Christ and the congregation pronounce that they be ioyned together with lawfull and Christian matrimony, and I confirme this their mariage in the Name of the Father, the Sonne, and the Holie Goet. Amen.

BENEDICAT vos Deus Pater, Salisbury Use.

custodiat vos Jesus Christus, illuminet vos Spiritus Sanctus. Os-
tendat Dominus faciem suam in vobis et misericordia vestri. Convertat Domin-
us vultum suum ad vos: et det vobis pacem: implestque vos omni benedic-

His intent ecclesiam usque ad gradum altaria: et sacerdos in eundo cum suis ministris dicat hanc psalmum sequentem.

Beati omnes.

Those whom God hath joined together] This sentence of marriage with its accompanying gesture of joining the bride and bridegroom’s hands is a noble peculiarity of the English rite, though probably derived originally from Archbishop Hermann’s Consultation. It completes the Marriage rite so far as to make it spiritually indissoluble, and may be considered as possessing a sacramental character in that lower sense in which those rites have it, the outward signs of which were not ordained by Christ Himself. There are hardly any words in the Prayer Book which more solemnly declare the faithful conviction of the Church that God ratifies the work of His Priests. In this case and in the Ordination Service the very words of our Lord Himself are adopted as the substantial and effective part of the rite; and each case is an assertion of the very highest spiritual claims that can be made on behalf of an earthly ministry. As there the Bishop says unconditionally, “Receive the Holy Ghost;” so here the Priest says unconditionally, that “God hath joined together” these two persons by his ministry. The words were part of the ancient Gospel at the Mass sospilium.

Forasmuch as N. and N. have consented] This declaration of the completed union is also taken from Archbishop Hermann’s Cologne book. It bears an analogy to the words used at the consignation of the child after Baptism; and, as in that case, it is a proclamation to the Church of what has already been effected by previous parts of the rite.

And the Minister shall add this Blessing] In the Prayer Book of 1649 this blessing stood as follows:—“God the Father bless you + God the Son keep you; God the Holy Ghost lighten your understanding: the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon you, and so fill you with all benediction and grace, that you may have remission of your sins in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting.” It was changed to the present form in 1552.

Then the Minister or Clerks, going to the Lord’s table] This
originally stood "Then shall they go into the quire," and Cosin wished so to restore it, with the alteration "they all." The proper interpretation of the rubric doubtless is that the Clergy, the Choir, the bride and bridegroom, and the bridal party are to go from the body of the church in procession to the chancel, singing the processional psalm Beati omnes: that the Clergy proceed to the Altar as at ordination ceremonies of the Holy Communion, the bride and bridegroom kneeling in front of the Altar, with the bridal party behind them, while the choir go to their usual places. To effect this without confusion, the choir should move first in their proper order, the clergy next, after them the bride and bridegroom, and then the remainder of the bridal party. Thus the singers can at once file off to their places in the choir, while the clergy pass on to the sacristry, and the bridal party to the presbytery or space between the altar steps and choir stalls. Such arrangements can only be carried out well in large churches, but they give the key to the manner in which the spirit of the rubric may be acted upon, as far as circumstances will allow, elsewhere: and as a procession is an inviolable part of every wedding, where there is a bridal party of friends, it is very desirable that it should be properly worked into the system of the Church, instead of being left to the chance of the moment, and the confused attempts of nervous people.

The portion of the service which follows the psalm, onward to the end of the benediction, is to be regarded as preparatory to the Holy Communion. In the old offices it was followed by the Sunday Missa Votive, that of the Blessed Trinity, the Epistle being however 1 Cor. vi. 15—20, and the Gospel, Matt. xix. 3—6.

the Priest standing at the table] There is no pretence whatever for the priest to place himself awkwardly in the angle formed by the north end of the Lord's table and the east wall. He is clearly to stand in front of the table. The office having the nature of a benediction is therefore said towards the persons blessed. There was, indeed, in the ancient Office, and in that of 1549, a "Let us pray" after the versicles, from which it might be reasonably concluded that the Priest was then to turn towards
THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

Matt. xxii. 31, 32.
Gen. xxxviii. 3, 4.
Luke viii. 11, 12.
2 Tim. iii. 16, 17.
James i, 21, 22.
Deut. xxxvi. 15.
Gen. xviii. 10.
xxxviii. 3, 4.
Ps. cxix. 1—5.
John xix. 4.
1 John iii. 17.

 Minister.

O GOD of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless these thy servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in thy holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them. And as thou didst send thy blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send thy blessing upon these thy servants; that they obeying thy will, and alway being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL Lord, and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift mankind is increased; We beseech thee, assist with thy blessing these two persons, that they may both be fruitful in procreation of children, and also live together so long in godly love and honesty, that they may see their children christianly and virtuously brought up, to thy praise and honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who by thy mighty power hast made all things of nothing; who also (after other things set in order) didst appoint that out of man (created after thine own image and similitude) woman should take her beginning; and knitting them together, didst teach that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom thou by matrimony hadst made one: O God, who hast consecrated the state of matrimony to such an excellent mys-

Oremus,

DEUS Abraham, Deus Isaac, Deus Jacob, benedictio adolescentes istos: et semina semen vitae æternæ in mentibus eorum: ut quicquid pro utilitate sua didicerint, hoc facere cupiant. Per.

Oremus.


Oremus.


Oremus.

DEUS, qui potestate virtutis tuae, Ad M statisti, de niñnilo cuncta fécisti: qui dispositis universitatis exordios, homini ad imaginem Dei facto idio inseparabile multieris adjutorium condidisti, ut feminæ corporis de virili dapes carnis principium, docens quod e uno placuisset instituere, nunquam liceret disjungere. Hic ineci benedictione sanctimonialis: Deus, qui tam excellenti mysterio conjugali copulam consecrasti, ut Christi et ecclesiae sacrament-

the Altar, in the direction in which all prayers were intended to be said; but the nature of the rite is essentially beneficent and as such the final blessing is preceded by “Oremus” in the Latin form, the former conclusion seems to be the correct one.

The concluding prayers have undergone little change in the course of translation from the ancient Latin Office; and only a portion of the last of all can be traced back to the ancient Sacramentaries.

christianly and virtuously brought up] This expression was substituted for “see their children's children unto the third and fourth generation,” at the last revision in 1661.

who hast consecrated the state of matrimony] Among the exceptions offered against the Prayer Book by Baxter and his friends in 1661 was the following: “Seeing the institution of Marriage was before the Fall, and so before the promise of Christ, as also for that the said passage in this collect seems to countenance the opinion of making matrimony a sacrament, we desire that clause may be altered or omitted.” To this the Committee of
tory, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that both this man may love his wife, according to thy Word, (as Christ did love his spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh,) and also that this woman may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to her husband; and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly matrons. O Lord, bless them both, and grant them to inherit thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Then shall the Priest say,

ALMIGHTY God, who at the beginning did create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and did sanctify and join them together in marriage; Pour upon you the riches of his grace, sanctify and bless you, that ye may please him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives’ end. Amen.

After which, if there be no Sermon declaring the duties of man and wife, the Minister shall read as followeth,

All ye that are married, or that intend to take the holy estate of matrimony upon you, hear what the holy Scripture doth say as touching the duty of husbands towards their wives, and wives towards their husbands.

Saint Paul, in his Epistle to the Ephesians, the fifth Chapter, doth give this commandment to all married men;

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water, by the Word; that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy, and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself: for no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it,
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even as the Lord the Church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife; and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the Church. Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife, even as himself. Likewise the same Saint Paul, writing to the Colossians, speaketh thus to all men that are married; Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Hear also what Saint Peter, the Apostle of Christ, who was himself a married man, saith unto them that are married; Ye husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge; giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered.

Hitherto ye have heard the duty of the husband toward the wife. Now likewise, ye wives, hear and learn your duties toward your husbands, even as it is plainly set forth in holy Scripture.

Saint Paul, in the aforementioned Epistle to the Ephesians, teacheth you thus; Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the Church is sub-

ject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. And again he saith, Let the wife see that she reverence her husband.

And in his Epistle to the Colossians, Col. iii. 18. Saint Paul giveth you this short lesson; Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

Saint Peter also dooth instruct you, 1 Pet. iii. 1. 2—6. very well, thus saying; Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible; even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands; even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amaze-

It is convenient that the new married persons should receive the holy Communion at the time of their Marriage, or at the first opportunity after their Marriage.

Sermon, the Minister shall read this that followeth. Bishop Cosin altered this to, "Then shall begin the Communion if any be that day appointed. And after the Gospel and Creed shall be said a Sermon wherein it is expedient that the office of man and wife be declared according to Holy Scripture. Or if there be no Sermon, the Minister shall read this that followeth." Bishop Jeremy Taylor and Dr. Donne have left some beautiful sermons preached on occasion of marriages; and the custom seems to have been not uncommon.

It is convenient ... the holy Communion] The practice of connecting the Marriage Office with the Holy Communion fell into strange disuse during the last and present centuries. In the old manuals the mass of the Holy Trinity concluded the Office, and there is no reason to suppose that it was ever omitted. Until 1661 the rubric stood—ITT The new married persons (the same day of their marriage) must receive the holy Communion." This is altered in Bishop Cosin's revised Prayer Book to "The new married persons, the same day of their marriage, must receive the Holy Communion; unto which the minister is now to proceed, reading the Offertory &c. according to the form prescrib'd." The present form of the rubric was adopted in deference to the objection of the Puritans, who wished to dis-

sociate the Office from the Holy Communion, from the morbid fear which they had of attaching too much importance to the religious rite with which Marriage is celebrated by the Church. But "convenient" is used in its strict and primary sense of "fit" or "proper," the secondary sense being a more modern one. From Bishop Cosin's proposed rubric it would appear as if the Holy Communion was used on such occasions without the introductory section of the ten commandments. "To end the public solemnity of marriage," says Hooker, "with receiving the blessed Sacrament, is a custom so religious and so holy, that if the Church of England be blameable in this respect, it is not for suffering it to be so much, but rather for not providing that it may be more put in use." [ Ecc. Polit. V. ixxiii. 8.]

A custom which retains its hold in some churches, that of kissing the bride, is derived from the Salisbury rubric concerning the Pax in the Missa Sponsalium, which is—Tune amoto pullio, surgant ambo sponsus et sponsa: et accepiant sponsus pacem a sacerdote, et ferat sponsus osculam eam et nominem suum, nec ipse nec ipsa: sed statim dicoimus vel clericius pro prebytero pacem acipientes, firmit aliis sicut solidum est," This took place immediately before the Communion of the newly-married couple.
AN INTRODUCTION

TO THE

OFFICE FOR THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

The duty of visiting the sick is specially enjoined on the Curates of souls in the New Testament: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" [James v. 14, 15]. The Visitation of the Sick is not therefore in the minister of Christ a mere piece of civility or neighbourly kindness, but an act of religion. He comes in the name of Christ to pray with and for the sick man; if necessary, to reconcile him to the Church by the blessing of absolution, and to communicate to him the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood. That the primitive clergy of the Church made this visitation in time of sickness their special duty, is proved to us by many passages in early writers. Polycarp, the disciple of St. John, in his Epistle to the Philippians, gives it as advice to presbyters, ἐνακτήσαντι τοὺς ἁρματικοῖς. Posidonius, in his Life of St. Augustine [cap. 27], relates that the Saint, as soon as he knew any man was sick, went unto him immediately. The decrees of various early Councils enjoined this duty on the Clergy whenever they were called for; and the Council of Milan goes even further than this, and orders, "Eciam si vocati invitant." Our own Provincial Constitutions require all Bishops and Vicars of Parishes to be diligent in their visitations to those who are sick, and warn them, "Ut quibus furent accedit, celeriter accedit et hilariter ad agrocos." [Lindsay, Prov. Const. i. 2.]

In our Post-Reformation system we find also that ample provision is made for the continuance of this ancient and laudable custom. Canon 67, "Ministers to visit the Sick," directs, "When any person is dangerously sick in any Parish, the Minister or Curate (having knowledge thereof) shall resort unto him or her (if the disease be not known or probably suspected to be infectious) to instruct and comfort them in their distress, according to the order of the Communion Book, if he be no Preacher, or if he be a Preacher, then as he shall think most needful and convenient." In the Ordination of Deacons it is also stated to be part of their duty to search out the sick and poor in the parish in which they are appointed to minister, and to give notice of such cases to the Incumbent: "And furthermore it is his office, where provision is so made, to search for the sick, poor and impotent people of the Parish, to intimate their estates, names and places where they dwell unto the Curate, that by his Exhortation they may be relieved with the alms of the Parishioners and others. Will you do this gladly and willingly?" This question, and the first parenthesis in the Canon (which speaks in general terms of the knowledge by the Minister of a case of sickness), imply that the Incumbent is expected to do something more than merely visit sick people who send for him. Whether he become acquainted with the case directly or indirectly, he is bound to visit, and even, if circumstances permit, he is to search for, or, at any rate, cause to be sought for, the sick and impotent, and to act up to the maxim quoted above, "Eciam si vocatus." For giving full force to this Visitation of the Sick, the English Ritual contains a formulary which has been used with slight alteration in our churches from the earliest times. Nearly all the rubrics and prayers are to be found in the ancient Mansals of the Church of England, and some of the prayers can be traced to almost primitive times. Where some variation has been made from these originals (as, for example, in the Exhortation, and in the substitution of a rubric directing the Minister to examine whether the Sick Man repent him truly of his sins, &c., for a somewhat lengthy form), the spirit of the original is still adhered to. The only portions which have been altogether omitted in our Prayer Book are the procession of the Priest and his Clerks to the house saying the seven penitential Psalms, and the Service of Extreme Unction. The original object of anointing with oil, as we see from the passage in St. James cited above, was to "save," or procure a miraculous recovery of the infirm, by remission of the temporal punishment which they had merited for their sins. Though it should also be added that Extreme Unction was used in very early times without any expectation of cure, in extremis: and it seems probable that there was a primitive ordinance of this kind which was used for the dying, as well as that which was used with a view to recovery. The Reformers retained the practices in the first Prayer Book, but it was dropped out of the second in 1552. The Office then in use is given in a note at the end of this Service.

An Appendix of four Prayers was added to the Visitation Office in 1661, to meet particular cases; the first for a sick child, the second for a sick person when there appears little hope of recovery, the third a Commendatio Animae for a dying person, and the fourth a Prayer for one troubled in mind or conscience. These have not as yet been traced to any ancient source.

§ The Use of the Office.

The structure of the Office for the Visitation of the Sick shows that it is intended as a formal rite, to be once used over the Sick Person, and not to be used as the customary prayers of the Clergyman in his ordinary and frequent visits to the sick rooms of his parishioners. It is a solemn recognition of the person over whom it is used as one who is in the fellowship of the Church, and for whom the Church, by its authorized Minister, offers prayer to God; and it is also a solemn recognition of the fact that the sicknesses and infirmities incident to human nature are a consequence of sin, a part of that heritage of death which came upon us through the Fall.

The promiscuous use of the Office would evidently be a departure from the intention with which it is put into the hands of her priests by the Church of England. Their duties towards the sick divide themselves, indeed, into two distinct general branches, the one consisting of ordinary pastoral instruction, consolation, and prayer; and the other of the use of the two services for Visitation and Communion: and every clergyman must find him-
self obliged to exercise his discretion as to those cases in which
he can adopt the more solemn course which the Church has ap-
pointed for him and his parishioners in the latter branch of his
duties.

Those who really have any religious convictions, and who have
made religious principles the rule of their life, will either be con-
sistent Church people or religious Dissenters. The former are
well accustomed to the system and services of the Church, and
have been trained, consciously or unconsciously, by means of it: the latter are in more or less ignorance about the principles of
the Church, and have not ordinarily been under its training in-
fluence. In the case of the one the Visitation Service would be
appropriate even if used on a sudden, supposing the case to be
one of imminent danger; and no prayers could be used with so
great advantage. To the other it would be like a strange lan-
guage, if used without much preparation and instruction: and
would not be applicable at all, except it were accompanied by an
understanding that its use presupposed reconciliation to the
Church.

In the case of other classes of persons, who have led irreligious
and wicked lives, and who are ill instructed in the way of salva-
tion, the Visitation Service can only be properly applicable after
much instruction has been given, and much progress made towards
penitence. An abrupt use of it might tend to bring into their
view the comforts of the Office more prominently than would be
advisable for those who do not fully appreciate the necessity of
repeutance towards the attainment of pardon and true peace.

It may be added, in conclusion, that the Visitation Office should
be used with all the proper solemnity belonging to a formal rite
of the Church. The first Rubric of the ancient Service was, "In
primis indutae se sacerdos superpellicio cum stola . . . .," and
the same rule should still be observed. Care should also be taken
that there is some one present to say the responses. In his re-
vised book, Bishop Cosin provided for this by so far reviving the
ancient practice as to direct the attendance of one lay Clerk with
the Priest. But some members of the sick person's family, or a
parish visitor, or other friend, can always be found ready to take
this charitable duty on themselves.
THE ORDER FOR THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

PEACE be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish; who, coming into the sick person's house, shall say,

REMEmBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Answer.

Spare us, good Lord.

Then the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE SALUTATION.

The Priest, on entering the house, is ordered to use the salutation enjoined by our Lord upon His Apostles: "And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house" [Luke x. 5]. It is specially appropriate when thus pronounced by the Minister of God on entering a house of sickness. In a household so circumstanced there is often much of discredit and anxiety. The relations are perplexed and agitated, inclined to forget, perhaps, that this sickness is of the Lord. The words of the Priest remind them of that peace which is to be found in resting in the Lord, and casting their cares on Him. But the Salutation has a special reference to the sick man, to whom the Priest comes as the Messenger of Peace. He is very probably under deep conviction of sin, longing for pardon and reconciliation; and the object of this visitation is to strengthen his faith, awaken his charity, move him to sincere confession and repentance, and on his sincere repentance and confession to give him the free and full forgiveness vouchsafed by the Saviour to all who truly turn to Him, and so to make the sinner at peace with God.

These words, too, used at the very entrance of the Priest into the house, help to remind those who hear them that he comes on no ordinary errand of condolence, but specially in his character as a representative of Him Who said to His ministers, "My peace I leave with you." They thus serve to bring about a tone of mind in unison with the service that is to follow.

THE ANTHEM.

In the older Service Books the Priest and his Clerks were directed, on their way to the house of the sick man, to say the seven Penitential Psalms, with the Gloria Patri after each, and to conclude with the Antiphon, "Ne reminiscaris."

In the Prayer Book of 1549 one of the penitential Psalms, the 143rd, was said by the Priest on entering the sick man's presence, followed by the Gloria Patri and this anthem, "Remember not," &c. Subsequently the Psalm was omitted, and the anthem, "Remember not," alone retained. The Respond, "Spare us, good Lord," was added at the last revision in 1661.

This Antiphon memorializes God of the redemption of His people by the most precious blood of Christ. To those present in the sick room, as well as to the sick person himself, it also gives the key-note of the Service at its very beginning: pointing out that sickness is a chastisement permitted by God; that sin has brought it into the world; and that our prayers for benefits to the body ought to be founded on the confession of God's undeserved mercy in Christ. The words are, of course, spoken to God, and are a kind of Litany hymn; but they cannot fail to have a subjective side also in warning the sick of their true relation to His mercy, and of the worthlessness as well as impotency of self-reliance. They remind him that God's mercy must be sought; that His anger against sin is often shown by bodily chastisement; and that temporal judgments are frequently sent by Him in
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O UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister.

Ps. lxxxvi. 2. O Lord, save thy servant; Which putteth his trust in thee. Answer.

Ps. xx. 1, 2. lxix. 9. Send him help from thy holy place, and evermore mightily defend him. Answer.

Ps. lxix. 22, 23. Let the enemy have no advantage of him; Nor the wicked approach to hurt him. Answer.

Ps. lxi. 3. Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower, From the face of his enemy. Answer.

Ps. lxi. 1. O Lord, hear our prayers. Answer.

Ps. cl. 1. And let our cry come unto thee. Answer.

O L ORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve this thy servant. Look upon him with the mercy, that He may not be compelled to be "angry with us for ever."

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

The prayer of our Blessed Lord is used here, as elsewhere, at the beginning of the Service in token of its prevailing power with God, and as the gate by which all other prayer is to enter into Heaven, and be heard by Him. The structure of the Service suggests that it should be said by all present as well as by the Priest, and "with" him, as in the end of the Litany. It should also be said with a special intention directed towards the subsequent portion of the Service, remembering that God is Our Father to chastise and Our Father to heal, that "He woundeth, and His hands make whole:" and that the first prayer of the sick and of those who love them should be in the tone of His Whose holy example teaches us to say "Thy will be done."

The lesser Litany precedes the Lord's Prayer in this place with a special emphasis, for it is the very language of those who came to Jesus to be healed of their infirmities in the days of His earthly life. Thus the two blind men mentioned in St. Matthew ix. came to Christ, "crying and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy upon us;" and in like manner the two mentioned in St. Matthew xx., "cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Thou Son of David." In almost the same terms the father prayed for his lunatic son, "saying, Lord, have mercy on my son" [Matt. xvii. 15]; and the woman of Syro-Phœnicia, who came to Jesus on behalf of her sick daughter, "cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord."

THE VERSICLES.

These suffrages are the same which are used throughout the Occasional Offices, slight variations being made in them according to the nature of the service in which they are introduced. They are taken from the 20th, the 61st, the 86th, and the 89th Psalms; and represent a strain of responsive supplication which has been ascending to the Throne of God for the sick, during as many ages as the service itself can be traced back.

THE PRAYERS.

In the Sarum Manual, immediately after the responses follow nine collects, two of which only have been translated, and retained in our present service. The collect now standing first was the
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Heb. xii. 5—11.
Job vii. 20, 21, xiii.
21, 22, 27, 1 Thess. iv. 14, 17.

H.EAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant who is grievous with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to him; that the sense of his weakness may add strength to his faith, and seriousness to his repentance. That, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore him to his former health, he may lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory: or else give him grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life ended he may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The object of the Prayer is to beg God’s help on behalf of the sick man. It asks that the Lord would look on him in mercy, not remembering his sins, but considering his weakness; that He would be pleased to comfort him under his trial, and enable him to have firm faith in God. Not only does it ask that the Almighty will remember him for good, but that He will defend him from the evil, specially that He will guard him against the assaults of the Devil, that He will grant him perpetual peace, and ever keep him in safety.

If we compare this prayer and the preceding verses, we shall see how naturally the collect re-echoes what has been already prayed for. It gathers up into a connected whole all the previous petitions, and again lays them before God. This is no idle repetition: the blessings sought are of so great value, and so deeply needed, that the Church purposely enables us here to set them once and again before God, according to the example of our Blessed Lord, Who in the hour of His distress prayed three times, using the same words: “If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not My will, but Thine.”

The next prayer is the third of the group of collects in the Sarum Manual. In the original prayer, mention is made of the miraculous cure of Peter’s wife’s mother and of the centurion’s servant, of Tobias and of Sara, which allusions were all omitted at the last revision in 1661. The former prayer is directed to seeking comfort and help for the sick man from God in the time of his affliction; this second collect sets forth sickness as an instrument in the hand of the Almighty for good, and prays that the present trial may be sanctified to the sufferer. The “acquiesced goodness” of God is here invoked, not for the recovery of the patient, or even for support under trial, but that the fatherly correction may work the end God has intended in sending it. If sickness is to answer any good end, it must be viewed as Fatherly correction; and, if it comes from our Father, to Him we may go for help and comfort under it, and we may be persuaded that it comes for some good purpose. Looking to God as Father, our own weakness will lead us more to Him, will make us feel our dependence on Him more; in short, will strengthen our faith. The sense of weakness will force on us the uncertainty of life, will make us remember how short our time is, and bring us to more earnest repentance for all we have done amiss, as remembering the account we may so soon have to give before our God. The prayer, too, reminds those who hear it, that the repentance and sorrow are not to be limited simply to a sick bed, but that in case of recovery the good work begun in time of affliction must be carried out. How necessary to pray, “If it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore him to his former health, He may lead the residue of his life in Thy fear!” How many are there who promise well when God’s hand is upon them, who seem full of godly sorrow for sin, and Christian hatred of it, who yet on recovery forget all, and fall back into old sins, and form new evil habits?

And since the issues of life and death are with the Lord, and we know not what the event may be, recovery or death, the Collect prays, not only that in case of restoration the sick man may be enabled to live to God, but that in case his illness prove fatal, he may, through the grave and gate of death, pass to a joyful resurrection, and, this life ended, dwell for ever with God in life everlasting.
The Exhortations

The use of Exhortation after Prayer has long been part of the Service in the Western Church. The principal books of the

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exhort you in the Name of God, to remember the profession which you have made unto God in your baptism. And for as much as after this life there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged without respect of persons; I require you to examine your self and your estate, both toward God and man; so that accusing and condemning your self for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgement. Therefore I shall rehearse to you the Articles of our Faith, that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian man should, or no.

Here the Minister shall rehearse the Articles of the Faith, saying thus,

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord? and that he was conceived by the holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down

struction, that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving bear our heavenly Father's correction, whatsoever by any manner of adversity it shall please his gracious good will to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So, truly, our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life. Now therefore taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I

that if he be accepted in a right spirit, it will turn to the good of the sufferer. If he truly repine of his sins, if he bear his sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy through Christ,—may more, if, strong in faith, he is able to see goodness in this fatherly visitation, and to thank God for it; then, whether he recover or whether he die, the sickness shall turn to his profit. If he recover, health will find him strengthened, established in the faith, earnest to run his Christian race, to press forward toward the mark of the prize of his high calling in Christ Jesus, with deeper love to his Lord and firmer faith. If he die, there will be ministered unto him, through the grace of God, an entrance into life eternal.

The second part is founded, as far as the earlier portion of it is concerned, on Hebrews xii. 6—10. These words are set before the sick man as an argument for patience under the chastening hand of God. He is reminded, too, of the example of Christ. The Christian before all things should long to be as his Master, Who going through sorrow and pain on earth, entered not into His glory until after His agonizing death on the cross. They who would share the blessedness of Christ must be willing to take up the cross when it is set before them, and follow Him in the path of suffering.

It is also observable that the continued obligation of the vows made in Baptism is set before the sick person; and that these vows are spoken of as the substantial matter on which that Judgment will be founded which mortal sickness so vividly brings into view. Thus the Christian system is shown to us, consistent with itself in all its parts, as is the Christian revelation: and when a person is lying on a sick bed in expectation of death, he is forcibly reminded by the ministrations of the Church to him that the life of this world is, in its spiritual reality, a preparation for a life to come with which it is intimately associated.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH.

In the ancient English Office the Priest is directed to recite to the sick man the fourteen articles of the faith, of which the seven first relate to the mystery of the Trinity, and the seven others to the humanity of Christ. After these articles it is, however, added, "And if the sick man be a laie or simply a literate, then the priest may question him generally on the articles of the faith under this form." The form prescribed in this case is simply the Creed slightly paraphrased.

Maskell cites a form of examination from the MS. De Visitatione Infirmorum, already quoted. Part of it is: "Whan thou hast told him alle this, or elles if thou hast no time to spe alle for hast of deth, begin here, and spoke to him on this manner, whan thou seest that he nedeth the deth. Brother, art thou glad that thou shalt die in Christin faith? Resp. je. Knoweleche that thou hast nouȝt wel led as thou shuldest? Resp. je. Art thou sor therfore? Resp. je. Hast thou wil to amende the, if thou haddist space of lit? Resp. je. Leisist thou in God, Fader Almighty, Maker of heuen and erthe? Resp. je. Leisist thou in the Fader and the Sonne and the Holi Gost tre persone and on
into hell, and also did rise again the third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from thence shall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the holy Ghost, the holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Remission of sins, the Resurrection of the flesh, and everlasting life after death?

\[ \text{Mark ix. 24.} \]

PONTIUS PILATE: SEPUTLUM DESCENDIT AD INFERNUM: DIE TERTIA RESSURREXIT IN MORTUIS: AD ECOSOS ASCENDIT: ITERUMQUE VENTURUM AD JUCUNDUM VIVOS ET MORTUOS, OMMNES HOMINES TUNE IN CORPORE ET ANIMA RESURRECTUROS, BONA ET MALA SECUNDUM MERITA SUA RECEPTUROS.

ET REMISSIO PECCATORUM PER SACRAMENTORVM ECCLESIAE PERCEPTIONEM. ET SANCTORUM COMMUNIONEM: ID EST, OMMNES HOMINES IN CARITATE EXISTENTES, ESCES PARTICIPES OMNII BONORUM GRATIAE QUEE FIUNT IN ECCLESIA: ET OMNES QVI COMMUNICANT CUM JUSTIS HIC IN GRATIA, COMMUNICARE CUM EIS IN GLORIA?

\[ \text{Deinde respondet infirmus.} \]

CREDO FIRMITER IN OMNIBUS . . .

CARISSIME FRATER: QUIA SINE CAR- SALISBURY USE.

RITATE NIHIL PRODERIT TIBI FIDES, TESTANTE APOTOLLO QUI DICIT: SI HABUERO OMMEN FIDEM ITA UT MONTES TRANSFERAM, CARITATEM AUTEM NON HABUERO, NIHIL SUM: IDEO ORPETEL DE TDIGERIE DOMI-

NVM DEUM TUUM SUPER OMNIA EX TOTO CORDE TUO, ET EX TOTA ANIMA TAU: ET PROXIMUM TUI PROPER DEUM SICIT TE IPSUM: NAM SINE HUJUSMODI CARITA-

TATE NULLA FIDES VALET.

EXERCERE ERGO CARITATIS OPERA DUM VALES: ET SI MULTUM TIBI AFFERETI, ABUNDANTER TRIBUE: SI AUTEM EXIGUUM, ILLUD IMPARTIRI STUDE.

ET ANTE OMNIA SI QVEM INJUSTE LESERIS, SATISFACIAS SI VALEAS: SI AUTEM, EXPEDIT UT AB EO VENIAM HUMILITER POSTULES.

DIMITTE DEBITORIBUS TVIS ET ALIIS QUI IN TE PECCEAVRUNT, UT DEUS TIBI DIMITTAT.

God? Resp. 10. Leuiton that our Lord Jesus Christ Godis.

Some of hemewe was conseluid of the Holi Gost, and toke flasche and blode of oore ladi seint Marie, and was borne of hir, she being moder and maydo? Resp. 10. Leuiton thot he sufrid pline and doth, for oore trespass, and nought for his gift under Pontius Pilate, and that he was don on the cros, and died for the on god Friday, and was buried? Resp. 10. Thankest thou him thereby? Resp. 10. Leuiton that thou may nought he sauid but throw his doth? Resp. 10. [Mon. Rit. iii. 357, q. v.]

In our Prayer Book the Creed simply has been retained as containing all things necessary to be believed by a Christian man, and on account of its great conciseness, an important point to be considered in selecting or composing a form for use in time of sickness and consequent weakness. In the case of ignorant persons there should be some previous instruction in the doctrines of the Creed before the Visitation Office is used, and this profession of faith thus solemnly made. A concise exposition of it will be found in the Notes to Morning Prayer, p. 20.

Then shall the Minister examine. In the Sarum Manual, after the patient's confession of faith, there follows a long exhorta-

tion to charity (grounded on 1 Cor. xiii), to make amends for injuries done, to forgive injuries received, to love of enemies, to firm hope and faith in God, to confession of sin; and after the special confession the priest is directed to use an exhortation to abasing and good deeds and to works of penance in ease of recovery. The Exhortation directed by the various rubries that follow the confession of faith in our service is to be similar in its general character. In addition, however, to moving the sick man to repent him truly of his sins, to be in love and charity with all men, and to make amends to the uttermost of his power if he have wronged any, the priest is directed to admonish him, if he hath not before disposed of his property, to make his will. This may seem at first sight to be too purely a secular matter to find place in a death-bed exhortation. Yet when we reflect what heart-burning and jealousy is often caused by the fact of no disposition of property having been made, and when we remember that from this very cause families are often broken up and relations estranged, we can see at once that it is a part of the duty of the minister of Christ to do his utmost to prevent such a state of things. After having counselled the sick man to make a ju.

\[ \text{Deinde dicat aedaco.} \]

\[ \text{Deinde respondet infirmus.} \]
and equitable provision for his family or relations, the priest is
directed earnestly to move him to be liberal to the poor. First,
he is exhorted to consider how his affairs stand, then to be
charitable, that in his giving there may be no injustice to those
who have prior claims upon him either by debt or relationship.
It has always been the custom of the Church to stir up men to
liberality in time of sickness: it is supposed that the heart at such
a season will be most readily touched with sympathy for the
sorrows of others, therefore specially at such times are men
exhorted by the Church, “To do good and to communicate
forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

THE CONFESSION OF SINS.

Here shall the sick person] This rubric is, as will be seen, an
abbreviated form of the ancient Latin rubric and exhortation.
Its transition from the ancient to the modern form may be
further illustrated by the following comparison —

1549. 1552. 1661.

Here shall the sick person Here shall the sick person Here shall the sick person
make a special con- make a special con- he moved to make a special con-

fession, if he feel his fession, if he feel his confession of his sins,
conscience troubled with any weighty matter. After which confession the Priest
shall absolve him after this form:

and the same form of absolution shall be used in all private
confessions.

The parenthesis in the last form of this rubric was introduced
by Bishop Cosin, who has written it in the margin of the Durham
book.

It is plain that the kind of Confession named in this Rubric is
that which is popularly known as “Auricular” Confession; for
although privacy is not enjoined, it is quite certain that it would
be sought both by Priest nud penitent, and that without it the
Confession would most likely be of a very general, instead of a
“special” character. That it is also intended to be private or
“auricular,”—spoken to the ear of the Priest alone,—is shown by
the original form of the Rubric in 1549, which speaks of “all
private confessions” with an evidently inclusive sense,—this
here enjoined being one of the kind included.

Before proceeding further, it may be well to inquire, what
references to private confession are to be found in the official
documents of the Church of England, in addition to the one now
before us. The most familiar is that at the close of the exhorta-
tion directed to be used by the Minister when giving warning
of the celebration of the Holy Communion: “And because it is
requisite, That no man should come to the Holy Communion,
but with a full trust in God’s mercy, and with a quiet con-
science; therefore if there be any of you, who by this means
cannot quiet his own conscience herein, but requireth further
comfort and counsel, let him come to me, or to some other dis-
creet and learned Minister of God’s Word, and open his grief;
that by the ministry of God’s Holy Word he may receive the
benefit of absolution, together with ghostly counsel and advice,
to the quieting of his conscience, and avoiding of all scrape and
doubtfulness.” The 113th Canon also refers to the subject;
enjoining secrecy on the Minister in respect to all confessions
confided to him:

“Provided always, That if any man confess his secret and
hidden sins to the Minister, for the unburdening of his con-
science, and to receive spiritual consolation and ease of mind
from him, we do not any way bind the said Minister by this our
Constitution, but do strictly charge and admonish him, that he
do not at any time reveal or make known to any person what-
ever, any crime or offence so committed to his trust and secrecy
(except they be such crimes as by the Laws of this Realm his
own life may be called in question for concealing the same)
under pain of irregularity.”

And, lastly, in the second part of the Homily of Repentance it
is said, “If any do find themselves troubled in conscience, they
may repair to their learned curate or pastor, or to some other
godly learned man, and show the trouble and doubt of their
conscience to them, that they may receive at their hand the
comfortable salve of God’s Word.”

These quotations might be illustrated by many cases recorded
in the lives of good Churchmen and Churchwomen of the last
and previous centuries, in which private Confession was used both in
health and sickness; and numberless practical writers speak of it
as a recognized habit in the Church of England since the Re-
formation as well as before.

1 Great caution should, however, be used in carrying out these duties.
Dying persons are not only susceptible in respect to true Christian charity
and justice; but they are also open to impressions from fear, sentiment, and
other influences incidental to their state of prostration. In acting upon
this rubric, therefore, the Clergyman should rather use exhortations of a
general character, stating principles, than any which descend into detail.
It may also be remarked that he should assist in making a will only in
cases where a more proper person cannot be found in time.

2 The force of this Canon is apparently weakened by the indefinite char-
acter of the last word in the quotation, as used in modern times. In
ecclesiastical law “irregularity” means deprivation, accompanied by a
perpetual incapacity for taking any benefice whatever. It is the severest
punishment which can be inflicted on a Clergyman under the Canon law
short of degradation from his Orders.

3 An interesting document has lately come to light among the papers of
The Order for the Visitation of the Sick.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to His Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of his great mercy for give the thine offences: And by his authority committed to me, I absolve the time of sickness, is confession to be urged as absolutely essential to the health of the soul.

A clergyman often meets with such special cases; where it is plain (for example) that the time is short, the sick man suffering from some severe accident probably soon to end in death, or lying under mortal sickness. He possibly knows little of the dying person's previous life, and even if he does know something of his outward conduct, he can hardly be acquainted with his secret sins. In such a case he could not take a more direct course towards promoting the dying man's peace with God, than by moving him to make a special confession of his sins, if his conscience be troubled with any weighty matter. Such a confession is almost the best proof we can have of a dying man's sorrow for sin, of his penitent mind, and of his desire for pardon. It is easy for him to say that he is "comfortable in his mind," or that "he is happy," but such words are too often used by those who ought neither to be comfortable nor happy when the judgment is immediately before them. On the other hand, if a dying person opens up his soulfulness to the sorrowing grace of Christ's minister, he does that which is extremely distasteful, and perhaps very painful, to himself; and does it with no other object than that by his humble confession he may gain the benefit of Christ's cleansing blood through the word of absolution pronounced by the Priest in his Master's Name.

It is most evident that where a person is thus desirous of unburdening his mind, (1) the Priest has no right to refuse to hear and receive such confession; and also that (2) the Priest is even bound to suggest and advise it as the remedy provided by the Church to those who are thus burdened.

The form in which Special Confessions are to be made is laid down in the Prayer Book. The following is a common one:—"

The substantial part of this Absolution is ancient, as will be seen by comparing it with the Latin original. A prefatory addition was made to it at the time of its translation in 1549; and this was taken from the Absolution in the "Order of Communion" of 1548, which, again, was derived from Archbishop Hermann's Consultation.

Day's Transal. of Hermann's Consultation, 1547. The Order of Communion, 1548.

Because our blessed Lord hath left this power to His congregation, that it may absolve them

1. O most merciful God, who according to the multitude of Thy mercies, &c., with some few alterations.
2. LORD, we beseech Thee give us grace to withstand, &c.
3. LORD, we beseech Thee that Thy grace, &c.
4. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, &c.

Benediction."
THE ORDER FOR THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

And then the Priest shall say the Collect following.

Let us pray.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desirest pardon and forgiveness. Renew in him (most loving Father) whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by his own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider his contrition, accept his tears, asswage his pain, as from sins, and restore them into the favour of the heavenly Father, which being repentant for their sins, do truly believe in Christ the Lord, I the minister of Christ . . . .

Like the two other Absolutions contained in the Prayer Book, this is intended to convey what it professes to convey, pardon of sin. That pardon cannot, however, be conveyed without the co-operation of the person to whom it is spoken. It is nullified by a false confession (even although the deception is not detected by the Priest), and by any act of sin which places a bar between the sinner and God's pardon. The Priest has acted, of course, to the best of his judgment in regard to the true penitence of the person over whom he pronounces the Absolution, but his judgment is human, and the eye of God alone can detect the full truth.

It was probably with the object of making clear in the form of words itself, what relation the Priest stands in towards the penitent and towards the One Forgiver of sins, that the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ was placed in the very forefront of the Absolution. He, by His death, purchased remission of sin for all men; therefore He alone is the Judge of all, having the supreme power in Himself originally to save or to condemn. The right foundation being thus laid, the power delegated by Christ to His ministers is introduced. It is their part, first, to bring sinners to submit to Jesus; and, secondly, as His Ambassadors to reconcile them. But this reconciliation is only on certain fixed conditions, repentance and faith. Without these there can be no forgiveness; without evident tokens of these the Priest has no right or power to pronounce the Absolution; without these, even if the Absolution be pronounced by the Priest, there is no pardon. The Lord Jesus being set forth as the Author of all pardon, the authority of His ministers as derived from Him laid down, the conditions of forgiveness stated, the Petition follows that He will confirm in heaven what is done on earth, that He who is the Priest's Lord will forgive by His servant's ministry. Then follows

bus peccatis his de quibus corde con-

† And then the Priest shall say the Collect following.

THE COLLECT.

This ancient "reconciliation of a penitent near death" is not only found in the old formularies of the English Church, where it was used long before the preceding indicative form of Absolution was introduced, but in the Sacramentary of Gelasius, a.d. 494; and for many centuries it was commonly used in the churches of the West, as the marginal references show.

The Prayer opens with an appeal to the unfailing mercy of God in putting away the sins of those who truly repent, and remembering them no more: it then beseeches the pity of the Almighty on behalf of the sick man. From this the prayer rises to a petition for internal sanctification, praying that as by the frequent commission of sin, the desires have been biased towards evil, the fault weakened, the heart hardened, the devotion

† There is a practical note, about the manner of giving Absolution, in the Salisbury Use, which may be usefully annexed:

shall seem to thee most expedit for him. And forasmuch as he putteth his full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto him his former sins; but strengthen him with thy blessed Spirit, and when thou art pleased to take him hence, take him unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.


Then shall the Minister say this Psalm.

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust . . . . . . . .

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee?

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Adding this,

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Then shall the Minister say,

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be servant; then, again, fresh prayer that God, Who has so long shown His goodness, will not now desert and leave His followers, when His help is specially needed and doubly required.

Above all, the Psalm points to the great Example offered to His suffering servants by the greatest of all sufferers; for it is of Him chiefly that it speaks; and in His "patient suffering always" may the servant see the meekness and submission of His Master as a pattern which he himself is humbly to copy in the time of affliction. This application of the Psalm is indicated by the Antiphon which follows the Doxology.

THE ANTHOphon.

This Antiphon is extremely interesting as being the only one retained in the Book of Common Prayer; and as still showing the manner in which Antiphons were formerly appended to Psalms for the purpose of drawing out their spiritual meaning or giving them the turn required for the special occasion on which they were used. In this case it clearly points to the preceding Psalm as spoken in the Person of Christ, our suffering Saviour; and pleads the sufferings there expressed as the cause of that human sympathy which is still and ever felt for His members by the Divine Redeemer. [See also p. 59, note.]

THE BENEDICATIONS.

The first of these benedictory forms was inserted as the conclusion of the Visitation Office in 1548, and bears some resemblance to a Collect in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, which...
now and evermore thy defence, and
make thee know and feel, that there
is none other name under heaven given
to man, in whom, and through whom,
thou mayest receive health and salva-
tion, but only the Name of our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ps. cxvii. 15.
Acts xx. 32.
1 Pet. iv. 19.
P. iv. 6.
Isa xxv. 3.
Num. vi. 24-26.

unto God’s gracious mercy and
protection we commit thee. The
Lord bless thee and keep thee. The
Lord make his face to shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee. The Lord
lift up his countenance upon thee, and
give thee peace, both now and ever-
more. Amen.

A Prayer for a sick child.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful
Father, to whom alone belong
the issues of life and death; Look
down from heaven, we humbly beseech
thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this
child now lying upon the bed of sick-
ness: Visit him, O Lord, with thy
salvation; deliver him in thy good
appointed time from his bodily pain,
and save his soul for thy mercies’ sake.
That if it shall be thy pleasure to pro-
long his days here on earth, he may
live to thee, and be an instrument of
thy glory, by serving thee faithfully,
and doing good in his generation; or
else receive him into those heavenly
habitations, where the souls that sleep in
the Lord Jesus enjoy per-
petual rest and felicity. Grant this,
O Lord, for thy mercies’ sake, in the
same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and
the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world
without end. Amen.

A Prayer for a sick person, when there ap-
peareth small hope of recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of
all comfort, our only help in
the time of need; We fly unto thee for
succour in behalf of this thy servant,
here lying under thy hand in great
weakness of body. Look graciously
upon him, O Lord; and the more the
outward man decayeth, strengthen him,
we beseech thee, so much the more
continually with thy grace and holy
Spirit in the inner man. Give him

Psalm xiii.

was used for the Visitation of the Sick. The other, the ancient
Jewish Benediction, first appears in Bishop Cosin’s handwrit-
ing, at the end of the Office in his Durham book. Mr. Palmer

1 The following is the Office for anointing which was inserted here in
1549, but omitted in 1552:—

2 Sam. xii. 16. 22.
Psa. lxxii. 20.
Mark iv. 23—24.
35—42.
Ps. cvii. 4.
Job viii. 1.
Psa. vi. 2. 4.
Phil ii. 27.
2 Cor. v. 15.
Psa. lxvi. 18.
John xiv. 2. 3.
Psa. xxi. 11.
Rev. xiv. 13.
Nis. 6.

found it used as a Benediction in an ancient Irish Manual or
Rituale, published by Sir William Betham, in the first number of
his Antiquarian Researches, from a MS. which he refers to
the seventh century. It is also extant in ancient Gallican and
Anglo-Saxon Missals, as in that of Grimoldus printed by Pane-
lius. [Liturgicon ii. 508.]

THE SPECIAL PRAYERS.

The four prayers appended to the Visitatio Office were added in
1601. The first of them, for a sick child, seems intended as a
provision for those whom extreme youth or infancy would inappro-
ciate from taking part in the actual Visitatio Office; and to
whom also the greater part of it would be inapplicable. The
second Prayer is for a sick man when there appears small hope of
recovery. Its chief intent is to pray God to vouchsafe spiritual
consolations in Christ Jesus, to give the man unconfined repentance
for the errors of his life past; if it seems fit in His eyes, to raise
him up again; if not to receive his soul into the everlasting
kingdom of Heaven. The third is a commendatory prayer. In
the Sarum Manual there is given a Service, “Commendatio Anima-
rum,” but it contains no prayer from which this could have been
derived. A hint seems to have been taken for a portion of it
from the Litany in the service of Extreme Unction: “Ut quic-
THE ORDER FOR THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

\[\text{Matt. xxv. 34, 2 Pet. i. 10, 11.}\]

piously, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is, and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for persons troubled in mind or in conscience.

\[\text{O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear brother, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who sur\]

quid vitium in fine, laete et propius iniquitate atque fragilitate contrastit elementem indulgere digniss. Ter regamus, audi nos." The application to the survivors seems to be quite peculiar to our Prayer Book.

The fourth is a prayer for those troubled in conscience. Its chief aim is to pray to God to enable the man rightly to know and judge himself, that he may not on the one hand be unduly cast down, or on the other too self-confident; that he may fully understand the threatenings and promises in God’s word, that so he may not be driven into despair, or tempted to presume falsely on the mercy of the Almighty. Finally, that God would deliver him and give him peace through the merits and mediation of Christ.

In Bishop Cother’s Durham Prayer Book the following Rubric was inserted by him at the end of the Visitation Office.

"If any sick persons desire the prayers of the Church in

publick, they are to send their names in writing to the Curate, who immediately after the final Collect of Morning or Evening Prayer shall declare the same, and use the form above prescribed, beginning at the words, O Lord, save Thy servant, &c., unto the Exhortation, and ending with these two last prayers, The Almighty Lord, &c. Unto God’s gracious protection, &c."

This rubric was erased by the Committee of Revision, probably on account of which was connected with the Prayer for all conditions of men. But that the custom had been adopted is evident from the ninth of Bishop Wren’s Injunctions, which orders that "when any need is, the sick by name be prayed for in the reading-desk, and nowhere else, at the close of the first service; except it be in the afternoon, and then to be done immediately after the Creed, using only there two Collects, which be set down in the Service Book for the Visitation of the Sick."

THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK.

Forasmuch as all mortal men be subject to many sudden perils, diseases, and sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time they shall depart out of this life; therefore, to the intent they may be always in a readiness to die, whenever it shall please Almighty God to call them, the Curates shall diligently from time to time (but especially in the time of pestilence, or other infectious sickness) exhort their Parishioners to the often receiving of the holy Communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, when it shall be publicly administered in the Church; that so doing, they may, in case of sudden visitation, have the less cause to be disquieted for lack of the same. But if the sick person be not able to come to the Church, and yet is desirous to receive the Communion in his house; then he must give timely notice to the Curate, signifying also how many there are to communicate with him (which shall be three, or two at the least), and having a convenient place in the sick man’s house, with all things necessary so prepared, that the Curate may reverently minister, he shall there celebrate the holy Communion, beginning with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, here following.

The Collect.

Almighty, everlasting God, maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thine hand, and to grant that he may take his sickness patiently, and recover his bodily health, (if it be thy

It has been a universal practice in the Catholic Church to administer the Holy Communion to the sick, and especially to the dying. We have evidence of this in the writings of the Fathers, in Canons, and other ancient documents. In the Eastern Church it was called ἐθάνατον, in the Western viaticum, both words meaning provision, as it were, laid up to sustain the recipients in their journey to the other world. In the earlier documents of the English Church we find great stress laid upon the reception of the Eucharist by the Sick: as the following examples show. Archbishop Theodore (Penitential, cap. 41), after speaking of the penance imposed before reconciliation of penitents adds,—“Si vero periculum mortis, propter aliquam infraruitatem, incurrerint, ante constitutum tempus reconciliari eos oportet, ne forte, quod ab-ita sine communiœ ab hoc sancto discandat.” And again, in the 4th sect. of the same chapter, the like indulgence is to be granted even to those who had not previously begun a course of repentance. “Si quis non penitet, et forsitan ecciderit in agritudinem, et guasierit communicare, non prohibeatur, sed date ei sanctionem communionem, in tamen ut omnia sit ante confessus: et mandate illî ut si placeatur Dei misericordiam ut exsersit de ipsa egritudine, mores suos et actus in quibus antis deliquit, omnino corrigere debet, cum permitteat.”

The Excerpts of Archbishop Egbert exhibit a similar case, —they direct “Ut euncti sacerdotes... omnibus infrinis ante exitum vite viaticum et communionem corporis Christi misericorditer tribuant;” while in the 22nd of the said excerpts it is further ordered, “Ut presbyter eucharistiam habeat semper paratum ad infirmos, ne sine communiœ moriantur.”

So far was this feeling carried, that it was even directed that Priests should carry about with them the consecrated Eucharist, to administer it upon sudden occasions. This custom, however, seems never to have prevailed to any extent in the English Church. King Edgar’s 65th Canon [A.D. 960] orders every priest “to give house to the sick, when they need it;” and the Canons of Edwin direct “the priest shall house the sick and infirm, while the sick can swallow the house; and he shall not administer it, if he be half living, because Christ commanded that the house should be eaten.”

A Canon of the Synod of Westminster (A.D. 1138) goes also indirectly to prove the constant care which was taken in the early English Church that all sick persons might receive the Holy Communion. “2. Sanctorum etiam, ut ultra octo dies corpus Christi non reservetur; neque ad infirmos, nisi per sacerdotium, aut per diaconum, aut necessitate instante, per quilibet cum summa reverentia deferatur.” [Mask. Mon. Rit. I. cxxxxiii.]

The reservation of the Holy Sacrament for the purpose of administration to the sick was probably a primitive practice; for it is named at a very early period. Justin Martyr, in his Apology, tells us that those who were absent from the public celebration had the elements brought to them at their own houses, and this seems to have been part of the duty of the deacons or that day—καλαίγονοι παρ’ ἑαυτῶν Δίδακον θείαν ἕκαστον των παρόντων, μεταβαλλον ἐπί τοῦ εὐχαριστησαν, δρήτω καὶ δίδω καὶ ἔδωκαν, καὶ τοις αὐτοῖς ἀποφέρωσαν.

There is ample evidence in the History of the Church to show that this was the common mode of proceeding; and the practice of reservation was provided for in the first Rubric of the Office for the Communion of the Sick in the Prayer Book of 1549. “If the same day there be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the church, then shall the Priest reserve (at the open Communion) so much of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood as shall serve the sick person, and so many as shall communicate with him (if there be any), and so soon as he conveniently may, after the open Communion ended in the church, shall go and minister the same, first to those that are appointed to communicate with the sick (if there be any) and last of all to the sick person himself. But before the Curate distribute the Holy
gracious will,) and whencesoever his soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle.

Heb. xii. 5. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth; and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

The Gospel.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, John v. 24. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Communion, the appointed general confession must be made in the name of the communicants, the Curate adding the Absolution with the comfortable words of Scripture following in the open Communion; and after the Communion is ended, the Collect, Almighty and everlasting God, we most heartily thank thee, &c. But if the day be not appointed for the open Communion in the church, then (upon convenient warning given) the Curate shall come and visit the sick person afore noon. And having a convenient place," &c.

The same practice was also provided for in another way by the second Rubric at the end of the same Office,—"And if there be more sick persons to be visited the same day that the Curate doth celebrate in any sick man’s house; then shall the Curate (there) reserve so much of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood as shall serve the other sick persons, and such as be appointed to communicate with them (if there be any), and shall immediately carry it and minister it unto them."

It will thus be seen that the original form of our Office provided for reservation in ordinary cases, and for private celebration in exceptional ones. In 1552 both the above Rubrics were dropped, and private celebration alone provided for, the present Collect, Epistle, and Gospel being then appointed. The Rubric respecting reservation reappears, however, eight years later, in the Latin Prayer Book of Queen Elizabeth’s Reign; from which fact it may be reasonably concluded that the practice did not cease when the rubric dropped out of the English Book in 1552. The same conclusion may be drawn from the continuance of the practice in the Scottish Church, and by the Nonjurors. In a work on "the Declaration on Kneeling," by the Rev. T. W. Perry, the author states that he knew [A.D. 1638] "that a member of the present English Episcopate (and one who would certainly not be said to hold very high views on the Eucharist) not unfrequently, in his ministrations as a parochial Incumbent, reserved the Sacrament, at the public celebration, for the use of the sick." The same writer also says that the present Archbishop of Canterbury, when Bishop of Ripon, was appealed to on the subject of reservation during the cholera in Leeds, and that "while saying that he could not authorize reservation, he did not feel himself justified in forbidding it in that emergency!"

The fact is, that in this, as in many other particulars, the temporary dangers and errors which led the Reformers to discourage ancient usages have long passed away; and practical men feel that a return to them is often expedient, both for the promotion of God’s glory, and for the good of souls.

The modern practice is, however, justified on ancient authority by Mr. Palmer in his Origines Liturgicae, where he adduces the following instances of ancient private celebration (Orig. Liturg. ii 282),—

"Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, caused the Eucharist to be celebrated in his own chamber not many hours before his death. ‘Cum ante triduum, quam de hoc mundo ad celeste habitationem vocaretur, cum jam de saete ejus omnes desesperat, et duo ad eum episcopi visitandi studio convenissent, id est, S. Symmachus et Benedictus Hycelinthinus ... quasi prefecturos ad Dominum, iubet sibi ante lectum suam sacra mysteria exhiberi, scilicet ut una cum sanctis episopi oblato sacrificio animam suam Domino commendaret. Vita Paulini Nonali authore Urando Prashi, apud Surium Junii 22. p. 738." Gregory Nazianzen informs us, that his father communicated in his own chamber, and that his sister had an altar at home (Gregor. Nazian. Orat. 19, de Laude Patris, Orat. 11, de Gorgonia). St. Ambrose is also said to have administered the Sacrament in a private house in Rome. Per idem tempus eum trans Thiberim apud quendam clarissimum invitatus, sacrificium in domo offerret, &c. [Vita Ambrosii a Paulino, p. iii. Append. tom. ii. Oper. Ambros. edid. Benedicti]."

At the same time that the private celebration has been adopted more freely than in ancient times, restriction has been laid upon a too free use of it by Canon 71, which enjoins that "No minister shall preach or administer the Holy Communion, in any private house, except it be in times of necessity, when any being either so impotent as he cannot go to the church, or very dangerously sick, are desirous to be partakers of the holy Sacrament, upon pain of suspension for the first offence, and excommunication for the second," while the rubric directs, "If the sick person be not able to come to the church, and yet is desirous to receive the Communion in his house; then he must give timely notice, &c." Thus considerable limitation is indicated with respect to private celebrations of the Holy Communion; and it is very desirable that this limitation should be practically acted upon in the spirit of the Canon, as the celebration of the Holy Communion in a room used for ordinary living, and on a table used for meals or other domestic purposes is a practice which it is difficult to guard from irreverence and from dishonour towards so holy a Sacrament.

To guard against it as much as possible, care should be used to carry out the spirit of the Rubric, by having "a convenient place" and "all things necessary" for ministering the Communion. The proper vestments should be worn by the Priest; proper vessels should be provided for the celebration; and fine linen cloths should also be taken by him to be used as at the altar in the church.

† At the time of the distribution, &c. The object of this
Rubric was probably to avoid any danger from contagion to those who partook with the sick man; in addition to this there are many cases where it would be felt there were reasons which made it undesirable for the follow-communists to receive after the sick person. Care should be taken not to consecrate more of the elements than is absolutely necessary, so that none may remain over after the sick man has communicated. If any remain, and circumstances prevent its being partaken of by the sick man or the Priest, it may be consumed in the fire. “Sed hoc quod reliquis ea est carnisibus et panibus in igne incendi praecepit. Quod nonnun vidimus etiam sensibiliter in ecclesia fieri, ignique tradi quaequecumque remanere contigisset incensumpta.” [Huneych. in Leo. lib. ii.]

¶ But if a man, either by reason, &c.] This Rubric sets forth certain cases in which, though a man may be prevented from actually receiving the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, he may yet spiritually be a partaker. Extremity of sickness, want of warning to the Curate, lack of company, or any other just impediment are all alleged as reasons which may make actual Communion impossible. Ignorance, want of due understanding of the Sacrament, carelessness about receiving it, cannot be just impediments; the man must be fitted and willing to receive the Holy Sacrament, if he is to be able spiritually to partake.

In the York Manual a direction is given as to those who are not to receive the Holy Communion,—

“Dum vomet infruns, non debet suum corpus, Christi nisi credit; credendo fedeliter egit; Eternum, insanus, erroneus, et male credens; Et pueri, corpus Christi non suscipiant hi; Non nisi mensae semel, aliquis communieet ager.”

In the Sarum Manual provision is made for Spiritual Communion in cases where actual reception of the elements is impossible. The subject is touched on in a very reverential spirit in the Penticostal of Ekebert, Archbishop of York, a work dating from the eighth century,—“Si houini aliqui eucharistia denegata sit, et ipse interior moratur, de his rebus nihil aliud conjecte possumus, nisi quod ad judicium Dei pertineat, quoniam in Dei potestate est, quod absque eucharistia obliviscit.”

The Curate, in a case where the sick man is prevented from communicating, is to instruct him that “if he truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the cross for him, and shed His blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving Him hearty thanks therefore, he doth eat and drink the body and blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.”

The Priest should instruct the sick man to call to mind all that Christ did and suffered for his sake; how He left the glory that He had from all eternity with the Father, to take upon Him the form of a servant; how He humbled Himself and became of no reputation for our sakes; how He endured the contradiction of sinners; how He had not a place where to lay His head; how for us He died and for us rose again and ascended into heaven, where He ever liveth to make intercession for His people. He should bid the sufferer meditate on the infinite love of the Redeemer, as set forth in a life during which He went about doing good, as exemplified in a death of suffering most intense, of humiliation most absolute. He should bid him see in Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, should urge him to look to that Saviour, not simply as his Teacher, but as the source of his spiritual life. Specially should the Priest direct the sick man’s thoughts to the full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world once offered by Christ on the cross for our redemption. He should lead him to plead that all-sufficient sacrifice with God the Father, to trust to it for the forgiveness of all his sins, to believe that through it he may receive strength to stand against the wiles and snares of the devil; that through it he may receive the grace, the blessing, he needs. He should lead him to see in this sacrifice his hope for a peaceful death, his expectation of a glorious resurrection. The sick man should be taught to present himself, his soul and body, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto God, beseeching the Lord that neither in will nor deed he may ever again depart from His ways. He should be reminded that he has to do with One who sees the sincere desire of his heart, and who accepts the earnest wish and longing where the power actually to Communicate is wanting. Thus instructed, the sick man may receive in his soul the comforts and strength to be derived from the blessed Communion of his Saviour's body and blood, though from some just impediment he is prevented from actually eating that Bread and drinking that Cup. And, if possible, his intentions should be directed towards the Holy Sacrament at the very time of its celebration in church.
In the time of the plague, this rubric shows that in certain cases it is plainly the duty of a Parish Priest to visit persons suffering from infectious diseases. It is evident from the parenthesis in the 67th Canon, which directs the minister to resort to the sick person "(if the disease be not known, or probably suspected to be infectious)," that some discretion is allowed in visiting such cases.

There are circumstances in which nothing should prevent a parish priest visiting even where the risk of infection is strongest. If he be called upon to baptise a dying child, or be sent for by a sick person, or by some friend who has a right to speak on his behalf, no clergymen should for a moment think of refusing to incur any danger; especially if the infected person express a hearty desire for the Holy Communion, the Minister must go without any hesitation or attempt to excuse himself. He is going about his Master’s business, and should go in humble trust that that Master will be with him and protect him in his work. Where it may be perfectly allowable for others to shrink and hold back, as in the case of the diseases mentioned in the rubric, and in sicknesses of similar malignity, a clergymen has no right to hesitate. His duty is clear, to be ready to comfort and help those who need his spiritual advice and counsel. Still, while a clergymen goes to such cases trusting to the watchful care of his Master, he should not omit any proper precautions that he can take, for his own sake, for that of his family, and for that of other sick persons he may have to visit.

The following rules for avoiding infection are taken from the "Directorium Pastorale," second edition, p. 221.

Some Rules for avoiding Infection.

1. Avoid visiting dangerous cases of illness with the stomach in a very empty condition, or with the lungs exhausted by running or quick ascent of stairs. Calumness is a great safeguard. It is better to take a biscuit and glass of wine before starting to visit very extreme cases of infectious disease.

2. Do not place yourself between the patient and the fire, where the air is drawn from the former to the latter over your person.

3. Do not inhale the breath of the patient.

4. Do not keep your hand in contact with the hand of the sufferer.

5. Avoid entering your own or any other house until you have ventilated your clothes and person by a short walk in the open air. You are morally bound to take this precaution in respect to other sick persons whom you have to visit; and, in the case of your own family, although they must abide by the risks which belong to your calling, they have a claim upon you for the use of all lawful precautions in making that risk as small as possible.

6. In times when you are much among infectious cases, use extra care to keep the respiratory ducts of the skin clear of obstruction, that the excretive force of the perspiration may have fair play in throwing off infectious matters floating in the air.

By taking such precautions as these, clergymen may visit infectious cases with at least as much security as medical men.

[The ancient English form of exhortation given in the note on the "Profession of Faith," a few pages back, appears to belong to a type commonly used in the Middle Ages. Mr. Mackill’s form is taken from a MS. in St. John’s College Library, Oxford; the following is from a MS. in the Bodleian [Rawlinson, c. 587, ff. 53, 54.] In the same collection [Rawlinson, c. 108, 90] there is a Latin form apparently drawn up for the use of priests in the diocese of Lundun, in the fifteenth century, which begins in a similar manner.

"Ante quam communicetur infirmus et ante miracolum:

Brother, be ye glad ye shall dye in Chrystens beleve?

To. Ye syr.

Knowe ye well ye have not so well lyved as ye shulde?

Ye, syr.

Hæve ye wille to Amendmente yow if ye have had space to lyve?

Ye, syr.

Believe ye that or Lorde Christ Jhu goddy goody soon of heven was born of the blessed vyrgyn our ladie saynt Mary?

Ye, syr.

Believe ye that our Lorde Christ Jhu dyed vpon the crosse to bye mans solwe upo the good srydale?

Ye, syr.

Thaneke ye him entiere therof?

Ye, syr.

Believe ye yf ye may not be saved but by his precious death?

Ye, syr.

"Tune dicat sacerdos.

"Therefor, Brother, while you solwe is in you bodye, thanke ye god of his death, and hau ye hole trusite, to be saved, through his precyoun death, and thanke ye on non other worldly goode, but onely in Christe Jius death, and on his pyetifull pasyon, and sye after me, My swete Lorde Christ Jhu, I put thy precyous passyon betweene the and my evil werke and betwene me and thy wrath.

"Et dicat infirmus ter.

"In manus tuas Domine, etc. Vul sic—

"Lorde Christ Jhu, in to thy handes I betake my solwe and as thou boustest me, bodye and soule I betake to the.

The beautiful words, "I put Thy precious passion," &c., are taken from St. Anselm; unless indeed the reverse be the case, and St. Anselm quoted them from a form familiar in his time.]
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THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

† Here is to be noted, that the Office ensuing is not to be used for any that die unbaptized, or excommunicate, or have laid violent hands upon themselves.

THE BURIAL OFFICE.

A question not unfrequently arises, whether this Office must necessarily be used over all persons buried in consecrated ground, provided they do not belong to one of the three classes mentioned in the first rubric. There are (1) cases in which clergymen would rather avoid saying the Service over ill living and ill dying parishioners, and also (2) in which the survivors, being Dissenters, would prefer the omission of the Service, such omission being also in known agreement with the principles and wishes of the deceased. The only law of the Church on the subject, besides the rubric, is the following:—

"Canon 68.

"Ministers not to refuse to Christen or Bury.

"No Minister shall refuse or delay to christen any child according to the form of the Book of Common Prayer, that is brought to the Church to him upon Sundays or Holy Days to be christened, or to bury any corpse that is brought to the Church or Church-yard, convenient warning being given him thereof before, in such manner and form as is prescribed in the said Book of Common Prayer. And if he shall refuse to christen the one, or bury the other, (except the party deceased were denounced excommunicate majorti excommunicatione, for some grievous and notorious crime, and no man able to testify of his repentance,) he shall be suspended by the Bishop of the diocese from his ministry by the space of three months."

This Canon of 1603 thus imposes a penalty on the Clergyman for refusing to bury any person not excommunicated; does not impose it for delay unaccompanied by refusal; and says nothing about omission by mutual consent of the clergyman and the friends of the deceased. The rubric was added (at the suggestion of Bishop Cosin) in 1661. Bishop Gibson, in his Codex, evidently takes for granted that the service is to be said over all except those mentioned in the rubric, and his opinion is reproduced by Burn and later writers. But, until recent times, many persons were buried in private grounds, such as gardens, orchards, and fields; and probably a case had never arisen in which the omission of the Service was desired when the body of the deceased was brought to consecrated ground. Sir John Nicoll says [Kenpe e. Wicke], "Our Church knows no such indecency as putting the body into the consecrated ground without the service being at the same time performed;" but this dictum must have been uttered in forgetfulness of the law of 1821, which directs that suicides (fido de se) shall be buried there without service, and which seems to be in accordance with the practice indicated by the first rubric, in which there is no prohibition of burial in consecrated ground.

An Act of Parliament [5 Geo. IV. c. 25] empowers the Irish clergy to omit the Service in certain cases other than those defined by the rubric, and the preamble assumes that the clergy are bound to use it in every case which is not excepted by the statute or the rubric. The question seems never to have been fairly raised, and no judicial decision has defined the exact duty of a clergyman in respect to it. The nearest approach to such a definition is contained in an opinion given by Dr. Lushington on Sept. 7th, 1855, in which he says, "I think when the friends of the deceased apply to the clergyman to abstain from performing the funeral Service, on the ground that the deceased when alive was a dissenter, the clergyman may comply with such request."

In Lancashire, Roman Catholics have constantly been buried without any service in the Church or Churchyard; while, on the other hand, at the burial of Robert Owen the socialist, and of the infidel Carlile, the clergymen thought it their duty to say the Service, in the face of a strong protest against its use on the part of the relatives.

There are cases of notorious wickedness or infidelity, in which it might be the painful duty of the clergyman to refuse, on that account, to use the Service. In such cases it would not probably be difficult to obtain the assent of the survivors to such a course, if the reasons for taking it were solemnly told to them beforehand. Should it be impossible to obtain such an assent, there are few clergymen who would not be prepared to abide the consequences. But in the majority of cases, even where the life has been notoriously evil, there is still room for the charitable hope that the sinner has not been utterly forsaken by God's mercy in his death.

not to be used for any that die unbaptized. Many infants and even adult persons die, of whom it is quite certain that they have not been baptized; and in such cases the law is clear. But it is an ancient rule of the Church that while conditional baptism should be administered to a living person, of whom it is uncertain whether or not he has been baptized previously, in the case of deceased persons, in a Christian country, their baptism is to be taken for granted unless there is proof to the contrary. The Archbishop of Canterbury has lately written, "that the Service of the Church of England for the burial of the dead is intended for those who have been made members of the Church of Christ by Baptism, and that to use that Service over the unbaptized would be an anomalous and irregular proceeding on the part of a minister of the Church of England." A strict observance of the rubric tends very much to impress upon parents the necessity of Holy Baptism for their children.

or excommunicate. The rubric of 1661 is to be interpreted in accordance with the Canon of 1603: and hence a person "excommunicate" must mean one "denounced, excommunicate majorti excommunicatio, for some grievous and notorious crime, and no

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1 British Magazine, viii. 569.
2 Letter to a Unitarian preacher at Tenterden. May 26, 1865.
man able to testify of his repentance." A formal absolution before death by any authority which has passed the sentence of excommunication is not, therefore, of absolute necessity to admit the use of the Office; an opening being left for the exercise of the charity of the Church towards even one excommunicated from its fold, if his repentance before death can be credibly shown to have taken place. While discipline is so little exercised as at present, there is seldom any occasion for taking this part of the rubric into consideration; but it is possible that a revival of discipline may take place, to the extent, at least, of excommunicating open and habitual evil doers, when it might sometimes become necessary to decide whether this charity of the Church could be exercised or not.

It is clear that sentence of excommunication is contemplated by the rubric, and that it does not include those who have deserved it, but upon whom it has not been actually pronounced. Suicides are divided by the common law of the land into two classes, those who have committed felony by a wilful murder of themselves, and those who have killed themselves while in a state of insanity. The first are held fully responsible for the consequences of their act; their property being forfeited to the Crown, and their bodies ordered to be buried in a churchyard or cemetery without any religious rites, and between the hours of nine and twelve at night. The second are considered to be in no degree responsible for their act, and the law does not impose any penal consequences upon it.

Such a distinction does not seem to be contemplated by the rubric, which speaks inclusively of all "who have laid violent hands upon themselves." Yet Christian charity requires that some distinction should be made, and such a distinction was implied, at least, by the ancient canons on the subject. Thus the council of Elvira, or Braga in Spain [A.D. 683], enjoins, "Concerning those who by any fault inflicts death on themselves, let there be no commemoration of them in the Oration. . . . Let it be enjoined that those who kill themselves by sword, poison, precipice, or halter, or by any other means bring violent death upon themselves, shall not have a memorial made of them in the Oration, nor shall their bodies be carried with Psalms to burial." This canon was adopted among the exegesis of Egbert, in A.D. 760, and is substantially repeated among some Penitential Canons of the Church of England in A.D. 968, and indicates the general principle of the canon law on the subject. This principle certainly indicates, that a distinction should be made between those who "by any fault" cause their own deaths, and those who do so when they are so far deprived of reason as not to be responsible in the sense of doing it by "any faults," wilfully and consciously. And the rubric being thus to be interpreted by a law of charity, the responsibility of deciding in what cases exceptions shall be made to its injunction is, by the nature of the case, thrown upon the clergyman who has care of souls in the parish where the suicide is to be buried.

Numerous writers have laid it down that the verdict of the Coroner's jury relieves the clergyman from this responsibility, and that if that verdict is "Temporary Insanity" he is bound to disregard the fact that the deceased person has laid violent hands upon himself. But to adopt such a rule is to throw up the discipline of the Church and to place it in the hands of a secular tribunal; one, moreover, which is apt to be influenced by secondary motives and feelings in this particular matter which are quite irrespective of the religious question. If the same jury were to be asked, quite independently of the question of forfeiture, whether the suicide was a person over whom they themselves could pronounce the words of the Burial Service, the reply would often be in the negative, and that verdict of Temporary Insanity was one of charity towards the living rather than of justice towards the dead. There cannot be a doubt that many men would return such a verdict under the feeling that the self-murder was a great crime indeed, one for which the suicide deserved punishment if it had been possible to punish him, and one from which others ought to be deterred; but that not being able to punish him for his crime, they would not punish his family by adding to their sufferings. The question of the verdict is, therefore, legally and morally distinct from that of the rubric; and though the two are analogous, yet they must be judged by separate persons and by separate standards. The jury are the deputies of the State to decide whether or not the suicide was a felon by the laws of the State. The priest is the deputy of the Church, to decide whether the blessings of the Church can rightly be dispensed in the case of one who has taken away life contrary to the law of God.

In coming to this decision the verdict of the jury should have respectful attention, though it is not to be considered as an irrevocable law for the clergyman. It is not often, perhaps, that any circumstances within his own knowledge will compel him to act in a way that seems to be discordant with it; nor need he seek out information to disturb his mind on the subject. But if circumstances have come to his knowledge, which make it plain that there was no such insanity as to deprive the suicide of ordinary moral responsibility, then he is to remember (1) that he is a "savor of the mysteries of God," who has no right to misapply the blessings given him to dispense; and (2) that the scandal, and encouragement to suicide, which result from too easy compliance, are in themselves great evils which it is his duty, as it is within his power, to prevent. In this case, as in the previous one of excommunication, a solemn explanation of the painful necessity might often win the sorrowful acquiescence of conscientious survivors.

The first of these beautiful penitential Antiphons is traceable to the ancient Inhumatio Defunctorum, and was also a Compline Antiphon "in agenda Mortuorum" in the Antiphonary of St. Gregory. The second was used in the Vigilia Mortuorum or Dirge of the Sarum rite. In Marbecke's Common Prayer, they are arranged as Responses and Versicles, the divisions being made where the musical points stand, as in the text above. The Response is also commenced again, with an "&c." after the Versicle, in that it would appear that it should be repeated by the Choir. The second was thus arranged in the Primer of the fourteenth century.

1. Sentence of excommunication was very frequently pronounced in the 16th and 17th centuries; and there are entries in Parish Registers of those who have died and been buried as excommunicates. Lord George Gordon was excommunicated towards the end of the last century.

2. It may be as well to state, that the "Coroner's Warrant" for the burial of a body over which an inquest has been called, is simply a discharge of the body from the custody of the Crown in ordinary cases it is unconditional, and imposes no obligation of any kind as to interment. In a case of falso de se it orders burial in the mausoleum stated above

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I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

After they are come into the Church, shall be read one or both of these Psalms following.

[Dixi custodiám. Psalm xxxix.  
Domínus, reúgiun. Psalm xcv.]

Then shall follow the Lesson taken out of the fifteenth Chapter of the former Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

these Psalms following] In the ancient Burial Office of the Church of England a number of psalms, 114, 25, 118, 42, 152, 139, 148, 149, 150, together with the seven penitential Psalms, or, instead of them [Cf. "vel saltem Psalmum"], the De Profundis, Psalm 130. It may be doubted whether all these psalms were used at every burial. In the Prayer Book of 1549, after the two prayers which followed the placing of the corpse in the grave, came this rubric, "¶ These Psalms, with other suffrages following, are to be said in the Church, either before or after the burial of the corpse:" the Psalms being 116, 139, 146. At the Holy Communion, Psalm 42, "Like as the hart desireth the water brooks," was used as the Introit. Singular to say, no Psalms were printed in the Burial Service from 1552 to 1661, nor did the Introits appear in the Latin Office for the celebration of the Holy Communion at funerals. They appear to have been omitted in deference to the scruples of Bucer, who objected to prayers for the dead [Cosin v. 498]. At the last revision, in 1661, the Psalms 32 and 90 were inserted, and thus the Office regained its ancient and primitive character.

Then shall follow the Lesson] This and other portions of the New Testament which are used in the Burial Service have been in use from the primitive ages of Christianity. In the Lectionary of St. Jerome1 there are nine lections, "In Agenda Mortuorum," and four of these are represented in the English Prayer Book, if we include the Epistle and Gospel which are directed by the Book of 1549 and the Latin Office of 1560. The following columns show how these portions of Scripture have been handed down to our Burial Office from the primitive Church:

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1 For an account of the Comes Hieronymi, see page 76.

A. EGO sum resurrectio et vita: qui credit in me, etiamus mortuos suunt, vivet: et omnis qui vivit et credit in me, non morietur in aeternum.

R. CREDO quod Redemptor meus vivit: et in novissimo die dicitur: Et in carne mea videbo Deum Salvatorem meum.

§ The Holy Communion.

If the Holy Communion is celebrated at a Funeral, the proper place for it is immediately after the Lesson, while the body of the deceased is yet in the Church.

In primitive times the departure of the soul and the burial of the body were ever associated with the Holy Eucharist: and the celebration of it at the burial of martyrs, and at their tombs on the anniversary day of their death, appears to have been the origin of saints' days. When Monice, the mother of St. Augustine, saw that her death was at hand in a strange country, Navigius, her other son, expressed a wish that she might die in her own land; but her one care was that she might remain, body as well as soul, in the Communion of Saints. "Let this body anywhere," said she; "let not the care for that any way disquiet 2 Tertull. de Coron. iii. Ibid. de Monogam. x. Cypri. Ep. xxxiv. xxxvii. lxvi. lxvii. Aug., Enchirid. cx. Posidius, Vita S. Aug. xiii. Ambros. de Obita Valentinia.
¶ When they come to the Grave, while the Corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Priest shall say, or the Priest and Clerks shall sing:

1 Ang. Conf. lx. 11, 12. 2 They would have no minister to bury their dead, but the corpse to be brought to the grave and there put in by the clerks, or some other honest neighbour, and so back again without any more ado."—Cosin, Works, v. 168. See also Hooker, Ecc. Polit., v. ixxv. 1. 4.

you; this only I request, that you would remember me at the altar of the Lord, wherever you be." Afterwards St. Augustine writes, "And, behold, the corpse was carried to the burial: we went and returned without tears. For not even did I weep in those prayers which we poured forth unto Thee, when the Sacrifice of our Ransom was offered for her, as the manner is, while the corpse was by the side of the grave, previous to being laid therein."

That such was the custom of the Church may also be seen by the ancient Sacramentaries of the Primitive Church, in which there are Collects and Prefaces for the celebration of the Holy Communion, "In die depositionis defuncti" [Menard's Sac. Greg. 281], and from the Lectionary of St. Jerome, in which are Gospels and Epistles for the same occasion. In the Medieval Church of England the same custom was observed, the burial of the dead being always either associated with the Holy Communion at the time or within a few days.

The Prayer Book of 1549 provided for a continuance of this primitive custom by placing at the end of the Burial Service an Introit, Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, arranged in the same order as there for Holy Week and other Holy Days, and headed "The Celebration of the Holy Communion when there is a Burial of the Dead." The Introit was that which was previously in use, the 42nd Psalm, "Like as the hart desireth the water brooks:" the Collect, that which is printed in the right-hand column beyond; and the Epistle and Gospel, those which have been noticed in the preceding note as coming down from the time of St. Jerome. When the Introits were removed from the Prayer Book, this one was removed among them, and the Gospel and Epistle ceased to be indicated in the English Prayer Book. Thus the Collect alone remained, which was printed (as it had been previously) at the end of the Burial Office. In 1661 the Apostles' Benediction was added, and thus the Collect has come to appear as if it was part of that Office on all occasions, instead of being intended only for those on which there is a celebration.

In the Latin Prayer Book of 1560, the old title was translated with an addition:—"Celebrare caelestis Domini, in funebris, si amici et vicini defunctori communicant, et" so were the Epistle and two Gospels, the alternative one being John xxv. 21—23. The Puritans were extremely averse to any service at the burial of the dead, and wished to restrict the ceremonies to exhortation and preaching only. They objected to the Psalms, and these were omitted as far as 1601; but clerks, or some other honest averse to the celebration of the Lord's Supper on any but very rare occasions, so its celebration at funerals was very distasteful to them, and was ignorantly associated by them with the Roman doctrine of purgatory. Thus the practice was much discouraged.

When the Psalms were again printed in the Office, after a hundred years' suppression, the Gospel and Epistle were not; and the funeral Communion had almost passed out of memory in the first half of this century, the only relic of it being the funeral eulogy, which still retained its hold upon the Church in Wales. But even this was deprived of its primitive character by being appropriated for use by the clergyman, clerk, and sexton.

There are, however, sound reasons why the psics, ancient, and primitive custom should be observed.

(1) The Holy Eucharist is essentially a sacrificial act offered up for the departed as well as for the living. The petition in the Prayer of Oblation, "humly beseeching Thee to grant that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His passion," is one which includes the departed members of Christ's whole Church, or it would be only a petition for a portion of the Church; and "all other benefits of His passion" seems especially to apply to the departed, as "remission of our sins" applies to the living.

So that the virtue of this Sacrifice (which is here in this prayer of oblation, commemorated and represented) doth not only extend itself to the living and those that are present, but likewise to them that are absent, and them that be already departed, or shall in time come live and die in the faith of Christ?" At no time could this benefit be so appropriately sought, as when for the last occasion the body of the deceased Christian lies in front of the altar.

(2) A funeral Eucharist is also an act of communion with the departed, by which we make an open recognition of our belief that he still continues to be one of God's dear children; that the soul in Paradise and the body in the grave are still the soul and body of one who is still a member of Christ, still a branch (as much as those who remain alive) of the true Vine.

(3) The Holy Communion being the special means by which the members of Christ are brought near to their Divine Head, it is to it that the surviving friends of the deceased may look for their chief comfort in bereavement. By it they may look to have their faith strengthened in Him who has proclaimed Himself to be "The Resurrection and the Life:" and by the strengthening of their faith they may hope to see, even in the burial of their loved ones, the promise of a better resurrection when that which has borne the image of the earthly shall also bear the image of the Heavenly, when death shall be swallowed up in victory, and when God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes in the joy of a re-union before His Presence.

In the absence of any rubrical direction respecting the celebration of the Holy Communion at funerals, it seems desirable to follow the course pointed out by the Office for the Communion of the Sick, beginning the service with the Collect, and substituting that proper to the Office for that of the day. If an Introit is used, none can be more appropriate than the 42nd Psalm, which has been used at funerals for ages. The proper Epistle and Gospel are I Thess. iv. 13—18, and John vi. 27—40.

[When they come to the Grave] Bishop Cosin altered this rubric as follows:—"¶ If there be any Divine Service to be read, or Sermon to be made at this time, the Corpse shall be decently placed in the midst of the Church till they be ended. Then all going in decent manner to the grave, while the Corpse is made ready," &c. By "Divine Service" Cosin doubtless meant the Holy Communion, as no other service was ever mixed up in this manner with the Burial Office. Provision had been made for this in Edward VI.'s reign and in that of Queen Elizabeth. Sermons at funerals were also common when Cosin wrote, and for some time after; and were probably an adaptation to Church use of the Puritan practice which had sprung up during the Rebellion.

Clerks shall sing] This expression here and in the preceding rubric recognizes the presence of a choir as a matter of course; but their absence is provided for by the alternative direction for the Priest to say the Anthem alone.
THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

W. Ne projicias nos in tempore se-nectutis: Cum defecerit virtus nostra, ne dere-linques nos, Domine. Sancte Deus, Sancte Fortis, Sancte et misericors Salvator: Amare morti ne tradas nos. 

THE ANTHEM.

This was printed continuously until the last revision, when it was separated into paragraphs at the suggestion of Bishop Cosin. It was printed by the Reformers of 1549 in two portions, first, the two verses from Job; and, secondly, "In the midst of life," &c., the latter being translated (with some slight changes in the last paragraph) from an Anthem used at Compline on the third Sunday in Lent. In the use of this noble Anthem, Sequence, or Process, at Burials is peculiar to the English Communion; and it never had a place in any part of the Roman Breviary. In some old German Breviaries it was appointed for a Compline Anthem on Saturdays, the usage being probably copied from that of Salisbury.

The original composition of the Media vita is traced back to Notker, to whom that of the Dies Irae can be traced, and who was a monk of St. Gall, in Switzerland, at the close of the ninth century. It is said to have been suggested to him by a circumstance similar to that which gave birth to a noble passage in Shakespeare2. As our English poet watched the samphire gatherers on the cliffs at Dover, so did Notker observe similar occupations elsewhere. And as he watched men at some "dangerous trade," he sang, "In the midst of life we are in death," moulding his awful hymn to that familiar form of the Trisagion, "Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us," which is found in the primitive Liturgies. In the Middle Ages it was adopted as a Dirge on all melancholy occasions in Germany: armies used it as a battle song; and superstitious ideas of its miraculous power rose to such a height, that in the year 1316 the Synod of Cologne forbade the people to sing it at all except on such occasions as were allowed by their Bishop. A version of it by Luther, "Mitten wir im Leben sind," is still very popular in Germany, as a hymn.

When sung to such strains as beft its beautiful words, this Anthem has a solemn magnificence, and at the same time a wrailing prayerfulness, which makes it unsurpassable by any analogous portion of any ritual whatever. It is the prayer of the living for themselves and for the departed, when both are in the Presence of God for the special object of a final separation (so far as this world and visible things are concerned), until the great Day. At such a season we do not argue about Prayers for the departed, but we pray for them. For them and for ourselves we plead the mercies of the Saviour before the eternal Judge. Not as selfish men, to whom the brink of the grave brings thoughts of our own mortality, do we tremblingly cry out for fear; but as standing up before our dead who still live, as in anticipation of the Day when we shall again stand together, dying no more, before the Throne of the Judge, we acknowledge that Death is a mark of God's displeasure; that it is a result of sin, and that it ends in the bitter pains of an eternal death, unless the holy, mighty, and merciful Saviour deliver us. Such deep words of penitent humiliation on our own behalf, and on that of the person whose body is now to be removed from our sight, are a fitting termination to the last hour which is spent in the actual presence of those with whom we have, perhaps, spent many hours which need the mercy of God.

In the ancient Latin rite of the Church of England, the 114th Psalm, "When Israel came out of Egypt," was sung during the procession to the grave; and if the procession was long in going, the 25th Psalm also, "Unto Thee, O God, will I lift up my soul." The Antiphon to the Psalm was, "May the angels carry thee to Paradise: may the martyrs receive thee into their

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1 At Peterborough, part of the Sentences of the Burial Service were sung as the anthem during service on the Eve of the Annunciation [1642, Gunton, p. 69.]
2 King Lear, iv. 6
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1 "This is left arbitrary for any bystander to perform, by which it is implied that it shall be the state and condition of every one, one day. He that casts earth upon the dead body to-day may have earth cast upon his to-morrow, "Hodie mihi, vens tibi." Ellowen on Occasional Offices, p. 115-

1 Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Priest shall say.

FORSASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear brother here departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

Then shall be said or sung.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

COMMENDO animam tuam Deo Patri omnipotenti, terram terrae, cinerem cineri, pulverem pulveri, in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.

A UDIVI vocem de ceelo dicentem: Beati mortui qui in Domino moriuntur.

assembly, and bring thee unto the City of the heavenly Jerusalem."

Then, while the earth shall be cast] This striking ceremony was anciently performed by the Priest himself, and so the rubric directed in 1549; but was ordered to be performed by "some standing by" in 1552. The practice of casting it thrice appears to be one not peculiar to Christians, since it is referred to by Horace [Carm. i. xxi. 35].

"— licebit Injecto ter pulvere curas."

Bishop Cosin says, that it was the custom in most places for this to be done by the Priest in his day. In some parts of England four or five of the mourners usually assist the sexton in filling up the grave. Both customs arose out of that instinct of human nature that the Burial of the Dead is one of the works of mercy.

The original intention of the Office appears to have been, that the Priest should cast in the three symbolical handfuls of earth, saying the words of commendation, and that then the Anthem should be sung while the grave was being filled up by "some standing by." This reconciles the rubric, the custom above referred to, and Cosin's words, "still the priest uses to cast the earth upon the corpse, before the clerk or sexton meddles with it" [Works, v. 168]. In the Greek Church the Priest casts earth on the body, saying, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the compass of the round world, and they that dwell therein." A touching memorial that the earth is sown with the bodies of the saints as Paradise is filled with their souls. Forasmuch as it hath pleased] These words are founded on several texts of Scripture. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." [Eccles. xii. 7]. "Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes" [Gen. xviii. 27]. "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" [Gen. iii. 19]. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself" [Phil. iii. 21].

The various forms in which these commendatory words have been cast may be seen at a glance by the following parallel arrangement:—
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The latter form has been substantially adopted by the American Church.

These words sometimes appear out of place when used over persons who have lived evil lives, and have not given evidence of dying penitent deaths. But it must be remembered that the Burial Office is framed on the supposition that it should be used only over those who are Christians; those, that is, who have been made members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. If they have ceased to be Christians, they have no right to the use of the Office. But who have ceased to be Christians? And who would dare, of their own unauthorized judgment, to go against the spirit of the injunction laid on us by the Apostle, “Judge nothing before the time?” It may be regretted that the original form of 1549 was ever altered; but it is instructive to learn that the form adopted to please the Puritans of 1552 was thoroughly distasteful to the Puritans of 1661.

What the words do, in fact, express, is this:—That (1) The body of a Christian, our “dear brother” in Christ (even if an erring brother) is being committed to the ground. That (2) God has taken him to Himself in the sense that his spirit has returned to God who gave it. That (3) while we thus commit the body of one to the ground, who (whatever he was, was yet a sinner) we do it with faith in a future Resurrection of all. That (4) without any expression of judgment as to our departed brother, we will yet call that hope a “sure and certain hope,” since it is founded on the Word of God.

There may be cases in which persons have died in the actual committal of some grievous sin, and in which these words might be manifestly unsuitable; but in such cases the whole Office is out of place, and the clergyman should decline to use it. And in almost all others, if not in all, there is room for an expression of hope, in the spirit of charity in which the Church appoints the words to be used; and as the Bishops replied to the Puritans in 1661, “It is better to be charitable and hope the best, than rashly to condemn.”

Then the Priest shall say) In the Book of 1549 the Psalms and Lesson were directed to be said in the Church either before or after the burial of the corpse, “with other suffrages following.” Those suffrages consisted of the lesser Litany and the Lord’s Prayer, with these from the ancient Office.

Priest. Enter not (O Lord) into judgment with thy servant.
Answer. For in thy sight no living creature shall be justified.
Priest. From the gates of hell.
Answer. Deliver their souls, O Lord.
Priest. I believe to see the goodness of the Lord.
Answer. In the land of the living.
Priest. O Lord, graciously hear my prayer.
Answer. And let my cry come unto thee.
After which followed this prayer, of which that now in use is:—

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our brother out of the miseries of this sinful world; be-seeking thee, that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.


Almighty God, we give thee hearty thanks for this thy servant, whom thou hast delivered from the miseries of this wretched world... Grant, we beseech thee, that at the day of judgment his soul, and all the souls of thy elect, departed out of this life, may with us, and we with them, fully receive thy promises, and be made perfect altogether; through the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Collect.

O MOST merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him; We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our brother doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Collect.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, (by his holy Apostle Paul,) not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him; We meekly beseech thee, (O Father,) to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may sleep in him, as our hope is this our brother doth; and at the general Resurrection in the last day, both we, and this our brother departed, receiving again our bodies, and rising again in thy most gracious favour, may, with all thine elect saints, obtain eternal joy. Grant this, O Lord God, by the means of our Advocate Jesus Christ; which, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God for ever. Amen.

. . . . Set him on the right hand of thy Son Jesus Christ, among thy holy and elect, that then he may hear with them these most sweet and comfortable words, Come to me, ye blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom which hath been prepared for you from the foremost removed from the Prayer Book, including that used in the Burial Office. The special Epistle and Gospel were also removed from the English Book, although retained in the Latin one. Hence the Collect only was left, and this was (according to the usual manner in which in the Missal was printed) placed with the other parts of the Service for use when required. In 1661 the Apostolic Benediction was placed after it; and thus led to its being regarded as part of the ordinary Burial Service, even when there is no celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Communion Collect being used at Morning and Evening Prayer, analogy permits the use of the Funeral Collect in the Service without Communion; but probably its omission in such cases is strictly the proper rule.

When there is a Celebration, this Collect takes the place of the Collect for the day, and should not be repeated at the grave after having been said at the altar.

The latter part of the prayers is translated from that belonging to the “Missa de quinque vulneribus,” in the Sarum Missal: “Domine Jesu Christe, Fili Dei vivi: qui de colo ad terram de sinu Patris descendisti; et in ligne crucis quinque plagas sustinist: et sanguinem tuum precatus in remissionem peccatorum nostrorum effusi: Te humiliter deprecancr ut in die judicij ad dexteram Tuam staturis: Te audire mereamur illam vocem dulcissimam, Venite, benedicite, in regnum Patris nostri.” Qui cum codem Patre in unitate. Per.”

modified form, “O Lord, with whom do live the spirits of them that be dead, and in whom the souls of them that be elected, after they be delivered from the burden of the flesh be in joy and felicity; Grant unto this Thy servant that the sins which he committed in this world be not imputed unto him; but that he escaping the gates of hell, and pains of eternal darkness, may ever dwell in the region of light, with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the place where is no weeping, sorrow, nor heaviness; and when that dreadful day of the general resurrection shall come, make him to rise also with the just and righteous, and receive this body again to glory, then made pure and incorruptible. Set him on the right hand of Thy Son Jesus Christ, among the holy and elect, that then he may hear with them these most sweet and comfortable words . . . .”

With this prayer the Office (excepting the celebration) ended from 1540 until the last revision in 1661, when the benediction was added.

The Collect] This most beautiful Collect properly belongs (as was previously shown) to the Office for the celebration of the Holy Communion at funerals, and hence its title. The first part of it is founded on the Gospel used at funerals when they took place on Sunday, and on the Epistle, which was used without variation, following in this many of the Collects for Sundays and other Holydays.

When the revision of 1552 took place, the Introits were uni-
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[3 Cor. xiii. 14.]

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

[APPENDIX]

The grace of our Lord] This was inserted here by Bishop Cosin, who at first wrote out for insertion, "The blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always;" thus illustrating the form in which that Benediction should be used when not given at the Holy Communion.

§ APPENDIX TO THE BURIAL OFFICE.

There are few persons who have not felt the want of prayers which they could use with definite reference to a departed relative or friend while the body of the deceased was yet waiting to be carried to the grave. To ignore the departed at such a season, when we are praying to our heavenly Father in the Communion of Saints, is repugnant to Christian feeling; nor can those who have a vivid sense of the intermediate state feel any hesitation in praying in a continuance of His mercy to the soul which has just entered upon it.

Although there is no direct command in Holy Scripture respecting Prayers for the departed, there are several indirect pieces of evidence that the use of them was habitual to Christians of the Apostolic age, as it had been to the Jews, and as it was to the Christians of the Primitive Church after the Apostles. St. Paul offers a prayer for Onesiphorus in the words, "The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day." [2 Tim. i. 18]. That Onesiphorus was not then living seems to be proved, (1) by the omission of his name from the salutation, which shows that he was neither at Rome nor at Ephesus: (2) by the manner in which St. Paul speaks of his association with him as belonging to that which was long past and gone by: (3) by the salutation sent to the household of Onesiphorus, as if he were not now one of that household: (4) by the direction of the prayer towards the day of judgment, and not to the time of grace and probation. In another Epistle St. Paul enjoins on the Ephesians that they should offer intercessory prayer as well as prayer for themselves; "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." [Eph. vi. 18.]. This inclusive phrase is one which brings to mind the sense in which it is used on "All Saints' Day," of the departed in Christ, and also the passage of Scripture respecting our Lord's Resurrection, in which it is said also that "many bodies of the saints slept awoke." [Matt. xxvii. 52].

Every primitive Liturgy that exists contains prayers for the departed, and the works of early Christian writers make innumerable references to the habit as one which was evidently as familiar to them as that of praying for the living. Some specimens of such primitive intercessions will be found in an earlier part of this volume, in the notes to the Liturgy. In short, it may be said that no one ever thought of not praying for the departed until in comparatively recent times; and when the question whether such prayers were lawful or not in the Church of England was brought before a court of ecclesiastical law, Sir Herbert Jenner, the judge, proved, and decided, that they were constantly recognized by our holiest Divines since the Reformation.

But few have written more wisely and feelingly on this subject than the holy Bishop Heber:

"Having been led attentively to consider the question, my own opinion is on the whole favourable to the practice, which indeed is so natural and so comfortable, that this alone is a presumption that it is neither unpleasing to the Almighty nor unavailing with Him.

"The Jews so far back as their opinions and practices can be traced since the time of our Saviour, have uniformly recommended their deceased friends to mercy; and from a passage in the second Book of Maccabees, it appears that (from whatever source they derived it) they had the custom before His time. But if this were the case the practice can hardly be unlawful, or either Christ or His Apostles would, one should think, have in some of their writings or discourses condemned it. On the same side it may be observed, that the Greek Church and all the Eastern Churches, though they do not believe in purgatory, pray for the dead; and that we know the practice to have been universal, or nearly so, among the Christians little more than 150 years after our Saviour. It is spoken of as the usual custom by Tertullian and Epiphanius. Augustine, in his Confessions, has given a beautiful prayer, which he himself used for his deceased mother, Monica; and among Protestants, Luther and Dr. Johnson are eminent instances of the same conduct. I have accordingly been myself in the habit for some years of recommending on some occasions, as after receiving the Sacrament, &c., &c., my best friends by name to God's goodness and compassion through His Son, as what can do them no harm, and may, and I hope will, be of service to them. Only this caution I always endeavour to observe—that I beg His forgiveness at the same time for myself if unknowingly I am too presumptuous, and His grace lest I, who am thus solicitous for others, should neglect the appointed means of my own salvation."

It has been thought therefore that the following Collect from the ancient Vesper Office for the Departed will be acceptable to many, as one that may be incorporated with their private or their household prayers, together with some Psalms as the 42nd, 121st, and 180th:

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions for the soul of Thy faithful (set familiarum),

1 The books of Maccabees were probably written in the century before our Lord, and the habit of the Jews is shown by what is recorded of Judas Macabees: "When he had made a gathering throughout the company to the sum of two thousand drachms of silver, he sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindful of the resurrection. For if he had not hoped that they which were slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead. And also in that he perceived that there was great favour laid up for those that died godly, it was a holy and good thought. Whereupon he made a reconciliation for the dead that they might be delivered from sin" [2 Macc. xii. 45].

2 Diaries of a Lady of Quality, p. 196.
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O LORD our heavenly Father and merciful Saviour Jesus Christ, assist our most worthy Queen continually with Thy Holy Spirit, that as she is anciently and truly descended from the noble Princes of this Realm, and the bountiful Patrons and Founders of this noble Order and Church, so she may proceed in all good works; namely, for sustentation of Learning, and help of Poverty; and that all Noblemen of this Realm (especially such as be Companions of this most honourable Order of the Garter) may likewise dispose themselves in Honour and Virtue at all times, that God thereby may be the better honoured, the Commonwealth served, and their Fame remain to their Posterity; and that we all may continue in the true Faith, and walk in good Works, that God hath appointed us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE praise and thank Thee, O Lord, in all the noble Kings, Patrons, and Founders of this Order, and our Benefactors Thy Servants, humbly beseeching Thy Majesty, that as they for their time honourably and charitably did bestow their gifts to our relief, so we may faithfully use them, to the end that thereby others may be moved by such examples, to provide for good and learned Ministers to teach Thy Word, and to be merciful in relieving the Poor, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

GOD save our gracious Sovereign, and all the Companions of the most Honourable and Noble Order of the Garter. Amen.

(A) "Forma Commendationis: Primo recitetur, Patre noster, &c. Deinde deoanteur hi tres Psalmi: Exaltabo Te, Deus. Psal. 145. Laudabo te, anima mea, Dominum. Psal. 146. Laudate Domum. Psal. 147. Post haec legatur caput 44 Ecclesiastici: Tum annus e Concionatoribus cononiem habeat. Finita cœcione, decantetur Hymnus sequens. Versus et Chorus. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord. Soto contra-Tenor. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance, and the just as the brightness of the firmament. Versus et Chorus. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for everlastng, and let all the people say, Amen. Ad extrems haec oratio abhieat: Minister. The memory of the righteous shall remain for evermore; Chorus. And shall not be afraid of any evil report. Minister. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; Chorus. Neither shall any grief hurt them. Minister. The Lord be with you; Chorus. And with thy Spirit. Let us give thanks. O LORD, who art the resurrection and the life of them that believe, who always art to be praised, as well in those that live as in those that are departed; we give Thee thanks for King HENRY the Eighth our Founder, Queen MARY, Edward the Third, HEBTY of STANTON, and others our Benefactors, by whose Beneficence we are here maintained for the further attai-
ing of godliness and learning; beseeching Thee to grant, that we, well using to Thy glory these Thy gifts, may rise again to eternal life, with those that are departed in the faith of Christ, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The following is the Elizabethan form of this Office:

IN COMMENDATIONIBUS BENEFICIATORUM.

Ad cujusque termini finem, commendatio stat fundatoris, alicuium quo clarorum virorum, quorum beneficentia Collegium locupletatur. Eius haece sit forma.

Primum recitetur clara vox Oratio dominica.

Pater noster qui es in coelis. &c.

Deinde recitetur tres Psalms.

Psalmus 144.
Psalmus 145.
Psalmus 146.

Posthaec legatur caput 44. Ecclesiastici.

Hic finitus, sequatur concilio, in qua conlocator Fundatoris amplissimam munificentiam pradicit: quantus sit literarum usus ostendat: quantis laudibus accelesti sunt, qui literarum studia beneficentia sua excitent: quantum sit ornamentum Regno doctos viros habere, qui de rebus controversiis vere judicare possunt: quanta sit scripturarum laus, & quantum illae omni humanae auctoritati antecedant, quanta sit ejus doctrinae in vulgus utilitas, & quam late pateat: quam egregium & regium sit (qui Deus universe plbis sui curam commissit) de multitudine ministeriorum verbi laborare, atque hi ut honesti sitque eruditi sint, curare: atque alia ejus gene-

Hace Concione perorata decantetur.

Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel.

Ad extremum haec adhibeantur.

Minister. In memoria aetern a cet justus. Responsio. Ab auditu malo non timebit.

Minister. Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt.

Responsio. Nec attinget illos cruciatus.
THE THANKSGIVING OF
WOMEN AFTER CHILDBIRTH,
COMMONLY CALLED,
THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN.

† The woman, at the usual time after her delivery, shall come into the church decently appareled, and shall there kneel down in

THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN.

This Service underwent scarcely any change in the transition of our Offices from the old English system to the new. In 1549 the ancient title was retained, the “quire door” was substituted for the door of the Church, and the address at the commencement of the Service was substituted for that at the end of the old one. In 1552 the present Title was adopted, and “the place where the Table standeth” put instead of “the quire door.” In 1661 the two Psalms now in use were substituted for the 121st: the second of them being added to the 121st by Bishop Cosin, but the 116th afterwards inserted instead of it.

Although the Churching Service does not appear in the ancient Sacramentaries, very ancient Offices for the purpose are to be found in the rituals of the Western and Eastern Churches, which are given in the pages of Martene and Goar. The practice itself is referred to in St. Gregory’s answer to the questions of St. Augustine [A.D. 601]. The latter had asked, “How long must it be before a woman comes to Church after childbirth?” and St. Gregory’s reply contains the exact expression now adopted as the title of the Service: “In how many days after her delivery a woman may enter into the church you have learned from the Old Testament . . . Yet if she enter into the church to make her thanksgiving [actu gratias] the very hour in which she gives birth, she is not to be considered as doing that which is sinful.” There is a still more ancient reference to the practice in the seventeenth constitution of the Emperor Leo, published about A.D. 460. In both cases the custom is mentioned in such a way as to give the impression that it was a familiar and established one; but there appears to have been a frequent difficulty as to the interval which should be allowed after childbirth before the thanksgiving was made. It is not unreasonable, therefore, to conclude that the Churching of Women is a primitive practice derived from the Jews; and that its adoption by the Christian Church was accompanied by some doubts as to the extent to which the law of God respecting it, as given to the Jews, was to be literally obeyed.

This Christian custom is not founded, however, on the Jewish law alone, but on those first principles of religion to which human nature was subjected from the time of the Fall. The word of God to Eve was, “In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;” and the first words of Eve afterwards are on the birth of Cain; when, as the psalm says, “Lo, children and the fruit of the womb are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord,” so the mother of all living said, “I have gotten a man from the Lord.” This sense of the Providence of God in the matter of child-bearing, and also of the sorrow and pain which He has connected with it on account of Eve’s transgression, must ever lead instinctively to thanksgiving, and to a religious recognition of His goodness in giving safe deliverance. The same principles extend themselves also further than this; and, acknowledging that original sin is inherited by children from their parents, enjoin upon the mother the duty of recognizing this also by a ceremonial return to the Church with humble prayers.

This service was not formerly used for unmarried women until they had done penance. So Archbishop Grindal, enjoining in 1571. So also the Bishops replied to those who excepted against this service for the mothers of bastard children in 1661: “If the woman be such as is here mentioned, she is to do her penance before she is churched.”

at the usual time] The first Rubric as altered by Bishop Cosin in the Durham book stands thus,—“The woman, a month after delivery, being recovered, shall, upon some Sunday or other Holyday, come decently vayled into the Parish Church, and at the beginning of the Communion Service shall kneel down in some convenient place appointed unto her by the Minister before the Holy Table; at which he standing shall thus direct his speech to her.”

decently appareled] In Archdeacon Hale’s Precedents there are several presentations of clergymen for refusing to church women who did not wear veils or kerchiefs when they came to their thanksgivings, and of women for coming without them: “The said Tabitha did not come to be churched in a veile” [p. 259]. “Presentaur, for that she being admonished that when she came to church to give God thanks for her safe deliverance in childbirth, that she should come with such ornaments as other honest women usually have done, she did not, but coming in her hat and a quarter about her neck, sat down in her seat where she could not be described, nor seem unto what the thanksgiving was read” [p. 237]. It is evident from such records as these that some distinctive dress was considered desirable in former times; and that a veil was thought to be a token of modesty better befitting such an occasion than a mere ordinary head-dress. In an inventory of Church goods belonging to St. Benet’s Gracechurch in 1660, there is “a churcheeing-cloth fringed, white damask;” from which it would seem that the veil was in some cases provided by the Church. Elhorow speaks

1 In the rubric at the beginning of this Office, in the Greek ritual, the phrase Ἐγείρα τῆς ἐκκενάρωσιμα is used. Goar, p. 207.

2 That they should not church any unmarried woman, which had been gotten with child out of lawful matriymony; except it were upon some Sunday or holyday; and except either she, before childbirth, had done penance, or at her churching did acknowledge her fault before the congregation.” Cardw. Doc. Ann., l. 332.
F ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his goodness to give you safe deliverance, and hath preserved you in the great danger of child-birth; you should therefore give hearty thanks unto God, and say,

[¶ Then shall the Priest say the exult Psalm.]

Dilexi quoniam.

¶ Or, Psalm cxvii. Nisi Dominus.

¶ Then the Priest shall say,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.

Ps. lxixvi. 2. 

O Lord, save this woman thy servant;

Answerer.

Who putteth her trust in thee.

Minister.

Ps. lxv. 3.

Be thou to her a strong tower;

of the veil being commonly used in the latter half of the 17th century, but adds that it was "scraped" against by some as if the wearing it were a gross sin.

convenient place] The place assigned by the Rubric before the Reformation was the Church door. In 1549 this was altered to the Quire door; and "nigh unto the table" in 1552. Now that the place is left to the clergyman's appointment, he will have to consider that the spirit of the Rubric has always been to symbolize by the woman's position during her Churching that she is being re-admitted to Church privileges and Divine worship. The Church door is not suited to modern climates and constitutions, but the Chor door seems a very fitting place, and was used by Bishop Andrews. In the book referred to in the last note, a Churching "stool" or form is referred to, which probably indicates a seat near to the Church door. The tenth of Bishop Wren's orders and injunctions for the diocese of Norwich, in 1636, enjoin, "That women to be churched come and kneel at a side near the communion table without the rail, being veiled according to the custom, and not covered with a hat; or otherwise not to be churched, but presented at the next generals by the minister, or churchwardens or any of them." In Bishop

Brian Duppa's Articles of Visitation of 1638, there is a similar one: "Doth he go into the Chancel, the woman also repairing thither, kneeling as near the Communion Table as may be; and if there be a Communion, doth she communicat in acknowledgment of the great blessing received by her safe delivery? Doth the woman who is to be Churched use the accustomed habit in such cases with a white veil or kerchief upon her head?"

Then shall the Priest say] It may be doubted whether it was ever intended that the priest should say this alone. As the old Rubric directed the choral use of the Psalm, and as that in the Marriage Service is to be used in the same way (the very Psalm that formerly stood here), so no doubt it was meant that this should be used as other Psalms are. It has sometimes been used processional in the same manner as an Introit, to which it bears a close analogy. The Priest should stand during the whole of the Service.

The 116th Psalm is most appropriate where the woman is going to communicate after her Churching; or where her sorrows have been added to by the death of her infant, in which latter case the 127th Psalm is very inopportune.
**THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN.**

*Answer.*

From the face of her enemy.

**Ps. lxxi. 1.**

*Minister.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Answer.*

And let our cry come unto thee.

**Ps. cxvi. 8, 10.**

**John xvi. 21.**

**Ps. cxxiv. 8.**

**Heb. iv. 16.**

**Deut. xxiii. 23.**

**Gal. ii. 20.**

**Col. ii. 6, 7.**

**2 Pet. i. 10, 11.**

*A facie inimici.*

**Domine, exaudi orationem meam.**

**Et clamor meas ad te veniat.**

**Dominus vobiscum.**

**Et cum spiritu tuo.**

**Oremus.**

**Deus** qui hanc famulam tuam de pariendi periculo liberasti, et eam in servitio tuo devotam esse fecisti, concede ut temporalis cursu fideliter peracto, sub alis misericordiae tuae vitam perpetuam et quietam consequatur. Per Christum Dominum.

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**offering[s]** A due to the Priest offered on the Altar. Compare the words “Easter Offering” and “Easter Dues.” So Bishop Andrewes interprets it, and so Hooker, V. lxxiv. 4. The Chrism was formerly included.

**it is convenient that she receive.** As the Churching Service is a restoration of the woman to the privileges of the Lord’s house, it is clear that it should be said at the beginning of, that is, before, any service at which she is to be present for the first time after her recovery. If she is to communicate, a convenient time would be immediately before the Lord’s Prayer and Collect for purity, supposing she has not been present at Litany and Mattins; and such a use of this service would doubtless be nearest to the intention of the Church in every way. Bishop Sparrow says that this time was mentioned in Visitation Articles, and Bishop Wren’s directions expressly enjoin it; adding that if there is a marriage, the Churching is to come immediately next to the Communion Service after the conclusion of that for the Marriage. In Bishop Cosin’s revised Book he began this rubric, “the Priest here goeth to the Communion Service.” This rule about Holy Communion clearly excludes impenitent unmarried women from “Churching.” *Convenient* is a word that meant “fiting” more distinctly in former days than now.
A COMMINATION,

OR,

Denouncing of God's anger and judgments against sinners, with certain prayers, to be used on the first day of Lent, and at other times, as the Ordinary shall appoint.

After Morning Prayer, the Litany ended according to the accustomed manner, the Priest shall, in the Reading-Pew or Pulpit, say,

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Feria iii. in capite Jejunitii: post sextam in Salisbury Use, primas fæt sermo ad populum si placuerit...
NOW seeing that all they are ac-
cursed (as the prophet David 
beareth witness) who do err and go 
aver from the commandments of 
God; let us (remembering the dreadful 
judgment hanging over our heads, 
and always ready to fall upon us) re-
turn unto our Lord God, with all con-
trition and meekness of heart; bewailing 
and lamenting our sinful life, 
acknowledging and confessing our 
offences, and seeking to bring forth 
worthy fruits of penance. For now is 
the axe put unto the root of the trees, 
so that every tree that bringeth not 
forth good fruit is hewn down, and 
cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing 
to fall into the hands of the living 
God: he shall pour down rain upon 
the sinners, snares, fire and brimstone, 
storm and tempest; this shall be their 
portion to drink. For lo, the Lord is 
come out of his place to visit the 
 wickedness of such as dwell upon the 
earth. But who may abide the day of 
his coming? Who shall be able to 
endure when he appeareth? His fan 
is in his hand, and he will purge his 
floor, and gather his wheat into the 
barn; but he will burn the chaff with 
unquenchable fire. The day of the 
Lord cometh as a thief in the night; 
and when men shall say, Peace, and 
all things are safe, then shall sudden 
destruction come upon them, as sorrow 
cometh upon a woman travelling with 
child, and they shall not escape. Then 
shall appear the wrath of God in the 
day of vengeance, which obstinate 
sinners, through the stubbornness of 
their heart, have heaped unto them-
selves; which despised the goodness,
patience, and long-sufferance of God, when he calleth them continually to repentance. Then shall they call upon me, (saith the Lord,) but I will not hear; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me; and that, because they hated knowledge, and received not the fear of the Lord, but abhorred my counsel, and despised my correction. Then shall it be too late to knock when the door shall be shut; and too late to cry for mercy when it is the time of justice. O terrible voice of most just judgement, which shall be pronounced upon them, when it shall be said unto them, Go, ye cursed, into the fire everlasting, which is prepared for the devil and his angels. Therefore, brethren, take we heed betime, while the day of salvation lasteth; for the night cometh, when none can work. But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light; that we be not cast into utter darkness, where is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodness of God, who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and of his endless pity promises us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto him. For though our sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and though they be like purple, yet they shall be made white as wool. Turn ye (saith the Lord) from all your wickedness, and your sin shall not be your destruction:

Cast away from you all your ungodliness that ye have done: Make you new hearts, and a new spirit: Wherefore will ye die, O ye house of Israel, seeing that I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God? Turn ye then, and ye shall live. Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. For he was wounded for our offences, and smitten for our wickedness. Let us therefore turn return unto him, who is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners; assuring ourselves that he is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto him with faithful repentance; if we submit ourselves unto him, and from henceforth walk in his ways; if we will take his easy yoke, and light burden upon us, to follow him in lowliness, patience, and charity, and be ordered by the governance of his Holy Spirit; seeking always his glory, and serving him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving: This if we do, Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law, and from the extreme malediction which shall light upon them that shall be set on the left hand; and he will set us on his right hand, and give us the gracious benediction of his Father, commanding us to take possession of his glorious kingdom: Unto which he vouchsafe to bring us all, for his infinite mercy. Amen.

ancient service, and the archaic character of the homily, will probably always restrict its use to the first day of Lent. The form in which these are used is singularly out of character with the general tone of the Prayer Book; denunciation of sin ordinarily taking the form of a Litany, not of an exhortation, under the Christian dispensation. “These dangerous days” and other expressions also give the exhortations a tone which belongs to the past rather than the present. It should be remembered, that the restoration of discipline which is spoken of in the second paragraph of the opening exhortation, does not refer to the ordinary discipline of the Church, but to the “godly discipline” of the “Primitive Church.” Archdeacon Hale, in his volume of Precedents [page v of the Introductory Essay], illustrates this by a Canon enacted under King Edgar: “He susciendus trans mare observantur; id est, quod quilibet episcopus sit in sede episcopali sua die Mercorii, quem caput ejusdiess vocamus; tunc unaquaque eorum hominum qui capitalibus criminius pollii sunt, in provincia ista, co die
Then shall they all kneel upon their knees, and the Priest and Clerks kneeling (in the place where they are accustomed to say the Litany) shall say this Psalm.

Miserere mei, Deus. Psalm li.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister.

O Lord, save thy servants;
Answer.
That put their trust in thee.

Minister.

Send unto them help from above.
Answer.
And evermore mightily defend them.

Minister.

Help us, O God our Saviour.
Answer.
And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for thy Name's sake.

Minister.

O Lord, hear our prayer.
Answer.
And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hastest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses;

... Deinde prosternant se clerus in choro; et Salisbury Use, dicant septem Psalmos pasientiales cum Gloriam Patri et sicut erat et Antiphona ne reminiscaris.

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Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

PATER noster, qui es in coelis;

Salvus fac servos tuos et ancillas tuas.
Deus mens sperantes in te.

Mitteis, Domine, auxilium de sancto.

Et de Syon tuere eos.

Convertere, Domine, usquequo.
Et deprecabilis esto super servos tuos.

Adjuva nos, Deus, salutaris noster.
Et propter gloriam nominis tui, Domine, libera nos et propitius esto peccatis nostris propter nomen tuum. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
Dominus vobiscum.

Oremus.

EXAUDI, quæsumus, Domine, precibus nostris, et confitentium tibi parce peccatis: ut quos conscientiae rectus accusat indulgentia tue miserationis absolvat. Per Christum.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiternus Deus:
qui misereris omnium, et nihil odisti corum quæ fecisti.

Oro.

DOMINE Deus noster, qui offendis nostram non vinceres, sed satisfactione placaris: respice, quesu-
receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgement with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the people say this that followeth, after the Minister,

**TURN** thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister alone shall say,

**THE** Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.
"Thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee." Psalm lxv. 8.

"That all things must be fulfilled which were written in . . . the Psalms, concerning Me." Luke xxiv. 44.

"These things saith He . . . . that hath the Key of David." Rev. iii. 7.

"My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness: when my mouth praiseth Thee with joyful lips." Psalm lxxiii. 6.
§ 1. The Manner of using the Psalms in Divine Service.

Whether or not the Psalms were all primarily composed for use in Divine Service, it is certain that many of them were so; that all were collected together for that purpose by those who had charge of the services offered up to God in the Temple; and that they were taken into public devotional use by the early Christian Church after the example of the Jewish.

Psalms were composed and sung by Moses, Miriam, Deborah, and Hannah, but it may be reasonably supposed that the constant use of them in Divine Service originated with David, the “sweet singer of Israel,” whose pre-eminence as an inspired Psalmist has caused the whole collection to be called after his name, “the Psalms of David.” To him was assigned the work and honour of preparing the materials out of which the Temple was to be built; and to him also the honour of preparing the materials of that Divine Psalmody which was henceforth ever to mingle with the worship of Sacrifice, and form the substance of the praises offered to God throughout the world. It seems even as if the very earliest Liturgical use of Psalms was recorded in the statement, “Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph and his brethren,” on occasion of the ark of God being brought to its home of ages on Mount Zion [1 Chron. xvi. 7]. It is true that the words “this psalm” are not in the original, and that the psalm afterwards given is a canticle of the 105th, 56th, and other Psalms which are considered by modern critics to belong to a much later date than that indicated; but there can be no doubt that David had been inspired to compose some of his psalms long before, and that when “he appointed certain of the Levites to . . . thank and praise the Lord God of Israel . . . to give thanks to the Lord, because His mercy endureth for ever” [vv. 4, 41], he was initiating on Mount Zion that system of liturgical psalmody, which (even if it had existed in any form previously) was now to continue there until it was taken up by the Christian Church. The establishment of this system in the Temple is recorded with similar exactness in 2 Chron. vii. 6, “And the priests waited on their office: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the Lord, which David the king had made to praise the Lord, because His mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry.” And in a previous chapter the advent of the Divine Presence is connected in a remarkable manner with the first offering of such praises in the Temple: “It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voices with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord. So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for

the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God” [2 Chron. v. 13, 14]. Thus in the dedication of the Temple, we see the final settlement of the system of praise originated (as it seems) by David at the triumphal entry of the ark of God to Mount Zion; and in “the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, arrayed in white linen,” we see the Jewish original of those surpliced choirs by which the same Psalms of David have been sung in every age of the Christian Church.

The hundred and fifty Psalms of the Christian Psalter were, however, the growth of perhaps six centuries, extending from David to Ezra and Nehemiah; and hence only a portion of those now sing were used in the Temple of Solomon, although all were so used in the four centuries which preceded the Advent of our Lord, and the supersession of the Jewish by the Christian Church. This gradual growth of the Psalter led to that division into five parts which is so evident in its structure, and which is also noticed by some of the Fathers who lived near to the time of its use in the Temple. Doxologies are found at the end of the 41st, 72nd, 89th, and 106th Psalms, and these are considered by modern critics to point out the division of the Psalter into five books, partly according to the date of their composition, and partly with reference to some system of liturgical use. But notwithstanding these divisions, there is an equally evident union of all the books into one by means of the first, Psalm, which forms a general introduction or Antiphon, and the last which forms a general Doxology, to the whole number 1.

The mode in which the Psalter was used in the Services of the

1 Modern critics have analyzed the Book of Psalms with great minuteness. The general result of the conclusions arrived at by Hengstenberg, Mr. Thrupp, and others, may be briefly stated thus:

§ Table of the Authorship and Compilation of the Psalter, according to modern critics.

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But the prophetic aspect of David's office as the chief of Psalmists seems to be too little regarded in the latter part of this classification; and probably many psalms were written by him—such as the "Songs of Degrees"—which are here assigned to later authors.

S 8
AN INTRODUCTION

Primitive Church is not known, but it seems clear that the division into books was disregarded, and the whole Psalter treated as a collection of one hundred and fifty separate Psalms distinguished by titles and numbers and it is hardly probable that any definite separation of these into diurnal or weekly portions was adopted in the earliest age of the Church. There has, in fact, always been a great variety in the mode of appropriating the Psalms to hours and days in all those times of which any such method is recorded, and this would not have been the case if any definite system had been originated in early times. We must, therefore, suppose that the Church was left quite at liberty in this respect, and that each Diocese or Province adopted or originated such a division of the Psalter for use in Divine Offices as was considered most expedient for the time in which it was to be used, and for the persons who were to use it.

The most ancient systems of the Psalter known to us are the Oriental, the Ambrosian, and the Monarchic; all three of which are of so extremely complicated a character that it is hardly possible to give any clear notion of them without occupying many pages. Some account of them will be found in Neele's Introduction to the History of the Holy Eastern Church, and in his Commentary on the Psalms; and Archdeacon Freeman has traced out some analogies between the Eastern and Western systems in his Principles of Divine Service; to which works the reader is referred for further information. In the Latin Church generally the Psalter was used according to the plan laid down by St. Gregory in the sixth century, and this was almost identical with the ordinary use of the English Church up to the time of the Reformation. The characteristics of this system will be seen in the annexed Table, which shows the manner in which the whole of the hundred and fifty Psalms were appointed to be sung in the course of every seven days. A general principle underlies the whole arrangement, viz., that of appropriating the first half of the Psalms to the earlier, and the second half to the later part of the day; but this general principle (for which there are many local modifications) is associated with a principle of selection, by which certain Psalms are set aside for particular hours, as the 51st for Ferial Lauds, the Compline Psalms, and the three last, which were appointed for constant use at Lauds, whether Ferial or Festival.

§ Table of the Ordinary Course in which the Psalms were appointed to be sung in the ancient Church of England.

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This system was little more, however, than a paper system, as it was broken in upon by the frequent occurrence of Festivals; when the ordinary or Ferial Psalms were set aside; and Festivals were so numerous that, in practice, less than one-half of the Psalms, instead of the whole number, were sung through weekly; as is the case in the Latin Church at the present day. This division from the appointed order is referred to in the Preface to the Prayer Book of 1549: "... notwithstanding that the ancient Fathers have divided the Psalms into seven portions, nowhere of one was called a Nocturn: now of late time, a few of them have been daily said, and the rest utterly omitted." The weekly recitation of the Psalter, however beautiful in theory, was not, therefore, the real practice of the Church; although it was doubtless adopted by many devout persons in their private devotions.

There is reason to think that the ancient system was being set aside also in another way, before any attempt had been made to construct an English Prayer Book out of the ancient Offices. Psalters exist which bear on their title-page "ad usum insignis ecclesiae Sarum et Eboracensis," in which a much more simple arrangement is adopted, and one out of which our modern use evidently took its rise. Fifteen such Psalters have been examined by the writer in the Bodleian Library, and in the British Museum, in all of which the Psalms are arranged in a numerical order, according to the following plan, instead of the elaborate system shown in the preceding Table.

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In this plan all the Psalms except the 119th and the two short ones following it are divided between Mattins and Vespers, and no notice is taken of Compline; the proportion assigned to Mattins being more than four times that assigned to Vespers, and more than ten times that given to the four intermediate hours.

1 In Lent Psalms 51 and 118 were used instead of 93 and 106.
2 These eight Psalms were also those of Lauds on all Feasts of Saints.
3 The verse has been increased in modern times, and Mr. Neele says that "according to the practice of the modern Roman Church, a Priest is in the habit of reciting about fifty Psalms, and no more; these fifty being, on the whole, the shortest of the Psalter." Comm. on Psalms, p. 58.

4 In King Edward VI.'s Injunctions of 1547 there is one to this effect: "Item, when any Sermon or Hymn shall be had, the Prime and hours shall be omitted." This omission seems to have represented a much earlier practice, as there are no Psalms provided for the little hours of Sunday in the above arrangement of the Psalter. See also the 4th of the Injunctions at page xxxv.

5 The Psalms examined are as follows: Bodleian Library, Douce, 9 (1660), 70 (1640); A. 2, Linc. (1560), Douce, 26, 141; C. 6, 16, Linc. (all 1541); Douce 8 (1530); Rawl. 99 (10. 1); C. 42, Linc. (1555), British Museum Library, Harl. MSS. 2559, 2888, C. 35, g. (1516); C. 58, r. (1534); C. 55, a. (1529). It is quite evident that some of these Psalms were intended for use in the choir; and this is expressly stated in the title of the sixth (Douce, 8), dated 1538, which is as follows: "Psalterium ad decentiam in choro officii ecclesiastici accommodatissimum cum sexpertii litanias. Jnominis quoque, ut vigiliae defensorum, una cum calendarii et tabulis ex diversis
How far this new plan of reciting the Psalter was introduced into the Church of England it is impossible to say; but it is plainly a link of transition between the ancient system, adapted for the Clergy and religious bodies, and the modern one, adapted for parochial use. It is far from improbable that it was introduced with a view to parochial use; and that for the private recitation of the Clergy and the use of monastic bodies the old system was still retained. The arrangement of the Psalter made by Cardinal Quignozes in his Revised Breviary had no influence whatever on that adopted in the Prayer Book. The latter was settled in 1549, and has never since been altered. If we could read the experience of previous ages, as well as we can those of the times that have elapsed since this monthly system of recitation was introduced, we should probably come to the conclusion that it is the best one that could be adopted for general use, according to the ordinary measure of devotional attention of which ordinary persons are capable.

Three principal ways of singing or saying the Psalms have been generally recognized in the Christian Church. (1) The Cantus Directus, in which the whole Psalm is sung straight through by the whole choir. (2) The Cantus Antiphonals, in which the Choir is divided into two sides, the Cantoris and Decemni, each singing alternate verses. (3) The Cantus Responsorius, in which the Prelector sings the verses with uneven numbers, and the Choir or Congregation those with even numbers. All three methods have always been in use in the Church of England, but the second and third most commonly so; and all three have the sanction of ancient custom. The second is the method which the Christian Church inherited directly from the Jewish, the one which is most in accordance with the heavenly pattern of praise revealed to us through Isaiah and St. John; and the third may be looked upon rather as a modification of it than as a separate system.

§ 2. Versions of the Psalter used in Divine Service.

It is not probable that the Psalms were ever sung in Hebrew in the Christian Church, although they were doubtless so used in the Temple to the last. Our Lord and His Apostles sanctioned their use in the Vernacular by frequently quoting them from the Septuagint Version; and it is from that Version they are principally quoted even in the Epistle to the Hebrews. The instinct of the Church which has always made it cling to the Septuagint Psalms for use in Divine Service may, therefore, be regarded as growing out of its most primitive uses; and, in some degree, out of our Blessed Lord's own example.

But although a Greek Psalter was thus ready to hand for the Church to use in its services at their first institution, a Latin version was almost equally necessary for that large portion of the western world, in which the Septuagint Psalms would have been almost as unintelligible as the Hebrew. How soon, or by whom, this Latin translation of the Psalter was made, is not on record. Probably it was made at the same time that other portions of Holy Scripture were translated; although it seems almost impossible but that it should have preceded the writing down of the Gospels in Greek, since otherwise the Psalms of Divine Worship would have been unintelligible to large numbers of Latin Christians.

Portions of such a primitive Latin version of the Holy Scriptures, and more especially the Psalms, are still extant in the works of the Latin fathers who preceded St. Jerome, and in ancient Psalters. The Psalms were so generally used in private as well as for Divine Worship, that St. Augustine says every one who knew a little of Greek as well as Latin was accustomed to dabble in the work of translation. But there appears to have been one principal and recognized Latin Version of the whole Bible, of very early date, which was called the Italic version by St. Augustine [De Doct. Christ. ii. 15]; and to which St. Jerome gave the name of the Vulgate, a name afterwards applied to his own translation. Of this ancient Vulgate, or "old Italic," the Psalter is still extant (although, perhaps, with some corrections of a later date), and it was used in Divine Service long after the rest of the translation had been superseded by the labours of St. Jerome. This version is substantially indicated by the marginal variations which are printed on the right hand in the following pages.

St. Jerome left three versions of the Psalter, which have acquired the names of the Roman, the Gallie, and the Hebrew. The latter was so called, because it was translated directly from the original; but it has never been used in Divine Service, and has rarely appeared in volumes of the Holy Scriptures, and need not, therefore, be further mentioned here. The Roman Psalter of St. Jerome is simply the old Italic sparingly corrected by him, at the request of St. Danuanus, during his residence at Rome about a.d. 383. This version was used in the churches of the city of Rome down to the sixteenth century, and is even still used in the church of the Vatican and in St. Mark's at Venice; but it was never extensively used in Divine Service; and where it is found in Psalters meant for use in Divine Service, the older version is mostly written in a parallel column or interlined, showing the hold which it retained upon the affections of the Church. The Gallie version of St. Jerome has, on the other hand, been the Psalter of the whole Western Church for many centuries, although it was a long time before it entirely superseded the ancient Italic, or Vetus Vulgata. It was translated from Origine's edition of the Septuagint by St. Jerome while he was living at Bethlehem, a.d. 389, and was introduced into Germany and Gaul either by St. Gregory of Tours in the end of the sixth century, or by the English Apostle of Germany, St. Boniface, in the early part of the eighth century. From France it was brought over to England, and eventually superseded the older Italic version in Divine Service throughout the Church of England on the revision of its offices by St. Osmund in the twelfth century. The same version (slightly altered at the last revision of the Vulgate) is in use throughout the Latin Church, both in Divine Service and in complete volumes of the Psalter.

Our English Psalter grew out of this long used "Psalterium Davidicum ad usum Ecclesiae Sarburiensis," that is, out of the Gallie version of St. Jerome. It was frequently translated into Anglo-Saxon and medieval English; and the fifty-two Psalms of the Prayer Book were of course so translated and revised at the various periods at which the Prayer Book was re-edited. The English Old Testament which Wickliffe prefixed to his translation of the New Testament, was doubtless (like the latter) translated almost entirely from the familiar Latin Bible; and the Psalms of this version (in common with other books of Scripture) formed the basis of subsequent translations. Thus, when it was found necessary to restrain the growth of private English versions of the Bible, and to issue one standard and authorised form of Scripture, which was in 1540, the edition so issued was a gradual growth, springing originally from the Latin Vulgate of St. Jerome, and corrected (after his example) by comparison with the Septuagint Version and the Hebrew original.

From this first authorized edition of the English Bible our Prayer Book Psalms are taken, as stated in a note which follows the Preface to the Prayer Book, respecting the Order in which the Psalter is appointed to be read. The paragraph

1. Tortellini, in his Apology (c. xviii.), seems to say that the Jews of Egypt used the LXX in their Synagogues.

2. The "Bible version" of the Psalms has gone through two subsequent revisions, the first that of Archbishop Parker in 1568, and the last that of the...
referred to is as follows:—"Note, That the Psalter followeth the Division of the Hebrews, and the Translation of the Great English Bible, set forth and used in the time of King Henry the Eighth and Edward the Sixth." Thus only one change since 1540 has been the numbering of the verses, which was first done in the Latin Prayer Book of 1572, and then in the English of 1630.

Thus the English Psalter, which we now use in Divine Service, may be said to speak the continuous and enduring language of the Church, after the example of our Lord and His Apostles when they spoke truths out of Holy Scripture not in the original Hebrew language, but in the venerable Greek version of the Septuagint. And the peculiar manner in which the English Psalter has grown out of the Psalters of ancient days, may entitle us to say, without extravagance or irreverence, that it represents, by a sort of Catholic condensation into one modern tongue, the three ecclesiastical languages in which the Psalter has chiefly been used, the "Hebrew, Greek, and Latin" of the Cross; and that it thus represents also the original and the continuous Inspiration by which God the Holy Spirit guides the Church into all truth.

§ 3. The Meaning of the Psalms as used in Divine Service.

No part of Holy Scripture possesses greater capacity than the Psalter for that many-sided application which is a chief characteristic of inspired writings. We may regard it as a book of history, for it contains a large store of materials for filling up the details of the personal life of David and of the national life of Israel. It is a book of spiritual experiences; for in it the man after God's own heart, and other godly souls, have recorded the love, the joy, the penitence, the sorrow with which they opened out their innermost selves to their God. If we look for moral teaching there, we may hear God Himself speaking to us precepts of Divine wisdom through His servants, showing what are His ways towards men, and what the relation in which they stand to Him. If we ask for words of prayer, in the Psalter we find the very speech book which is used by Christ and His saints and may use the privilege of sending up to the Throne of Grace the very aspirations that have been consecrated a second time by passing through from the lips of the Son of Man. From one end to the other it is full of the praises of the Lord, such as the soul never tire of uttering, and the Lord will never tire of receiving. It is a book of prophecy, speaking of things that were to be in distant ages with words that show how deeply they were inspired by Him to Whom all things are a continual present. And it is, above all, a book in which Christ and His Church are prefigured, so that David speaks in the Person of his Lord, and Israel personifies that new Jerusalem which is the Mother of us all.

Of these manifold tones in which the Psalter speaks, some are adapted for the pulpit, some for private meditation, some for the confession of the penitent when he is upon his knees in self-abasement. But when it is used in Divine Service there is one tone with which the Psalter ever rings; and that is the one which speaks to the praise and glory of God concerning the relations which exist between the Divine Nature, the Son of Man, and the Mystical Body of Christ. All other aspects in which the Psalter can be viewed ought to come within the range of Christian study and practice; and we cannot afford to undervalue any one of them. But as a Psalter for use in Divine Service all other views and meanings ought to be subordinated to this, which sees Christ, God, and Christ, and the Church in the Psalms. Thus the Christian finds the Psalter a living word for every generation; and if he sings concerning the City of God, the voice of his understanding and love dwells little on the historical Jerusalem of the past, but soars upward either to the allegory under which lies hidden the Church Militant of the present, to the figurative representation of the soul in which Christ dwells, or to the exalted Image which reveals to his faith that Celestial City, wherein will be the eternal home of the saints 1.

This spiritual mode of viewing the Psalms was the principal if not the only one adopted by the early Church. "All the Psalms," says St. Jerome, "appertain to the Person of Christ." "David more than all the rest of the prophets," says St. Ambrose, "spake of the marriage between the Divine and Human nature." Tertullian had declared that nearly all the Psalms represent the Son speaking to the Father; and St. Hilary leaves his opinion on record, that all which is in the Psalms refers to the knowledge of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, His Incarnation, Passion, and Resurrection, and to the glory also and power of our own life in Him. Such habits of thought were partly inherited from the Jews, who could see the Messiah in their ancient prophecies, though the generation in which He came failed to recognize His actual Person. But without going back to the Jews, we may trace this clear vision of Christ in the Psalms to the Apostles themselves, and from them to the teaching of His own lips and example. In the earliest dawn of the Church after the Ascension, the Apostles began to find in the Psalms an explanation of the events which were occurring around them. They recognized in the fall of an Apostle a fulfilment of that "which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas which was to guide to them that took Jesus ... For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein; and his bishoprick let another take." [Acts ii. 29, 30]. And in the Resurrection of their Lord they took this one full interpretation of what the "perfect Servant David ... being a prophet ... and seeing before" of that which was to be, "spake of the Resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption" [Acts ii. 31]. Such a use of the Psalms was not by way of adaptation or mere illustration, but as clear, unimpeachable evidence; infallible truth, coming from the Fountain of Truth.

Nor is it to be wondered at that the Apostles should thus immediately, and as a matter of course, go to the Psalms for light about Christ and the Church; for their Divine Master had often shown them the way during the time of His ministrations among them; while the last hours which He and they had spent together seem to have been wonderfully connected by Him with "the things that were spoken in the Psalms of David come to pass." It seems, indeed, as if our Blessed Lord took every opportunity at that time of showing how the meaning of the Psalter was to be seen clearly only when viewed in the light of the Gospel. When the Pharisees demonstrated with Him for permitting the children to sing Hosanna to Him as the Son of David coming in the Name of the Lord, it is out of David that He answers them, reminding them of the eighth Psalm, and saying, "Ye, have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, Thou hast perfect ed praise?" [Matt. xxii. 16.] In the same manner, shortly after, He foretold them of His own glory (notwithstanding their rejection of Him) by quoting words that seemed from a human point of view to have had no such application, "The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner" [Matt. xxii. 42]. And from their own confession that Christ was the Son of David spoken of in the Psalms, He convicted them of folly in not acknowledging Him, the Son of David, for their Lord [Matt. xxii. 45].

After these final hours of Christ's public ministrations came those which ended the time of His humiliation. When, during that sad and solemn period, He would reveal to the Apostles that the truster was to come from among themselves, He shows them how this had been already predicted in the Psalms, and that what is to happen will be in fulfilment of the Scripture, "He that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me" 2.

1 These four meanings of Holy Scripture are thus expressed in an ancient couplet:

"Littera scripta docet : quod credas Allegorica : 
Quid speres, Anagogae : quid agas, Tropologa"
[John xiii. 18.] When He speaks of the feelings which the Jews entertained towards Him, again He goes to the Psalms, "But this cometh to pass that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law. They hated Me without a cause." [John xv. 25.] His last act of common worship with them was when He and they sung the latter half of the great Hallelujah hymn of the Passover [Psalms 116—118] as they went forth to Gethsemane. And when He was on the Cross the words of the Psalmist form such an atmosphere of fulfilled prophecy around the Throne of His suffering, as to make a thoughtful Christian receive with respect the old tradition, that He recited the twenty-second and following Psalms as far as the sixth verse of the thirty-first, before commending His soul into the hands of His Father, not in new words, but in those with which His Spirit had inspired David many ages before. [Luke xxiii. 46.]

When the Apostles, then, began immediately to look for the Gospel in the Psalter, they followed with loving faith in the path which their Master had opened out to them by His words and example. And that this pathway was not opened out for a temporary object, only as one by which the Jews might be led through their own Scriptures to conviction, may be seen by the frequency with which St. Paul (who received his Gospel by direct revelation from his ascended Lord, and chiefly for ministrations among those who were not Jews) deals with the Psalms in the same manner. He writes to the Romans concerning the privileges which Christ brought home to Gentiles as well as Jews, and finds God's olden declaration of this truth in the words of the 118th Psalm, "For this cause I will confess Thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto Thy Name:" and again in the 117th Psalm, "Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud Him, all ye people." [Rom. xv. 9, 11.] Where we should otherwise least expect it he finds an allegorical allusion to the first spread of the Gospel; and fixes the nineteenth as one of our Easter Psalms by showing that "their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world," refers to the Apostles of the Sun of righteousness, Who Himself, and Himself in them, was running His course to extend the Light of salvation through all nations. How remarkably the Apostle draws out the depth of meaning contained in the Psalms to throw light on the argument of his Epistle to the Hebrews, is familiar to every thoughtful reader of the New Testament; and some notes will be found under several Psalms in the following pages, connected with the meaning which he has given to them in that Epistle.

This principle of interpretation has been adopted by the Church in the selection of Proper Psalms for days which commemorate special epochs of our Lord's life and work; and a careful consideration of these Proper Psalms will show that the principle is recognized as one whose application is by no means intended to be limited to the most self-evident allegories and spiritual interpretations. In the choice of such Psalms as the 19th, 89th, and 122nd for Christmas Day, of the 40th and 89th for Good Friday, of those appointed for Ascension Day, and of the 68th, 104th, and 145th for WhitSunday, we see the Church penetrating far below the surface into the mystical depths of the Psalter; and finding there reasons why these rather than other Psalms should be taken on the lips of Christians to celebrate the Incarnation, Death, and Ascension of our Lord, and the marvellous operations of the Holy Spirit in carrying on the work of God's glory in man's redemption.

There can be no doubt, therefore, that in thus using the Psalter as a treasury of truths respecting Christ and His Church, which God the Holy Ghost Himself has filled from the treasury of Divine wisdom, we are strictly following the course which our Lord and His Apostles first pointed out. And when, offering up to God of that which He has given us, we take these truths out of this treasury, and cause them to ascend to the Throne of His grace as the chief meaning of our words of praise, we make such a use of them as is most accordant with the habits of the saints, and with the teaching of our infallible Guide. Thus we praise Christ as God whose Throne is from everlasting; Christ who comes in the Incarnation, saying, "A Body hast Thou prepared Me:" Christ, the Stone set at nought by the builders, but becoming the Head of the corner; Christ bearing the sins of the world, and saying, as the Representative of sinners, "Lord, rebuke Me not in Thine indignation;" Christ, under the eclipse of sin borne for others, crying, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Christ, reigning from His Cross, lifted up that He may draw all men unto Him; Christ, awaking right early on the morning of the Resurrection; Christ, the King of Glory, carrying our nature within the everlasting gates; Christ, sitting on the right hand of God until all His enemies be made His footstool; Christ, the true Vine of Unity and Sacramental life, brought out of Egypt that it might take root, and fill the land with a people wondrously made one with Christ Himself.

Nor need we fear, even beyond those many applications of the Psalms in this manner which are given us in the New Testament, to seek for others also in uninspired wisdom and Christian common sense: especially if we take for our guides the many holy and learned writers who have striven humbly, reverently, and with deep faith to follow the line so clearly marked out for them, and to search the Psalms for Him that hath the Key of David that they might make an acceptable offering of praise in their worship before the Ark. Such a use of the Psalter will give to those who sing it day by day, some experience of the devout and happy feelings which David himself had, when he sang, "My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with narrow and fatness: when my mouth praise Thee with joyful lips."
THE PSALMS OF DAVID.

THE I. PSALM.

Beatus vir, qui non abiit.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scorners.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteouss.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteouss: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM I.

Beyond the obvious moral meaning of this Psalm, it contains a prophetic laudation of the holiness of Christ. He is "the Man" to Whom we sing, "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might," as the Lamb of God, Who is God, throughout the Psalms. In this particular Psalm He is praised as the one only wearer of our nature in Whom pure and perfect holiness has been found during the time of earthly sojourn and probation. In His temptation, He walked not in the counsel of the Wicked One, stood not in the way of sinners by yielding thereto, and refused the temporal cathedra which was offered Him (though it seemed to bring Him in a moment that sovereignty which could otherwise only be won through suffering), because it was the throne of the Evil One, the Prince of this world, and not the throne of the Cross. His delight was to do the will of Him that sent Him, in the day while there was glad sunshine and time to work, and in the night too, when all was eclipse, and darkness, and sorrow. Being made perfect through suffering, He became the origin of perfection in others; the Corn of Wheat cast into the ground to die and to spring up again with a power of life-giving in its own resurrection; the Corn and Wine of the Tree of Life, planted by that River the streams whereof make glad the City of God; a fruit of sacramental life, for the regeneration, edification, and resurrection of souls. Nor can any of His work fail through any deficiency of its own; for whatsoever He doeth, whether of grace towards men, or the Intercession towards God, it shall prosper, because it is His.

As for the ungodly who sets up his kingdom against that of Christ, opposing Him first by the Jews, then by the Heathen, and at all times by sin, the end will prove how great the contrast! The Wind of Pentecost will at last scatter altogether all the opponents of the Kingdom of God, as it has been doing in

1 N.B.—Only the text of the Psalms themselves is here printed, notwithstanding the above title: and they are placed in the order of the modern, not of the ancient Psalier.
THE II PSALM.

Quare fremuerunt gentes?

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together: and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

1 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord, and against His Anointed.

2 Let us break their bonds asunder: and cast away their cords from us.

3 He that dwelleth in heaven, shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath: and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my King: upon my holy hill of Sion.

7 I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

8 Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance: and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron: and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord in fear: and rejoice unto Him with reverence.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way: if his wrath be kindled (yen, but a little) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM II.

Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi meditati sunt inania?

Astiterunt reges terrae: et principes convenuerunt in unum: adversus Dominum, et adversus Christum ejus.

Dirampamus vincula eorum: et projiciamus a nobis jugum ipsorum.

Qui habitat in celis irridebit eos: et Dominus subsannabit eos.

Tunc loqvetur ad eos in ira sua: et in furore suo conturbabit eos.

Ego autem constitutus sum Rex ab eo super Sion montem sanctum ejus: predicans preceptum ejus.

Dominus dixit ad me, Filius meus es tu: ego hodie genui te.

Postula a me, et dabo tibi gentes hereditatem tuam: et possessionem tuam terminos terrae.

Reges eos in virga ferrea: et tanquam vas figuli contenderunt eos.

Et nunc reges intelligite: erudi-te mini qui judicatis terram.

Servite Domino in timore: et exultate ei cum tremore.

Apprehendite disciplinam, nequando irascatur Dominus: et pereatis de vita justa.

Cum exarserit in brevi ira ejus: beati omnes qui confidunt in eo.

part ever since its first sound was heard. For them there will be no defence in the dreadful Day of Judgment, nor any place in the Communion of glorified saints. Only the path which He has marked out, Who said, “I am the way,” can lead to the Presence of God; and they who go in the path of the Adversary must take their lot with him.

Blessed is the follower of the Man Christ Jesus, who walks in His way, and endureth temptation with steadfastness; for after his trial and victory he also shall receive a crown of life, which the Lord Jesus, the righteous Judge, hath prepared for them that love Him, that they may reign with Him in His glory.

PSALM II.

This is a Hymn, at once, of our Lord’s suffering and of His victory, and therefore a Psalm for Easter Day. Its true meaning is shown by the quotations from it in Acts iv. 25, 26, by SS. Peter and John, and by those in Acts xiii. 33, Heb. i. 5, and v. 5, by St. Paul. The manner in which it is quoted by the former may lead to the conclusion, however, that the Psalm is spoken of the mystical body of Christ, as well as of the Messiah Himself; and of the Church also it may, indeed, be sung that she gained her victory over the world by suffering.

To this day the question may be asked, Why did the “heathen,” and the “people” of the Jews, persecute Christ and His Church as they did? “We will not have this Man to reign over us,” was their cry for ages, as it is of the Jews still; and yet God’s irresistible law had gone forth that His eternally begotten Son should establish a supreme spiritual Empire upon earth, which should gather within its embrace all nations, to make them “the Kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ.” And now the Good Shepherd has broken asunder all other universal empire, that He might guide and gather men with His staff into the unity of His fold. While the world cries to break away the bands and to cast away the yokes, He is ever crying, “Take
THE III PSALM.

Domine, quid multiplicati?

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me? many are they that rise against me.
2 Many one there be that say of my soul: There is no help for him in his God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender: thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice: and he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people: that have set themselves against me round about.
7 Up Lord, and help me, O my God: for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone: thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: and thy blessing is upon thy people.

THE IV PSALM.

Cum invocarem.

Hearth when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

My yoke upon you... For My yoke is easy and My burden is light;" and the vangdance of the Lord has been displayed in that loving compulsion by which He has led His enemies to true wisdom and learning, by leading them to do reverent service and homage to the Son of Man.

Thus the Cross of the Passion has become the triumphant Banner of the Resurrection; and the sign of the Son of Man, which was once the badge of shame, surmounts the proudest tokens of earthly glory, to signify that He against whom the world exalted itself in vain, has become "King of kings and Lord of lords."

PSALM III.

In David, persecuted by his son Absalom, the light of Gospel analogy shows us a type of Christ coming to His own and His own receiving Him not. On Palm Sunday the multitude led Him in triumph to Jerusalem, but on Good Friday they led Him before Herod and Pilate; so that they were "increased" that troubled Him by rejecting Him, and become "many" that rose against Him, "saying, Crucify him, Crucify him." Literally, the mockers said, "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him." Figuratively, the whole world looked on His Passion and said, "We did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

But, as in the preceding Psalm, the voice of sorrow is turned into a song of joy; and in the depths of His Passion, the suffering Man of Sorrows could say, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit," knowing that He would be the Lifter up of His head in the Resurrection and in the coming Kingdom.

So may the Church take up the words of Christ, and set aside all fear when the world opposes the work of God, knowing that One has said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

So may each member of Christ lay them down to rest night by night, knowing that there is One who will "lighten our darkness;" and at the last lay them down to the sleep of the grave, saying, "I know that My Redeemer liveth,"—"If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him?"
2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say: Who will shew us any good?

7 Lord, lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

THE V PSALM.

Verba mea auribis.

PONDER my words, O Lord: consider my meditation.

2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer.

3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord: early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness: neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight: for thou hastest all them that work vanity.

Filii hominum, usquequogravi corde? gracis corde
ut quid diligitis vanitatem, et quaeritis mendacium?

Et scitoque quoniam mirificavit Dominus sanctum suum: Dominus exaudiet me cum clamavero ad eum.

Irascimini, et nolite peccare: quae qui dicitis
dicitis in cordibus vestris, et in cubilibus vestris compungimini.

Sacrificate sacrificium justitiae, et sperate in Domino: multi dicunt,
Quis ostendit nobis bona?

Signatum est super nos lumen vul-
tus tui, Domine: dedisti laetitiam in corde meo.

A fructu frumenti, vini, et olei sui: A tempore frum
multiplicati sunt.

In pace in idipsum: dormiam et obdormiam
requiescam.

Quoniam tu, Domine, singulariter in
spe: constituisti me.

PSALMUS V.

V ERBA mea auribis percipe, Do-

mine: intellige clamorem meum.

Intende voci orationis meae: Rex
meus et Deus meus.

Quoniam ad te orabo, Domine: mane
exaudies vocem meam.

Mane astabo tibi et video: quo-
niam non Deus volens iniquitatem
tu es.

Neque habitabit juxta te malignus:
neque permanebunt injusti ante oculos
tuos.

mendation prayer, and applies to that moment when, while the world was still standing in awe at the supernatural darkness, He cried of "the Sacrifice of Righteousness," "It is finished." Doubtless a ray of Divine light comforted the broken heart of the dying Jesus as He commended His soul to His Father. He knew that the Lord had heard Him, and would glorify again the Name which He had already glorified. And so while the people said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save," Jesus looked forth on the travail of His soul, and was satisfied. The Life-giving Corn and Wine had been perfected, the Unction from the Holy One had been bought by the atoning blood, and now for ever was the Sufferer set at liberty, in peace to take His rest.

Even thus is the true peace and rest of the Church to be found in the Sacramental Life by which it is made the mystical Body of Christ; and whether in life or in death the members of that Body may dwell safely and in hope, through Him who is the Corn, the Wine, and the Oil of their souls.

It has been said of these four Psalms which open the Psalter that they contain an epitome of the Gospel. In the first we have the Life of Christ, in the second His Passion, in the fourth His Death and Burial, in the third His Resurrection.

PSALM V.

The third verse of this Psalm appears to indicate that it was composed for morning use; and both in the Eastern and the Western systems it is thus appropriated to the second Morning Service, or Lauds, on Monday.

It is, throughout, the voice of the Church speaking to Christ. As in the dawn of its existence the Church prayed that the Lord would grant unto His servants that with all boldness they might speak His word, and that He would stretch forth His hand to
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6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor both the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thine house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies: make thy way plain before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in his mouth: their inward parts are very wickedness.

10 Their throat is an open sepulchre: they flatter with their tongue.

11 Destroy thou them, O Lord, let them perish through their own imaginations: cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness: for they have rebelled against thee.

12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice: they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them: they that love thy Name, shall be joyful in thee:

13 For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous: and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

THE VI PSALM.

Domine, ne in furore.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation: neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercy’s sake.

PSALMS VI.

DOMINE, ne in furore tuo arguas me: neque in ira tua corripias me.

Miserere mei, Domine, quoniam infirmus sum: sana me Domine, quoniam conturbata sunt ossa mea.

Et anima mea turbata est valde: sed tu, Domine, usquequo?

Convertere, Domine, et eripe animam meam: salvum me fac propter misericordiam tuam.

work signs and wonders; so now does she direct her constant prayer that His Presence may bless the opening day, and that He will direct her way.

It is well, in using this and other Psalms in which the destruction of enemies is spoken of, to remember that they are God’s enemies, and the enemies of His Church and law, against whom the words are uttered; and that the destruction of evil for the salvation of the repentant evil-doer is the highest exercise of Divine mercy. Nor must it be forgotten that as wickedness is essentially hateful to the All-Good, so there is a “wrath” even “of the Lamb” whose meekness and love are infinite.

PSALM VI.

In this first of the seven penitential Psalms we begin to hear the voice of our Redeemer speaking as One upon whom the Lord hath laid the iniquity of us all, and whose visage was marred more than any man’s in the awful hours of darkness which He suffered upon the cross. No one was ever so humbled by sin as the Son of God, who condescended to a shameful death for sinners: no one ever so felt the wrath of God poured out upon Him as He whose loving heart was broken by the rebuke of the Lord, so that He cried, “My God, My God, why hast Thou for-
5 For in death no man remembereth thee: and who will give thee thanks in the pit?
6 I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed: and water my couch with my tears.
7 My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away because of all mine enemies.
8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The Lord hath heard my petition: the Lord will receive my prayer.
10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed: they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

THE VII PSALM.

Domine, Deus meus.

Heb. ii. 13.

O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;
2 Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces: while there is none to help.
3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing: or if there be any wickedness in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me: yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;
5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me: yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.
6 Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies: arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.

Quoniam non est in morte qui memori sit tui: in inferno autem quis confitebitur tibi?
Laboravi in gemitu meo, lavabo per singulas noctes lectum meum: lacrymis meis stratum meum rigabo.
Turbatus est a furore oculus meus: est praesens oculus inveteravi inter omnes inimicos meos.
Discedite a me omnes qui operamini iniquitatem: quoniam exaudi vit Domi nus vocem fletus mei.
Exaudi vit Dominus deprecationem meam: Dominus orationem meam suscepit.

Erbescant et conturbentur velenorum omnes inimici mei: convetantur et erubescant valde velociter.

PSALMUS VII.

DOMINE, Deus meus, in te speravi: salvum me fac ex omnibus persequentibus me, et libera me.
Nequando rapiat ut leo animam meam: dum non est qui redimat, neque qui salvum faciat.
Domine, Deus meus, si feci iustum: si est iniquitas in manibus meis.
Si reddidi retribuentibus mihi mala: decidam merito ab inimicis meis animis.
Persecuratur inimicus animam meam et comprehenedit, et conculect in terra: et gloriarn meam in pulverem deducat.
Exsurge, Domine, in ira tua: et exaltare in finibus inimicorum meorum.

saken Me?" Yet, as God has said, "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten," so His love for sinners was shown in the chastisement which was hid upon the Redeemer of sinners, and in the rebuke which shed forth that Redeemer's Blood for their salvation.

Since our Lord and Saviour thus condescended to be so entirely one of ourselves that He was "made sin for us," and could utter the words of one bowed down by the burden, so has He thus set us an example of words wherein each sinner may turn to God with words of penitence in depreciation of His indignation, and displeasure. And as the darkness passed away with the returning Light of the Father's Presence, so can all sinners hope that a penitential confession of sin will end in words of joy through the application of the healing absolution, "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

PSALM VII.

The second verse of this Psalm points out the adversary spoken of as that one of whom St. Peter speaks as a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour; and of whom David had already found an evil type when he was guarding the flock entrusted to him by his father. [1 Sam. xvii. 34.] And since the adversary is Satan, so the Person speaking must be Christ, the seed of the woman persecuted by the Evil One, the seed of the
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John xii. 32.

7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee; for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.  
8 The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me, O Lord: according to my righteousness, and according to the innocence that is in me.  
9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end: but guide thou the just.  
10 For the righteous God trieth the very hearts and reins.

Rev. ii. 23.

11 My help cometh of God: who preserveth them that are true of heart.  
12 God is a righteous judge, strong, and patient: and God is provoked every day.

Rev. ix. 11.  
xx. 3, 14.

13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword: he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.  
14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death: he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

Rev. xxi. 19.

15 Behold, he travaileth with mischief: he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.

Matt. xxvii. 5.

16 He hath graven and digging up a pit: and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.

John xi. 41.  
Rev. xi. 17, 18.

17 For his travail shall come upon his own head: and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.  
18 I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness: and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

Et exsurge, Domine, Deus meas, in praecipto quod mandasti: et synagoga populum circumdabit te.  
Et propter hane in altum regredere: Dominus judicat populos.  
Judica me, Domine, secundum justitiam meam: et secundum innocentiam meam super me.

Consumetur nequitia peccatorum, et dirigis justum: scrutans corda et renes dirigis Deus.  
Justum adjutorium meum a Domino: qui salvos facit rectos corde.

Deus judex justus, fortis, et patiens: fortis et longanimitatis numquid irascitur per singulos dies?

Nisi conversi fueritis, gladium suum convertamini vibravit: arcam suam tetendit, et paravit illum.

Et in eo paravit vasa mortis: sa in Ipgo gittas suas ardentibus effecit.  
Ecce parturit injustitiam: concepit dolorem: et peperit iniquitatem.

Lacum aperuit, et effudit eum: et inedit in foveam quam fecit.  
Convertetur dolor ejus in caput ejus: in capite et in verticem ipsius iniquitas ejus in vertice descendet.

Confitebor Domino secundum justitiam ejus: et psallam Nomini Domini Altissimi.

serpent whose head He was to bruise. Many a lamb had the lion seized out of the flock, and at last he strove to tear in pieces the Lamb of God Himself. All through the Psalm it is this personal Adversary who is spoken of; and even when the enemies of Christ are represented as many, the one power and influence by which they are moved is recalled to our minds by the interchange of the plural and the singular number.  
The plea of innocence which is made in the third, fourth, and fifth verses, is mingled with a prophetic foreshadowing of that which is now history, that “He who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth,” was yet “made sin” for us, had His holy body torn in pieces, His soul persecuted, His life trodden down upon the earth, and His honour laid in the dust. Thus David in six affliction prophetically personified Him whose bitter Passion wrought out the Atonement, and who, “while we were enemies, yet died for us.”

Then, as in previous Psalms, a sudden transition takes place from the “dust” of death to the “lifting up” of the Resurrection. In one sense it is the voice of Christ calling upon His Father to glorify His Name now that the purpose of His humiliation and suffering is accomplished: in another it is the voice of the Church calling upon Christ to lift up Himself again in the Resurrection for the sake of those whom He has redeemed, that they who are partakers of His death may also be partakers of His Life and His Glory. Then, although all forsook Him and fled, and none were left around Him but a congregation of wicked doers and cruel men, when He had ascended up on high, to take up His Divine Glory again, He should gather about Him in the Kingdom of the Resurrection a congregation of the people, whose multitude no man can number, out of all nations, and peoples, and tongues. “If, if He were lifted up, will draw all men unto Me.”

In the latter verses, the final subjugation of the Evil One is predicted, the second death of the lake of fire, and the bottomless pit into which the great enemy himself shall be cast. [Rev. xx. 10, 14.] Thus also the ninth verse is another form of the prayer, “Thy kingdom come . . . deliver us from evil;” a prayer that God may be all and in all.
THE VIII PSALM.

Domine, Dominus noster.

ODE LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world: thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

7 All sheep and oxen yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

THE IX PSALM.

Confitebor tibi.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

PSALM VIII.

DOMINE Dominus noster: quam admirabile est Nomen tuum in universa terra.

Quoniam elevata est magnificentia tua: super caelos.

Ex ore infantium et lactentium perfecta laudem propter inimicos tuos: et deruem ut dextra inimicum et ultorem.

Quoniam video caelos tuos, opera digitorum tuorum: lunam et stellas quae tu fundasti.

Quid est homo, quod membra ejus? aut filius hominis quoniam visitas eum?

Minuisti eum paulominus ab angelis, gloria et honore coronasti eum: et constituiisti eum super opera manuum tuarum.

Omnia subjecisti sub pedibus ejus: ovibus et boves universas: insuper et pecora campi.

Volucres coeli, et pisces maris: qui perambulant semitas maris.

Domine Dominus noster: quam admirabile est Nomen tuum in universa terra.

PSALM IX.

CONFITEBOR tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: narrabo omnia mirabilia tua.

"we see Jesus" in Him "Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour." But when we thus sing the glory of Him Who is the Alpha and Omega,—the Lord our Lord in the beginning, and the Lord our Lord in the end,—we may also remember that "both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one," and that we sing also of the exaltation of human nature by its union with Him through His Incarnation and Ascension.

PSALM IX.

A song of Christ and of His Church, setting forth the triumph of His Person and His work, and giving thanks because He Who became poor for our sakes hath made many rich to the glory of God.

The marvellous works of God in the miracles of grace are even more worthy to be sung than those which surround us in the miracles of Creation and Providence. Especially in that miracle of grace from which all other spring, that of our Lord's Incarna-
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee; yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest.

3 While mine enemies are driven back; they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause: thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly: thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: even as the cities which thou hast destroyed; their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.

8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness: and minister true judgement unto the people.

9 The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed: even a refuge in due time of trouble.

10 And they that know thy Name, will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

11 O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion: shew the people of his doings.

12 For, when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: and forgettest not the complaint of the poor.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me: thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.

14 That I may shew all thy praises within the ports of the daughter of Sion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

Lætabor et exultabo in te: psallam Nomini tuo, Altissime.

In convertendo inimicum meum retrorsum: infirmabuntur, et peribunt a facie tua.

Quoniam fecisti judicium meum et causam meam: sedes super thronum qui judicas justitiam.

Incrupasti gentes, et periit impius: nomen eorum delèsti in aeternum et in seculum seculi.

Inimici defecerunt frameae in finem:

et civitates eorum destructi.

Periit memoria eorum cum sonitu:

et Dominus in aeternum permanet.

Paravit in judicio thronum suum: sedem suam

et ipse judicabit orbem terrae in aequitate; judicabit populos in justitia.

Et factus est Dominus refugium pauperi: adjutor in opportunitatibus, in tribulatione.

Et speret in te qui noverunt Nomen in te omnes qui tuum: quoniam non dereliquisti quarentes te, Domine.

Psalitie Domino, qui habitat in Sion: annuntiate inter gentes studia mirabilia ejus.

Quoniam requireres sanguinem, eorum recordatus est: non est oblitus clamorem pauperum.

Miserere mei, Domine: vide humiliatatem meam de inimicis meis.

Qui exaltas me de portis mortis: ut annuntiem omnes laudationes tuas in omnes laudes portis filie Sion.

The “inquisition for blood” speaks of that blood of which the Jews said, “Let it be on us and on our children,” and which speaketh better things than that of Abel; the complaint of the Poor, crying up to God, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” It speaks also of the blood of the martyrs, Stephen praying, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge,” and the souls under the altar crying, “Lord, how long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”

In the continued prayer for mercy and deliverance, an illustration is given of the oneness which Christ establishes between Himself and the Church. When Saul hunted down the members of Christ to slaughter, the Lord met him and said, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?” In the same manner the Voice of the Head is heard speaking of the “trouble” which He suffers
15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; in the same net which they hid privily, is their foot taken.

16 The Lord is known to execute judgement: the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell: and all the people that forget God.

18 For the poor shall not always be forgotten: the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

19 Up Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord: that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

THE X PSALM.

Ut quid, Domine?

Matt. xxvii. 46.

WHY standest thou so far off, O Lord: and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?

2 The ungodly for his own lust doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the crafty wiliness that they have imagined.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his own heart's desire: and speaketh good of the covetous whom God abhorreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud, that he careth not for God: neither is God in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous: thy judgements are far above out of his sight, and therefore defieth he all his enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart, Tush, I shall never be cast down: there shall no harm happen unto me.

Exultabo in salutari tuo: infixe sunt gentes in iteritu quem fecerunt.

In laqueo isto quem abseconderunt: occulaverunt comprehensus est pes eorum.

Cognoscerit Dominus judicia faciens: in operibus manuum suarum comprehensus est peccator.

Convertantur peccatores in infernum: omnes gentes quae obliviscuntur Deum.

Quonium non in finem oblivio erit pauperis: patientia pauperum non peribit in finem.

Exurge, Domine: non confortetur non praevaleret homo: judicentur gentes in conspectu tuo.

Constitue, Domine, legislatorem super eos: ut sciant gentes quoniam homines sunt.

[PSALMS IX., v. 22.]

UT quid, Domine, recessisti longe: despiciis in opportunitatis, in tribulationes?

Dum superbit imius, incenditar pauper: comprobenduntur in consiliis in opsis quibus cogitant.

Quonium laudatur peccator in desideris animae sua: et iniquus bene qui iniquus serit dictur.

Exacerbavit Dominum peccator: Irritavit secundum multitudinem irae sua non quater.

Non est Deus in conspectu ejus: inquinatæ sunt vis illius in omni polluentur via ejus tempore.

Auferuntur judicia tua a facie ejus: omnium inimicorum suorum dominabitur.

in His members from them that hate Him; and with His mystical body He prays to the Divine Nature. Arise, O Lord, in the power of the Resurrection, and establish the Poor in His kingdom as a Lawgiver and a Saviour.

PSALM X.

"Man's necessity is God's opportunity," yet the cry with which this Psalm opens expresses literally the utter forsakeness of Christ even "in opportunitatis, in tribulationes," when the Lord is to all others a defence and a refuge: to such an utter depth of persecution and suffering did "the Poor" descend for the sake of those He came to save.

This Psalm is in reality a continuation of the ninth, as it is written in the LXX and the Vulgate, and as is shown by the initial letters of the verses, which in the Hebrew form the Alphabet, beginning with the first verses of the ninth and ending with the last verses of the tenth.

But as the enemies of the Poor in the former Psalm are the heathen, persecuting Christ and His Church from without, so in this they are from within, those of His own household. Consequently this latter Psalm has ever been interpreted of the troubles which the Church will have to undergo in the days of Antichrist, when the greatest enemy that has ever persecuted the mystical Body of Christ, will arise from among its members.

Antichristian pride is here predicted as it would be a revivification in practical life of the first temptation that man "should
7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud: under his tongue is ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the thievish corners of the streets: and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent; his eyes are set against the poor.

9 For he lieth waiting secretly, even as a lion lurketh he in his den: that he may ravish the poor.

10 He doth ravish the poor: when he getteh him into his net.

11 He falleth down, and humbleth himself: that the congregation of the poor may fall into the hands of his captains.

12 He hath said in his heart, Tush, God hath forgotten: he hideth away his face, and he will never see it.

13 Arise, O Lord God, and lift up thine hand: forget not the poor.

14 Wherefore should the wicked blaspheme God: while he doth say in his heart, Tush, thou God carest not for it.

15 Surely thou Last seen it: for thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong.

16 That thou mayest take the matter into thine hand: the poor committed himself unto thee; for thou art the helper of the friendless.

17 Break thou the power of the ungodly and malicious: take away his ungodliness, and thou shalt find none.

18 The Lord is King for ever and ever: and the heathen are perished out of the land.

19 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poor: thou preparest their heart, and thin ear hearkeneth thereto;

20 To help the fatherless and poor unto their right: that the man of the earth be no more exalted against them.

Dixit enim in corde suo: Non movet a generatione in generatione sine malo.

Cujus maledictione os plenum est, et amaritudine, et dolo: sub lingua ejus labor et dolor.

Sedet in insidiis cum divitibus in occultis: ut interficiat innocemtem.

Oculi ejus in paupere respiciunt: insidiatur in abscondito, quasi leo in spulentu sua.

Insidiatur ut rapiat pauperem: rapere pauperem dum attribat eum. abstracta

In laqueo suo humiliabit eum: inclinabit se, et cadet cum dominus dominus in pauperum.

Dixit enim in corde suo; Oblitus est Deus: avertit faciem suam ne videat in uexis in finem.

Exurge, Domine Deus, et exaltetur manus tua: ne obliviscaris pauperum. paup. in fines

Propter quid irritavit impius Deum? dixit enim in corde suo, non requirit. requirere Deus

Vides; quoniam tu laborem et dolorum consideras: ut tradas eos in manus tuas.

Tibi derelictus est pauper: orphans pupilio tu eris adjutor.

Confere brachium pectoris et maligni: queretur pecatum illius, et non requeatur deli- rellum ejus nec

Dominus regnabit in aeternum et in saeculum saeculi: peribitos gentes de terra illius.

Desiderium pauperum exaudivit Dominus: praeparationem cordis eorum audivit aures tua.

Judicare pupilio et humilii: ut non apponat ultra magnificare se homo super terram.
THE XI PSALM.

Salvum me fac.

Evning Prayer.

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left: for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.

2 They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour: they do but flatter with their lips, and assemble in their double heart.

3 The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips: and the tongue that speaketh proud things.

THE XII PSALM.

In Domino confido.

In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver: that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 For the foundations will be cast down: and what hath the righteous done?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple: the Lord's seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor: and his eye-lids try the children of men.

6 The Lord alloweth the righteous: but the ungodly, and him that delightheth in wickedness doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm, and tempest: this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

PSALM XI.

This is, doubtless, spoken primarily of "Jesus Christ the Righteous," "the Holy One and the Just," "that Just One," against Whom the ungodly Jews bent their bows of hatred, and made ready their arrows of slander and false witness. For a short time He went away from them "unto a country near to the wilderness into a city called Ephraim," probably between Jerusalem and Jericho, but when His time was approaching, six days before the Passover, He returned to Jerusalem, going willingly to His sufferings. It may be that there was some advice given to Him identical with that implied in the opening verse of this Psalm, such as the words of St. Peter, "That be far from Thee, Lord;" or of the other disciples, "The Jews of late sought to stone Thee, and goest Thou thither again?" In the same manner the Church has at times retired from the freeness of persecution into the deserts of Egypt and Palestine, or the Catacombs of Rome; but, with her Head, ever looking upward faithfully and beholding the Throne of the righteous Judge in Heaven. For a time He tries the Church as He tried the Righteous and the Poor Himself, but chastening as a Father: and the light of His countenance shining above all trial gives sure confidence that the just cause, the cause which is His own, will in the end most surely prevail.

PSALM XII.

This Psalm represents the mournful spirit in which Christ looked upon the unbelieving heart of the generation that beheld
4 Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail: we are they that ought to speak, who is Lord over us?

5 Now for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy: and because of the deep sighing of the poor;

6 I will up, saith the Lord: and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

7 The words of the Lord are pure words: even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

8 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

9 The ungodly walk on every side: when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

THE XIII PSALM.

Usque quo, Domine?

Rev. vi. 9.

H OW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart: how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

Qui dixerunt, Linguan nostram magnificabimus: labia nostra a nobis sunt; quis noster Dominus est?

Propter miseriam inopum, et generum pauperum: nunc exsurgam, dicit Dominus.

Ponam in salutari: fiducialiter agam in eo.

Eloquia Domini, eloquia casta; argentum igne examinatum: probatum terrae, purgatum sepulchrum.

Tu, Domine, servabis nos, et custodies nos: a generatione hac in aeternum.

In circuitu impii ambulant: secundum altitudinem tuam multiplicasti filios hominum.

Him, and at the contradiction of sinners against Himself. It is also the voice of His mystical Body, crying, "Lord, how long," and praying for the Second Advent and perfect Domination of the Son of Man.

There were times in the life of our Lord when not even "His brethren" believed in Him, and when all forsook Him and fled. With rare exceptions those who accepted Him and His mission were but a "little flock," and while the whole nation of the Jews desired a temporal Sovereign who should re-establish their national independence, there were but few who faithfully "waited for the Redemption of Israel" by a spiritual Saviour.

The details of the Psalm have a special application to the life of the Son of David. The three principal sects of the Jews, the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians, tempted Him with flattering words, and endeavoured by disseminating to entice Him into some declaration which they could use against Him in their courts of law. But the words of the Lord were ever pure words; the very officer sent to take Him said, "Never man spake thus this man:" and so completely did He convict the tempters out of their own mouth, that at last "no man durst ask Him any more

PONAM super salutari menam.

PSALM XII.

USQUEQUO, Domine, obliviscéris Sunday Matins.

me in fines? usquequo aertis faciem tuam a me?

Quandiu ponam consilia in anima conditionem in anima mea? dolorem in corde meo per diem?

Usquequo exaltabitur inimicus meus super me? respice, et exaudia me, Domine Deus meus.

Illumina oculos meos ne unquam obdormiam in morte: nequando dicit inimicus meus, Pravælui adversus eum.

questions." They endeavoured to prevail with their tongue, but the Lord rooted out all deceitful lips by the Omniscient searching of that Word which is as a two-edged sword.

It may be observed that the "deep sighing of the Poor" is here brought into close association with the evil use of the tongue; while in the Gospel it is recorded of our Lord that He looked up to heaven, and sighed when He was about to give the faculty of speech to one who had been always deaf and dumb. Doubtless He sighed, knowing that He gave that faculty subject to the man's free will, and therefore subject to its use for evil as well as good.

PSALM XIII.

The voice of the mystical Body of Christ is here heard, with greater distinctness than in the preceding Psalm, expressing the longing of the Bride for the return of the Bridesgroom. "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come." In the first two verses the cry of "the souls under the altar" is four times repeated; but in such a manner as to remind the individual Christian that it is sin which causes the hiding of God's face from His children; and
5 But my trust is in thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

6 I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

THE XIV PSALM.

Dixit insipiens.

T HE fool hath said in his heart: There is no God.

Rom. ii. 10.

2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doing: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Rom. iii. 11.

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men: to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

Rom. iii. 12.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Rom. iii. 13.

5 Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived: the poison of asps is under their lips.

Rom. iii. 14, 15.

6 Their mouth is full of cursing, and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood.

Rom. iii. 16, 17, 18.

7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes.

Isa. v. 13.

8 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief: eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

Qui tribulant me exsultabunt si motor fueris: ego autem in misericordia tua speravi.

Exsultabit cor meum in salutari tuo: cantabo Domino qui bona tribuit mihi: et psallam Nomini Domini Altissimi.

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PSALMUS XIII.

DIXIT insipiens in corde suo: Non est Deus.

Corrupti sunt, et abominabiles facti sunt in studiis suis: non est qui faciat bonum, non est usque ad unum.

Dominus de caelo proxepsit super filios hominum: ut videat si est intelligens, aut requires Deum.

Omnes declinavercunt: simul inutiles facti sunt: non est qui faciat bonum, non est usque ad unum.

Sepulchrum patens est guttur eorum: linguis suis dolose agabent: venenum aspidum sub labis eorum.

Quorum os maledictione et amaritudine plenum est: veloces pedes eorum ad effundendum sanguinem.

Contrito et infelixitas in viis eorum, et viam pacis non cognoverunt: non est timor Dei ante oculos eorum.

Nonne cognoscent omnes qui operantur iniquitatem: qui devorant plen- bem meam sicut escam panis?

Salvator regnum sui, Deus, exaltavit; et mundum sibi dominavit.

Venerunt sedes principum, et loca solenne, cum magna tribulatione.

Laudaverunt Deus, et operantes vires.

That even when the Holy One Himself took such words as these upon His lips, it was because He was made sin for us, and In His own smitten and afflicted person represented a whole world of sinners.

Like most Psalms of this mournful character, the thirteenth divides into three portions which illustrate the transition of our Lord from a state of suffering and persecution, through the humiliation of death, to the triumph of resurrection. The experience of the Lord in the flesh was the experience of His mystical Body, and is also the experience of each of His members: the Lord and His Church in their conflict with the world, the particular Christian in his conflict with sin. It seems frequently as if the enemy were about to be able to say, "I have prevailed," as if He that should have redeemed Israel had proved unable to do so, as if the Church could never overcome and counteract the work of Satan, as if the Christian soul was ever being cast down by the force of temptation. But as the darkness passed away from the Cross at the ninth hour, and the Father's countenance was again unveiled to the eyes of the Crucified, as the age of persecution and depression passed away from the Church, so Christ turns and looks upon the sinner whose trust is in His mercy, and the daily prayer, "Lighten our darkness," is a continual memorial before God of the need, and before man of the power, of the Divine Presence.

PSALM XIV.

There is little absolute Atheism in the world, God having so fully revealed Himself that the inner light of conscience and the outer light of nature's evidences bear universal and overpowering testimony to His existence [Rom. i. 20]. But there is much of the more subtle Atheism of which the Jews were guilty, that denial of the Godhead of our Lord Jesus which underlies every system of religion that diverges from that of the Catholic Church.

This Psalm is a prophecy of that awful time when this denial of Christ will have become all but universal, through the acceptance by the world of the kingdom of Antichrist. Such denial may not be entirely open and avowed, for the Psalm says the fool hath "said in his heart," not with his lips, there is no God. As the system of Mahomet gives a subordinate position of honour to Christ, not denying Him altogether, so that of the final Antichrist will probably profess some specious respect for Him, ac-
9 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

10 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor: because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

11 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people: then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

THE XV PSALM.

Domine, quis habitabit?

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2 Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappoineth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

Deum non invocaverunt: illic trepidaverunt timore, ubi non erat timor.

Quoniam Dominus in generatione justa est: consilium inopis confudisti, confudisti quoniam Dominus spes ejus est.

Quis habebit ex Sion salutare Israel? cum averterit Dominum captivatem exerbit plebis suae, exultabit Jacob, et laetabitur Israel.

PSALMS XIV.

DOMINE, quis habitabit in tabernacle tuo? aut quis requiescit in monte sancto tuo?

Qui ingreditur sine macula: et operatur justitiam.

Qui loquitur veritatem in corde suo: qui non egit dolum in lingua sua.

Nec fecit proximo suo malum: et opprobrium non acceptit adversus proximos suos.

Ad nihilum deductus est in conspectu ejus malignus: timentes aem Dominum glorificat:

Qui jurat proximo suo, et non decript: qui pecuniam suam, non dedit ad usuram, et numerus super inoncentem non acceptit.

Qui factit hæc: non movebitur in commovibilær æternum.

knowing Him as worthy of great reverence while utterly refusing to acknowledge Him as worthy of the worship due to the Supreme; saying with Pilate, Ecce Homo, but not with the prophet, Behold your God.

The terrible words of this Psalm open out to us God’s view of such Antichristianism, “The Lord looked down from Heaven.” They show us that no compromise of moral goodness and unbelief is known to Him, but that he who says in his heart there is no God,—none in Heaven, none in Christ,—is to the eye of the All-Righteous and Omniscient “corrupt and abominable.” All gradations of Atheism are thus associated with more or less of immorality.

PSALM XV.

In this, as in the first, Psalm there is an obvious application to Christ as the perfect ideal of the human nature personified: and this application is certified to us by the Church in the selection of it for an Ascension-day Psalm. The sense of it is fixed by the third verse, which is all but verbally identical with the two passages marked against it in the margin, the one a directly prophetic, the other a directly historical, reference to the Messiah. Of Him alone, dwelling among men for a generation in the tabernacle of the flesh [John 1:14], can it be said without any reservation that This was one who led an uncorrupt life; of Him alone that no “guile was found in His mouth,” of Him alone that He was wholly “meek and lowly of heart.” In the fifth verse there is also a prophecy of the fulfillment by the Son of God of His purpose and promise to redeem mankind, even though that fulfillment entailed the taking upon Him the form of a servant, and suffering death upon the cross. He was the good Samaritan taking care of His neighbour, and bestowing upon him the sacraments of life, to be bought without money and without price.

But the “tabernacle” of Christ’s human Body calls also to mind the temple of His mystical Body, and hence the plain moral application of the Psalm becomes intensified into a rule of life for Christians as members of Him “Who did no sin.” [Cf. Ascension-day Collect.]
THE XVI PSALM.
Conserva me, Domine.

PSALMUS XV.
Conserva me Domine, quoniam speravi in te: dixi Domino, Deus meus es tu, quoniam bonorum meorum non eges.
Sanctis qui sunt in terra ejus: mitigavi omnes voluntates meas in eis.

Multiplicatas sunt infirmitates co-rum: postea acceleraverunt.
Non congregabili conventicula eorum de sanguinibus: nec memor ero nominum eorum per labia mea.

Dominus pars hereditatis meae, et calicis mei: tu es qui restitues hereditae restitui mihi
tatem meas mihi.

Funes occidens mihi in praecris: etenim hereditas mea praestra est mihi.

Benedicam Dominum, qui tribuit mihi intellectum: insuper et usque ad noctem incerpuerunt me renes mi.

Providhebam Dominum in conspectu meo semper: quoniam a dextris est mihi ne commovere.

Propter hoc lastatum est cor meum, delectatium et exsultavit lingua mea: insuper et
caro mea requiescat in spe.

Quoniam non derelinguas animam meam in inferno: nec dabis sanctum tuum videre corruptionem.

Notas mihi fecisti vias vitae: adimplebis me lastitia cum vultu tuo; delectationes in dextra tua usque in
finem.

PSALM XVI.
Exaudi, Domine.

EXAUDI Domine justitiam meas: Sunday Matins. 2nd Noct.

PSALM XVI.
The first words spoken by St. Peter after Christ had given him to understand what was written in the Psalms concerning Him, and when inspired by the Holy Ghost at Pentecost, gave the proper interpretation of this Psalm, showing that it was spoken, prophetically, in the person of Christ, and not of David, to whom the latter portion could have no real application. The same interpretation of the Psalm was also given by St. Paul in his first public ministration after the Holy Ghost had said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Although, therefore, the former half of the Psalm may be accommodated to the Church and to individual members of it, the primary interpretation of the whole must be understood to be of Christ Himself. Its use on Easter Eve by the ancient Church of England shows also that this interpretation was adopted by it in the commemoration of our Lord's Rest and Resurrection.

The first part of the Psalm appears to refer to the offering which Christ made for an atonement between God and man. God needed not even the "goods" of this sacrifice, for He is perfect in Himself even without the salvation of mankind. But Christ's delight was in those whom He was saving by His sacrifice; and as He had come to do His Father's will, so would He magnify His will in them, that God's will might be done on earth as it is in Heaven. For them Christ will be a continual Intercessor, but the offerings of those who run after another
The III. Day.
Morning Prayer.
John xix. 11.

Luke xxii. 44. 45. 46.
1 Pet. ii. 22.

1 Sam. ii. 16.

Psalm xvii.

There are words in this Psalm which can only be used in their complete sense of the Son of Man. Of Him Pilate said, "I have found no fault in Him!" his wife, "This just Person!" the thief on the cross, "This man hath done nothing amiss!" the centurion, "Certainly this was a righteous man!" and His disciple and companion, St. Peter, that He "did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." Of no other man, however holy, could it be truly said, "Thou shalt find no wickedness in me!" and as the whole Psalm is compactly connected together, we must conclude that it is all written of Him respecting Whom alone these words can be written.

The frequent references to our Lord's Passion which occur in the Psalms are in exact keeping with His conversation while on earth, and with the character of that perpetual Memorial of His Death which He instituted as the Key-stone of the New Temple, and the guide to the Church's religious habits. With His disciples He continually discoursed about His coming Passion; to

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Rev. xxi. 4.
Heb. i. 3.
1 Cor. xvi. 49.
Rom. vi. 5.

14 From the men of thy hand, O Lord, from the men, I say, and from the evil world: which have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thy hid treasure.

15 They have children at their desire: and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.

16 But as for me, I will behold thy presence in righteousness: and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

THE XVIII PSALM.
Diligam te, Domine.

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence: my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

2 I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me: and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

4 The pains of hell came about me: the snares of death overtook me.

5 In my trouble I will call upon the Lord: and complain unto my God.

PSALM XVIII.

This triumphal hymn is found also in the twenty-second chapter of the Second Book of Samuel, where it is described as the song which David spoke “in the day when the Lord delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.” But, as in all the songs of “the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet Psalmist of Israel, the Spirit of the Lord spake by him, and His word was in his tongue,” and a far higher and deeper meaning is evident than can belong to David himself, or to any circumstances of sorrow or victory in which he was ever placed. The sorrows are too deep for any but the Man of Sorrows, the triumph too exultant for any but “the Root of Jesse, and He that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles.” [Rom. xv. 12.]

1 This remarkable reading arises, seemingly, from a confusion between the words sibi and eum, in the LXX. It received a ready acceptance probably from the fact that swine’s flesh was an unlawful food to the Jews, and partaking of it would be an illustration of their wilful disobedience and wickedness. The tenth and fourteenth verses also seem to give some countenance to it, referring apparently to the fat of the sacrifices which could not lawfully be eaten, and to the sensual, selfish lives of the Jews.

THE PSALMS.

Domine a puæcis de terra divide eos in vita eorum: de absconditis tuis adimpletus est venter eorum.

Saturati sunt filii: et dimiserunt reliquias suas parvulis suis.

Ego antem in justitia apparebo in conspectui tuo: satiabor cum appa-ruerit gloria tua.
6 So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple: and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter into his ears. 

7 The earth trembled and quaked: the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth. 

8 There went a smoke out in his presence: and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it. 

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and it was dark under his feet. 

10 He rode upon the cherubims, and did fly; he came flying upon the wings of the wind. 

11 He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him. 

12 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed: hail-stones, and coals of fire. 

13 The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder: hail-stones, and coals of fire. 

14 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them: he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them. 

15 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered at thy chiding, O Lord: at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure. 

16 He shall send down from on high to fetch me: and shall take me out of many waters. 

17 He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me: for they are too mighty for me. 

18 They prevented me in the day of my trouble: but the Lord was my upholder.

In tribulatione mea invocavi Dominum: et ad Deum meum clamavi: 

Et exaudivi de templo sancto suo vocem meam: et clamor meus in conspectu ejus introivit in aures ejus. 

Commota est et contremuit terra: fundamenta montium conturbata sunt, et commota sunt, quoniam iratus est Deus. 

Ascendit fumus in ira ejus, et ignis a facie ejus exarsit: carbones successit unto eo. 

Inclinavit coelos, et descendit: et caligo sub pedibus ejus. 

Et ascendit super Cherubin, et volavit: volavit super pennas ventorum. 

Et posuit tenebras latibulum suum, in circuitu ejus: tabernaculum ejus, tenebrosa aqua in nubibus aéris. 

Præ fulgere in conspectu ejus nubes transierunt: grando et carbones ignis. 

Et intonuit de colo Dominus, et Altissimus dedit vocem suam: grando et carbones ignis. 

Et misit sagittas suas, et dissipavit eos: fulgura multiplicavit, et conturbavit eos. 

Et apparerunt fontes aquarum: et revelata sunt fundamenta orbis terrarum. 

Ab inceptione tua, Domine: ab inspiratione spiritus tue. 

Misit de sommo, et acceptum me: et assumpsit me de aquis multis. 

Eripuit me de inimicis meis fortissimis, et ab his qui oderrunt me: quoniam confortati sunt super me. 

Prævenerunt me in die afflictionis meae: et factus est Dominus protector meus.

Passing by, then, the historical application of this Psalm of victory to the person of David, we may trace out its prophetic and mystical application to the Person of Christ. The opening words of it are an indication that the Son of man is speaking in His human nature, and speaking of the Divine Nature Which is its Strength, its Rock of ages, its Defence, its Saviour, its God, its Buckler, the Horn also of its Salvation, and its Refuge. And as Christ thus looks upward from the depths of His humiliation to His Divine Nature in its glory, so the Church may look to Christ and say all these words of Him, the Rock upon which she is so founded, that the gates of Hell cannot prevail against her.

After this opening ascription of praise the Psalm descends into the deeps of the Passion; in which the sorrows of death encompassed the body of the Crucified, and the overflows of that
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19 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty: he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

20 The Lord shall reward me after my righteous dealing: according to the cleanness of my hands shall he recompense me.

21 Because I have kept the ways of the Lord: and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

22 For I have an eye unto all his laws: and will not cast out his commandments from me.

23 I was also uncorrupt before him: and eschewed mine own wickedness.

24 Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteous dealing: and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

25 With the holy thou shalt be holy: and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

26 With the clean thou shalt be clean: and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness.

27 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity: and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

28 Thou also shalt light my candle: the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

29 For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men: and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

30 The way of God is an undefiled way: the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.

31 For who is God, but the Lord: or who hath any strength, except our God?

32 It is God, that girdeth me with strength of war: and maketh my way perfect.

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Et eduxit me in latitudinem: salvum me fecit, quoniam voluit me.

Et retribuet mihi Dominus secundum justitiam meam: et secundum puritatem manuum mearum retribuet mihi.

Quia custodi divisi vasis Domini: nec impie gessi a Deo meo.

Quoniam omnia judicia ejus in conspectu meo: et justitias ejus non repulsi a me.

Et erat immaculatus cum eo: et observabo me ab iniquitate mea.

Et retribuet mihi Dominus secundum justitiam meam: et secundum puritatem manuum mearum in conspectu oculorum ejus.

Cum sancto sanctus eris: et cum vino innocente innocens eris:

Et cum electo electus eris: et cum perverso perverteris.

Quoniam tu populum humilem salvum facies: et oculos superborum humiliabis.

Quoniam tu illuminas lucernam meam, Domine: Deus meus, illuminata tenebras meas.

Quoniam in te eripiar a tentatione: et in Deo meo transgredi murum.

Deus meus impolluta via ejus: eloquias Domini igne examinata: protector est omnium sperantium in se.

Quoniam quis Deus praepter Domini: aut quis Deus praepter Deum nostrum?

Deus qui prescinxit me virtute: et posuit immaculatam viam meam.

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ungodliness which He bore in His soul when He was made sin for us, caused Him to cry out in His trouble as if in fear, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" In what manner the bitter pain of this trouble was assuaged we know not, but that some immediate evidence was given of His voice having reached from the cross to God's holy temple is shown by the peaceful contrast of the words in which Christ commended His soul to His Father. Nor may it be forgotten that the prevailing power of the great Sacrifice was heard for all mankind when the answer of God went forth from the Holy of Holies by the miraculous rending of the veil from the top to the bottom.

From the seventh verse forward there is a reference to the foundation of the old dispensation on Sinai as a type of that breaking up of all old foundations which ensued when all things...
33 He maketh my feet like harts’ feet: and setteth me up on high.
34 He teacheth mine hands to fight: and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.
35 Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation: thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.
36 Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go: that my footsteps shall not slide.
37 I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them: neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.
38 I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand: but fail under my feet.
39 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.
40 Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me: and I shall destroy them that hate me.
41 They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them: yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.
42 I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind: I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.
43 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people: and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.
44 A people whom I have not known: shall serve me.
45 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me: but the strange children shall dissemble with me.

Qui perfect pedes meos tanquam cervorum: et super excelsa statuens stabiit me.
Qui docet manus meas ad praelium: et posuisti ut arcum arcum brachia posuit mea.
Et dedisti mihi protectionem salvitatis tuae: et dextera tua suscepit me: suscepit me: et disciplina tua ipsa me docuit.

Dilatasti pressus meos subitus me: et non sunt infirmata vestigia mea.
Persequar inimicos meos, et comprehendam illos: et non convertar donec deficient.
Confringam illos, nec poterunt Adfigam stare: cadent subitus pedes meos.
Et praeceixisti me virtute ad bellum: et supplantasti insurgentes in me subitus me.

Et inimicos meos dedisti mihi dorsum: et odientes me dispersidisti.

Clamaverunt, nec erat qui salvos faceret: ad Dominum, nec exaudivit eos.

Et comminuam eos ut pulverem ante faciem venti: ut lutum platearum delebo eos.

Eripies me de contradictionibus populi: constitues me in caput gentium.

Populus quem non cognovsi servivit mihi: in auditu auris obedivit mihi.

wore made now in the Church of Christ. For the literal earthquake at the crucifixion was the precursor of that. "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven" [Heb. xii. 29], by which the "kingdom that cannot be moved" was to be established: even as the latter is a precursor of that second Advent in which all things will be dissolved to the end that they may be remoulded into a new Heaven and a new Earth. In this imagery all the means by which God has brought salvation and peace out of turmoil and destruction are referred to; and hence the foundations of the world being discovered through the springs of waters prefigured the regeneration of the world by water as the former verses had spoken of His regeneration by fire; both typical of the great work of His new birth by the miracle of the Incarnation. Thus the Psalm throughout may be interpreted of Christ.
The I11. Day.  
Evening Prayer.  
Exod. vi. 14.  
John vi. 7. 78.  

46 The strange children shall fail; 
and be afraid out of their prisons.  
47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be 
my strong helper: and praised be the 
God of my salvation.  
48 Even the God, that seeth that I 
be avenged: and subdueth the people 
unto me.  
49 It is he, that delivereth me 
from my cruel enemies, and setteth me 
up above mine adversaries: thou shalt 
rid me from the wicked man.  
50 For this cause will I give thanks 
unto thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles: 
and sing praises unto thy Name.  
51 Great prosperity giveth he unto 
his King: and sheweth loving-kind- 
ness unto David his Anointed, and 
unto his seed for evermore.  

THE XIX PSALM.  
Coli enarrant.  

THE heavens declare the glory of 
God: and the firmament sheweth 
his handy-work.  
2 One day telleth another: and one 
night certifieth another.  
3 There is neither speech, nor lan-
guage: but their voices are heard 
among them.  
4 Their sound is gone out into all 
lands: and their words into the ends 
of the world.  
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle 
for the sun: which cometh forth 
as a bridgework out of his chamber, 
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his 
course.  

The key to this application of the Psalm is given by St. Paul in 
Rom. a. 18, where he takes the fourth verse as a prophecy of 
the foundation of the Church by the Apostles and Evangelists. 
But it may also be drawn from a comparison of the Psalm with 
other words of the Holy Ghost and of Christ Himself.  
The central idea of the Psalm is contained in the fifth and sixth 
verses, the previous portion leading up to these, and that which 
follows taking its cue from them. In these two verses the mind 
of the Church has always observed a prophecy of “the Sun of 
righteousness” which it was declared should “arise with healing 
in His beams” [Mal. iv. 2]: a prophecy, that is, of Him Who 
said, “I am the Light of the world” [John viii. 12]: of Whom 
St. John wrote that He was the true Light coming into the 
world to illuminate all men [Ibid. i. 9]; and Who in after 
years said also of Himself, “I am the root and the offspring of 
David, and the bright and morning Star.” [Rev. xxii. 16.]  
The heavens therefore declare the glory of God as a mystical 
parable of the spiritual world.  

X X 2
Exsultavit ut gigas ad currendam viam: a summo caelo egressio ejus:
Et occursus ejus usque ad summum ejus: nec est qui se abscondat a calore ejus.
Lex Domini immaculata, convertens cora praebentibus animas: testimonium Domini fidele,
sapientiam praestans parvulis.
Justitiae Domini recte, latificantes corda: preceptum Domini lucidum,
illuminans oculos.
Timor Domini sanctus; permanet in seculum seculi: judicium Domini vera,
justificata in semetipsa.
Desiderabilia super aurum et lupi-
dem pretiosum multum: et dulciora super mel et favum.
Etenim servus tuus custodit ea: in
custodiendis illis retributio multa.
Delicta quis intelligit? ab occultis
meis munda me: et ab alienis parce
servo tuo.
Si mei non fuerint dominati, tunc
immaculatus ero: et emundabor a
delicto maximo.
Et erunt ut complacent eloquia
oris mei: et meditatio cordis mei in
conspectu tuo semper.
Domine, adjutus meus: et redemptor
meus.

THE XX PSALM.

EXAUDIAT te Dominus.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of
trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

from Whom flows all the Light, heat, and Life by which souls
live and the glory of God is promoted. As in the glorified City
of God, so in the Church. Militant, "the Lamb is the Light
thereof," and she beholds His glory, the glory of the only
begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, a glory trans-
figuring the flesh in which He dwelt [ExsoutaeX = tabernacaed,
John i. 14] among His people. From Him flowed the light of
grace and truth to the Apostles. As He had said of Himself, so He
did of them, "Ye are the light of the world." And, "As the Father
hath sent Me, so send I you." And thus "one day telleth another,"
and the sound of the glorious message of the Incarnation has gone
cut into all lands through the ministration of the Church, so that
nothing is hid from the heat of the vivifying Sun of Righteous-
ness. Thus also Christ is in His Church, vivifying all its work
and its members,—"in them hath He set a tabernacle for the
Sun:" and again the heavens declare the glory of God when
they enable the seer to say, "I heard a great voice from heaven
saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will
dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself
shall be with them and be their God." [Rev. xxii. 3.]
The latter verses are to be taken as an expansion of the con-
cluding words of the sixth, "there is nothing hid from the heat
thereof." For this all-embracing Light is law, testimony,
statute, commandment, fear, and judgment; converting, giving
wisdom, joy, purity, everlasting life, and perfect righteousness:
a savour of life unto life, or a savour of death unto death.
The IV. Day.
Morning Prayer

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion;
3 Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;
4 Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfill all thy mind.
5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.
6 Now know I, that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven: even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.
7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.
8 They are brought down, and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven: when we call upon thee.

THE XXI PSALM.

DOMINE, in virtute tua.

THE King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

MITTAT tibi auxilium de sancto: et de Sion tueatur te.
Memor sit omnis sacrificii tui: et sit Dominus holocaustum tuum pingue fiat.
Tribuat tibi secundum cor tuum: et omne consilium tuum confirmet.
Lestabinur in salutari tuo: et in nomine Dei nostri magnificabimus. Domini Dei Impleat Dominus omnes petitiones tuas: nunc cognovi quoniam salvum fecit Dominus Christum suum.
Exaudiet illum de ccelo sancto suo: in potentatibus salus dexterae ejus.
Hi in curribus, et hi in equis: nos autem in nomine Domini Dei nostri invocabimus.
Ipsi obligati sunt, et ceciderunt, nos autem surreximus et erecti sumus.
Domine saluvm fac regem: et exaudis in die qua invocaverimus te.

THE PSALMS.

PSALMUS XX.

DOMINE in virtute tua lestabitur: et super salutare tuum ex- 3rd Noct.
sultabit vehementer.
Desiderium cordis ejus tribuiisti ei: Desiderium animae et voluntate laboriorum ejus non fraudasti eum.

The original purpose of this Psalm was doubtless of a similar kind to that for which it has been chosen in modern times as a proper Psalm for the day of the Sovereign's accession to the throne. But in its full meaning it looks beyond all earthly sovereigns to Him Who is in the most true and complete sense the Anointed of the Lord.

And it is to be remarked that the words throughout are an illustration of the manner in which Christ is pleased to identify Himself with His mystical Body: so that the Church joins herself with Him in His very intercession for her members. Christ says, "Do this in remembrance of Me," and while the Church obys His command and offers a constant Memorial before God of the Sacrifices of Christ, she yet places that Memorial in His hands, saying, May God remember all Thy offerings; grant Thee Thy heart's desire, which is that all may have the benefit of Thine offering and rejoice in Thy salvation. There was a type of this in Christ's words to His Three Apostles, "What, could ye not watch with Me one hour?" and there is a parable of it in the Revelation, where "the Lamb as it had been slain" stands in continual intercession before the Throne, yet in the midst of the four and twenty elders.

The last verse is constantly used in the suffrages of Morning and Evening Prayer according to the form in which it appears in the LXX and the Vulgate. The two readings show the lower and the higher application of the Psalm, the English being equivalent to the "Hosanna to the Son of David" with which Christ was led in triumph to Jerusalem.

PSALM XXI.

Whatever was the original purpose of this song of triumph, the coming of Christ to His Kingdom has given it a meaning before which all lower ones must fade into distance. Its position as a proper Psalm for Assumption Day points out therefore the proper interpretation to be given to it at all times, as a Psalm which magnifies the Son of Man seated on the Throne of His Divine glory.

In such words the Church on earth echoes the strains of those who "cast their crowns before the Throne, saying, Thou art
For thou shalt prevent him with the blessings of goodness: and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life; even for ever and ever. His honour is great in thy salvation: glory, and great worship shalt thou lay upon him.

For thou shalt give him everlasting felicity: and make him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

And why? because the King putteth his trust in the Lord: and in the mercy of the most Highest he shall not miscarry.

All thine enemies shall feel thy hand: thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: the Lord shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.

Their fruit shalt thou root out of the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended mischief against thee: and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.

Therefore shalt thou put them to flight: and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.

Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing, and praise thy power.

THE XXII PSALM.

Deus, Deus meus.

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

Quoniam praevenisti eum in beneficitionibus dulcedinis: posuisti in capite ejus coronam de lapide pretioso.

Vitam petiit a te, et tribuisti ei: longitudinem diesierum in seculum, et in seculum seculi.

Magna est gloria ejus in salutari tuo: gloriavit et magnum decorum imponebatur.

Quoniam dabis eum in beneficitionem in seculum seculi: festificabis eum in gaudio cum virto tuo.

Quoniam rex sperat in Domino: et sperabat in misericordia Altissimi non commovebatur.

Inveniatur manus tua omnibus inimicis tuis: dextera tua inveniat omnes qui te oerant.

Poneas eos ut cibarium ignis in tempore vultus tui: Dominus in ira sua cumbabit eos, et devorabit eos ignis.

Fructum eorum de terra perdere: et semem eorum a filiis hominum.

Quoniam declinaverunt in te mala: cogitaverunt consilia, que non potuerunt stabilire.

Quoniam pones eorum dorum: in religiosis tuis preparabas vultum eorum.

Exaltare Domine in virtute tua: cantabimus et psallimus virtutes tuas.

PSALM XXII.

Deus Deus meus, respice in me, Prime. Good Friday Mass. quare me deseruitis? longe a salute mea verba delictorum meorum.

worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power;” remembering the “Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God.” The heart’s desire of Christ was, that all might be one in Him as He was One with the Father: that all might be redeemed and reign with Him as kings and priests in His glorified kingdom. And when He prayed unto Him that was able to save Him from death, that if it were possible the cup might pass from Him, He was heard in that He feared, and offered the perfect obedience of “not My will but Thine.” And so, although the King was to wear a crown of thorns, and to give up His life instead of keeping it, yet was He by those very means to attain His prayer, so that He might reign for ever and ever, and be able to say, “I am He that liveth, and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.”

PSALM XXII.

The special consecration of this Psalm by our Lord’s use of its opening words in the most awful moment of His Passion, has invested it for ever with a royal grandeur of Divine sorrow.

The opening words recall to mind the force which was after-

1 St. Augustine speaks of this Psalm as being used on the day of our Lord’s Passion.
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season also I take no rest. 
And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.
Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
All they that see me, laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him.
But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: thou wast my hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.
Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums: and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
For many dogs are come about me: and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

Deus meus, clamabo per diem, et non exaudies: et noxte, et non ad insipientiam mihi.
Tu autem in sancto habitas: Laus Israel.
In te speraverunt patres nostri: speraverunt, et liberasti eos.
Ad te clamaverunt, et salvi facti sunt: in te speraverunt, et non sunt confusi.
Ego autem sum vermis, et non homo: opprobrium hominum, et abjectio plebis.
Ommes videntes me deriserunt me: qui videbant me antepabuntur me.
Locuti sunt labiis, et moverunt caput.
Speravit in Domino: epiat eum: salvum faciat eum, quoniam vult eum.
Quoniam tu es qui extraisti me de ventre; spes mea ab uberibus matris meae: in te projectus sum ex utero.
De ventre matris meae Deus meus es tu: ne discesseris a me.
Quoniam tribulatio proxima est: quoniam non est qui adjuet.
Circundederunt me vituli multi: tauri pingues obseruad me.
Aperuerunt super me os suum: sicut leo rapiens et rugiens.
Sicut aqua effusus sum: et dispersa sunt omnia ossa mea.
Factum est cor meum tanquam cera liquefossa: in medio ventris mei.
Arui tanquam testa virtus mea, et lingua mea adhesit fauces mei: et in pulverem mortis deduxisti me.
Quoniam circundeerunt me canes multi: concilium malignantiam obseruad me.

Words given to them by our Lord, when, even after His Resurrection, He declared His perfect Humanity and His capacity for perfect Union with Human Nature by saying, "I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God." [John xx. 17.] They reveal at once the One Man of Sorrows making Himself one with those whom He had come to redeem.
But the words that follow, and which give the key-note to the whole awful strain of sorrow, indicate the mystery of that darkness which was to fall upon the soul of Him whose Body was already suffering the fulness of pain upon the Cross. In that hour, it may be from noon till three o'clock, the vast burden of all sin was concentrated upon the Redeemer's Soul; and with it the still more unbearable burden of that Divine displeasure which sin calls down from the All-Righteous God. In what way the Divine Presence was hid from the sight of Him whose Human Nature was inseparably joined to His Godhead, can be
17 They pierced my hands and my feet, I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me. 
18 They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord: thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor: he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.
29 All such as be fat upon earth have eaten, and worshipped.

Pederunt manus meas et pedes meas: dinumeraverunt omnia ossa mea.
Ipsi vero consideraverunt et in conspezerunt specterunt me: diviserunt sibi vestimenta mea, et super vestem meam miserunt sortem.
Tu autem Domine ne elongaveris longe facias auxilium tuum a me: ad defendением meam conspice.
Erue a framea Deus animam meam:
et de mani canis unicum meam.
Salva me ex ore leonis: et a cornis unicornis bus unicum meam humiliatem meam.
Narborbo Nomen tuum fratribus meis: in medio Ecclesiae laudabo te.
Quintemis Dominum, laudate eum: universum semem Jacob glorificate magnificat eum.
Tmeat eum omne semem IsraeI: quoniam non sprevit neque despexit deprecationem pauperis.
Nee averit faciem suam a me: et cum clamarem ad eum exaudivit me.
Apud te laus mea in Ecclesia: magni magna: vota mea reddam in conspectu timentium eum.
Edent pauperes et saturebuntur, et laudabunt Dominum qui requirunt eum: vivent corda eorum in saeculum in saeculo.
Reminiscentur et conversentur ad Dominum: universi fines terrestre. 
Et adorabunt in conspectu ejus: universus familia Gentium.
Quoniam Domini est regnum: et ipse dominabitur Gentium.

explained by no uninspired pen, and has not been revealed by the Holy Ghost. The words themselves reveal the fact, and all that can be said beyond is, that they form a comprehensive commentary on the words of the prophet, “Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” [Isa. lii. 4], and on those of the Apostle, “For He hath made Him to be sin for us Who knew no sin” [2 Cor. v. 21. Gal. iii. 13.]
The body of the Psalm has so exact a correspondence with the narrative of the Crucifixion as to furnish an irrefutable illustration of the truth, that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God” [2 Tim. iii. 16]: for only the Omniscience of Him to Whom all time is one continual present could have foreseen the circumstances so exactly named. It should therefore be taken, in the same manner as the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, as a Divine exposition and commemoration of the Passion. Viewed in this light, it shows how utter was the depth of humiliation to which Christ descended that He might reach to the lowest of sinners. The patriarchs and many holy men had called on God, and He had delivered them. Abraham at the sacrifice of Isaac, Joseph in the pit, Job when stricken to the ground with misery, Daniel in the lion’s den, the three holy Children in the Babylonian furnace—these had been heard from Heaven; but Christ was to go through with His sacrifice, was to descend into the lowest pit, a place of darkness, and into the deep; was to have His visage more marred than Job or any sons of men; was to have His soul more among lions than was Daniel’s body, and to go
30 All they that go down into the dust, shall kneel before him: and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31 My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness: unto a people that shall be born whom the Lord hath made.

THE XXIII PSALM.

Dominus regit me.

Ezek. xxi. 31.

John x. 11-15.

Rev. vii. 16, 17.

ISA. Ixiii. 7, 8.


THE Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Ye, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy lovingkindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

His being both the Lamb and the Shepherd, and according to His words, "Without Me ye can do nothing." As the Lamb of God He Himself walked through the valley of the shadow of death; as the Good Shepherd He supports those who go thither by the sceptre of His Incarnation, and by the staff of His Cross, the staff of Beauty and the staff of Bands 1. [Zech. xi. 7—12.]

This Psalm seems to follow the 22nd in natural order, that being the agnosed prayer of the Cross, this the peaceful praise of Paradise. And as there was a rest for the Shepherd, so is there a rest prepared for the sheep: when "they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." All which, both in the Psalm and in the Revelation, seems to point to a sacramental Life in Christ both here and hereafter; here in the Holy Eucharist, hereafter in the restored Tree of Life whose leaves are for the healing of the nations, and whereof the redeemed may "eat and live for ever" in a re-opened Paradise.

The fifth verse of this Psalm may be a constant reminder to us that the Blessed Sacrament is the true remedy of the Christian against the Evil One and his temptations. Angels came to pre-

1 This was a Burial Psalm in the time of St. Chrysostom.
THE XXIV PSALM.

Domini est terra.

THE earth is the Lord’s, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. 
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas; and prepared it upon the floods. 
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place? 
4 Even he, that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. 
5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord; and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 
6 This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is the King of glory? even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE XXV PSALM.

Ad te, Domine, levavi.

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul, my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

THE PSALMS.

PSALMUS XXIII.

DOMINI est terra, et plenitudo ejus: orbis terrarum, et universi qui habitant in eo. 
Quia ipse super maria fundavit eum: et super flumina preparavit eum. 
Quis ascendet in montem Domini? aut quis stabit in loco sancto ejus?

Innocens manibus et mundo orde; qui non acceptit in vano animam suam: nec juravit in dolo proximo suo. 
Hic accipiet benedictionem a Domino: et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo. 
Hoc est generatio querentium eum: querentium faciem Dei Jacob.

Attollite portas, principes, vestras, et Tollite elevamin portæ aternales: et introibit rex gloriae. 
Quis est iste rex gloriae? Dominus fortis et potens, Dominus potens in praesidio.

Attollite portas, principes, vestras, Tollite et elevamin portæ aternales: et introibit rex gloriae. 
Quis est iste rex gloriae? Dominus virtutum, ipse est rex gloriae.

PSALMUS XXIV.

AD te Domine levavi animam meam, Deus meus in te confido: non erubescam.

Neque irrandant me inimici mei:

pure a table for Christ in the wilderness of temptation; but He Himself prepares one for His people in the Church.

PSALM XXIV.¹

As the last Psalm sang of the transition of Christ from the death of the Cross to the rest of Paradise, so does this of His Ascension into Heaven.

By His Death the Lord has gained all those kingdoms of the earth, and the glory of them, which were offered to Him at the Temptation. As the Spirit of God brooded over the waters of chaos, and there sprung therefrom the solid earth of the natural creation, so has the Kingdom of Christ been founded upon the

¹ The first verse of this Psalm has received a new historical interest from the striking application given to it by its conspicuous position on the front of the Royal Exchange, at the centre of the world's commerce.

water-floods which overwhelmed the Saviour in His sufferings, and the sacramental stream which flowed from His side. So also is the Church supported safely on the waves of this troublesome world, as the Ark in the deluge, or the Apostles' boat in the storm, because of His Presence Who has prepared it upon the floods.

The middle verses may be compared with the 15th Psalm, and are a prelude to the four triumphant verses which form the main idea of this Hymn of victory. The King of Glory first entered on His Triumph when He smote those gates of brass and brake those bars of iron asunder, which He had declared should not prevail against His Church, and therefore could not against Him. A second time the cry went forth, Who is the King of Glory? when He who had come with dyed garments from Bozrah, ascended up to Heaven to make a continual offering of His Body before the Throne. A third time He will ride forth at the head
2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hast been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious, and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy, and truth: unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord: be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

11 What man is he, that feareth the Lord: him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

12 His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the land.

13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him: and he will shew them his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate, and in misery.

et enim universi qui sustinunt te non confundentur.

Confunduntur omnes iniqua agentes: supervaece.

Vias tuas Domine demonstra mihi: viae tuae Dominem notas fac mihi

Dirige me in veritate tua, et doce me: quia tu es Deus salvator meus, et te sustinui tota die.

Reminiscere miserationum tuarum Domine: et misericordiarum tuarum, quae a sæculo sunt.

Delicta juventutis meæ: et ignora tantas meas ne memineris.

Secundum misericordiam tuam momentum mei tu: propter bonitatem tuam, Domine.

Dulcis et rectus Dominus: propter hoc legem dabit delinquentibus in via. copiosis

Diriget mansuetos in judicio: docebit mites vias suas.

Universe vie Domini misericordia et veritas: requirentibus testamentum ejus et testimonia ejus.

Propter nomen tuum Domine propitiaberis peccato meo: multum est enim.

Quis est homo qui timet Dominum? legem statuit ei in via quam elegit.

Anima ejus in bonis demorabitur: et semen ejus hereditabit terram. several changes in the previous xvii. Psalm, sometimes a singular one being used, and at others a plural: “I have put my trust in Thee,” “All they that hope in Thee.” As “in all our afflictions He was afflicted” while on earth, so even now His perpetual Intercession embraces within its compass that experience of the burden of all sin which was acquired when He bore ours upon the Cross.

In the words of this Psalm, therefore, Christ is teaching us how to approach the Throne of mercy: “Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and
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Morning Prayer.  

16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles.  
17 Look upon my adversity, and misery: and forgive me all my sin.  
18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are: and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.  
19 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.  
20 Let perfectness, and righteous dealing wait upon me: for my hope hath been in thee.  
21 Deliver Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

THE XXVI PSALM.  
Judica me, Domine.  

John xvi. 23.  

BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.  
2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try out my reins, and my heart.  
3 For thy lovingkindness is ever before mine eyes: and I will walk in thy truth.  
4 I have not dwelt with vain persons: neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.  
5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked: and will not sit among the ungodly.  
6 I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar;  
7 That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all thy wondrous works.  
8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where thine honour dwelleth.  

Tribulationes cordis mei multiplicae sunt: de necessitatis mei erue me.  
Vide humilitatem meam, et laborem meum: et dimitte universa delicta mea.  
Respice inimicos meos, quomiam multiplicati sunt: et odio iniquo odierunt me.  
Custodi animam meam, et erue me: erue non erubescent quomiam speravi in te.  
Innocentia et recti adhæserunt mihi: quia sustinui te.  
Libera, Deus, Israël: ex omnibus tribulationibus suis.

PSALMUS XXV.  

Judica me, Domine, quomiam ego in innocentia mea inesse sum: et in Domino sperans non infirmabor.  
Proba me, Domine, et tente me: ure renes meos et cor meum.  
Quoniam misericordia tua ante occulos meos est: et complacui in veritate tua.  
Non sedi cum concilio vanitatis: et cum iniqua gerentibus non introibo.  
Odivi ecclesiam malignantium: et congregrationem malitudinum.  
Lavabo inter innocentes manus meas: et circundabo altare tuum Domine.  
Ut audiam vocem laudis tuae: et enarrem universa mirabilia tua.  
Domine, dilexi decorem domus tuae: et locum habitacionis gloria tuae.

receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.”  
[Hosea xiv. 2.] And hence it has been called a pattern of all prayer. Offered up by the Church of God, it is a continual acknowledgment of the sins of which human nature has ever been guilty before Him, from the time of its youth in our first parents to that of its old age in these latter days. Offered up by each Christian soul, it is a lowly confession before the righteous Judge of our general unworthiness and our particular sin; of our sorrow for sin, and our desire to be strengthened against evil and the Evil One. It pleads the loving-kindness of God as evidenced in the days of old, and asks for a repetition of mercies from the inexhaustible fountain of His love: and, self-abased by remembrance of former falls, it beseeches Him to consider how great is the power arrayed against us, and how utterly unable the sinner is to walk upright in the way of righteousness without His gracious leading, and support, and protection.  
Thus, when we know not what to pray for as we ought, God Himself teaches us, and “the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” [Rom. viii. 26.]

PSALM XXVI.  

Sinners must appeal to the mercy of their Judge; but He in Whom was no guile could appeal to His strict justice. Only of Christ therefore can this Psalm be spoken in its literal meaning; while others who say, “Be Thou my Judge, O Lord,” must add, “If Thou, Lord, shouldst be extreme to mark what is done
The V. Day.
Morning Prayer.

9 O shut not up my soul with the sinners: nor my life with the blood-thirsty;
10 In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts.

11 But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be mer-
ciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

THE XXVII PSALM.
Dominus illuminatio.

T HE Lord is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
1 The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes came upon me
to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.
3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid:
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that
I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the
fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the
secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Ne perdas cum impii Deus animam impius dedit omnem
meam: et cum viris sanguinum vitam
meam.

In quorum manibus iniquitates sunt: dextera corum repleta est num-
eribus.

Ego autem in innocentia mea ing-
gressus sum: redime me, et misere re
mi.

Pess meus stetit in directo: in e-
clesiis benedicam te, Domine.

PSALMUS XXVI.

DOMINUS illuminatio mea: et salus mea; quem timebo?
Dominus protector vitae meae: a quo trepidabo?

Dum appropriant super me nocentes:
ut edant carnes meas;
Qui tribulant me inimici mei: ipi
infirmati sunt et ceciderunt.
Si consistant adversum me castra:
non timebit cor meum.
Si exsurget adversum me praecium: Si iesurgat in me
in hoc ego sperabo.

Unam petii a Domino, hanc requi-
ram: ut inhabitem in domo Domini
omnibus diebus vitae meae.
Ut videam voluntatem Domini: et
visitem templum ejus.

Quoniam abscondit me in taber-
naculo suo in die malorum: protexit
me in abscondito tabernaculi sui.

amiss, O Lord, who shall stand?" But although we can only
imperfectly copy the Pattern of perfect righteousness, and walk
with faltering steps in the pathway which He has trodden, yet
Christ has left us an example in the words of this Psalm of the
manner in which alone an acceptable approach can be made to
the Altar of God. He entered into Heaven in the strength of
His innocence, we must come before God's Altar in the strength
of our penitence.

This Psalm has accordingly been used from time immemorial
as part of the private prayers of the Celebrant when he is about
to offer up the Eucharistic Sacrifice to God. In the same spirit
and with the same intention it may be used by all Christians,
since all have their part in the offering made by their ministerial
leader. And at whatever time the Psalm is sung, it must remind
all who use it, clergy or laity, of that High Priest who was
"holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners," as an Example
to all who engage in the service of God.

PSALM XXVII.

Christ spake words in this Psalm for Himself, His Church, and
for each Christian soul; expressing that faith in the Presence
of God which He had in its perfection, and which is given to His
servants to possess according to the measure of the gift of Him.
Most of the Psalm applies literally to Christ in the time of His
Passion, the "false witnesses" of the fourteenth verse being an
evident prophecy of those who came and perverted Our Lord's
words respecting the resurrection of the temple of His body. In
the very first words there appears an implied reference to the
physical and spiritual darkness by which He was surrounded
when on the cross; the stumbling and falling of those who had
come against Him in the Garden of the Agony is in the same way
referred to in the second verse; the lifting up of His head in the
sixth verse carries the thoughts to His lifting up on the Cross by
which He gained the throne of an everlasting kingdom; and the
6 And now shall he lift up mine head; above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me: nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted: but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure: be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

THE XXVIII PSALM.

Ad te, Domine.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my strength: think no scorn of me, lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

In petra exaltavit me: et nunc exaltavit caput meum super inimicos meos.

Circuivi, et immolavi in tabernaculo ejus hostiam vociferationis: cantabo et psalmum dicam Domino.

Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam qua clamavi ad te: miserere mei, et audi me.

Tibi dixit cor meum, exquisivit te facies mea: faciem tuam, Domine, requiram.

Ne avertas faciem tuam a me: ne declines in ira a servo tuo.

Adjutor meas esto: ne derelinquas me: neque despicias me, Deus salutaris meus.

Quoniam pater meus et mater mea dereliquerunt me: Dominus autem assumptit me.

Legem pone mihi, Domine, in via mihi constitue tua: et dirigite me in semita recta propter inimicos meos.

Ne tradideris me in animas tribuum: purgamentum lautium me, quoniam insurrexerunt in me testes iniqui: et mentita est iniquitas sibi.

Credo videre bona Domini: in terra viventium.

Exspecta Dominum, viriliter age, et confortetur cor tuum: et sustine Dominum.

PSALMUS XXVII.

Ad te, Domine, clamabo; Deus meus, ne sileas a me: nequando taces a me et assimilabor descendentiibus in lacum.
2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto thee: when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.

3 O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly, and wicked doers: which speak friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief in their hearts.

4 Reward them according to their deeds: and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.

5 Recompense them after the work of their hands: pay them that they have deserved.

6 For they regard not in their mind the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands: therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.

7 Praised be the Lord: for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

8 The Lord is my strength, and my shield, my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

9 The Lord is my strength: and he is the wholesome defence of his Anointed.

10 O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance: feed them, and set them up for ever.

THE XXIX PSALM.

Afferte Domino.

John v. 35.

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Exaudi, Domine, vocem deprecationis meae dum oro ad te: dum extolto manus meas ad templum sanctum tuum.

Ne simul tradas me cum peccatoribus: et cum operantis iniquitatem ne perdas me.

Qui loquentur pacem cum proximo Cum sis qui sox suo: malam autem in cordibus eorum.

Da illis secundum opera eorum: et secundum nequitiam adinventionum ipsorum.

Secundum opera manuum eorum tribue illis: redde retributionem eorum ipsis.

Quoniam non intellegerunt opera Domini: et in opera manuum euis destrue illos, et non adificabis eos.

Benedictus Dominus: quoniam exaudivit vocem deprecationis meae.

Domini adjutor meus, et protector meus: et in ipso speravit cor meum, et adjutus sum.

Et refloruit caro mea: et ex voluntate mea consubstant ei.

Dominus fortitudo plebis sui: et protector salvationum Christi sui est.

Salvum fac populum tuum Domine, et benedic hereditati tuae: et rege eos, et extolle illos usque in aeternum. in sacrum

PSALMUS XXVIII.

AFFERTE Domin' filii Dei: afferte Domino filos arietum.

Mond. Mattins. Epiphany. 1st Noct.

Mystical Body prays to Him and in Him as He stands by the throne of the Father. The following paraphrase from Gerboldus strikes the key-note of the Psalm with a clear tone, and shows the manner in which saintly writers have heard the voice of Christ speaking by the mouth of David:—

"I, the assumed Human Nature, will cry unto Thee, O Lord: Thou art My Deity, in which I, the Son of David, am the Son of God, equally as the Father and the Holy Ghost are God: Thou art My Deity, and since Thou art the Word of the Father, keep not silence from Me, from Me, the Human Nature which Thou, O Word, didst personally unite to Thyself. By the voice of Thy blood, crying from the ground, do Thou, O Word, so speak as to be heard, even in Hell, when my soul shall descend thither: make manifest that I am not like them that go down into the pit, from the weight of original, or the guilt of actual, sin. For I, untainted by any sin, shall be 'free among the dead,' that I also shall be able to deliver others thence, and to any even to the fairness of the "King in His beauty." Moses "talked of God, Seek ye My face," but God told him that he could not see His face and live, and he beheld only part of the Divine glory while "standing upon the rock," and hid in the "secret of the rock." The Rock of Ages has been cleft that the children of God may find a safe hiding-place for ever, and the Divine glory is now revealed in the Incarnate Person of the Lord Jesus. So the time will come when a yet higher vision of it will be vouchsafed, when there shall be no more fainting, and when they who wait upon the Lord shall go from strength to strength till His words are fulfilled, "They shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

PSALM XXVIII.

Christ's Human Nature here cries to the Divine Nature: His
2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.

3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea: the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf: Libanus also, and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire, the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes: in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood: and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
THE XXX PSALM.

Exaltabo te, Domine.

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up: and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his: and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me: and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord: and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my blood: when I go down to the pit?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee: or shall it declare thy truth?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

The Vi. Day.
Morning Prayer.
Heb. v. 7
xii. 24.
John xvii. 1.
1 Cor. xv. 44.
Ps. xvi. 22.
Psalm xxxii.
Cf. Bible Vers.
1 Cor. xii. 26.

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PSALMUS XXIX.

Exaltabo te, Domine, quoniam suscepisti me: nec delectasti inimicos meos super me.

Domine Deus meus, clamavi ad te: et sanasti me.

Domine eduxisti ab inferno animam meam: salvasti me a descendentibus in lacum.

Psallite Domino omnes sancti ejus: et consi' temperatae memorie sanctitatis ejus.

Quoniam ira in indignatione ejus: et vita in voluntate ejus.

Ad vesperum demorabitur fletus: et ad matutinum sanctitatis.

Ego autem dixi in abundantia mea:
Non movero in aeternum.

Domine, in voluntate tua: praestabo tibi decori meo virtutem.

Avertisti faciem tuam a me: et factus sum conturbatus.

Ad te, Domine, clamabo: et ad Deum meum deprerabo.

Quae utilitas in sanguine meo: dum descendis in corruptionem?

Nunquid confitebitur tibi pulvis: aut annuntiabit veritatem tuam?

Audivit Dominus et misertus est mei: Dominus factus est adjutor meus.

Convertisti planctum meum in gaudium mihi: concidisti saecum meum, et circumdediti me laetitia.

Utcantet tibi gloria mea, et non compungar: Domine Deus meus, in aeternum confitebor tibi.

which will also in His time be raised from its militant and suffering condition to be dedicated as the holy city and the new Jerusalem, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." [Rev. xxi. 2.] The voice of Christ is heard, therefore, in this Psalm, rejoicing in His deliverance from death, the grave, and hell. The wrath of God came upon Him as the representative of all sinners, and for a time the Father turned His face even from His beloved Son, so that the soul of the holy and innocent One was troubled. Giving up His life, that holy One suffered His body to be carried to the grave, while His soul descended into hell. But the dust of death could not magnify the glory of God, nor offer an Eucharistic sacrifice, nor give profit from the blood of the Atonement, nor proclaim Divine Truth. Therefore the Lord in His good purposes, for His own glory, and for man's salvation, brought the soul of Christ out of hell, kept His body from the usual lot of

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THE XXXI PSALM.

In te, Domine, speravi.

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

7 I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities: and my trust hath been in the Lord.

8 I will be glad, and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: but hast set my feet in a large room.

10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness: and my years with mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity: and my bones are consumed.

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PSALMUS XXX.

IN te, Domine, speravi; non confundar in aeternum: in justitia tua libera me.

Inclina me ad aurum tuam: accelerata ut eruas me.

Esto mihi in Deum protectorem et in domum refugii: ut salvum me locum ref. facias.

Quoniam fortitudo mea et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum deduces me, et enunties me.

Educes me de laqueo quem abscon- dunt mihi: quoniam tu es protector meus.

In manus tuas commendo spiritum meum: redemisti me, Domine Deus veritatis.

Odiisti observantes vanitates: super- vacue.

Ego autem in Domino speravi: ex spero ultab et lascabor in misericordia tua.

Quoniam respexit humilitatem meam: salvasti de necessitatibus anim"- mea.

Nec conclusisti me in manibus inimici: statuisti in loco spatio- sos pedes meos.

Miserere mei, Domine, quoniam tribulor: conturbatus est in ira oculus meus, anima mea et venter meus.

Quoniam defect in dolore vita mea: et anni mei in gemitu- bus.

Infirma est in paupertate virtus mea: et ossa mea conturbata sunt.

those who descend into the grave, put off from Him the sackcloth of suffering humanity and a natural body, and girded Him with the joy of a humanity that is glorified and a body that has become spiritual. Because of this mercy of God towards man for the sake of his Redeemer, the Church, which is Christ's glory, even the children which God has given to Him,—will praise Him continually, offering up to Him for ever the acceptable memorial of His love, according to His commandment, "This do, for a remembrance of Me." The application of this Psalm to Christ the Head shows clearly without further illustration how it may be applied to His members, collectively and individually. When the time of her tribulation is past, the Church can follow the words of her Lord, and as He could say, "Thou hast set Me up" as the High Priest interceding, the King of kings ruling, and the Lamb of God receiving Divine worship, so may His Church praise God for revealing His glory by and in her, lifting her up from the dust and sackcloth of suffering, and girding her with the joy of an universal triumph. And there are times when the Christian soul may take such words for its own also, and thank God with a better informed faith than Hezekiah did, when even he said, "The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day."
13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours; and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me, and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.

14 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind: I am become like a broken vessel.

15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude: and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God.

17 My time is in thy hand, deliver me from the hand of mine enemies: and from them that persecute me.

18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance: and save me for thy mercy sake.

19 Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee: let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.

20 Let the lying lips be put to silence: which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak against the righteous.

21 O how plentiful is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men.

22 Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men: thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

Super omnes inimicos meos factus sum opprobrium vicinis meis valde: vic. meis simium et timor notis meis.

Qui videbant me foras fugarunt me: oblivioni datus sum, tanquam mortuus ac corde.

Factus sum tanquam vas perditum: quoniam audivi vituperationem multitum commorantium in circuitu.

In eo dum convenient simul adversum me: accipere animam meam consiliati sunt.

Ego autem in te speravi, Domine; dixi, Deus meus es tu: in manibus tuis sortes meae.

Eripe me de manu inimicorum meorum: et a persequentibus me.

Illustra faciem tuam super servum tuum, salvum me fac in misericordia tua, Domine: non confundar, quoniam invocavi te.

Erubescent impii, et deducantur in infernum: muta flant labia dolosa, efficiantur.

Quae loquuntur adversus justum iniquitatem: in superficia, et in absuisione.

Quam magna multitudo dulcedinis tuae Domine: quam absecdisti timentibus te?

Perfecisti eis qui sperant in te: in conspectu filiorum hominum.

Asbcondes eos in abscondito faciei in aditus euisuis fui.

Proteges eos in tabernaculo tuo: a contradictione linguarum.

clearly shown as in any of those which are more especially named as Psalms of the Passion; nor can a complete application be made to any other person, or to Him in any other manner than as representing those for whom His work of atonement was wrought. The whole Psalm is an amplification of our Lord's prayer, "Not My will, but Thine": and sets before us very strongly the necessity and the advantage of prayer. For if He uttered such words of prayer for deliverance Who knew the whole course of events that was to follow, how much more are they bound to supplicate their God to whom the future is a sealed book. And if the Lord heard the voice of the Saviour's prayer [verse 25], and sent an angel to strengthen Him though the cup of the Passion was not removed, much more may they look to be made strong, and to have their hearts established, who are in so much greater need of the Divine aid.

Few Psalms contain more verses which can be taken into use.

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Gal. v. 11, 1 Cor. i. 23. Mark xiv. 50. Isa. iii. 2.

Matt. xxvi. 66, xxvii. 22, 32, 40.

John xvii. 22.

Luke xxii. 47.

Te Deum.

Matt. xxvi. 66, 68.

Isa. xxxii. 2. iv. 6.

said to the persecutor of His Church, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" and so He will say at the last day, "Asaasmuch as ye did unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye did it unto Me."

In psalms and prophecies we may find the Scriptural complement of the Gospel, revealed by Him who could foresee history. So in the eleventh verse of this Psalm we have a most affecting truth concerning the influence of Christ's sorrows on His human nature. His earthly life extended only to thirty-three years; yet He seemed so much older that the Jews said to Him, "Thou art not yet fifty years old." The truth is here told us, that His "life was waxen old through heaviness, and his years with mourning;" joy and joy having no place in the ministerial life of Him who saw and felt the whole accumulated burden of all sin.

The direct application of this Psalm to our Lord is thus as
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Morning Prayer.  
I. xvi. 1.  
Cf. I. xxxviii. 10, 11.  
Mark xv. 34.  

The VI. Day.  
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I. xvi. 1.  
Cf. I. xxxviii. 10, 11.  
Mark xv. 34.  

23 Thanks be to the Lord: for he hath shewed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.  
24 And when I made haste, I said: I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.  
25 Nevertheless thou hearest the voice of my prayer: when I cried unto thee.  
26 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.  
27 Be strong, and he shall establish your heart: all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

THE XXXII PSALM.  

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.  
2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.  
3 For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.  
4 For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.  
5 I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.  
6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.  
7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found: but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

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Benedictus Dominus: quoniam misericavit misericordiam suam mihi: in civitate munita.  
Ego antem dixi in excessu mentis in pavorc me: Projectus sum a facie oculorum tuorum.  
Ideo exaudisti vocem orationis meae: depressit dum clamareram ad te.  
Diligite Dominum omnes sancti ejus, quoniam veritatem requirit Dominus: et retribuet abundanter facientibus superbiarn.  
Viriliter agite, et confortetur cor vestrum: omnes qui speratis in Domino.

PSALM XXXI.  

Beatit quoror remissae sunt ini. quitates: et quorum tecta sunt peccata.  
Beatus vir cui non imputavit Dominus peccatum: nec est in spiritu ejus dolus.  
Quoniam taeui, inveteraverunt ossa mea: dum clamarem tota die.  
Quoniam die ac nocte gravata est super me manus tua: conversus sum in arenum mea, dum configitur spina.  
Dilectum meum cognitum tibi feci: et injustitiam meam non ascondi.  
Dixi, Confitebor adversum me injustitiam meam Domino: et tu remissisti impietatem peccati mei.  
Pro hac orabit ad te omnis sanctus: in tempore opportunu.  
Veruntamen in diluvio aquarum multarum: ad eum non approximabunt.

by the Christian as expressive of his own experience and aspirations. As our Lord left to His people the germ of all prayer, so He has consecrated the words of David by His own adoption of them, and that in such a manner that we may use them as part of His own prevailing intercession.

PSALM XXXII.  

Christ, as the representative of the whole human race, offers up in this Psalm the sacrifice of penitence, and rejoices in the blessedness of Absolution. So "blessed" indeed was He by the purity of His nature that no sin was imputed to Him as His own, nor was any guile found in His spirit. Yet so great is the mercy of God that the blessedness of the forgiven soul is made next, and even like to, that of the innocent soul. When His pardoning word has exercised its power, and "unrighteousness is forgiven," the spirit is freed, and pure of guile and sin; so that they who are thus reunited to the spotless Lamb of God become partakers of His holiness.  

Thus, although there is no peace to the sinner while he holds his tongue, and refuses to confess his sin, he who puts his trust in the Lord's mercy and humbly acknowledges his transgressions will find that mercy embracing him on every side. Especially he will find out that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, and that this power He has given to His Church [John xx. 22]; that when "truth of heart," a sincere penitence, has removed every bar from the way of God's word of absolution, it will go forth with power to convey actual pardon, and, with pardon, comfort.
8 Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whose putthoth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

THE XXXIII PSALM.

Exultate, justi.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the Lord with harp: sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song: sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap: and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

Tu es refugium mecum a tribulatione: quae circundedit me: exultatio mea, crue me a circumdantibus me.

Intellectum tibi dabo, et instruam te in via hac qua gradieris: firmabo ingredias super te oculos meas.

Nolite fieri sicut equus et mulus: quibus non est intellectus.

In chamo et farenio maxillas eorum constriigne: qui non approximant ad te.

Multa flagella peccatorum: speramus: canticum sperantem autem in Domino misericordia circumdabit.

Laetamini in Domino et exultate justi: et gloriamini omnes recti corde.

PSALMUS XXXII.

Exultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio.

Confitemini Domino in cithara: in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.

Cantate ei canticum novum: bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

Quia rectum est verbum Domini: et omnia opera ejus in fide.

Diligite misericordiam et judicium: misericordia Domini plena est terra.

Verbo Domini caeli firmati sunt: et spiritus oris ejus omnis virtus eorum.

Congregans sicut in utre aquas in uorem maris: ponens in thesauris abyssos.

Timeat Dominum omnis terra: ab eo autem commoveantur omnes inhabitantes orbem.

This penitential Psalm is, therefore, a word of Christ showing us the pattern of repentance to be followed by His members, and proclaiming the blessedness of their state whose repentance has been of that sincere character that God is able to bless to the peintent the words of absolution, and thus to make them effective to his pardon and justification.

PSALM XXXIII.

1 The structure of this Psalm is observable, consisting as it does of an introductory and concluding verse, and of nine intermediate stanzas or martyrs. It was, doubtless, adopted for that purpose from its manifest position as a sequel to the foregoing Psalm of penitence; which makes it represent the "New Song" of the saints who have entered into perfect peace through the final pardon of their God: "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us subjects. It can scarcely be doubted that this structure was recognized in the music to which the Psalm was originally sung. It is also probable that there is a reference to it in the end of the second verse.
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Gen. i. 3.
Job v. 12.

Isa. xli. 8.
xliv. 10.

John xv. 16.

Numb. xlv. 44.
Judges vii. 4.
2 Sam. xxiv. 1.

Deut. xvii. 16.
Isa. xxx. 16.


Luke viii. 15.
xxii. 19.
Rev. xiii. 10.

Dan. iii. 8.

9 For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.
11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever: and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord Jehovah: and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to be his inheritance.
13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men: from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them: and understandeth all their works.
15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host: neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man: neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him: and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
18 To deliver their soul from death: and to feed them in the time of dearth.
19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord: for he is our help, and our shield.
20 For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have hoped in his holy Name.
21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us: like as we do put our trust in thee.

Quoniam ipse dixit, et facta sunt: ipse mandavit, et creatu sunt.
Dominus dissipat consilia gentium; reprobat autem cogitationes populorum: et reprobat consilia principum.

Consilium autem Domini in aeternum manet: cogitationes cordis ejus in generatione et generationem.

Beata gens ejus est Dominus Deus ejus: populus quem elegit in hieroditatem sibi.

De coelo respexit Dominus: vidit omnis filios hominum.
De preparato habitaculo suo: respexit super omnes qui habitant terram.
Qui finxit singillatim corda eorum: qui intelligit omnia opera eorum.

Non salvatur rex per multam virtutem: et gigas non salvabitur in multitudine virtutis suum.

Fallax equus ad salutem: in alundantia autem virtutis suae non salvabitur.

Ecce oculi Domini super metuentes eum: et in eis qui sperant super misericordia ejus.

Ut eruat a morte animas eorum: et erigi alat eos in fame.

Anima nostra sustinet Dominum: autem nostra quoniam adjutor et protector noster est.
Quia in eo letabitur cor nostrum: et in nomine sancto ejus speravimus.

Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos: quemadmodum speravimus in te. scil.

But all such hymns of praise for God's good work in the natural creation carry a further meaning which looks to the new and spiritual Creation whereby all things are made new in Christ Jesus. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and the same word will be the Creator of the new heaven and the new earth, when the first heaven and the first earth shall have passed away and there shall be no more sea. The Church enlightened by the words of Christ and the Holy Ghost sings
THE XXXIV PSALM.

Benedicam Dominum.

The VI. Day.

Benedicam Dominum.

I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened ; and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

8 O taste, and see how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger ; but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.

this hymn to God with a far deeper meaning than attached to it when sung by the Jewish Church : beholding with open face the glory of the Lord Jesus revealed in it ; and adoring Him in its measured strains as that eternal Word, Who became man for us men and for our salvation, and Whose perpetual miracle of new creation is the subject of her continual thanksgiving.

PSALM XXXIV.1

This Psalm contains a Divine prophecy of the Agony, Suffering,
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Evening Prayer.
1 Pet. iii. 12.

15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.

16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

THE XXXV PSALM.

Judica, Domine.

PLEAD thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: and fight thou against them that fight against me.

2 Lay hand upon the shield and buckler: and stand up to help me.

3 Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Oculi Domini super justos: et aures ejus ad preces eorum.

Vultus autem Domini super facientes mala: ut perdat de terra memoriam eorum.

Clamaverunt justi, et Dominus exaudivit eos: et ex omnibus tribulationibus eorum liberavit eos.

Juxta est Dominus his, qui tribulato tribulabat sunt corde: et humiles spiritu salvabit.

Multa tribulationes justorum: et de omnibus his liberavit eos Dominus, liberabat

 Custodit Dominus omnia ossa eorum: unum ex his non conteretur.

Mors peccatorum pessima: et qui oderunt justum delinquent.

Redimet Dominus animas servorum suorum: et non delinquent omnes qui sperant in eo.

PSALMUS XXXIV.

JUDICA, Domine, nocentes me: Mond. Matins.

expugna impugnantes me.

Apprehende arma et scutum: et exsurge in adiutorium mihi.

Effunde frameam, et conclude adversus eos qui sequuntur me: dic animas meas, Salus tua eum.

and vii. 52, and the twelfth verse being expressly applied to our Lord by St. John, shows clearly of whom the Psalm speaks.

In contrast to this designation of the holy Jesus, “the Ungodly” must clearly be taken to mean the betrayer, whom “misfortune slow” when “he hanged himself and falling headlong he burst asunder in the midst and his bowels gushed out,” and of whom the Apostle said, “Lot his habitation be desolate.” Hence we may see that the “evil” of the traitor’s “tongue,” and the “guile” of his “Hail, Master,” are signified in the thirteenth and fourteenth verses, setting him forth as a terrible example, and warning us that it is possible even now to crucify the Son of God anew.

In the eleventh verse we seem to hear the parting words of the great Teacher to His little flock, “I will not leave you orphans:” the echo of which loving words sounded in the oft-repeated salutation of His beloved Apostle, “My little children.” Of that little flock, the children of the Lord, the words of the Psalm are also spoken; of the Bride which is “bom of His bone, and flesh of His flesh,” and which He will preserve through all the troubles of this world, that though her blood be even shed like water in the streets of Jerusalem, the strength of her internal frame shall survive to be restored to life in the glory of the Resurrection kingdom.

PSALM XXXV.

A Scriptural key to the Evangelical Interpretation of this Psalm is given by our Lord Himself in one of His final discourses: “But this is come to pass that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated Me without a cause.” [John xv. 25.] The eleventh verse also received a literal fulfilment in the false witness borne against our Lord when He was accused before the High Priest. And, like the preceding Psalm, it contains, in addition to these direct references to the sufferings of our Lord, a prophetic intimation of the fate which should befall the traitor Judas.

Although bearing much resemblance to the twenty-second Psalm in its general character, this differs from that in dwelling less upon the sorrows of the suffering Jesus as they affected His body and soul than on the aspect which those sorrows wear as being brought about by the acts of those whom He came to love and save. In the one Psalm the Man of sorrows is heard crying
Confundatur et reverecntur: quae imniei et qui rentes animam meam.
Avertatur recrorsus et confundatur: cogitantae mihi mala.
Fiant tanquam pulvis ante faciem venti: et angelus Domini coarctans adigens eos eos.
Fiat via illorum tenebræ et lubricum: et angelus Domini perseverens eos.
Quoniam gratis absconderunt mihi interitum laquei sui: supervacuc etone probraverunt animam meam.
Veniat illi laqueus quem ignorat: et captio quam abscondit apprehendat eum, et in laqueum cadat in ipsum.

Anima autem mea exultabit in Domino: et delectabitur super salutari suo.
Omnia essa mea dicent: Domine, quis similis tibi?
Eripiens inopem de manu fortiorum ejus: egemon et pauperem a diripientibus tibus cum.
Surges testes iniqui: quasi ignorum interrogabant me.
Retribuebant mihi mala pro bonis: sterilitatem animae meae.
Ego autem cum mihi molesti essent: indeubar ciliicio.
Humiliabam in jejunio animam meam: et oratio mea in sinu meo convertetur.
Quasi proximum, et quasi fratrem nostrum, sic complacebamus: quasi laugen et contristatus, sic humiliabamus.
Et adversum me letati sunt, et converserunt: congregata sunt super me flagella, et ignoravi.

out in the depth of the woe brought upon Him by His vicarious atonement; in the other, the guileless Just One appeals to the All-righteous Judge against the unrighteous judgment of men. "Judge Me, O Lord, according to Thy righteousness." In this aspect the thirty-fifth Psalm furnishes us with a fearful comment upon the injustice of the Jews in persecuting Christ. And since, when He cried "Lead Thou My cause," He asks the righteous Judge to plead that of His mystical Body also, the Psalm expresses not less the injustice of those who at any time persecute the Church. In the one case we see the manner in which the world treated the Good Samaritan who put on the sackcloth of our nature that He might lift up that nature, sick and wounded by the Fall; in the other the Antichrists of every age rising up in false witness, and spreading nets against His Church, the one mission of which is to gather souls to God. In both the appeal lies from the injustice of earth to the righteousness of
16 With the flatterers were busy mockers; who gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this: O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me, and my daring from the lions.

18 So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among many people.

19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly: neither let them wink with their eyes that hate me without a cause.

20 And why? their communing is not for peace: but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.

21 They gaped upon me with their mouth, and said: Fie on thee, fie on thee, we saw it with our eyes.

22 This thou hast seen, O Lord: hold not thy tongue then, go not far from me, O Lord.

23 Awake and stand up to judge my quarrel: avenge thou my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness: and let them not triumph over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, There, there, so would we have it: neither let them say, we have devour'd him.

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together that rejoice at my trouble: let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour that boast themselves against me.

27 Let them be glad and rejoice that favour my righteousness: yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the Lord, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness: and of thy praise all the day long.

Dissipati sunt, nec compuncti: tenteraverunt me; subsanaverunt me sub-sannahione; frenduerunt super me den-tibus suis.

Domine, quando respicies? restitu animam meam a malignitate corum: maleficiis a leonibus unicam meam.

Confitebor tibi in ecclesia magna: tibi Domine in populo gravi laudabo te.

Non supergaudeant mihi qui adversant mihi iniquae: qui oderunt me gratis, et annuunt oculis.

Quoniam mihi quidem pacifice lo-quebantur: et in iracundia terrae lo-quentes dolos cogitabant.

Et dilateraverunt super me os suum: dixerunt, Euge, euge, viderunt oculi nostri.

Vidisti, Domine, ne sileas: Domine, ne discedas a me.

Exsurge et intende judicio meo Deus Ex. Domina meus: et Dominus meus in causam meam.

Judica me secundum justitiam mea Domina... misericordiam... et non in- solentia mea

Non dicant in cordibus suis, Euge, euge, animae nostre: nec dicant, Devo- Absursumus eum.

Erubescant et reverentur simul: qui gratulantur malis meis.

Induantur confusione et reverentia: pudore et qui maligna loquantur super me. magna log... adversum ma

Exultent et latenter qui volunt justitiam meam: et dicant semper, Magnificetur Dominus, qui voluit pacem servi ejus.

Et linguam mea meditabitur justi- Sed et tiam tuam: tota die laudem tuam.
THE XXXVI PSALM.

Dixit injustus.

MY heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly; that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flatteth himself in his own sight; until his abominable sin be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous, and full of deceit: he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way; neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens: and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: thy judgements are like the great deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house: and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life: and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride come against me: and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

12 There are they fallen, all that work wickedness: they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

PSALM XXXVI.

The first four verses of this Psalm set forth the condition of fallen man; the latter verses proclaim the mercy of God in the dispensation of grace from the "Fountain" of our Lord's immaculate human nature which was "opened for all uncleanesses." "The fear of God," that fear which proceeds from love and not from terror, was lost by the Fall; the "flattery" of himself by the sinner was shown by the attempt to veil the shame which came with the knowledge of evil: the excuses which the sinners made to God were unrighteous and full of deceit; they had left off to behave themselves wisely, and tried to hide themselves from their all-seeing Creator: good became alien to them instead of being natural; and they had lost the hatred of disobedience and sin with which they had originally been endowed. All this was typical of sin and sinners at all times; and at all times God's mercy to the sinner is immeasurable, immovable, and inexhaustible. Such is the signification underlying the first half of the Psalm. Then we praise God that "when there was none to help, His arm brought salvation" [Isa. lxiii. 5], and that His love gathered sinners to Himself "like as a hen gathereth her
THE XXXVII PSALM.

Noli emulari.

RET not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evildoers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass: and be withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good: dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light: and thy justice shall deal as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out: and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just: and gnasbeth upon him with his teeth.

The Lord shall laugh him to scorn: for he hath seen that his day is coming.

chickens under her wings," by sending His Son into the world to save them. To that Son the ninth and tenth verses turn, anticipating His own proclamation of Himself as the Fountain of living water, the Living Bread of Which men may eat and be satisfied, the Light of the world Which enlightens all men with His beams. A comparison of the first and last two verses with the texts referred to in the margin, will show that this Psalm also proclaims the wickedness of Antichrist and the Lord's final victory over him.

PSALM XXXVII.

Christ speaks in and to the Church, exhorting it not to be overcome by persecution or any other trouble, but to look to the end. Evil may prevail for a time, but at last the tares will be cut down for destruction, and the wheat gathered into the garner of God. The prevailing theme of the Psalm is that of patience, and rest in the Lord. "In your patience possess ye your souls" was the Lord's own teaching to His Church respecting the troublesome times that would come upon it: and twice in the book of the Revelation it is repeated, "Here is the patience and faith of the saints." In like manner the Apostles had often written to the early Church in the same strain, as if much faith was requisite to enable it to believe that in quietness and in confidence was their strength:—"Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall
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14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow: to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.

15 Their sword shall go through their own heart: and their bow shall be broken.

16 A small thing that the righteous hath: is better than great riches of the ungodly.

17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken: and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly: and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time: and in the days of death they shall have enough.

20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs: yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.

21 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous is merciful and liberal.

22 Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land: and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.

23 The Lord ordereth a good man's going: and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old: and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth: and his seed is blessed.

27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good: and dwell for evermore.

Gladium evaginaverunt peccatores: intenderunt arcum suum, ut dejeicient pauperem et inopem: ut trucident rectos corde.

Gladius eorum intret in corda iporum: et aereum eorum confingatur.

Melius est medio justo: super divitias peccatorum multas.

Quoniam brachia peccatorum conterunt: confirmat autem justos Dominus.

Novit Dominus dies immaculatus: vias eorum et hæreditas eorum in aeternum erit.

Non confundentur in tempore malo: et in diebus famis saturabuntur, quia peccatores peribunt.

Inimici vero Domini mox ut honorificati fuerint et exaltati: deficientes, quenadmodum fumus deficient.

Mutualitut peccator, et non solvet: justus autem miseretur et tribuet.

Quia benedictentes ei hæreditabunt terram: maledictentes autem ei discretabunt.

Apud Dominum pressus hominis a Domino copiei nimio dirigentur: et viam ejus volct.

Cum ceciderit, non collidetur: quia Dominus supponit manum suam.

Jovian fui, etenim sceni: et non vidi justum derelictum, nec semen ejus quereus panem.

Tota die miseretur et commodat: et semen illius in benedictione erit.

Declina a malo, et fac bonum: et inhabita in seculum seculi.

The trials of the early Church were so stupendous that it did indeed require a strong faith to believe that the Lord was upholding it with His hand, and that the powers of sin would not prevail. They saw the ungodly in great power, and the followers of the Righteous One everywhere cast down by the most bitter persecution. But they were hidden not to fret themselves because of the power of Antichrist, for that he would soon be cut down as the grass by the sickle of God's Angel: "The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast into the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the Man." They were hidden thus to be ever taking the strain of this Psalm (which was doubtless often sung by them in Divine Service) as the guiding principle of their Christian life. Let not the seeming prosperity of God's enemies make you contrast your own condition with theirs: rest in the Lord; watch what the end will be; assure yourselves in your faith, and believe
that Christ and the right must prevail, and that evil shall be cast down. Abide patiently in the Lord, and He shall bring it to pass.

And, as the Apostolic teaching of the suffering Church often reminded them that here they had no continuing city; but that they sought one to come, so in this Psalm there are repeated references to "the land" and "the inheritance" which is prepared for those who "tarry the Lord's leisure," and look for "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," though this earthly tabernacle of the Lord should be utterly dissolved. It may be that both here and in our Lord's own words, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth," there is a prophecy of a world purified from sin and regenerated by fire for the future habitation of the redeemed, as it was once regenerated by water.

Although the stores of precious comfort which this Psalm contains may thus be most strongly illustrated by reference to the trials of the Church in those days when the sufferings of Christ's natural body were continued in His body mystical, yet it is not for one age alone that its words are spoken. It is still true that we "must through much tribulation enter into" our rest; and there is still need for the faith of Christians to be stirred up, that they may look to the end both as regards the Church and their own particular lot. For how often still does it seem that the ungodly are in great prosperity; that truth, peace, and love have to take the lower place in the world, while heresy, war, and hatred have the upper hand; that the good are cast down, and the wicked built up. Then is the time to sing this Psalm with a new fervour, remembering that the Son of Man once had not where to lay His head, but now reigns King of kings and Lord of lords; that His little flock was once persecuted on all
41 And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them; he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

THE XXXVIII PSALM.

Domine, ne in furore.

PSALMUS XXXVII.

DOMINE, ne in furore tuo arguas me: neque in ira tua corripias me.

Quoniam sagittae tuae infixae sunt mini: et confirmasti super me manus tuae.

Non est sanitas in carne mea: ac facie culta irae tuae: non est pax ossibus meis a facie peccatorum meorum.

Quoniam iniquitates meae supergressae sunt caput meum: et sicutonus grave gravavae sunt super me.

Putruerunt et corruptae sunt cicatrices meae: a facie insipiantiae meae.

Miser factus sum et curvatus sum usque in finem: tota die contristatus ingrediabar.

Quoniam lumbi mei impleti sunt illusionibus: et non est sanitas in carne mea.

Afflictus sum et humiliatus sum nimirum: rugiiebam a gemitum cordis mei.

Domine, ante te omne desiderium meum: et gemitus meus a te non est absconditus.

Cor meum conturbatum est, desersit me virtus mea: et lumen oculorum meorum et ipsum non est meum.

Amici mei et proximi mei: adversum me approquinaverunt, et steterunt adversus me.

THE VII. Day.

Prayer.

Heb. v. 7. 9.

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

For thine arrows stick fast in me: and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt: through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery: that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease: and there is nothing whole in my body.

8 I am feeble, and sore smitten: I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, thou knowest all my desire: and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me: and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble: and my kinsmen stood afar off.

Et adjuvabit eos Dominus, et liberabit eos: et eruet eos a peccatoribus, et salvet eos, quia speraverunt in eo.

Sides, yet now extends through all kingdoms of the world. "They that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land."

PSALM XXXVIII.

Lest we should fear to consider these words of deep penitence as those of our Lord, the eleventh, thirteenth, and fourteenth verses are specially pointed towards the circumstances which attended His last hours, when "all the disciples forsook Him and fled," and when the words of the prophecy were literally fulfilled concerning the "Lamb of God." "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth." "Then Herod questioned with Him in many words, but He answered nothing." "And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing." The Psalm throughout may be profitably compared with Isaiah lii. and Job xvi. and xvii.; where in one case we see the most distinct prophecy of our Lord's vicarious work of penitential suffering, and in the other a personal type of Him in His affliction. "Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord." [James v. 11.]

It is not unlikely that when David wrote this Psalm he was suffering some bodily affliction such as Job had suffered, and that all from the third to the seventh verse had a literal meaning when uttered by him. When these verses are taken of our Lord, they must be taken of the torture which His holy Body underwent from the agony of the wounds caused by the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear thrust into His side, and the racking pain of hanging from the Cross. Our Lord speaks them also, mystically, of His mystical Body, of which He was bearing the sins; sins, the effects of which upon human nature are described in the words of the prophet, "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores;
The VIII. Day.
Morning Prayer.

12 They also that sough t after my life laid snares for me: and they that went about to do me evil, talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not; and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth. 14 I became even as a man that heareth not: and in whose mouth there are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God. 16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me: for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I, truly, am set in the plague: and my heaviness is ever in my sight. 18 For I will confess my wickedness: and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty: and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me: because I follow the thing that good is. 21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God: be not thou far from me. 22 Haste thee to help me: O Lord God of my salvation.

THE XXXIX PSALM.

Dixi, custodiam.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways: that I offend not in my tongue.

they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.” [Isa. i. 5, 6.] The words of the fifth verse in the Vulgate seem especially to connect the latter words of the prophet with the Psalm, for they seem to speak of wounds partly healed, but again reopened, such wounds as the moral cicatrices of human nature had been subjected to from the time of its first deadly wound in the Fall. In such a spiritual sense, also, is this penitential Psalm to be used by individual Christians. Remembering how hateful all sin is in the sight of God, how it has marred the beauty of His handiwork, and how totally incurable are the wounds it causes except by the remedy of Christ’s Incarnation and sufferings, none need consider the expressions which are used too strong for ordinary penitents. She who so clearly saw her sin even before her in the days of our Lord’s earthly life, and who laid it all upon Him as she bathed His feet with her tears, was honoured by our Lord’s words, “She loved much.” So the greater the love of

Et qui juxta me erant de longe steterunt: et vini faciebant qui querebant animam meam.

Et qui inquirebant mala mihi locuti sunt vanitates: et dolos tota die medi
tabantur.

Ego autem tanquam surdus non audiebam: et sicut mutus non aperieris os suum.

Quoniam in te, Domine, speravi: tu exaudies me, Domine Deus meus.

Quia dixi, Nequando supergaudeant mihi inimici mei: et dum commoven
tur pedes mei, super me magna locuti sunt.

Quoniam ego in flagella paratus sum: et dolor meus in conspectu meo semper.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam annuntiabo: et cogitabo pro peccato meo.

Inimici autem mei vivunt et confirmati sunt super me: et multiplicati sunt qui oderrunt me inique.

Qui retribuunt mala pro bonis detrahebant mihi: quoniam sequeram bonitatem.

Ne derelinquas me Domine Deus meus: ne discerseris a me.

Intende in adjutorium meum: Domine Deus salutis meae.

Psalmus XXXVIII.

DIXI, Custodiam vias meas: ut Tucid. Mattins.

non delinquam in lingua mea.

God, the greater will be the hatred of sin, the more clear will be the view of its sinfulness, the more freely will the lips confess it, and the more deeply the heart be sorry for it. While, therefore, this Psalm reveals to us some of the feelings by which our Redeemer was moved when He bore our sins in His own Body on the tree, it furnishes also a Divine strain of penitence which His members may take on their lips from age to age as following His example.

Psalm XXXIX.

When our Redeemer said, “If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me,” He was praying in the spirit and almost in the words of David. “Take Thy plague away from me;” and when David sang, “When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, Thou maakest his beauty to consume away,” He was prophesying of Him “Whose visage was marred more than any man,” and Who when we should see Him should “have no beauty in Him that
2 I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle; while the ungodly is in my sight.

3 I held my tongue, and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

4 My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled: and at the last I spake with my tongue.

5 Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live.

6 Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee, and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

7 For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

8 And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

9 Deliver me from all mine offences: and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

10 I became dumb, and opened not my mouth: for it was thy doing.

11 Take thy plague away from me: I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears.

Posui ori meo custodiam: cum con-sisteret peccator adversum me.

Obmutui, et humiliatus sum, et sili a bonis: et dolor meus renovatus est.

Conculcit cor meum intra me: et in meditatione mea exardescet ignis.

Locutus sum in-lingua mea: Notum fac mihi, Domine, finem meum.

Et numerum dierum meorum, quis est: ut sciam quid desit mihi.

Ecece mensurabiles posuisti dies Ecce oreares meos: et substantia mea tanquam nihilum ante te.

Veruntamen universa vanitas: omnis homo vivens.

Veruntamen in imagine pertransit homo: sed et frustra conturbatur.

Thesaurizat: et ignorat cui congregabit ea.

Et nune que est expectatio mea? nonne Dominus? et substantia mea apud te est.

Ab omnibus iniquitatis meis erupe eipsa: opprobrium insipienti delliisti me.

Obmutui, et non aperui os meum, quomiam tu fecisti: amove me plagas tuas.

A fortitudine manus tua ego defeci: min manus in inreparationibus, propter iniquitatem, corrupuisse hominem.

Et tabescere fecisti sicut araneam animam ejus: veruntamen vane con-turbatur omnis homo.

Exaudi orationem meam, Domine, et deprecationem meam: auribus pere- cipe lachrymas meas.

we should desire Him." This Psalm may, therefore, be reverently considered as the words of Christ Speaking for His members, and declaring in His own person the sorrows which death had wrung out and would continue to work in the world. "We see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour: that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." [Heb. ii.9.] That He might become in all things like unto His brethren, He also became a stranger and a sojourner, and ended His pilgrimage by tasting death, that death might be vanquished.

In this Psalm, especially when used in the Burial Office, we may hear Christ saying to all those who desire a place in His kingdom, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Through death He triumphed over death and entered into His glory, being made perfect through suffering: and by the grave and gate of death His people must pass that they may attain a joyful resurrection. Resignation, prayer, trust, and hope are, therefore, the four notes of the chord which sounds throughout this mournful hymn. "What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." [James iv. 14.] Yet, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, and though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens:" and we may therefore say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" for "if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so they also that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Thus the light of the glorious Gospel has transfigured the mournful words of the Old Testa-
14 For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner; as all my fathers were.
15 O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength: before I go hence, and be no more seen.

THE XL PSALM.

Espectans expectavi.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord: and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay: and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth: even a thanksgiving unto our God.

4 Many shall see it and fear: and shall put their trust in the Lord.

5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord: and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward: and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

7 If I should declare them and speak of them: they should be more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine ears hast thou opened.

9 Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required: then said I, Lo, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God: I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

Ne silence, quoniam advena ego sum apud te: et peregrinus, sicut omnes patres mei.

Remitte mihi, ut refrigerer priusquam abeam: et amplius non ero.

PSALMUS XXXIX.

EXSPECTANS expectavi Domini num: et intendit mihi.

Et exaudivit preces meas: et eduxit me de lacu miseration, et de luto facis.

Et statuit super petram pedes meos: et direct exressus meos.

Et immisit in os meum canticum novum: carmen Deo nostro.

Videbunt multi et timebunt: et sperabunt in Domino.

Beatus vir cujus est nomen Domini: spes ejus: et non res exipit in vanitatis et insanias falsas.

Multa fecisti tu, Domine Deus meus, mirabilia tua: et cogitationibus tuis non est qui similis sit tibi.

Annuntiavi et locutus sum: multiplicitati sunt super numerum.

Sacrificium et oblationem noluisti: aures autem perfecisti mihi.

Holocaustum et pro peccato non postulasti: tune dixi: Ecce venio.

In capite libri scriptum est de me, ut facerem voluntatem tuam: Deus meus, volui: et legem tuam in medio cordis mei.

ment saint, and developed out of them a new meaning to those who sorrow not as men without hope.

PSALM XL.

The words of St. Paul in the Epistle to the Hebrews, and the custom of the Church in adopting this Psalm for Good Friday, identify it as a hymn of Christ: and with this key, to the meaning of it there is no difficulty in tracing out that He speaks, first, as One offering up Himself as a personal Sacrifice of atonement for sin; and, secondly, as the Head of the Mystical Body which He is pleased to associate in intimate oneness with Himself. A Body hast Thou prepared Me that I may offer it as the

One acceptable Sacrifice: a Body hast Thou prepared Me that the mystery of my Incarnation may be continued in the mystery of My Church 1.

As a Psalm applicable to the day of Christ's Passion, it must be considered in the light of a solemn, and even awful, thanksgiving for His death as the source of the world's new life. The

1 "A Body hast Thou prepared me," is quoted by St. Paul from the Septuagint, not from the Hebrew. It will be observed above that the ancient Vulgate, the "Vetus Itala," quoted in the margin, has the same reading; while the more modern Vulgate of St. Jerome's later revision has a reading very similar to that of the English. The piercing of the ears was a sign of servitude. See Exod. xxii. 6.
11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.

13 I have not kept back thy loving kindness and truth from the great congregation.

14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.

15 For innumerable troubles are come upon me, my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not able to look up: yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me: make haste, O Lord, to help me.

17 Let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward, and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.

18 Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame: that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.

19 Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

20 As for me, I am poor and needy: but the Lord careth for me.

21 Thou art my helper and redeemer: make no long tarrying, O my God.

Annuntiavi justitiam tuam in ecclesia magna: ecce labia mea non prohibebant; Domine, tu scisti.

Justitiam tuam non abscondi in corde meo: veritatem tuam et salutarem tuum dixi.

Non abscondi misericordiam tuam colori et veritatem tuam: a concilio multo a synagogae multa.

Tu autem, Domine, ne longe facias miserationes tuas a me: misericordia tua et veritas tua semper susceperunt me.

Quoniam circumdeculetur me mala quorum non est numerus: comprehenderunt me iniquitates meae, et non potui ut viderem.

Multiplicatae sunt super capillos capitis mei: et cor meum dereliquit me.

Compleceat tibi, Domine, ut eras crucis misericordiae meae.

Confundantur et revereantur simul qui quœrant animam meam: ut afferant eam.

Convertantur retrorsum et reverentur: qui volunt mihi mala.

Ferant confestim confusionem suam: qui dicunt mihi, Euge, euge.

Exultent et latentur super te omnes qui garrant te: et dicant semper, Magnificetur Dominus, qui diligunt salutare tuum.

Ego autem mendicous sum et pauper: digites et Dominus sollicitus est mei.

THE XLI PSALM.

Beatus qui intelligit.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

2. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth: and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

3. The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed: make thou all his bed in his sickness.

4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

5. Mine enemies speak evil of me: When shall he die, and his name perish?

6. And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself, and when he cometh forth he telleth it.

7. All mine enemies whisper together against me: even against me do they imagine this evil.

8. Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him: and now that he dieth, let him rise up no more.

9. Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted: who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

10. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord: raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.

11. By this I know thou favourest me: that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.

12. And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me: and shalt set me before thy face for ever.


Psalmus XL.

Beatus qui intelligit super eodem:

Ego dIXI, Domine, miserere mei: sana animam meam, quia peccavi tibi.

Inimici mei dixerunt mala mihi: Quando morietur et peribit nomen ejus?

Et si ingrediebatur ut videret, vana loquebatur: cor ejus congregavit ini- 

Quando mentum. 

Ego dixi, Domine, miserere mei: sana animam meam, quia peccavi tibi.

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THE XLII PSALM.

Quemadmodum.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

4 Now when I think thereon, I pour out my heart by my self: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God:

5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day.

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou disquieted within me?

7 Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

8 My God, my soul is vexed within me: therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.

9 One deep calleteth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes: all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The Lord hath granted his lovingkindness in the day-time: and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

THE SECOND BOOK.

PSALM XLIII.

The Second Book of the Psalms opens with one in which Christ is again heard speaking. He speaks in His own Person as longing for the time of ascending to His Father, in the person of His mystical Body as longing for the time when her earthly pilgrimage will be ended, and her militant humiliation transfigured into triumphant glory. It was formerly used in the Burial Office of the Church of England [see p. 295]: and has a place in the Primary Liturgy of St. Mark, both applications of it expressing the earnest longing of the Church and the devout soul for the Divine Presence: "My soul is athirst for God in His Eucharistic Mystery: My soul is athirst for Him in the rest of Paradise."

In their fulness the aspirations of this Psalm can only be assigned to Christ Himself. Job typically anticipated the suf-
The VIII. Day.
Evening Prayer.
Job x. 1, 2.
Job xxx. 17.
Job viii. 9, xix. 3.
Luke xxiii. 35.
Matt. xxvii. 43.
Job xxxi. 3—6.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me; why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword: while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;
13 Namely, while they say daily unto me: Where is now thy God?
14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?
15 O put thy trust in God: for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE XLIII. PSALM.
Judica me, Deus.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
2 For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Quare oblivus es mei? quare contra tristatus incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

Dum confringuntur ossa mea, ex omnibus ossa probaverunt mihi: qui tribulat me quia tribulant me non dicat mihi inimici mei.

Dum dicunt mihi per singulas dies: Ubi est Deus tuus?
Quare tristis es anima mea? et quare conturbas me?

Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc conspexi te: salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

PSALMUS XLII.

Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me. erips
Quia tu es Deus fortitudo mea: Deus meus et fortitudo mea

Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernaculo tua.
Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum qui latificat juventutem meam.

Prayers of the holy One to a certain extent, so that he could say, "And now my soul is poured out upon me, the days of affliction have taken hold upon me," but it was to the soul of the "Man of sorrows" alone that the whole force of such words as those of this Psalm could belong: of Him only that it could be said one abyss proclaimed to another that all the waves and storms of Divine anger with sin had overwhelmed Him. We may, therefore, see in the touching expressions of this beautiful hymn the highest and most perfect form of resignation to the will of God under the most extreme depression of sorrow and suffering: words which open out to us the mind of Christ, showing how the truly faithful soul will trust in God as a loving Father, and long for His presence, even when bowing down under the weight of trial: "longing to be with Christ, which is far better," yet desiring, above all, to fulfil His will. It is a Psalm which must have had especial force in the Divine Service of the early Church, when persecutions surrounded it on every side, and the echoes from one overwhelming outburst of heathen fury overtook the rush of another. Such intense longings for a better life and the peace of Paradise belong to such times rather than to those of untroubled ages: and when the Antichristian persecutions of the latter days have come upon the Church, the meaning of this hymn will again be felt in its fullness as it may have been felt by those who had to endure the Antichrists of the first age. Yet the spirit of the Psalm enters into all longings for the Presence of Christ: and those who fully realize the work of sin will be able to enter into it a great extent in connexion with the blessedness of that Presence in the Eucharistic Mystery.

PSALM XLIII.

This is plainly a continuation of the preceding Psalm, (though not a portion of it,) the ideas of it being exactly analogous, and the burden, from which the whole derives so mournful and passion-like a character, repeated; yet a distinctive character is also given to this concluding portion of the threelfold hymn, which makes it a song anticipiative of Resurrection joy. As the words of Christ are, "Then wilt not leave My soul in hell: ... Thou shalt show Me the path of life;" so they are, "Send out Thy light: ... bring Me unto Thy holy hill." And while we hear Christ longing for the light of the Resurrection, and the Altar where the Lamb, as it had been slain, was to take His kingdom to Himself, so we also hear the voice of His Church asking God to send forth to her the Light of the world, in the Person of Christ, to lead her through this life to glory everlasting, and by the earthly to the heavenly Altar. The third verse looks plainly to Him Who is the Way, the Truth, the Life, and the Light of the City of God; and
5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul; and why art thou so disquieted within me?
6 O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE XLIV PSALM.
Deus, auribus.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us: what thou hast done in their time of old;
2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted them in: how thou hast destroyed the nations, and cast them out.
3 For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword: neither was it their own arm that helped them;
4 But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance: because thou hadst a favour unto them.
5 Thou art my King, O God: send help unto Jacob.
6 Through thee will we overthrow our enemies: and in thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
7 For I will not trust in my bow: it is not my sword that shall help me;
8 But it is thou that savest us from our enemies: and puttest them to confusion that hate us.
9 We make our boast of God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ever.
10 But now thou art far off, and puttest us to confusion: and goest not forth with our armies.
11 Thou makest us to turn our backs upon our enemies: so that they which hate us spoil our goods.

Confitebor tibi in eithara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es anima mea, et quare conturbas me?
Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc con-

PSALMUS XLIII.

DEUS, auribus nostris audivimus: prae diem quod operatus es in diebus eorum: et in diebus antiquis.
Manus tua gentes disperdidit et plantasti eos: afflissisti populos et expulisti eos.
Nec enim in gladio suo possederunt terram: et brachium eorum non sal-
vavit eos:
Tu es ipse Rex meus et Deus meus:
qui mandas salutem Jacob.
In te inimicos nostros ventilabimus: et in nomine tuo spernemus insurgentes in nobis.
Non enim in arcu meo sperabo: et gladius meus non salvabit me.
Salvasti enim nos de affligentibus:
et odientes nos confudisti.
In Deo laudabimus tota die: et in
nomine tuo confitebimur in saeculum.
Nunc autem repulisti et confudisti:
nos et non egredieris, Deus, in virtu-
tibus nostris.
Avertisti nos retrorsum post ini-
micos nostros: et qui oderunt nos
diripiebant sibi.

the fourth verse as plainly to the Eucharistic thanksgiving of the Christian dispensation.

PSALM XLIV.

For periods of great trouble, such as the time when the
Philistines came up with their champion against the army of
soul, or when Sennacherib against Hezekiah, or when the nation
was broken to pieces by the tyranny of Antiochus Epiphanes, this
Psalm was penned as a national pleading with God for
His own people in their affliction; and, so prophesying, the writer uncon-
sciously gave words to the future Church, which might in all ages
be lifted up to God as a prayer for deliverance.

It must be understood that the tone of this Psalm is by no
means one of expostulation with God, as if it were to be said to
Him, Why hast Thou done this? It is, on the contrary, a decla-
ration of perfect trust in Him, like that uttered by Job when he
12 Thou lettest us be eaten up like sheep: and hast scattered us among the heathen.

13 Thou sellest thy people for nought: and takest no money for them.

14 Thou makest us to be rebuked of our neighbours: to be laughed to scorn, and had in derision of them that are round about us.

15 Thou makest us to be a by-word among the heathen: and that the people shake their heads at us.

16 My confusion is daily before me: and the shame of my face hath covered me;

17 For the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer: for the enemy and avenger.

18 And though all this be come upon us, yet do we not forget thee: nor behave ourselves frowardly in thy covenant.

19 Our heart is not turned back: neither our steps gone out of thy way;

20 No, not when thou hast smitten us into the place of dragons: and covered us with the shadow of death.

21 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and holden up our hands to any strange god: shall not God search it out? for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart.

22 For thy sake also are we killed all the day long: and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain.

23 Up, Lord, why sleepest thou: awake, and be not absent from us for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face: and forgettest our misery and trouble?

25 For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the ground.

26 Arise, and help us: and deliver us for thy mercy’s sake.

27 Dedisti nos tanquam oves escarum: et in gentibus dispersisti nos.

28 Vendidisti populum tuum sine preterio: et non fuit multitudo in commutationibus eorum.

29 Posuisti nos opprobrium vicinis nostris: subsumnationem et derisum his qui in circuitu nostro suum.

30 Posuisti nos in similitudinem Gentibus: commotionem capitatis in populis.

31 Totae die verecundia mea contra me est: et confusio faciei meae cooperuit me.

32 A voce exprofantis et obloquentis: a facie inimici et persecutionis.

33 Haec omnia venerunt super nos, nec oblitii sumus te: et inique non egimus in testamento tuo.

34 Et non recessit retro cor nostrum: et declinasti semitas nostras a via tua.

35 Quoniam humiliasti nos in loco afflictionis: et cooperuit nos umbra operata mortis.

36 Si oblitii sumus nomen Dei nostri: et si expandimus manus nostras ad deum alienum.

37 Nonne Deus requirit ista? ipse enim novit abscondita cordis.

38 Quoniam propter te mortificamus tota die: estimati sumus sicut oves occisionis.

39 Exsurge, quare obdormis Domine? exsurge, et ne repellias in finem.

40 Quare faciem tuam avertis: oblivisceris inopie nostrae et tribulationis nostrae?

41 Quoniam humiliata est in pulvere anima nostra: conglutinatus est in adhastia in terra venter noster.

42 Exsurge Domine, adjuva nos: et redime nos propter nomen tuum.
THE XLV PSALM.

Eruçavit cor meum.

My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King. 2 My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

3 Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty: according to thy worship and renown.

5 Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.

7 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

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The use of the Psalm on Christmas Day gives the key to its interpretation as a song of joy and praise respecting the Incarnation: and teaches us to draw out that interpretation even in detail. Thus we sing to Him, "Thou art fairer than the children of men" in respect of the Beauty of the King in His human nature, which was certainly the perfection of moral purity, and probably of external grace. For although He was "made sin for us," yet He "knew no sin," but was spotless altogether in nature, will, and deed; and although His visage was marred more than any man's, by the persecution and suffering He underwent, yet it could not but be that it was fairer than any other countenance in its original and unmarrred state. Thus, too, we sing to Him, "Fall of grace are Thy lips," remembering how it was said of Him, "Never man spake like this Man" [John vii. 46], and how "all bare Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth." [Luke iv. 22].

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"No one can fail to observe the exceptional character of the traditional portrait of Christ with which religious art is pervaded. This is found as the Good Shepherd in the Catacombs, and in many other very ancient forms; and there is probably truth in the representations that there were several contemporary portraits of our Lord taken, with and without miraculous agency, during His earthly life. This traditional countenance of Christ is not Jewish, but a Catholic eclecticism of human beauty.

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slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." [Rom. viii. 35-39.]

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10 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

Isa. ix. 1.

11 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

John iii. 29.

12 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty: for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

Exx. xvi. 8—14.

Rev. xii. 1.

14 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Rev. xxi. 2.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in ramment of needlework: the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

Rev. xix. 7.

16 With joy and gladness shall they be brought: and shall enter into the King's palace.

17 Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

18 I will remember thy Name from one generation to another: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

Isa. ix. 20.

Astitit Regina a dextris tuis in vestitu deuarato: circundata varietate. circumamicta

Audi, filia, et vide, et inclina aurem tuam: et obliviscere populum tuum, et domum patris tui.

Et concepisset Rex decorem tuum: quoniam ipse est Dominus Deus tuus, et adorabunt eum.

Et filiae Tyri in muneribus: vultum tuum deprecabuntur omnes divites plebis.

Omnis gloria ejus filiae Regis ab afferentur intus, in simbris aureis: circumamicta varietatibus.

Adducetur Regi virgines post eam: proxime ejus afferentur tibi.

Afferentur in lastitia et exultatione: (Afferentur) in adducetur in templum Regis.

Pro patribus tuis nati sunt filii tuii: constituies eos principes super omnem terram.

Memores erunt nominis tui Domine: in omni generatione et generationem. et progenie

Propetea populi confitentur tibi in aeterno: et in seculum seculi.

the glorious Name which is the Christian fulness of the prophetic " Most Mighty, "—' King of kings and Lord of lords.'" [Rev. xix. 16.] The effects of the Incarnation are signified by the " terrible " or " wonderful " things achieved by the right hand of the Incarnate Word. Such marvellous works have already been effected as the overthrow of Paganism, the establishment of a sound morality, the first spread and the enduring perpetuity of the Christian Church: such terrible things are yet in store as the second Advent of the Word, the overthrow of Antichrist, the general Resurrection, the Last Judgment, and the subjugation of all things to the universal Sovereignty of Christ.

This universal dominion of Christ is further referred to in the seventh verse, which is used in Heb. i. 8, 9, as evidence of the Divine Nature of our Lord: the use of the word " throne " instead of " sceptre " making the meaning more plain there than in the English version of the Psalm. Such a dominion is prepared for Christ in this dispensation, in the Day of Judgment, and in the perfected Church in glory; a dominion of a right, erect, straight, or righteous sceptre, ever guiding to the justice and truth of God, and ever opposed to the lawless iniquity of the Evil One.

In the eighth verse the reward of Christ's love in becoming Man is proclaimed, the anointing of His Human Nature with the Holy Ghost given to Him without measure that He might have unlimited power to work out the work of salvation. This mention of the Anointing of Christ is especially connected with His Human Nature by the mention of " myrrh, aloes, and cassia, " which carry the mind to the offerings of the wise men, and to the spices with which the holy body of Jesus was embalmed at His burial. This seems the connecting link between the former and the latter verses of the Psalm, the former setting forth the royalty of the Bridgroom, our Lord Jesus Christ; the latter declaring the royalty of the Bride, His Church.

St. John the Baptist was the first to mention the Bride in New Testament times when he said, " He that hath the Bride is the Bridgroom." [John iii. 28.] Similar phraseology appears in our Lord's earliest words [Mark ii. 19; Luke v. 34.], and in several of His parables, where He represents the kingdom of Heaven under the figure of marriage. St. Paul speaks of his

It is observable that the anointing oil of the Mosaic dispensation [Exod. xxv. 22] was made of " principal spices " and olive oil. The " principal spices " named are myrrh, sweet cinnamon, sweet calamus, and cassia, the myrrh and cassia being each to weigh as much as both the others put together. This oil was used for anointing the Tabernacle, the vessels, and the priests, including Aaron.

Among the plants of the " garden enclosed " [Song of Solomon iv. 18], the " spring shut up, " the " fountain sealed, " are spikenard, calamus, cinnamon, frankincense, myrrh, and aloes, with " all the chief spices. " Myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon (which is nearly identical with cassia) are also named together in Proverbs vii. 17.
THE XLVI PSALM.

Deus nostrer refugium.

God is our hope and strength; a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her: therefore shall she not be moved: God shall help her, and that right-early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

earnest desire to present the Church as "a chaste virgin" to Christ [2 Cor. xi. 2], and likens the union between it and Christ to the union of husband and wife. [Eph. v. 23-32]. But, above all, the tone of this Psalm is taken up in the latter chapters of the Revelation, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready." [Rev. xiv. 7]. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God, out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." [Ibid. xxi. 2]. "And there came unto me one of the seven angels... saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." [Ibid. 9].

And as the King, the Incarnate Word, is fairer than the children of men in natural beauty of body and soul, so the Queen on His right hand is also represented as being adorned with all that can make fit to stand before Him, as well as being "all glorious within." Though the Church is "clothed with the sun" [Rev. xii. 1] in a spiritual sense, yet in a literal sense also she is to have all that external splendour which is typified by clothing of wrought gold and raiment of needlework; a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours, reflecting the glory of the Bridegroom's "vesture dipped in blood." [Ibid. xxi. 2].

In this Psalm, therefore, the Church ever offers a hymn of thanksgiving to Christ for that Betrothal of Himself to His Mystical Body which will be perfected by the final assumption of the Bride to His right hand in Heaven. Girt with the sword of His Human Nature, and clad with transfigured garments which are still perfumed with the myrrh, aloes, and cassia of His atoning work, the King of Glory stands prepared to receive His side the Church which He has espoused; that as a Queen she may enter into His palace, as a Queen he crowned with a never-fading beauty, and as a Queen reign with Him, "having the glory of God." [Rev. xxi. 11].

PSALM XLVI.

As the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of the Lord and of His Christ, so the waters which rage and swell and shake the earth to its foundations, shall be subduéd at the Divine command, "Be still," and become the river which makes glad the City of God. "There shall be no more sea," to trouble the Church [Rev. xxi. 1]; but there shall be "a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb" [Ibid. xxi. 1], and "every thing shall live without the river coming." [Exek. xlvii. 8].

Such is the mystical strain which this Psalm carries up to the praise of God. The ordinary antagonism of the world may embarrass the Church, or active persecution trouble it, but the Spirit of God moves upon the face of the waters to bring life out of death; God will remember Noah, to make that by which He brings destruction upon the earth, be also the salvation of His Church. Christ, though asleep, is yet in the ship of the Apostles, ready to rebuke the winds and the waves, and to say, "Peace, be still." Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
THE PSALMS.

The IX. Day.
Morning Prayer.
Isa. xi. 4.
Micah iv. 3.

Mark iv. 39.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world ; he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE XLVII PSALM.

Omnis gentes, plaudite.

LAPE your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

THE XLVIII PSALM.

Magnus Dominus.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

Auferens bella usque ad finem terrae : arcum conteret, et confringet arma ; et scuta comburet igni.


Dominus virtutum nobiscum : susceptror nostro Deus Jacob.

PSALMUS XLVI.

Omnes gentes plaudite:

Jubilate Deo in voce exultationis.

Quoniam Dominus exceles terribilis : Rex magnus super omnem terram.

Subjectet populos nobis et gentes sub pedibus nostris.

Elegit nobis hereditatem suam : speciem Jacob quam dilexit.

Ascendit Deus in jubilo et Dominus in voce tubae.

Psallite Deo nostro, psallite : psallite Regi nostro, psallite.

Quoniam Rex omnium terrae Deus : psallite sapienter.

Regnabit Deus super Gentes : Deus Dominus super gentes.

Sedet super sedem sanctam suam.

Principes populorum congregati sunt cum Deo Abraham : quoniam dii fortis terrae vehementer elevati sunt.

PSALMUS XLVII.

Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis

Nimis in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus.

This is a hymn of triumph, not for any temporal victory of Christ’s Church, but for that glorious work of peace, by which the fold of the Good Shepherd is being extended that it may embrace all races of mankind. As holy Simeon saw that the Sun of Righteousness had arisen to be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, as well as God’s ancient people Israel, so the prophet had been inspired to tell of the then distant age of the Messiah, that “God reigneth over the heathen,” and that “the princes of the people,” beyond the bounds of the chosen race, are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham.

The selection of this Psalm for Ascension Day is connected partly with the ordinary interpretation of the fifth verse, but not less with the general tone of victory which pervades the whole, and which is so suitable to the leading of captivity captive by Christ when He ascended up on high, to reign over the people whom He had bought with a price, and to place His Human Nature on the holy throne of Divine majesty and power.

It is a song of trust also in Christ, in which the Church declares...
The IX. Day.
Evening Prayer.
Morn. v. 32.

Rev. xii. 2.
Rev. viii. 3.
Isa. ii. 11.

Ex. vii. 10, 13.
Rev. viii. 10, 13.
Rea. iil. 16.
Rev. viii. 17.

Acts ii. 1.

Rev. xxii. 10-27.

Exod. xi. 4.

HEAR ye this, all ye people: ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;

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Audite hæc, omnes.

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that, as the "word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward," so will the same WORD, God, which is very high exalted, ever defend as with a shield the inheritance which He has won for His own.

PSALM XLVIII.

Much light is thrown upon this Psalm, by comparing together the two chapters of the Revelation in which are described the fall of the mystical city Babylon, and the establishment for ever of the New Jerusalem. The eighteenth chapter expands the third and following three verses of the Psalm into a fearful description of a sudden destruction, and privation of the Light and Presence of God: "Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. . . . And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee." [Rev. xvi. 19-23.] The Holy City, on the other hand, whose foundations were laid at Pentecost, is seen descending from God, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband . . . and the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof. . . . they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light." [Ibid. xxi. 23; xxii. 5.]

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2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3 For lo, the kings of the earth are gathered and gone by together.

4 They marvelled to see such things: they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

5 Fear came there upon them, and sorrow upon a woman in her travail.

6 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea: through the east-wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God upholdeth the same for ever.

8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad: because of thy judgements.

11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her: and tell the towers thereof.

12 Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after.

13 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall be our guide unto death.

PSALMUS XLVIII.

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UDITE hæc, omnes gentes: auri- Teod. Mattins.

bus percipite omnes qui habitatis orbem.
The IX. Day.
Evening Prayer.
Prov. viii. 6.
2 High and low, rich and poor:
one with another.
3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom:
and my heart shall muse of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to the
parable: and shew my dark speech
upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the
days of wickedness: and when the
wickedness of my heels compasseth
me round about?
6 There be some that put their
trust in their goods: and boast
themselves in the multitude of their
riches.
7 But no man may deliver his
brother: nor make agreement unto
God for him;
8 For it cost more to redeem their
souls: so that he must let that alone
for ever;
9 Yea, though he live long: and
see not the grave.
10 For he seeth that wise men also
die, and perish together: as well as
the ignorant and foolish, and leave
their riches for other.
11 And yet they think that their
houses shall continue for ever: and
that their dwelling-places shall endure
from one generation to another: and
call the lands after their own names.
12 Nevertheless, man will not abide
in honour: seeing he may be com-
pared unto the beasts that perish:
this is the way of them.
13 This is their foolishness: and
their posterity praise their saying.

Quique terrigenae, et filii hominum:
simul in unum dives et pauper.
Os meum loqueretur sapientiam: et
meditatio cordis mei prudentiam.

Inclinabo in parabolam aured similitudinem
meam: aperiam in psalterio proposi-
tionem meam.
Cur timebo in die mala? iniquitas
calcanei mei circumdabit me.

Qui confidunt in virtute sua: et in
multitudo divitiorum suarum glor-i-
antur,

Frater non redimit; redimet homo: redimant homo:
non dabit Deo placcionem suam,

Et pretium redemptionis anima. Nee pret.
sae: et laborabit in aeternum, et vivet
adhuc in finem.
Non videbit interim viridem quosiam non vid.
sapientes morientes: simul insipiens
et stultus peribunt.

Et relinquunt alienos divitas suas:
et sepulchra eorum dominus illorum in
aeternum.

Tabernacula eorum in progenie et
in generatione et
progenie: vocaverunt nomina sua in
terris suis.

Et homo, cum in honore esset, non
intellexit: comparatus est jumentis
insipientibus, et similis factus est
illis.

Rex via illorum scandalum ipsis:
et postea in ore suo complebunt.

While therefore the city of Antichrist, which says in its pride,
"I shall be a lady for ever" [Isa. xlvii. 7], is a marvel to see,
because of its gigantic ruin, the City of God, the Temple of the
Holy Ghost, shall stand firm in all its towers and bulwarks,
because God Himself upholds it, and dwells in the midst of its
streets.

PSALM XLIX.

The "parable" and "dark speech" of this Psalm appear to
refer to the vision of a better resurrection which upholds the
faithful soul when depressed by adversity. The strain of the
Psalm is, Look not at the outward prosperity of this life, as that
which is must to be desired, and the loss which of must to be
lamented; but rather look to that deliverance from eternal misery
[v. 15], and that reception into the Presence of God, which will
be the only true and enduring prosperity. Until Christ brought
life and immortality to light by the Gospel, it was only in para-
bles and dark sayings that they were made known to the world, and
even the seventh and fifteenth verses speak of redemption and a
future life of blessedness only in negative and enigmatical terms.
Such parables and enigmas have, however, received their inter-
pretation by the word and work of Christ; and thus an additional
force is given to them as they are used in the Church. God has
revealed even to babes the truths that were hidden from the
wise and prudent of old, and every Christian can behold the un-
veiling of mysteries, which prophets and kings looked into with-
out understanding. And thus, when we sing that no man may
deliver his brother, we do it in the knowledge that One has made
Himself Our Brother, to redeem us by making an atonement with
God for us; and when, "But God hath delivered My soul from
the place of hell; for He shall receive Me," we know that we are
speaking of Him Who lay in darkness and the shadow of death,
that He might make us the children of God, and exalt us to ever-
lasting life. He is the Righteous Who could say, "All souls are
Mine," and could have domination over them, to lead captivity
captive, in the morning of His Resurrection.
14 They lie in the hell like sheep, 
dead gnaweth upon them, and the 
righteous shall have domination over 
them in the morning: their beauty 
shall consume in the sepulchre out of 
their dwelling.

15 But God hath delivered my soul 
from the place of hell: for he shall 
receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid, though one 
be made rich: or if the glory of his 
house be increased;

17 For he shall carry nothing away 
with him when he dieth: neither 
shall his pomp follow him.

18 For while he lived, he counted 
himself an happy man; and so long 
as thou dost well unto thyself, men 
will speak good of thee.

19 He shall follow the generation 
of his fathers: and shall never see 
light.

20 Man being in honour hath no 
understanding: but is compared unto 
the beasts that perish.

THE L. PSALM.

Deus deorum.

The X. Day.
Morning Prayer.
Mal. i. 11.
Mal. iii. 2.
Heb. xii. 23.
Heb. xii. 29.
Isa. i. 2.
Rev. xii. 12.
I Pet. iv. 17.

THERE Lord, even the most mighty 
God, hath spoken: and called 
the world, from the rising up of the 
sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Sion hath God appeared: 
in perfect beauty.

3 Our God shall come, and shall 
not keep silence: there shall go before 
him a consuming fire, and a mighty 
tempest shall be stirred up round 
about him.

4 He shall call the heaven from 
above: and the earth, that he may 
judge his people.

Sicut oves in inferno positi sunt: 
mors depascat eos.

Et dominabantur eorum justi in 
matutino: et auxilium eorum veteras-
cet in inferno a gloria eorum.

Veruntamen Deus redimet animam 
meam de manu inferi: cum acceperit 
me.

Ne timueris cum dives factus fuerit 
homo: et cum multiplicata fuerit 
gloria domus ejus.

Quoniam cum intericerit, non sumet 
omnia: neque descendet cum eo gloria 
ejus.

Quia anima ejus in vita ipsius 
benedicetur: confitebitur tibi cum 
benefeceris ei.

Introbit usque in progenies 
suorum: et usque in aternum non 
videbit lumen.

Homo, cum in honore esset, non 
intellexerit: comparatus est jumentis 
isipientibus, et similis factus est 
illis.

PSALMUS XLIX.

D EUS deorum Dominus locutus 
Tuesd. Mattins.
est: et vocavit terram,

A solis ortu usque ad occasum: ex 
Sion species decoris ejus.

Deus manifeste veniet: Deus noster, 
et non silebit.

Ignis in consistu ejus exardescet: ordibit 
et in circitu ejus tempestas valida.

Advocavit celum desursum: et 
terram, discernere populum suum.

There is an obvious association of ideas between this Psalm and 
our Blessed Lord's parables of the rich fool, and of Dives and 
Lazarus. The one thought that his house should continue for 
ever, while he was planning for the future heard the voice, 
"This night shall thy soul be required of thee," and was compared 
unto the beasts that perish. The other "was clothed in purple 
and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day," yet carried 
nothing away with him, neither did his pomp follow him: for 
it was in hell and in torment that he opened the eyes which had 
been closed by death. But though a Job or a Lazarus may be 
compassed about with the consequences of that sin which bruised 
the heel even of the Second Adam, he may say, "Wherefore should I 
fear?" "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall 
stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms de-
stroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." And thus, while 
the wicked follows the generation of his fathers, and shall never 
see light, they that live in Christ follow the generation of the 
New birth, and walking in the path of light which He will show 
them, attain at last to the perfect Day.

PSALM L.

This Psalm proclaims the Advent of the Son of God to establish 
a new covenant between God and man. In the old covenant 
the voice of the Lord was heard from Sinai by a single nation, but in 
the new covenant He speaks to the whole world, and sends forth 
His invitation "from the rising up of the sun unto the going 
down thereof." But, although it declares the Advent of Christ 
in the "perfect beauty" of the Incarnation, it sets Him forth
Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is Judge himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: I my self will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.

I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings: because they were not always before me.

I will take no bullock out of thine house: nor he-goat out of thy folds.

For all the beasts of the forest are mine: and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls upon the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

If I be hungry, I will not tell thee: for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh: and drink the blood of goats?

Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.

And call upon me in the time of trouble: so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

But unto the ungodly said God: Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth?

Whereas thou hastest to be reformed: and hast cast my words behind thee?

When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him: and hast been partaker with the adulterers.

Congregate illi sanctos ejus: qui ordinant testamentum ejus super sacrificia.

Et annuntiabunt celii justitiam ejus: quoniam Deus judex est.


Non in sacrificiis tuis arguam te: super sacrificia tua holocausta autem tua in conspectu meo sunt semper.

Non accipiam de domo tua vitulos: neque de gregibus tuis hircos.

Quoniam meae sunt omnes serra silvarum: jumenta in montibus et boves.

Cognovi omnia volatilia celii: et pulchritudo agri mecum est.

Si esuriro non dicam tibi: meus est enim orbis terrae et plenitudem ejus.

Nonquid manducabo carnes taurorum? aut sanguinem hircorum potabo?

Immola Deo sacrificium laudis: et reddce Altissimo vota tua.

Et invoca me in die tribulationis: trib, tua ne reprimis te et magnificabilis me.

Peeectori autem dixit Deus, Quare tu enarras justitias meas: et assumis testamentum meum per os tuum?

Tu vero odisti disciplinam: et proiecisti sermones meos retrosum.

Si videbas furem, currebas cum eo: simul currebas et cum adulteris portionem tuam ponebas.

especially in that character to which our Lord referred when He said, "The Father hath committed all judgment unto the Son." And hence the Psalm is a continual witness, that, although we are come to the "Mount Sinai" of mercy, and not to the mount which burned with the fire of judgment, yet the dispensation of the Son of Man is a continuous dispensation of judgment even in this life. Our righteous Judge is judging His people while the day of grace is still theirs, saying even to His saints, and those that have made a covenant with Him, with the sacrifice of the New Dispensation, "Hear, O My people, and I will speak.... Consider this, lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you." This judgment is, therefore, as far as it relates to the present life, our Lord's merciful appeal to the consciences of His people, by which He is striving to bring them to penitence, love, and a closer walk with Him. At the same time, as His prophetic words concerning the destruction of Jerusalem had a further reference to the end of the world, so, when speaking of judging His people in this life, He refers also to that final and irrevocable judgment, from which, if He have not saved, there is none to deliver. Thus we are reminded of His words as He wept over the Holy City, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings?"
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Morning Prayer.

19 Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness: and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.

20 Thou satest, and spakest against thy brother: and hast slandered thine own mother's son.

Luke xix. 22.

21 These things hast thou done, and I hold my tongue, and thou thoughtest wickedly, that I am even such a one as thy self: but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the things that thou hast done.

22 O consider this, ye that forget God: lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you.

23 Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me: and to him that offereth his conversation right will I shew the salvation of God.

THE LI PSALM.
Misere re mei, Deus.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

Os tuum abundavit malitiam: et nequitia linguæ tuae concinnabat dolos.

Sedens adversus fratrem tuum loquebaris: et adversus filium matris tuæ ponebas scandalum: haec fecisti, et tacui.

Existimasti inequi quod eum iniquitatem similis: arguam te, et statuam contra faciem tuam.

Intelligite hæc, qui obliviscimini Deum: nequando rapiat, et non sit qui eripiat.

Sacrificium laudis honorificabit me: et illic iter quo ostendam illi salutare Dei.

PSALMS L.

Misere re mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudoiem miserationum tuarum: deleiniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munula me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognoisco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum justiciaris.

Ecce enim iniquitatiis conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater in delictis pauperis mea.

Of His words spoken by the prophet, "Come, now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though their sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." The references to sacrifices which this Psalm contains, are to be taken in two senses. First, they speak of the unacceptableness of offerings made in hypocrisy, and which are not accompanied by, penitence, obdiance, and love; offerings which are again repudiated by God in the penitential Psalm that follows: "To what purpose is the multitude of thy sacrifices unto Me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of the goats. . . . Bring no more vain incense; incense is an abomination unto Me." [Isa. i. 11–13.] Secondly, they look prophetically to the passing away of the old dispensation, which was founded on a system of sacrifices wherein slain animals were offered, and to the coming in of the new dispensa-

tion, which is founded on the once-offered sacrifice of Christ, presented before God continually in Heaven, and re-presented on earth, in the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist. Thus, "Offer unto God thanksgiving," and, "Whoso offereth Me thanks and praise, he honoureth Me," look to that of which the prophet Malachi spoke when, after saying, "I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand," he added, "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering: for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts." [Mal. i. 11.]

PSALM LI.

Such was the completeness of our Blessed Redeemer's identification of Himself with our nature, that even these words of deep and sorrowing penitence are His words, spoken as the Representative of all sinners. God laid upon Him the iniquities of us all, and
6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18 And the Lord said, Wherefore this murmur? for from the time that I did make a promise, saith the Lord, I have heard, saith the Lord, is it not your own voice, that ye have murmured this evil against me, I have not done this unto you? but ye are gone away from the way which I did take you, and have not feared me.

19 For I am God, and there is none like me: I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

20 A panther out of the desert, a wild beast of the sand, will I drive out from it, and they shall have no possessor: I will do this, lest none shall boast against me.

21 All the nations of the earth shall bow down before me, every one from his place shall come: for the确定s are mine, and I will give my judgment: I am the Lord, I have spoken it.

22 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

23 Thou shalt make me a pure sacrifice: a blameless offering, O Lord: I have made them.

24 See now, they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have punished all that work wickedness in Israel: and that I am the Lord, O my servant, and Israel, the work of mine hands, in whom I am glorying.
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The X. Day.

Morning

Prayer.

Rev. xxii. 14, 17.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

THE LII PSALM.

Quid gloriariis?

2 Thess. ii. 4.

Rev. xiii. 6, 7, 13.

Why boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant: that thou canst do mischief;

2 Whereas the goodness of God: endureth yet daily?

3 Thy tongue imagineth wickedness: and with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor.

4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness: and to talk of lies more than righteousness.

5 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt: O thou false tongue.

6 Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever: he shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land of the living.

7 The righteous also shall see this, and fear: and shall laugh him to scorn.

2 Thess. ii. 9.

Jan. ix. 16.

1 Tim. iv. 2.

Job xix. 10.

Jude 12.

Rev. xx. 21.

Rev. xii. 17.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Benigne scil. Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut aedificetur muri Hierusalem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae, oblationes et holocausta: tune impom- nent super altare tuum vitulos.

PSALMUS LI.

Quid gloriariis in malitiae: qui Tunc Matins.

potens es in iniquitate?

Tota die injustitiam cognitavit lingua tua: sicut novacula acuta fecisti
dolum.

Dilexisti malitiam super benignitatem: iniquitatem magis quam loqui aquitatem.

Dilexisti omnia verba praecipitationis: lingua dolosa. 

Propterea Deus destrebat te in finem:
evocet te, et emigrabit te de tabernaculo tuo: et radicem tuam de terra viventium.

Videbunt justi et timebunt, et super eum ridebunt, et dicent: Ecce homo qui non posuit Deum adjunctem suum:

Sed speravit in multitudo divitiarum suarum: et praevaluit in vanitate sua.

and also enabled Him to see the whole of God's hatred for sin as no actual sinner could.1 And thus when He "was made sin for us," that He might make intercession for us a vicarious peni- tence, the intensity of the words of penitence was in proportion to His thorough and penetrative perception of its necessity. As He was set forth to us for an example of innocence, so He is also set forth for an example of penitence; and hence, where we should least expect it, in Him Who knew no sin, we find the perfect Pattern which the sinner is to copy when he comes before God confessing his transgressions, praying for pardon, promising amendment of life, and faithfully expecting a perfect absolution.

Part of the tenth, eleventh, and fifteenth verses of this Psalm are daily used as versicles at Matins and Evensong. The whole Psalm was formerly used every day except Sunday.

1 This explains "Against Thee only have I sinned." In the depth of His vicarious penitence, the offence against God becomes so blindly apparent that the offence against man is for the time invisible.

PSALM LII.

The title of this Psalm connects it with the iniquitous acts of Doeg in slaying Ahimelech and a multitude of other priests and their families at the command of Saul. [1 Sam. xxii. 18, 19.] By this wicked act both Saul and Doeg constituted themselves types of Antichrist, and the words spoken against them by the Psalmist derive a part of their force from the fact that they are also a prophecy respecting the great enemy of the Lord, and of His Church. This gives the key to the strong lan- guage respecting the "lies" of the "tyrant," by which the Psalm is characterized; for the whole rule of Antichrist will reflect the one great lie set up in his person, when "he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." [2 Thess. ii. 4.] But the "sharp razor" of Antichrist will be vanquished by the "two-edged sword" [Rev. i. 16] of truth, which proceeds out of the mouth of "the WORD of God." [Ibid. xix. 13. 2 Thess. ii. 8.]
THE X. DAY.
Morning Prayer, Jer. xi. 19.

9 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God; my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.
10 I will always give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done; and I will hope in thy Name, for thy saints like it well.

THE LIII PSALM.

DEUS, IN NOMINE.

SAVKE me, O God, for thy Name's sake; and avenge me in thy strength.

PSALMUS LIII.

DEUS, in Nomine tuo salvum me fac: et in virtute tua judica me.

Thus also a contrast is set forth in this Psalm between the kingdom of Antichrist and the Church. The one will be rooted out of the land of the living, the other planted like a green olive-tree in the House of God. For all past mercies to her, therefore, the Church here gives thanks to God, assured that she may still hope in His Name, Who has promised that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against her.

Ego autem, sicut oliva frutifera in domo Dei: speravi in misericordia Dei in aeternum; et in seculum seculi.

Confitebor tibi in seculum, quia tibi Domine facisti: et expectabo Nomen tuum, quoniam bonum est in conspectu sanctorum tuorum.

PSALMUS LII.

DIXIT insipiens in corde suo: Non est Deus.

Corrupti sunt, et abominabiles facti sunt in iniquitatis: non est qui faciat bonum.

Deus de colo prospexit super filios hominum: ut videat si est intelligens, aut requirere Deum.

Omnes declinaverunt, simul inutiles facti sunt: non est qui faciat bonum, non est usque ad unum.

Omnes sciant omnes qui operantur iniquitatem: qui deorant plebem, memam ut cibum panis?

Deum non invocaverunt: illic trepidaverunt timore, ubi non fuit timor.

Quoniam Deus dissipavit ossa eorum qui hominibus placet: confusi sunt, quoniam Deus sprotect evos.

Quis dabit ex Sion salutare Israel? cum converterit Deus captivatem deum orbis plebis suae; exsultan Jacob, et latabitur Israel.

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PSALM LIII.

This Psalm is nearly identical with the fourteenth. The difference, and a very conspicuous one, is, that there is here no mention of "the Poor" and "the Righteous," after the words "They were afraid where no fear was." This omission gives the Psalm a more direct application to the persecution of the Church by Antichrist than to the opposition offered by him to our Lord personally; and thus it may be taken as a hymn of the Church in the last days of its militant condition, when the souls under the altar will cry, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" and when Antichrist having been empowered "to make war with the saints and to overcome them," they also will cry, "Oh, that the salvation were given unto Israel out of Sion;
2 Hear my prayer, O God: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me: and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

4 Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy thou them in thy truth.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord: because it is so comfortable.  

7 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

THE LV PSALM.

Exaudi, Deus.

Hear my prayer, O God: and hide not thyself from my petition.

2 Take heed unto me, and hear me: how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.

3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast: for they are minded to do me some mischief, so maliciously are they set against me.

4 My heart is disquieted within me: and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

Deus, exaudi orationem meam: aurius percipe verba oris mei.

Quoniam alieni insurrexerunt adversum me, et fortes quaeuiserunt animam meam: et non propusuerunt Deum ante conspectum suum.

Ece enim Deus adjuvat me: et Dominus susceptor est animae meae.

Averte mala inimicis meis: et in veritate tua disperde illos.

Voluntarie sacrificabo tibi: et confitebor nomini tuo, Domine: quoniam bonum est.

Quoniam ex omni tribulatione evi- puiisti me: et super inimicos meos despexit oculus meus.

PSALMUS LIV.

EXAUDI, Deus, orationem meam: Wed. Mattius, 
et ne desperexis deprecationem meam; iutende mihi, et exaudi me.

Contristatus sum in exercitacione 
mena: et conturbatus sum a voce inimi- 
ici, et a tribulatione peccatoris.

Quoniam declinaverunt in me ini- quitates: et in ira molesti erant mihi.

Cor meum conturbatum est in me: et formido mortis eceedit super me.

oh, that the Lord would deliver His people out of captivity.” But “he that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and faith of the saints.” [Rev. xiii. 10.]

PSALM LIV.

The long-established custom of the Church has given us the true meaning of this Psalm by providing us with it. It is glorious to be reminded of our Blessed Lord’s Passion. In the words “Save me, O God,” we hear the same voice as that which uttered the bitter cry which was taken from the twenty-second Psalm. In “Strangers are risen up against me,” we hear the prediction, ages beforehand, of the fact that Jesus would be put to death by a foreign ruler and foreign soldiers, a circumstance in the last degree unlikely to have occurred to the uninspired mind of a Jew in David’s time, but clearly foreseen and foreordained by God. In “the tyrants which have not God before their eyes,” we see the unjust conduct of Pilate, who was convinced of the holy Sufferer’s innocence, and yet condemned Him through fear of men. In “God is my helper” may be traced the spirit which prompted the words, “Put up thy sword into the sheath,” and “Thou couldst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above.” In the “offering of a free heart,” we see the submission expressed in the words “not My will but Thine be done,” and the voluntary yielding up of His life when no man had power to take it from Him. Lastly, the “vengeance” spoken of here receives its proper interpretation by a comparison of the last words of the Psalm with our Lord’s words, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” The prayer was heard, and Jesus, looking forth from His cross, “saw of the travail of His soul and was satisfied,” even as His enemies were afterwards made to be at peace with Him by the power of His Intercession.

PSALM LV.

The sorrows of our Blessed Redeemer’s soul are here predicted by His own inspiration, so that the prophecy becomes a history, setting forth the mental trouble which preceded His apprehension and death. This anguish culminated in the Agony of Gethsemane and the Cross, but it also pervaded all His life, and especially that period of it when His Ministry brought Him within the nearer contemplation of man’s ingratitude.
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5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me: and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove: for then would I flee away and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I get me away far off: and remain in the wilderness.

8 I would make haste to escape: because of the stormy wind and tempest.

9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them: for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is therein: deceit and guile go not out of their streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonour: for then I could have borne it.

13 Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me: for then peradventure I would have hid my self from him.

14 But it was even thou, my companion: my guide, and mine own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together: and walked in the house of God as friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

17 As for me, I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

18 Timor et tremor venerunt super me: et contexerunt me tenebrae.

19 Et dixi, quis dabit mihi pennas sicut columbae: et volabo, et requiescam.

20 Ecce elongavi fugiens: et mansi in solitudine.

Exspectabam eum qui saluverit me: fecit: a pusillanimitate spiritus et tempestate.

Precipitata, Domine, divide linguas eorum: quoniam vidi iniquitatem et contradictionem in civitate.

Die ac nocte circumdabat eam super muros ejus iniquitas: et labor in medio ejus, et injustitia.

Et non defect de plateis ejus: usura et dolus.

Quoniam si inimicus meus male- dixisset mihi: sustinuissem utique.

Et si is qui oderat me super me magna locutus fuisset: ab coconderem me fuerant ab eo.

Tu vero homo unanimis: dux meus et notus meus:


cibos: in domo Dei ambulavimus cum consensu.

Veniat mors super illos: et descendat in infernum viventes.

Quoniam nequitiae in habitaculis necasit su hospites.

cororum: in medio corum.

Ego autem ad Deum clamavi: et Dominus salvavit me.

That the holy Jesus suffered from the fear of death is a proof of His perfect Oneness in nature with those whom He came to save. But He doubtless suffered more than the ordinary fear of death from the knowledge that He was to tread the winnowed alone, and that of the people there was none with Him. [Isa. liii. 3.] As David went up the "ascent of the Mount of Olivet, and wept when the Psalm was written, "the people that was with Him" were also "weeping as they went up." [2 Sam. xv. 30.] But when the Son of David stedfastly set His face to go up to Jerusalem, "He went before them" [Mark x. 32], walking alone in such a manner as to show His purpose, to amuse them and make them afraid. So, when in the garden of Gethsemane, He first left the body of His Apostles at the gate, and then "went a little farther," that He might be divided from the companionship even of the three chosen disciples; and as if to make His loneliness more complete, they could not even at a distance watch with Him, but fell asleep.

Alone He went with those who apprehended Him, for "all forsook Him and fled," alone He appeared before the High Priest and Pilot, even Peter denying that He was His friend; alone He hung upon the cross, His disciples "standing afar off." Such utter isolation in His sufferings and sorrows may have aggravated greatly the fear of death, and the horrible dread by which He was overwhelmed; and still more would that fear be aggravated by the "storm and tempest" of the bitter and tumultuous assembly by which He was surrounded.

The twelfth and following verses contain an indication of the character of that intercourse between Christ and His Apostles, which led Him to say that He had called them friends and not servants, and that, whereas a servant knew not his master's will, they, as friends, had been admitted to take sweet counsel with Him. It was one of these whose words were smoother than oil when he said, "Master, Master, and kissed Him," and yet were as the piercing of a sword, since they were words with which He
18 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly: and he shall hear my voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

20 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down: for they will not turn, nor fear God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him: and he brake his covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart: his words were smoother than oil, and yet be they very swords.

23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee: and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.

24 And as for them: thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days: nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O Lord.

THE LVI PSALM.

Misere re mei, Deus.

Be merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me: he is daily fighting and troubling me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid: yet put I my trust in thee.
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Isa. xxxii. 5.
xl. 6.

Luke xxii. 32.
Matt. xxvii. 41.
xxvii. 47.

Gen. iii. 15.

Heb. v. 7.
Mal. iii. 16.

4. I will praise God, because of his word: I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5. They daily mistake my words: all that they imagine is to do me evil.

6. They hold altogether, and keep themselves close: and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

7. Shall they escape for their wickedness? thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

8. Thou tellest my fittings; put my tears into thy bottle: are not these things noted in thy book?

9. Wbensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to fight: this I know; for God is on my side.

10. In God’s word will I rejoice: in the Lord’s word will I comfort me.

11. Yea, in God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12. Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows: unto thee will I give thanks.

13. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

THE LVII PSALM.

Miserere mei, Deus.

Bene merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.

In Deo laudabo sermones meos: in Deo speravi: non timebo quid faciat mihi homo.

Tota die verba mea excorabantur: adversum me omnes cogitationes eorum in malum.

Inhabitabant et abscondent: ipsi calcaneum meum observabant.

Sicut sustinuerunt animam meam, espectavit anima mea pro nilo salvos facies illos: in ira populos confringens.

Deus, vitam meam annuntiavi tibi: posuisti lachrymas meas in conspectu tuo.

Sicut et in promissione tua: tune convertens inimici mei retrorsum.

In quacunque die invocavero te: ecce cognovi quoniam Deus meus es. agnovi

In Deo laudabo verbum, in Domino laudabo sermonem: in Deo speravi, spera non timebo quid faciat mihi homo.

In me sunt, Deus, vota tua: quae svolos meos a laudatione tibi.

Quoniam eripuisti animam meam de morte, et pedes meos de lapis ut salvos meos a laudatione tibi.

Et in umbra alarum tuarum sperabo: donec transeant iniquitatis.

underwent from those who lay wait for Him, who endeavoured to entangle Him in His talk, and who daily mistook His words, by imputing to Him treason against God and man. But although man was thus imagining evil against Christ, all His life was laid open before the Righteous Judge, His sorrows were noted in God’s Book of remembrance, and “when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears, unto Him that was able to save Him from death, He was heard in that which He feared.”

There is also to be found in this Psalm a direct and particular reference to the Passion of our Lord. “Man” going about to devour Him represents in one sense concrete human nature, the sins of which were the cause of all Christ’s troubles; but, in another sense, the Adversary who is ever going about seeking whom he may devour, and of whom our Lord sometimes spoke parabolically under the figure of a human Enemy. The “daily” of verses 1 and 2, should be understood as “all the day long,” and the “swallowing up,” of the same verses bears also the sense of pressing down as of grapes into a wine-press. Thus we have given to us a key to the interpretation of the Psalm as spoken of that day when our Redeemer’s Body and Soul were afflicted so sorely by the sins of mankind, and bruised in the winepress of the wrath of God, that the life-giving blood might flow forth as an offering of Atonement and a fountain of health: of that day when fear bore Him down from the sixth hour to the ninth—from the height of the day—during the time of darkness; when they mistook even His last cry of anguish for a cry after human succour; when some marked His steps by sitting down and watching Him in a spirit of mere cruel curiosity, and others lay wait for His soul by saying, “Let he, let us see whether Elias will come to save Him.”

So solemn a meaning of this Psalm will warn against its too close application to the troubles of our ordinary life. The member of Christ is, indeed, surrounded by spiritual enemies, the Evil
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2 I will call unto the most high God: even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
3 He shall send from heaven: and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth: my soul is among lions.

5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire: whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.
7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul: they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.
8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing, and give praise.
9 Awake up, my glory: awake, lute and harp: I my self will awake right early.
10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing unto thee among the nations.
11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens: and thy truth unto the clouds.
12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

Clamabo ad Deum altissimum: Deum qui benefecit mihi.
Misit de coelo, et liberavit me: dedit in opprobrium concursantes me.
Misit Deus misericordiam suam et veritatem suam: et eripuit animam meam de medio catulatorum Leonum; dormivi conturbatus. Fili huminom dotes eorum arma et sagittae: et lingua eorum gladius manxerno acuta acutus.

Exaltare super coelos, Deus: et in omnem terram gloria tua.

Laqueum paraverunt pedibus meis: et incurvaverunt animam meam.
Foderunt ante faciem meam foveam: et inciderunt in eam.
Paratum cor meum, Deus, paratum cor meum: cantabo et psalmum dicam Domino.
Exsurge gloria mea, exsurge psalterium et cithara: exsurgam diluculo.
Confitebor tibi in populis, Domine: et psalmum dicam tibi in gentibus:
Quoniam magnificata est usque ad coelos misericordia tua: et usque ad nubes veritas tua.
Exaltare super coelos, Deus: et super omnem terram gloria tua.

One and all his evil instruments, and against these the prayerful words of the Psalm may legitimately be used. But words that were primarily spoken as a prophecy relating to the persecution of Christ are infinitely too solemn to be referred to the human foes, however evil, of any other human person, however sinfull.

Of the Church as a body, the whole Psalm may, however, be used without such hesitation, seeing that all foes of Christ are also enemies of His Church, and that they who persecute the Church are re-opening the wounds of the Crucified Jesus Himself. [Acts ix. 5.]

PSALM LVII.

The Easter character of this Psalm is evident in the sixth and the last five verses, the latter of which are identical with the first five verses of the 108th Psalm.

It was written by David when in the Cave of Adullam, to which there is supposed to be some reference in the appeal of the first verse to a refuge under the shadow of God's wings, and in the expression "my soul is among lions" in the fourth verse. These early verses are not less applicable to the Son of David, however, than the latter ones, describing as they do 'the bitter tyranny with which He was persecuted, condemned, and tormented by those who "dug a pit before Him," and afterwards fell into the destruction which they had prepared for Him and His.

And as of David in the Cave of Adullam, and among lions in the surrounding wilderness; as of Christ on the Cross and in the cave wherein He was buried; so does the Psalm sing of His mystical Body taking refuge in "dens and caves of the earth," cast to the lions in the amphitheatre, smitten and slain with a tyranny to which the world never saw a parallel: and yet ever saying, "Under the shadow of Thy wings shall be my refuge, until the day-dawn come, and I awake right early."

The prophetic reference to Christ as God in the sixth and twelfth verses is strikingly plain. It is the voice of the Church calling upon Him to crown His Passion with His Resurrection, and answering His words, "I Myself will awake right early," with the chorus, "Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens;" "Awake up, My glory," with "Set up Thy glory above all the earth."

And as the Church has part with Christ in His sufferings, so
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A RE your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation; and do ye judge the thing that is right, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your heart upon the earth: and your hands deal with wickedness.

3 The ungodly are froward, even from their mother's womb: as soon as they are born, they go astray, and speak lies.

4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent: even like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ears;

5 Which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer: charm he never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths, smite the jaw-bones of the lions, O Lord: let them fall away like water that runneth apace, and when they shoot their arrows let them be rooted out.

7 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the untimely fruit of a woman: and let them not see the sun.

8 Or ever your pots be made hot with thorns: so let indignation vex him, even as a thing that is raw.

9 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the ungodly.

10 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth.

also in the joy and triumph of His resurrection. While therefore the Head sings, “Awake up, My glory.... I Myself will awake right early,” the prophetic echo is heard, “Thy dead men shall live, together with My dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for Thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.” [Isa. xxvi. 19.]

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David was not at any time brought before a “congregation,” or assembly of judges, nor was his conduct ever debated in a judicial sense by those who gave counsel to Samul or Absalom. Our Lord was, however, brought before the Sanhedrin, the supreme assembly of judicature among the Jews, and the Psalm has a literal meaning in respect to Him which it has not in respect to David. To the unjust judgment of those who condemned Christ, and to the Jewish nation as represented by them, this Psalm must be considered to apply; and as, in the preceding

one, the cruel severity of His foes is spoken of, so here is their cruel injustice. The comparison of these unjust judges to poisonous serpents meets with a parallel in the expression used both by St. John the Baptist and our Lord, “ye generation of vipers,” and the reference to the deafness of the viper or adder is a prediction of the spirit in which the judges of our Lord said, “what need we any further witness?” and in which those who stoned the first martyr of His Church, “cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord.” It was venomous hatred which prompted the foes of Christ and His Church, in both cases, and not a desire for either truth or justice.

In the latter verses of the Psalm there are some of those terrible imprecations upon which some comments are given in the notes on Psalm lix. The explanation of the eighth verse (as it is given in the Prayer Book version) appears to be conveyed in such a paraphrase as “Though your cooking vessels can be rapidly heated by the quickly-burning thorns gathered in the wilderness,
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ERIPE me de inimicis.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God; defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 O deliver me from the wicked doers: and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul: the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.

5 Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen: and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

6 They go to and fro in the evening: they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips: for who doth hear?

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision: and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee: for thou art the God of my refuge.

10 God sheweth me his goodness plenteously: and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget it: but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord, our defence.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips they shall be taken in their pride: and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies.

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ERIPE me de inimicis meis, Deus meus: et ab insurgentibus in me libera me.

Eripe me de operantibus iniquitatem: et de viris sanguinum salva me.

Quia ecce peperunt animam meam: occupaverunt irruerunt in me fortes.

Neque iniquitas mea, neque peccatum meum, Domine: sine iniquitate cucurri, et direxi.

Exsurge in occursum meum, et vide: et tu, Domine, Deus virtutum, Deus Israël.

Intende ad visitandas omnes gentes: non miserearis omnibus qui operantur iniquitatem.

Convertentur ad vesperam, et famem patientur ut canes: et circuibunt civitatem.

Ecce loquentur in ore suo et gladium in labis eorum: quoniam quis audivit?

Et tu, Domine, deridebis eos: et ad pro nila habebis nihilum deduces omnes gentes.

Fortitudinem meam add te custodiem, quia Deus susceptor meus: Deus meus, misericordia ejus proprehintiet.

Deus ostendit mihi super inimicos mihi hanc inter meos; ne oecidas eos: nequeando oblique eorum: oblata iniquitatum populi mei.

Disperge illos in virtute tua: et desponde cos protector meus, Domine.

Delictum oris eorum, sermonem laborium eorum: et comprehendantur in superbia sua.

Et de execratione et mendacio: non mendacio compeliantur in consummatione.

yet the indignation of God shall more quickly overtake these unjust judges: swiftly as raw flesh could be thus sodden, more swiftly shall the fire of God's wrath destroy them."

PSALM LX.

This Psalm has been universally interpreted as being spoken of our Lord's Passion and the destruction of the Jewish nation. It is also prophetic of the sufferings of Christ's mystical Body, and of the ultimate overthrow of Antichristian power.

In the first words we have a parallel to the historical words of our Lord, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me," the human nature of Christ being made perfect in weakness, so that He might ascribe His strength unto the Divine Nature. The blood-thirstiness of the Jews was conspicuously shown in their conduct before Pilate: for when he desired to release Christ, they cried, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" and when Pilate washed his hands before them, they willingly accepted the responsibility thrown upon them by that act, saying, "His blood be on us and on our children." Such a thirsting for His blood on the part of His brethren was doubtless an addition to the bitterness of Christ's sufferings. It is compared in this Psalm to the savage voracity of the dogs of Eastern cities, whose wild ferocity is notorious to this
13 Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish; and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

14 And in the evening they will return: grin like a dog, and will go about the city.

15 They will run here and there for meat: and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

THE LX PSALM.

Deus, repulisti nos.

O GOD, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad: thou hast also been displeased, O turn thee unto us again.

2 Thou hast moved the land, and divided it: heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things: thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.

4 Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee: that they may triumph because of the truth.

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In ira consummationis, et non erunt: et scient quia Deus dominabitur Jacob et finium terrae.

Convertentur ad vesperam, et famem patientur ut canes: circuibunt civitatem.

Ipsi dispergentur ad manducandum: Receipti si vero non fuerint saturati, et murmurabunt.

Ego autem cantabo fortitudinem et tamen tuam: et exaltabo manu misericordiam tuam.

Quia factus es susceptor meus: et refugium meum in die tribulationis meae.

Adjutor meus, tibi psallam: quia Deus susceptor meus es; Deus meus, misericordia mea.

PSALMUS LX.

DEUS, repulisti nos, et destruxisti nobis:

Commovisti terram et conturbasti eam: sana contritiones ejus; quia commota est.

Ostendisti populo tuo dura: potasti nos vino compunctionis.

Dedisti metentibus te significacionem: ut fugiant a facie arcu.

Thus the Jews have become the enemies of Christ, and of the one Church in which there is salvation. This they have ever shown themselves to be in days when they had opportunity to lead persecutions, and it is likely that the fourteenth verse of this Psalm predicts a time when they will again return, in the evening of the world’s history as in the evening of our Lord’s life, and devastate the City of God. When such a period arrives, the Church will look forward as Christ did; and though bowed down with the evening of trouble, look forward to a Resurrection of triumph, when she may sing her new song, praising God’s mercy betimes in the morning, because He has been her refuge, and her merciful God.

PSALM LX.

As the last Psalm was a prophecy respecting the rejection of those among the ancient people of God who reject Christ, so this is the prophetic pleading of those among them who recognize the token, or banner of the Cross, which He has given for an ensign to all people, and a sign of His truth [verse 4]. As a body “Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for,” but there were multitudes of Jews from the Apostles downward who believed in Christ, and they were “the election” who “hath obtained
5 Therefore were thy beloved delivered: help me with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice, and divide Sichem: and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manassees is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of my head: Judah is my lawgiver,

8 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, be thou glad of me.

9 Who will lead me into the strong city: who will bring me into Edom?

10 Hast not thou cast us out, O God: wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts?

11 O be thou our help in trouble: for vain is the help of man.

12 Through God will we do great acts: for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

THE LXI PSALM.

Exaudi Deus.

Hear my crying, O God: give ear unto my prayer.

2 From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee: when my heart is heaviness.

3 O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever: and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

5 For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires: and hast given an heritage unto these that fear thy Name.

Ut liberentur dilecti tu: salvum et... fac dextera tua, et exaudi me.

Deus locutus est in sancto suo: sanctus et... divorum vallem tabernaculorum metibor.

Mens est Galad, et mens est Manasses: et Ephraim fortitudine capitis mei.

Quis deducet me in civitatem munitionis: quis deducet me usque in Idumeam?

Nonne tu, Deus, qui repulisti nos: et non egredieris, Deus, in virtutibus nostris?

Da nobis auxilium de tribulatione: quia vana salus hominis.

In Deo faciemus virtutem: et ipsa ad nihilum deducet tribulantes nos.

PSALMUS LX.

Exaudi Deus, deprecationem meam: intende orationem meam.

A finibus terrae ad te clamavi, dum anxietar cor meum: in petra exaltasti me.

Deduxisti me, quia factus es speciem meam: turris fortitudinis a facie invisib buffer.

Inhabitabo in tabernaculo tuo in saecula: proteger in velamento alarum tuarum.

Quoniam tu, Deus meus, exaudiisti orationem meam: dedisti hæreditatem timentibus Nomen tuum.

PSALM LXI.

This is the aspiration of the Church of Christ, which He has placed even in “the ends of the earth,” and of which He has promised that it should be founded on the Rock of His Person, so that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. Thus Christ speaks in His mystical Body; declaring (1) the perpetual dependence of the Church on her Head; (2) the everlasting reign of Christ in and with those who have been made “kings and priests” by His redeeming love; and (3) the never-ending work of adoration which is commenced in the day-by-day worship of the Church Militant, and perfected in the joy and praise of the Church Triumphant.

From one end of the earth to the other, then, the Church of
6 Thou shalt grant the King a long life: that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 He shall dwell before God for ever: O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

8 So will I always sing praise unto thy Name: that I may daily perform my vows.

THE LXII PSALM.

Nonne Deo?

The XLI. Day. Evening Prayer.


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PSALMUS LXI.

Nonne Deo subjecta esti anima wed. Mattins.

mea? ab ipso enim salutaris

meum.

Nam et ipse Deus meus et salutaris

meus: susceptor meus non movebor adjutor

amplius.

Quousque irritis in hominem:

interfectis universi vos, tanquam parieti

inclinato et macerie depulse?

Veruntamen pretium meum cogitate honorem meum

verunt repellere: cuccuri in siti: ore

suo benedicent, et corde suo male-
diebant.

Veruntamen Deus subjecta esti anima

sublina cr恬

mea: quoniam ab ipso patientia mea.

Quia ipse Deus meus et salvator

et eum ipse est: et salutaris meus:

adjutor meus: non emigrabo.

In Deo salutare meum, et gloria

mea: Deus auxilii mei: et espe mea

in Deo est.

Sperate in omnis congregatio

conventus piscis populi: effundite coram illo corda

vestra: Deus adjutor noster in uernum.

Christ is beseeching Him to draw closer that union with Himself which is here spoken of as a setting upon the Rock. She is pleading the merit of His Intercession Whose desires have been heard, and Who, looking forth on the heritage gained by the travail of His soul, was satisfied. Knowing His prayer, "That they all may be one: as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us" [John xvii. 21], she knows that He Who was dead is alive again, Who is King of kings and Lord of lords, and Who will reign for ever and ever, will prepare His loving mercy and faithfulness for the preservation of His mystical Body, and that the "crying" of her prayers here will end in the eternity of her praises hereafter.

"O set me up upon the Rock that is higher than I," is the characteristic aspiration. It is the faith of Christ's mystical Body while in a state of outward depression: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed . . . . while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

The verse seems to associate itself very naturally with the passages of Isaiah and Ezekiel noted in the margin; and especially with the latter of them, in which the prophets who seduced the people from their true allegiance to God are said to build up a wall, and temper it with untempered mortar only to see it utterly destroyed. For the device of those who "imagine mischief" is plainly against Christ's dignity: it is "only to put Him out Whom God will exalt," to deprecate the glory of our
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Morning Prayer.

9 As for the children of men, they are but vanity; the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity; if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same: that power belongeth unto God;

12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful: for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

THE LXIII PSALM.

Deus, Deus meus.

Matt. xxvii. 46.

God, thou’art my God: early will I seek thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee: in a barren and dry land where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory.

4 For thy loving kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied even as it were with marrow and fatness: when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed: and thought upon thee when I was waking?

8 Because thou hast been my helper: therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul hangeth upon thee: thy right hand hath upheld me.

Verumtamen vani filii hominum, mendaces filii hominum in stateris: ut decipient ipsi de vanitate in idipsum.

Nolite sperare in iniquitate, et ra- in rupinas nolite concepissere: divitie si affluant, nolite cor apponere.

Semel locutus est Deus, duo hæc audivi; quia potestas Dei est, et tibi, Domine, misericordia: quia tu reddes unicamente justa opera tua.

PSALMUS LXII.

Deus, Deus meus: ad te de huma vigilo.

Sitivit in te anima mea: quam multipliciter tibi caro mea.

In terra deserta, invia, et inaquosa; sic in sancto apparui tibi: ut viderem virtutem tuam, et gloriam tuam.

Quoniam melior est misericordia tua super vitas: labia mea laudabant te.

Sic beudicum te in vita mea: et in nomine tuo levabo manus meas.

Sicut adipe et pinguedine repleatum anima mea: et labia exsultationis luda- dabit os meum.

Sic memori fui tui super stratum meum: in matutinis meditabor in te: quia fuiisti adjutor meus.

Et in velamento alarum tuarum ex- suelabo; adhesit anima mea post te: me suscepi dextera tua.

Lord as Incarnate God, and to deny the sovereign exaltation to which He has been raised.

From these two associations we may very properly consider this Psalm as referring to all those developments of unbelief in our Blessed Lord which will reach their climax in the final persecution of Him, in His Church, by Antichrist.

PSALM LXIII.

Our Lord’s words upon the cross are recalled by the opening ex- clamation of this Psalm, “O God, Thou art my God,” and His cry “I thirst,” by the second verse. St. Augustine also remembers,
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Luke xiii. 32.

10 These also, that seek the hurt of my soul; they shall go under the earth.
11 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword; that they may be a portion for foxes.
12 But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended: for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

THE LXIV. PSALM.
Exaudi, Deus.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

1 Hide me from the gathering together of the froward: and from he insurrection of wicked doers.
2 Who have whet their tongues like a sword: and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words.
3 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect: suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.
4 They encourage themselves in mischief: and commune among themselves, how they may lay snares, and say, that no man shall see them.
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6 They imagine wickedness, and practise it: that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.
7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow: that they shall be wounded.
8 Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall: insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

because Christ had arisen to seek His Father: "they also that swear by Him" are they who "name the Name of Christ," and have "this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His," the mystic Tau, or Cross, of Ezekiel [Ezek. ii. 4], the "seal of the living God," with which "the servants of our God are sealed in their foreheads" [Rev. vii. 2].

Thus also we may judge that "them that speak lies" is to be interpreted in no ordinary sense, but of that Antichrist unto whom was given a "mouth speaking great things and blasphemies," whose "mark" also will be received "in their right hand, or in their foreheads," by those who are deceived by him, but whom the Lord shall "consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His Coming."

PSALM LXIV.

The tone of this Psalm clearly identifies it with Christ and His enemies; and, by a more remote anticipation, with the Church of God, and the simulacrum Church which Antichrist will establish in the last days.

As a prophetic hymn sung in the person of Christ, He is heard praying in it that He may be preserved from the malice of the Sanhedrin and of the general assembly of the Jewish multitude: who were devising secret plots, and making tumultuous insurrection against "Him that is perfect." Whose impiety was openly acknowledged by the chief judge and governor of the nation; and more privately by their own subornation of false witnesses. But the arrow of God's justice sped more swiftly and surely against them than their own arrows against Christ; and their own tongues, their "hitter words," were one cause of their fall. They said, "We have no king but Caesar," and Caesar avenged their rebellion against him by destroying their Temple, city, and nation. They said, "His blood be upon us and on our children," and their words were fulfilled by an avenging of that holy blood which has lasted from that day for more than eighteen centuries; an avenging so clearly the work of a Divine Ruler that all men who see into the inner meaning of great events and courses of events say, "This hath God done," perceiving "that it is His work." So have the Jews fallen, that their degeneracy has made that nation an object of just scorn, which was anciently the most noble nation on the face of the earth. But the Right-
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Morning Prayer.
Rev. xviii. 10, 20.
Rom. vi. 15.
Rev. xix. 10. 11.

9 And all men that see it shall say,
This hath God done; for they shall per
ceive that it is his work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the
Lord, and put his trust in him: and
all they that are true of heart shall
be glad.

THE LXV PSALM,
Te delectum hymnum.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion:
and unto thee shall the vow be
performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer:
unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me:
O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man, whom thou
choosest, and receivest unto thee:
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall
be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,
even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful
things in thy righteousness, O God
of our salvation: thou that art the
hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of them that remain in the broad
sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast
the mountains: and is girded about
with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the
sea: and the noise of his waves,
and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the utter
most parts of the earth shall be afraid
at thy tokens: thou that makest the
outgoings of the morning and evening
to praise thee.

Et annuntiaverunt opera Dei: et
faca ejus intellecuerunt.

Letabitur justus in Domino et spera-
bit in eo: et laudabunt omnes recti
corde.

PSALMUS LXV.

TE delectum hymnum, Deus, in Sion: et
tibi reddetur votum in Hieru-

salem.

Exaudi orationem meam: ad te
omnis caro veniet.

Verba iniquorum praevaleverunt super
nos: et impietatibus nostris tu propitia-
beris.

Beatus quem elegisti, et auspiciisti:
inhabitabit in atris tuis.

Replebimur in honis domus tuae:
sanctum est templum tuum, mirabile
in aquitate.

Exaudi nos, Deus salutaris noster:
spes omnium finium terre, et in mari
longe.

Preparans montes in virtute tua,
accinetus potentia: qui conturbas profun-
dum maris, sonum ductuum ejus.

Turbabuntur gentes, et timebunt qui
habitans terminos a signis tuis: exitus
matutini et vesperae delectabili.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; thou makest it very plentiful.

10 The river of God is full of water; thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

THE LXVI PSALM.

Jubilate Deo.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works; through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee; sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

of His Church, “Thy kingdom come;” and in answer to it “all flesh shall come” unto Him. In that day who will be able to say otherwise than “my misdeeds prevail against me, O be Thou merciful unto our sins?” And, on the other hand, how vast “a multitude, which no man can number,” will be able to claim a share in the saving words of Christ, “Behold, I and the children whom Thou hast given Me,” and to say, “Blessed is the Man Whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee.” Blessed all they who in that day are still part of His mystical Body: “they shall see His face, and His Name shall be in their foreheads.”

The remainder of the Psalm is so full of suggestive thoughts in reference to the work of grace in the Church Militant, and that of salvation in the Church Triumphant, that it is impossible to draw out its Christian application thoroughly in a few lines. Some such thoughts are indicated by the marginal references; and the key to the whole Psalm may be found in the song with which the four-and-twenty elders worship the Creator, proclaiming His glory as revealed in the fourfold Gospel:—“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.” [Rev. iv. 11.] Thou hast set fast the mountains of the earth, and the Rock of Thy Church: Thou art girded about with the power of the Godhead and of the Manhood: Thou didst still the raging of the Deluge, and Thou hast bidden the winds and the waves to “be still” around Thy saving Ark: Thee the Sons of God praised in the morning of Creation, Thee all the redeemed praise in the evening of redemption and salvation: Thou hast visited the earth with natural abundance, and with the abundance of the river of Life and the Bread of Heaven; Thou crownest year by year with Thy goodness, and Thy goodness shall be our song when Thou dost crown the whole period of redemption with Thy good salvation. And in that day, O Lord, shall Thy folds be full of Thy sheep, and Thy garner rejoicing in the harvest of that “CORN of wheat” which abideth not alone.

PSALM LXV.

In the Septuagint version the title affixed to this Psalm is, “For the end, a Song of a Psalm of Resurrection,” which shows that the Church has for many ages, and perhaps even before the time of the Incarnation, considered it to be especially associated with Him Who is now revealed to us as the second Person in the Blessed Trinity. As the general strain of the preceding Psalm associated the works of Creation with those of Grace, so that of this Psalm associates with the latter the wonderful doings of God’s Providence toward the children of men: the contemplation of those doings centering upon His dealings with the ancient and the new Israel. The song is thus sung of the Resurrection of Christ.”
4 O come hither, and behold the works of God: how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
5 He turned the sea into dry land: so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people: and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
7 O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 For thou, O God, hast proved us; thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10 Thou broughtest us into the snare: and leddest trouble upon our loins.
11 Thou sufferest men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks and goats.
14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
15 I called unto him with my mouth: and gave him praises with my tongue.

VENITE ET VIDETE OPERA Dei: terribilis in consiliis super silicis hominum.

Qui convertit mare in aridam: in flumine pertransibunt pede: ibi laetabitur

Qui dominat in virtute sua in aeternum: oculi ejus super gentes re-espiciunt: qui exasperant non exalten- in ira provocantur in semetipsis.

Benedicite gentes Deum nostrum: et audiam facite voceum laudis ejus. et obaudite vocem

 Qui posuit animam meam ad vitam: et non dedit in commotionem pedes commovem meos.

Quoniam probasti nos, Deus: igne nos examinasti, sicut examinatur argentum.

Induxisti nos in laqueum, posuisti tribulationes in doro nostro: imposuisti homines super capita nostra.

Transivimus per ignem et aquam: et eduxisti nos in refrigerium.

INTROIBO IN DOMUM Tuum in holo- caustis: reddam tibi vota mea quae distinxerunt labia mea.

Et locutum est os meum: in tribulatione mea.

Holecausta medullata offeram tibi cum incenso arietum: offeram tibi incensu et arictibus boves cum hircis.

Venite, audite, et narrabo, omnes qui timetis Deum: quanta fecit animae meae.

Ad ipsum ore meo clamavi: et ex- Ab ipso ore nos altavi sub lingua mea.

The mystical Body rather than respecting that of His natural Body: and it may be observed that the expressions used in the opening verses are of the most comprehensive character: "all ye lands," "all the world," distinctly prophesying the universal spread of Christ's Kingdom.

The first words of those who were converted out of "all lands" on the Day of Pentecost show the fulfilment of the first words of this Psalm—"We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." and among the earliest of the songs of the redeemed is named the "song of Moses and the Lamb:" "Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name?" for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest." In the same strain the Church of Christ is ever pointing to the mercies of God in creating, redeeming, and sanctifying mankind and invites all to come and join their voices in His praise. He led His ancient people through the sea as on dry land; and so He has ever preserved His new Israel from being overwhelmed by the sea of the world; but has turned the sea into dry land by making the kingdoms of this world the kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ. Hereafter He will so order it that there shall be an opposing world no longer, but only His Church:—"there shall be no more sea."

The nation of the Jews passed through much affliction, which the prophecies tell us was sent partly for their punishment, and partly for their purification. The latter was never so effectually accomplished as to fulfill entirely the words and spirit in which the whole Psalm, from the seventh verse to the end, is written. We must, therefore, look for a more complete fulfillment of it in God's trial of the Church by some great "fight of affliction," such as our Lord predicts will happen in the end of the world [Matt, xxiii. 4—31]. At that time, the prophet Malachi tells us, the Lord "shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall
If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me.

THE LXVII PSALM.

Deus miseratur.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.  Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

THE LXVIII PSALM.

Exsurget Deus.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

Iunctitatem si aspexi in corde meo: nostro non exaudiet Dominus.

Propterea exaudivit Deus: et attentavit voci deprecationis meae.

Benedictus Deus, qui non amovit deprecationem meam: et misericordiam suam a me.

PSALMUS LXVI.

DEUS miseratur nostri, et benedicat nobis: illuminet vultum suum super nos, et miseretur nostri.

Ut cognoscamus in terra viam tuam: in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus: confiteantur tibi populi omnes.

Laetentur et exultent gentes, quantum judicis populos in aquitate: et gentes in terra dirigis.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus, confiteantur tibi populi omnes: terra dedit fructum suum.

Benedict nos Deus, Deus noster: benedict nos Deus: et metuant eum omnes fines terrae.

PSALMUS LXVII.

Exsurget Deus, et dissipentur inimici ejus: et fugiant qui ode-runt eum a facie ejus.

It has been pointed out at page 35, that there is some similarity between the Song of Simeon and this Psalm. Perhaps the Gospel Canticle was suggested by the well-known words of the Psalm, as the Magnificat appears to have been suggested by the Song of Hannah: but, whether it were so or not, the Psalm is clearly to be understood only by taking it as a prophecy of the spread of the Gospel, the illumination of mankind by that Light of the world Who alone can make God’s way truly known upon earth.

Hence this Psalm is to be interpreted as a hymn to God the Holy Ghost. He was merciful to mankind by blessing it with the Incarnation of our Lord, and thus causing to shine on earth the WORD, “the true Light, which, coming into the world, lighteth every man.” [John i. 9.] He blessed mankind by spreading the knowledge of His saving health among all nations, when He gave the Apostles those marvellous gifts by which they were enabled to convert the world. He causes the earth to bring forth her spiritual increase by bestowing on the Ministry of the Church those ordinary gifts which enable them to give sacramental life and nourishment. “Neither is he that planted anything, nor he that watereth, but that God giveth the increase.” [1 Cor. iii. 7.]

The jubilant tone of this prophetic hymn may encourage us to hope that, notwithstanding the dreadful position in which the Jews stand towards the one only Saviour, whom they willfully and blindly deny, the time will come when “a remnant according to the election of grace” [Rom. xi. 5.] will again be found as in the first days of Christianity, and when the prophecy in Zech. viii. 13 will be again fulfilled: “So will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing.”
2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as the wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name, yea, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the runagates continue in scareness.

7 O God, when thou wast forth before the people: when thou wastent through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God: even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

Sicut deficit fumus, deficiant: sicut fluit cera a facie ignis, sic percepit pec- catores a facie Dei.

Et justi epulentur, et exsultent in conspectu Dei: et delectentur in le- titia.

Cantate Deo, psalmum diece Nomini ejus: iter facite ei qui ascendit super occasum: Dominus Nomen illi.

Exsultate in conspectu ejus: turba- Gaudete buntur a facie ejus, patris orphans in domo.

Dies in loco sancto suo: Deus qui inhabitare facit unius moris in domo. Deum.

Qui educit vincos in fortudine: similiter eos qui exasperant, qui habi- Dei mores Sinae a facie
tant in sepulchris.

Deus, cum egredereis in conspectu Dei populi tuo: cum pertransirets in des- Terra mota est: etenim caeli distil-

laverunt a facie Dei Sinai: a facie Dei.

Israel.

Pluviam voluntarium segregabis, regens Deus, heredititi tuae; et infirma- Dei mores Sinae a facie
est: tu vero perfecisti eam.

Animalia tua habitabant in ea: pa-
rasti in dulcedine tua pauperi, Deus.

as a hymn of praise to God the Holy Ghost, commemorating His work in the Church of God, and setting forth the typical relation to that work of God's dealings with His ancient congregation.

The whole Psalm conveys the idea of a triumphant, irresistible march: the forward march of the Church of Christ, according to the words of the Prophet—"I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. The Breaker is come up before them; they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their King shall pass before them, and the Lord on the head of them." [Micah ii. 13.] It seems to have been founded on words recorded in the book of Numbers—"And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let Thine enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Thee flee before Thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel." But there are so many expressions in this Psalm which can only be explained with reference to the spiritual triumph of the Church of Christ, that it may be doubted whether it was written with any local or temporary meaning, and whether it is not to be regarded simply as a prophetic hymn of the same character as some portions, and especially the sixtieth chapter, of Isaiah. Such a sense, at least, is the only one in which it can be used in Divine Service.
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In the first verse, then, in the eighteenth (which is the central one of the Psalm), and in the last, unmistakable reference is made to our Lord's glorious Resurrection, Ascension, and Session at the right hand of God, as the source of all blessing and glory to the Church: His Resurrection having achieved the victory, His Ascension celebrated the triumph, His Session in "the holy place" within the veil established His Intercessory office on behalf of His people.

The first and second verses contain a metaphor similar to that of Malachi,—"Unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings," an arising of the Light of the world, before which all the mists of moral and spiritual darkness must fly, in the time of probation; and before which all enemies must succumb in the Day of Judgement.

The following three verses [4, 5, 6] contain a declaration of the glory of the Lord similar to that in the words of Isaiah, adopted by the Baptist; the true sense being, "make straight in the deserts a highway for Him that rideth:" and doubtless this is closely analogous to the words of St. John,—"I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war . . . . and He hath on His vestment and on His thigh a Name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." [Rev. xix. 16.] Notwithstanding this, He is the Prince of Peace, and under His dispensation of the peace which He left with His Church, the Holy Ghost is ever binding together in one Body the children of God, "making men to be of one mind in an house," i.e. in the spiritual Temple wherein He dwells.

In the seventh verse the leading of Israel through the wilderness by God is taken as a type of the new Israel going through the world under the leadership of Him respecting Whom the prophet said, "Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him." The earth quaked at His Resurrection, when He became the Firstfruits of the great harvest, entering Heaven at the head of a risen army of saints," as the Firstborn among many brethren. So will there be great earthquakes at the Second Advent, when once more He will go forth before the people. And so also, when His Presence with the Church was
The XIII. Day. Morning Prayer.

Rev. xiv. 20. xix. 11.

Exod. xv. 20.

Phil. iii. 5. Matt. iv. 13.

Rev. xxii. 22. Is. lv. 2—10. xlix. 20. xviii. 7.

i.e. the land of the Moors. Rev. iii. 19.

John v. 25.

The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again, as I did from Basan: mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the sea.

That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies: and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red through the same.

It is well seen, O God, how thou goest: how thou, my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.

The singers go before, the minstrels follow: in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels.

Give thanks, O Israel, unto God the Lord in the congregations: from the ground of the heart.

There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their counsel: the princes of Zabulon, and the princes of Nephthali.

Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee: establish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us.

For thy temple’s sake at Jerusalem: so shall kings bring presents unto thee.

When the company of the spearmen and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people, so that they humbly bring pieces of silver: and when he hath scattered the people that delight in war;

Then shall the princes come out of Egypt: the Morians’ land shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord.

Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning: lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

Dixit Dominus, Ex Basan convertam: convertam in profundum maris: convertar in

Ut intingatur pes tua in sanguine: Donec int. lingua canum tuorum ex inimicis ab ipso.

Viderunt ingressus tuos, Deus: ingressus Dei mei, Regis mei qui est in sancto.

Preveneunt principes conjuncti psallentibus: in medio juveniculum juvatum tympanistriarum.

In ecclesia benedictae Deo: Domino de fountibus Israel.

Ibi Benjamin adolescentus: in adolescentior in parvo

Menitis excessu.


Manda Deus virtuti tuae: confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis:

A templo tuo in Hierusalem: tibi offerent reges munera.

Incerepa feras arundinis, congregatio taurorum in vaccis populorum: ut excludant eos qui probati sunt argento.

Dissipat gentes que bella volunt; venient legati ex Aegypto: Ethipia proveniet manus ejus Deo.

Regna terra, cantate Deo: psallite Domino:

Psallite Deo qui ascendit super column coli: ad orientem.

again manifested by the coming of the Holy Ghost, and as an answer to the prayer of the Apostles, there was on the one occasion “a rushing mighty wind,” while on the other “the place was shaken where they were assembled together.” With such signs did God send “the gracious rain” of the Holy Spirit “upon His inheritance,” refreshing it when it was weary through the long absence of His manifestations from the ancient Temple and its system.

Passing over many things without further illustration than that contained in the marginal references, the twenty-seventh verse may be selected as showing that nothing is set down at random in Holy Scripture, and that mystical meanings probably underlie almost every idea that it contains. The tribes there named are Benjamin and Judah, Zabulon and Nephthali.

These were the most prominent of all the tribes during the history of Israel as an united people, and Benjamin and Judah were located nearest of all to the holy house of God. From these four tribes, also, sprung all the Apostles of our Lord; those who were Galileans belonging to Zabulon and Nephthali, the “brethren” (or “cousins,” as we say in modern language) of our Lord to the tribe of Judah, and St. Paul to Benjamin.

1 It is worth remark that St. Paul’s name signifies “little,” a circumstance which partly suggested, perhaps, his assertion that he was “the least of all the Apostles.” It is also to be noted that “Little Benjamin their ruler” was represented by the twelfth stone in the breastplate of Aaron, which stone was a jasper. But in the foundations of the wall of the city of God, “the first foundation was jasper,” as if signifying that “the last shall be first.” [cf. Exod. xxviii. 20. Rev. xxi. 19.]
34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel: his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places: even the God of Israel; he will give strength and power unto his people; blessed be God.

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Salvum me fac.

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

2 I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

3 I am weary of crying, my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

5 I paid them the things that I never took: God, thou knowest my simplicity, and my faults are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

7 And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother's children.

Ecce dabit voci suae virtutis; date gloriam Deo super Israel: magnificentia ejus et virtus ejus in nubibus.

Mirabilis Deus in sanctis suis: Deus Israel ipse dabit virtutem et fortitudinem plebi sua; benedictus Deus.

PSALM LXVIII.

Salvum me fac Deus: quoniam intraverunt aquae usque ad animam meam.

Infixus sum in limo profundo: et non est substantia.

Veni in altitudinem maris: et tempes tis demersit me.

Laboravi clamans, rarae factae sunt fauces meae: defecerunt olei mei, dum spero in Deum meum.

Multiplicati sunt super capillos capitis mei: qui oderunt me gratis.

Confortati sunt qui persecuti sunt me inimici mei injuste: quæ non rapti, tune exsolvebam.

Deus, tu scis insipientiam meam: et delicta mea a te non sunt abscondita.

Non erubescent in me qui expectant te Domine: Domine virtutum.

Non confundantur super me: qui recusant te, Deus Israel.

Quoniam propter te sustinui opprobrium: operuit confusio faciem meam.

Extraneus factus sum fratribus meis: Exer. . . . et hospes

Thus the princes of these tribes represent those princes of the Church, of whom our Lord said, that they should sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel: those by whom “He sent forth strength for” His Church, and established the thing that He had wrought for His Temple’s sake, the Temple of the Holy Ghost, in His New Jerusalem.

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This awful prophecy of our Blessed Saviour’s Passion is much quoted in the New Testament, and seems to have been often in the minds of Christ and His Apostles when not directly quoted by them. It has also a strong analogy with some portions of the prophecy and the Lamentations of Jeremiah, whose great sufferings seem to have been typical, in the highest degree, of the Passion of the Lord.

The cry of anguish with which the Psalm opens is of the same nature as others which are heard from the lips of Christ in other Psalms, and it testifies here and elsewhere to the thoroughly human character of that human nature which He bore; so human that it was liable to the same fear of death which all experience. Herakles in his richness, Jonah in the depth of the sea, Jeremiah in the mire of the pit, were all types of our Lord in this: but great as were their troubles and their fears, they were not overwhelmed as He was by the “floods of ungodliness” borne for others, nor had their fear of death that supernatural character which made His so infinitely painful. Yet, though He called upon the Father to save Him, He would not shorten or lessen His own suffering. He saved others, and He could have saved Himself: He walked upon the natural waters, but He suffered Himself to sink into the miry bed of that sea of persecution which surrounded Him: He comforted the penitent thief with the loving promise, “To day shalt thou
The XIII. Day.

Evening Prayer.

I. e. the rulers.

Lament. iii. 14.

Job xxx. 9.

Lament. iii. 63.

Lament. iii. 55.

Numb. xvi. 33.

Jer. xxxviii. 6, 22.

Lament. iii. 56.

Lament. iii. 57.

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9 For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

10 I wept and chastened myself with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof.

11 I put on sackcloth also: and they jested upon me.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me.

13 But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee: in an acceptable time.

14 Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy: even in the truth of thy salvation.

15 Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

16 Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

17 Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

18 And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O hasten thee, and hear me.

19 Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it: O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

Quoniam zelus domus tuae comedit me: et opprobria exprobrantium tibi, ceciderunt super me.

Et operui in jejunio animam meam: et factum est in opprobrium mihi.

Et posui vestimentum meum ciliicum: et factussum illis in parabolam.

Adversum me loquebantur qui sedebant in porta: et in me psallebant qui ibebant vinum.

Ego vero orationem meam ad te, Domine: tempus beneficati, Deus.

In multitudine misericordiae tua exaudi me: in veritate salutis tuae.

Eripe me de luto, ut non infigar: Intende, Domine, et libera me ab his qui oderunt me, et de profundis aquarum.

Non me demergat tempestas aquae: neque absorbant me profundum: neque urget super me putecus os suum.

Exaudi me, Domine, quoniam benigna est misericordia tua: secundum multitudinem miserationum tuae respicie in me.

Et ne avertas faciem tuam a pueris tuis: quoniam tribulor, velociter exaudi me.

Intende animae meae, et libera cam: propter inimicos meos eripe me.

be with Me in Paradise," but for Himself was the cry of woe, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" ever ready to hear the cry of others, He Himself, for our sins, was "weary of crying," His "right failing through waiting so long upon His God."

Thus, throughout this Psalm, the intensity of Christ's sufferings is set forth in language equalled only in its awful sadness by the twenty-second Psalm. He is guiltless and alone, and weak with weeping and fasting; His enemies are mighty, and more in number than the hairs of His head. The sins of those who sinned against God are fallen upon Him Who knew no sin. He exchanged the joys of Heaven for the sorrows of earth, fasted from the Presence of His Father, and put on the sackcloth of human nature; His loving work was turned to His reproof, so that when He spoke of God as His Father, they charged Him with blasphemy, and, instead of beholding His immaculate Human Nature, called Him the "son of the carpenter:" the judges that "sat in the gate" condemned Him unjustly, and the foolish soldiers and passers by reviled Him.

But, in the midst of all this sorrowing prophecy of Christ's Passion, there is a continual appeal from the injustice of man to the justice and love of God; and also a constant declaration of the great Truth that Christ suffered for the sins of mankind.

Thus, "They that hate Me without a cause" . . . . "I paid them the thing that I never took" . . . . "They that would destroy Me guiltless" . . . . "God, Thou knowest My simplicity, and My faults are not hid from Thee" . . . . "For Thy sake have I suffered reproof" . . . . "The zeal of Thine house hath even eaten Me" . . . . "But, Lord, I make My prayer unto Thee" . . . . "Hear Me, O Lord, for Thy loving-kindness is comfortable" . . . . "Thou hast known My reproof, My shame, and My dishonour" . . . . "Thy rebuke hath broken My heart."

Thus did the spotless Lamb of God plead from the midst of the fire of the sacrifice, pleading not for Himself, but for others. Thus did He pray that the sin by which He was borne down might be removed from Him, that it might be removed from those for whom He bore it. Thus did He cry "Save Me," "Take Me out of the deep waters," that, being Himself saved, He might be "mighty to save" all men. Thus did He hold forth His broken heart as an atonement for the hard hearts of sinners.

Like all Psalms of our Lord's Passion, this also ends in a song of Resurrection joy; and in the expressions used we may trace clearly the manner in which Christ's Death, Descent into Hell, Resurrection, and Ascension, are all events in which the redeemed are made partakers through their union with Him. So the Lord hears the intercessions of the Poor, and the prisoners of hope
20 Thou hast known my reproach, my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart: I am full of heaviness; I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

22 They gave me gall to eat: and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

23 Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal: and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.

24 Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not: and ever bow thou down their backs.

25 Pour out thine indignation upon them: and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

26 Let their habitation be void: and no man to dwell in their tents.

27 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten: and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

28 Let them fall from one wickedness to another: and not come into thy righteousness.

Tu scis imperium meum et Tu sing enthusiasm me: et reverentiam vereandiam meam.

In conspectu tuo sunt omnes qui tribulant me: improprium expectavit cor meum et miseriam.

Et sustinui qui simul contristaretur mecum contr. et non fuit: et qui consolaretur, et non et consulenter me quasi et

Et dederunt in escam meam fel: et in siti mea potaverunt me aceoto.

Fiat mensa eorum eorum ipsius in lacu: et in retributiones et in scandalum.

Obscurentur oculi eorum ne videant: et dorum eorum semper incurva.

Eftundite super eos iram tuam: et furor irae tuae comprehendat eos. indignatio irae

Fiat habitatio eorum deserta: et in tabernaculis eorum non sit qui inhbitet.

Quoniam quem tu percussisti, persecuti sunt: et super dolorem vulnere eorum addiderunt.

Appone iniquitatem super iniquitatem eorum: et non intrent in justitiam tuam.

are released from their dark dungeon of death, to live in the light of Paradise; the City of God is built up out of Christ's own Body, and all they which are written in the Lamb's book of life shall inherit it: "and every creature which is in Heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them," shall be heard "saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb," even the Lamb as it had been slain, "for ever." [Rev. v. 13.]

§ The Imprecations.

Gentle-minded and loving Christians have often felt a difficulty in the use of those Psalms which, like the sixty-ninth, contain such strong expressions of feeling towards evil-doers as are apparently inconsistent with the precepts of charity enjoined in the New Testament. Psalms of this character have been sometimes called the "cursing" or "imprecatory" Psalms, and the spirit of them has been supposed to be so thoroughly Judicial as to make them unsuitable for use by the Christian Church. But such ideas respecting them are founded on an insufficient appreciation of the true sense in which all the Psalms are to be regarded: and they are, perhaps, accompanied by too limited application of them to the experience and circumstances of the individual person who uses them.

It should be remembered as a first principle in the use of the imprecatory Psalms, that the imprecations are uttered against the enemies of God, not against those of David or any other merely human person. It may be doubted whether the sweet singer of Israel could ever have uttered them in any but a prophetic sense, for he was of too meek, forgiving, and tender a character to entertain so strong a spirit of vengeance as the personal application of his words would imply. When Saul was "a most bitter enemy to him, David twice refrained from taking his life, though the king was completely in his power: when Shimei cursed him with the most shameful imprecations, he forgave him as a man, although as a righteous ruler he could not altogether overlook the crime committed against the sovereign's person: when his rebellions son Absalom died, the most pathetic tenderness was exhibited by the bereaved father, so that his "O Absalom, my son, my son," shadows forth the "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem," of the Son of David in after ages.

It was, therefore, as an inspired prophet, and not as a private writer, that David wrote the maledictions of the Psalms; and he wrote them, not respecting any men because they were enemies of his own, but because they were enemies of his God. In the same spirit they are to be used by the Christian Church.

And this particular Psalm contains some striking references to the facts of the Crucifixion, which furnish a key to the use of the maledictions or imprecations wherever they are found. For these references to facts, which belong exclusively to the sufferings of our Lord, show that the enemies of Christ are those against whom the terrible words are recorded; as, also, that they are spoken in the Person of Christ, the righteous and most merciful Judge of all men. Thus we are led to the Gospel narrative,
29 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living: and not be written among the righteous.

30 As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness: thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

31 I will praise the Name of God with a song: and magnify it with thanksgiving.

32 This also shall please the Lord: better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

33 The humble shall consider this, and be glad: seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

34 For the Lord heareth the poor: and despiseth not his prisoners.

35 Let heaven and earth praise him: the sea, and all that moveth therein.

36 For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah: that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

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Deus, in adjutorium.
Pr. xi. 16.

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Deleantur de libro viventium: et cum justis non scribantur.

Ego sum pauper et dolens: salus tua, et salus votus tua Deus, suscepi me.

Laudabo Nomen Dei cum cantico: et magnificabo eum in laude.

Et placebit Deo super vitulum novellum: cornua producentem et ungulas.

Videant pauperes et latentur: querite Deum, et vivet anima vestra.

Quoniam exaudivit pauperes Dominus: et vinctos suos non despexit.

Laudent illum coeli et terra: mare et omnia reptilia in eis.

Quoniam Deus salvam faciet Sion: et edificabuntur civitates Iuda.

Et inhabitabunt ibi: et hereditas acquirunt eam.

Et semen servorum ejus possidebit eam: et qui diligunt Nomen ejus habitabunt in ea.

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Deus, in adjutorium meum in- tende: Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

and to the historical words of Christ, to examine whether any thing analogous is to be found in the record of His meek, loving, and gentle life. And there it is to be observed, that He Who uttered the eight Benedictions in the Sermon on the Mount, also uttered the eight woes in the very same discourse: that He Who was merciful to repentant publicans and sinners, denounced unrepentant hypocrites in terms of extreme sternness as a "generation of vipers," and meted out to them words of most bitter scorn and condemnation: that He Who wept over Jerusalem, predicted at the same time, and in the terms of one passing a judicial sentence, that fearful siege and destruction, the details of which are unmatched for horror in the history of the world: that He Who prayed for His murderers, "Father, forgive them," was the same Who revealed His own future words, "Depart, ye cursed, into everlasting fire."

Remembering the disposition towards sinners which was entertained by the Saviour Who came to give up His life for them, we thus arrive at the conclusion that the more perfect the love of God and of souls is, the more decided and definite is the righteous indignation which is felt against those who dishonour the One, and misu the other. And a further indication of this is found in the fact that it was the "Apostle of love" who wrote most severely of all the Apostles against unbelievers: and who was chosen by God to wind up the words of Holy Writ with the fearful maledictions, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still . . . . . . If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the

plagues that are written in this book; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." [Rev. xxii. 11, 18, 19.]

The imprecations of the Psalms are, then, utterances of that "wrath of the Lamb," to fly from which, sinners, the enemies of Christ, will at the last call upon the rocks and hills to fall upon them, hide them, and annihilate them. [Rev. vi. 15—17.] They are spoken respecting those who finally refuse to become His friends, and who reject for ever the redeeming love which would have won them to His fold. When they are sung or said in the course of Divine Service or in private devotion, there must be no thought of applying them to any particular persons, or of taking them as words which have any reference to our own real or supposed wrongs. They are the words of Christ and His Church, not our words spoken as individual persons: they are uttered against the finally impenitent: and who these are the Great Judge of all alone can decide. They must be used, therefore, in the spirit in which the martyrs cry, "Lord, how long," in which the Church Militant prays day by day, "Thy Kingdom come," and in which at the last, notwithstanding the horrors attending the Last Judgment, the Bride will respond to Him that testifieth, I come quickly," "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

PSALM LXX.

This Psalm is almost identical with the last six verses of the 3 G 2
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame: that cry over me, There, there.

4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: and let all such as delight in thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.

5 As for me, I am poor and in misery: haste thee unto me, O God.

6 Thou art my helper, and my redeemer: O Lord, make no long tarrying.

THE LXXI PSALM.

In te, Domine, speravi.

The XIV. Day.
Morning Prayer.
Visitation of the Sick.
Ps. xxxi. 1, 2.
Ps. xxxii. 3, 4.
Ps. xxxii. 3, 4, 6.
The XIII. Day.
Evening Prayer.
Ps. xii. 17.
Matt. i. 20.
Luke i. 57.
Matt. iii. 17.
i.e. a miraculous prodigy.
Isa. viii. 18.
Zech. iii. 8.
Luke ii. 46.

Confundantur et reverentur: qui quaerunt animam meam.
Avertantur retrosum et erubescant: qui volunt mihi mala.
Avertant statim erubescentes: qui dicunt mihi, Euge, euge.

Exultent et letentur in te omnes qui quaerunt te: et dicant semper, Magnificetur Dominus, qui diligunt salutare tuum.

Ego vero egens et pauper sum: Deus, adjutus me.
Adjutor meus et liberator meus es tu:
Domine, ne moreris.

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Adjutor meus et liberator meus es tu:
Domine, ne moreris.
7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise: that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying: God hath forsaken him; persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

10 Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste thee to help me.

11 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

12 As for me, I will patiently abide alway: and will praise thee more and more.

13 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.

14 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

15 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

16 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed: until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

17 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high: and great things are they that thou hast done; O God, who is like unto thee?

Repleatur os meum laude ut cantem ut possum cantare gloriem tuam: tota die magnitudinem magnificentiam tuam.

Ne projicias me in tempore senectutis: cum defecerit virtus mea, ne derelinqas me.

Quia dixerunt inimici mei mihii: et malii mihi qui custodiebant animam meam consilium fecerunt in unum.

Dicentes, Deus dereliquit eum: perseverauit et comprehendit eum: quia non est qui eripiat.

Deus, ne elongeris a me: Deus meus, in auxilium meum respice.

Confundatur et deficiant detractentes anime meae: operiantur confusione et pudore qui querunt mala mihi.

Ego autem semper sperabo: et adiiciam super omnem laudem tuam.

Os meum annuntiabit justitiam tuam: tota die salutare tuam.

Quoniam non cognovi litteraturum, negotiationem introibo in potentias Domini: Domine memorabor justitiae tuae solius.

Deus, docuisti me a juventute mea: et usque nunquam mirabilia tua.

Et usque in senectam et senium: Deus, ne derelinqas me.

Donee annuntiem brachium tuum: generationi omni qua ventura est:

Potentiam tuam et justitiam tuam, Deus, usque in altissima, quae fecisti magnalia: Deus, quis similis tibi?

The other may be taken as illustrating the period immediately preceding the Resurrection, when the remembrance of the Passion has not yet given place to the triumphant joy of a completed Victory. It is the same Voice which said, “Thou shalt not leave My soul in Hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.” Thus the Psalm represents to us the “patient abiding alway” of the holy Jesus, waiting for the arrival of the appointed time for Him to be brought from the deep of the earth again, going forth in the strength of the Divine Nature, and never doubting the righteousness of the Divine Will.

From the fourth to the eighth verses inclusive, and also in the fifteenth and sixteenth, there are such references to the duration of our Lord’s life on earth as seem to indicate that, although it continued for only thirty-three years, yet every period of man’s life was represented by, or condensed into it. “Cast Me not away in the time of age,” may well lead us to believe that the closing part of our suffering Redeemer’s time of humiliation was, to Him, as the concluding part of an old man’s life, rather than that of a man in the vigour of youth; and that in so many years as are reckoned to one generation He exhausted the experiences of the longest lifetime. There may be, also, in the expression, “Forsake Me not when My strength faileth Me,” and in the pleading of the two following verses, a prayer that the Godhead may yet continue with the Manhood, even when the strength of the Incarnation [see note on Psalm xcvii. 1] seemed to be failing in the last epoch of Christ’s humiliation, the Descent into Hell. If so, then these verses show that Christ’s enemies were not quieted by His death, but that the great Adversary and his hosts “lay wait for” His “soul,” under the impression that it was forsaken by the Divine Nature when they beheld it separated from His Body. It cannot be doubted, that, to the Omniscient Eye which foresaw the events of Christ’s Passion in the time of
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18 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me: yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

19 Thou hast brought me to great honour: and comforted me on every side.

20 Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

21 My lips will be vain when I sing unto thee: and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

22 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

THE LXXII PSALM.

Deus, judicium.

Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another.

Quantas ostendisti mihi tribulaciones multas et malas: et conversus vivificasti me: et de abyssis terrae iterum reduxisti me.

Multiplicasti magnificienciam tuam: justitiam et conversus consolatus es me.

Nam et ego confitebor tibi in vasis psalmi: veritatem tuam, Deus: psalmam tibi in cithara, sanctus Israel.

Exsultabunt labia mea cum cantavero Gaudabant tibi: et anima mea quam redemisti.

Sed et lingua mea tota die meditasset: et anima mea cum curavit me.

PSALMUS LXXI.

Deus, judicium tuum Regi da: et justitiam tuam Filio Regis:

Judicare populum tuum in justitiam: et pauperes tuos in judicio.

Suscipiant montes pacem populo: populo tuo et colles justitiam.

Judicabit pauperes populi, et salvos faciet filios pauperum: et humiliabit cumminiatorum.

Et permanebat cum sole et ante lunam: in generatione et generatio: in seculum seculi.

the Psalmist, the spiritual foes of the Redeemer must have been as penetratingly known, at least, as those who visibly stood in the hall of Pilate, or around the Cross.

Like all Psalms which relate to the sufferings of our Lord, this one ends in tones of joy and triumph:—"O what great troubles and adversities hast Thou shewed Me" in My Life and My Death, "and yet didst Thou turn and refresh Me" in Paradise, "yee, and broughtest Me from the deep of the earth again" by the re-union of Body and Soul in a glorious Resurrection.

A manifest application of this Psalm to the Church, and to Christians in a time of sickness, is suggested by the words of the prophet Isaiah:—"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." [Isa. xl. 31.] As Christ was a "wonder" unto many, so His Church has sometimes been so far partner in His sufferings as to say, "We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." [1 Cor. iv. 9.] But such afflictions draw closer the bonds of union between the Head and the members, and will enable Him to say at last, "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given Me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion." [Isa. viii. 18. Heb. ii. 13.]

PSALM LXXII.

These words of prophetic joy were ever considered by the Jews to be spoken of the Messiah and His Kingdom: to the Christian, with the light of the Gospel and the history of the Church before him, this Psalm can have no other meaning. If it ever had partial application to Solomon, it could only have been in a very inferior degree applied to him as a type of the Son of David, whose

1 The neglect of the spiritual interpretation of the Psalms is painfully illustrated by a perversion of the seventh verse in the hymn ordered instead of Feneis Evrleum in the "Accession Service." Some other perversions in this hymn are equally objectionable.
6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool; even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteousness flourish; yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other; and from the flood unto the world’s end.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy; and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia; prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills; his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities; which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall praise him.

Descendet sicut pluvia in vellus; et sicut stillicia stillantia super terram.

Orietur in diebus ejus justitia, et abundantia pacis: donec auferatur extollatur luna.

Et dominabitur a mari usque ad mare; et a flammea usque ad terminos orbis terrarum.

Coram illo procident Æthiopes: et inimici ejus terram lentigent.

Reges Tharsis et insulae munera offerent: reges Arabum et Saba dona adducent.

Et adorabunt eum omnes reges: omnes gentes servient ei.

Quia liberabit pauperem a potente: et pauperem cui non erat adjutor.

Parce pauperi et inopii: et animas pauperum salvas faciet.

Ex usuris et iniquitate redimet liberabit animas eorum: et honorabile nomen proeliorum coram illo.

Et vivet et dabitar ei de auro Arabiae: et adorabunt de ipso semper; tota die benedictum ei.

Erit firmamentum in terra in summis montium; superextolletur super Libanum fructus ejus: et florebit de civitate sicut senum terre.

Sìt Nomen ejus benedictum in successu: ante solem permanet Nomen ejus.

Et benedictur in ipso omnes tribus terre: omnes gentes magnificabunt eum.

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Judg. vi. 37.
Ps. lxviii. 9.
Rev. xii. 1.

Rev. xi. 15.
Micah vii. 12.

Isa. lix. 9.
Zeph. ii. 11.
Matt. xii. 42.

Rev. iv. 16.
xxxii. 24.

2 Cor. viii. 9.

Rev. vi. 10.
xix. 2.

Rev. i. 18.

John xii. 24.
Rev. xxii. 2.

While all around it fell the rain, so, when He was rejected by His own nation, He caused the Gentile world to blossom and bear fruit. He came, therefore, to establish an universal dominion "from sea to sea," even to the "utmost bounds of the earth," to establish also a "Kingdom of God within" us, from the sea of Baptism to the sea of glass before the throne, one from the flood to the world’s end, even from the flood of destruction to the "river of the waters of life." And it is very observable that this perpetual and universal Kingdom depends altogether on the "righteousness" of the King’s Son, that immaculate holiness and obedience which enabled Him to be the Saviour of sinners, the "work" of which is "peace," and the effect of it "quietness and assurance for ever."

To Him, then, is the "gold" of worship and the incense of

1 "Tharsis and the isles" indicate all known and unknown regions lying beyond the Straits of Gibraltar.
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18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things;
19 And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

**The LXXIII Psalm.**

Quam bonus Israël!

TRULY God is loving unto Israel: even unto such as are of a clean heart.

2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone: my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked: I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

4 For they are in no peril of death: but are lusty and strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like other folk: neither are they plagued like other men.

6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride: and overwhelmed with cruelty.

7 Their eyes swell with fatness: and they do even what they lust.

8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy: their talking is against the most High.

9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven: and their tongue goeth through the world.

10 Therefore fall the people unto them: and thereout suck they no small advantage.

**PSALM LXXII.**

Quam bonus Israël Deus: his qui recto sunt corde.

Mei autem pene moti sunt pedes: pene effusi sunt pressus mei.

Quia zelavi super iniquos: pacem peccatorum videns.

Quia non est respectus morti eorum: declaratio morti eorum nec.

In labore hominum non sunt: et cum hominibus non flagellabuntur.

Ideo tenuit eos superbia: operti sunt iniquitate et impietate sua.

Prodii quasi ex adipe iniquitas eorum: transierunt in affectum cordis. in disputations.

Cogitatverunt et locuti sunt neciatam: iniquitatem in excelso locuti sunt.

Posuerunt in colum os suum: et lingua eorum transit in terra.

Ideo convertetur populus meas hic: resoritur huc et dies pleni invenientur in eis.

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**Psalm LXXIII.**

As our Lord Jesus increased in wisdom as well as in stature [Luke ii. 52], it must be concluded that the fulness of knowledge did not at once come to His Human Nature, notwithstanding its union with His Omniscient Divine Nature. It is not, therefore, irreverent to suppose that some actual condition of our Lord’s mind is predicted in this Psalm; and that there was a period in His life when the vision of a Divine Providence was in some degree veiled from His sight, as at last was the Vision of the Divine Presence.

Another view that may be taken is, that, as the Penitential Psalms are the words of Christ speaking for and in His sinful members, so these are His words speaking for and in those whose eyes behold things darkly, so that “men” seem “as trees walking,” until His word causes them to see clearly, and His unveiled Presence reveals the mysteries of His hidden Providence.

The twenty-first chapter of Job is very similar in character to the seventy-third Psalm, and it is one of the many striking and instructive coincidences brought out by the daily services of the sanctuary that on the 14th of June the one is the first lesson at Mattins, the other an Evensong Psalm. This coincidence is not the less striking because of the manner in which Job, as well as David, was so conspicuous a type of our Blessed Lord: for it
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11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it: is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Lo, these are the ungodly; these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession; and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency.

13 All the day long have I been punished: and chastened every morning.


14 Yea, and I had almost said even as they: but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.

15 Then thought I to understand this: but it was too hard for me,

16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I the end of these men;

17 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places: and castest them down, and destroyest them.

18 Oh, how suddenly do they consume: perish, and come to a fearful end!

19 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh: so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

20 Thus my heart was grieved: and it went even through my reins.

21 So foolish was I, and ignorant: even as it were a beast before thee.

22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee: for thou hast holden me by my right hand.

23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory.

24 Whom have I in heaven but thee: and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

25 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

et dixerunt, Quomodo scit Deus:
et si est scientia in Excelso?

Et dixi, Ergo sine causa justificavi cor meum: et lavi inter innocentes manus meas:

Si dicebam, Narrabo sic: ecce na-
tionem filiorum tuorum reprobavi.

Veruntamen propter dolos posuisti
eis: dejecisti eos dum allevarentur.

Quomodo facti est in desolatio-
nem? subito defecerunt: perierunt propter iniquitatem suam.

Velut somnium surgentium, Domine: a somno evan-
giis

Ub jumentum factus sum apud te:
et ego semper tecum.

Tenuisti manum dexteram meam,
et in voluntate tua deduxisti me:
et cum gloria suscepsi me.

Quid enim mihi est in caelo?
et a restat in caelo

tc quid volui super terram?

Defecit caro mea et cor meum:

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Illustrates the principle laid down by Christ that the Scriptures speak in every page concerning Him. It was true of Him in the most literal sense that while the ungodly were prospering in the world and had great riches in possession, He was punished all the day long, chastened every morning, and without a place where to lay His Head.

There are few portions of Holy Scripture which offer so much consolation to the Church of Christ, or to individual Christians in time of affliction and depression. The powers of wickedness have often seemed to be prevailing, and God's purposes to be failing; prosperity has often seemed to follow the footsteps of vice, and misery that of virtue: but this is only a superficial and short-sighted view of things, which may be corrected by "going into the sanctuary of God," and looking at the eternal life of mankind as the true life. Then it will be found, that, though Antichrist and his ministers may prevail for a time, Christ and His Church shall reign for ever and ever; and that though wicked Dives may have his good things and holy Lazarus...
26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.

27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God: and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

THE LXXIV PSALM.

Ut quid, Deus.

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long; why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 O think upon thy congregation: whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance: and mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy: which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations: and set up their banners for tokens.

6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees: was known to bring it to an excellent work.

7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof: with axes and hammers.

8 They have set fire upon thy holy places: and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.

9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether: thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

Quia ecce, qui elongant se a te peribunt: perdisti omnes qui fornicantur abs te.

Mihi autem adhaerere Deo bonum est: ponere in Domino Deo spem mean:

Ut annuntiem omnes predicaciones tuas: in portis filiae Sion.

PSALMUS LXXIII.

UT quid, Deus, repulisti in finem: iratus est furor tuus super oves pasce tuae?

Memor esto congregationis tuae: quam possedisti ab initio.

Redemisti virgam hereditatis tuae: Libertati... he bishop ad idipso

Leva manus tuas in superbias eorum in finem: quanta malignatus est inimicus in saneto.

Et glorianti sunt qui oderunt te: in medio altior medio solennitas tuae.

Posuerunt signa sua, signa: et non cognoverunt sient in exitu super sum- in via supra

Quasi in silva lignorum securibus excederunt januas ejus in idipsum: in securi et ascia dejecerunt eam.

Incenderit igni sanctuarii tuum in terra: polluerunt tabernaculum Nominis tui.

Dixerunt in corde suo cognatio eorum simul: Quiescere faciamus omnes dies festos Dei a terra.

PSALM LXXIV.

This wailing lamentation belongs either historically or prophetically to the period when God's Presence had been removed from Zion during the time of the Babylonish Captivity. It is

1 It is a mistake to consider this Psalm as applicable to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans under Titus. When this event occurred, the Presence of God had been removed from the Temple to the Church. The Spirit of God, speaking by St. Paul, declared that however glorious the Old Dispensation was, the New Dispensation far exceeded it in glory. The same Spirit, speaking by the Psalmist, would not have lamented the passing away of that Old Dispensation in such terms as are here used. But such terms are quite natural in respect to the temporary destruction of a system which was not yet permanently replaced by a better.
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Prayer.

10 We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more: no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.

11 O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour: how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name, for ever?

12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand: why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?

13 For God is my King of old: the help that is done upon earth he doeth it himself.

14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

15 Thou smorest the heads of Leviathan in pieces: and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.

16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks: thou driedst up mighty waters.

17 The day is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

19 Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked: and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies: and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

21 Look upon the covenant: for all the earth is full of darkness, and cruel habitations.

22 O let not the simple go away ashamed: but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.

Signa nostra non vidimus, jam non est propheta: et nos non cognosce amplius.

Usquequo, Deus, improverbit inimicus: irritat adversarius Nomen tuum in finem?

Ut quid avertis manum tuam: et feci est finem tuam.

Deus autem Rex noster ante secula: operatus est salutem in medio terrae.

Tu confirmasti in virtute tua mare: contribulasti capita draconum in aquis.

Tu confregisti capita draconum: de magni et dedisti disti eum escam populis Ethiopum.

Tu dirupisti fontes et torrentes: tu siccasti fluvios Ethan.

Tu es dies, et tua est nox: tu fecisti solen et luna.

Tu fecisti omnes terminos terrae: astatem et ver tu plasmasti ea.

Memor esto hujus, inimicus improveravit Domino: et populus insipientes incitavit Nomen tuum.

Ne tradas bestii animas confitentes tibi: et animas pauperum tuorum ne obliviscaris in finem.

Respice in testamentum tuum: quia repleti sunt qui obscurati sunt terrae domibus iniquitatum.

Ne avertatur humilis factus confusus: pauper et inops laudabunt Nomen tuum.

not, however, the lamentation of penitents, like the prayer of Daniel (which in some respects corresponds with this Psalm), but of the Church speaking by her Head. Hence there is no trace of such words as those of Daniel, "Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy law: . . . therefore the curse is poured upon us." [Dan. ix. 11.] The one thought which pervades the Psalm is that of the dishonour done to God by the desolation of His Holy House; and the cry goes up to His Throne, "How long shall the Adversary do this dishonour? . . . Maintain Thine own cause." It is not the sinner who speaks, pleading, "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do: defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God; for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy Name." [Dan. ix. 19.] But it is the Voice of Him Who cried, "Father, glorify Thy Name."

This literal application of it to the Captivity, and the destruction of Solomon's Temple, is sufficiently evident; and it is only necessary to point out that Christ seems already to be pleading for His Church even before the Dispensation of Sinal had given place to that of the Incarnation. It is far more clear, however, that the Psalm represents Him as pleading for the New Jerusalem in times of depression, affliction, and persecution: and especially in that time of desolation of which He Himself prophesied...

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23 Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

THE LXXV PSALM.

Confitebimur tibi.

unto thee, O God, do we give thanks: yea, unto thee do we give thanks.

2 Thy Name also is so nigh: and that do thy wondrous works declare.

3 When I receive the congregation: I shall judge according unto right.

4 The earth is weak, and all the inhabiters thereof: I bear up the pillars of it.

5 I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly: and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

6 Set not up your horn on high: and speak not with a stiff neck.

7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west: nor yet from the south.

8 And why? God is the Judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red: it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same.

10 As for the dregs thereof: all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob: and praise him for ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break: and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Exsurge, Deus, judica causam tuam
memor esto improperiorum tuorum, corum que ab insipiente sunt tota die.

Ne obliviscaris voces inimicorum tuorum: superbia eorum qui te odorrent ascendit semper

PSALM LXV.

Confitebimur tibi, Deus, confitebimur: et invocabimus Nomen tuum.

Narrabimus mirabilia tua: cum amore et erit tempus, ego justitias judicabo.

Liquefacta est terra et omnes qui habitant in ea: ego confirmavi columnas ejus.

Dixi iniquis, Nolite inique agere: et delinquentibus, Nolite exaltare cornu.

Nolite extoltere in altum cornu vestrum: nolite loqui adversus Deum iniquitatem.

Quia neque ab oriente, neque ab occidente, neque a desertis montibus: quoniam Deus judex est.

Hune humiliat et hune exaltat: quia calix in manu Domini vini meri plenus mixto.

Et inclinavit ex hoc in hoc; veruntamen lex ejus non est exinanita: bibent bibent ex eo omnes peccatores terra.

Ego autem annuntiabo in saeculum: in secundo mundi cantabo Deo Jacob.

Et omnia cornua peccatorum confinigram: et exaltabuntur cornua justi.

as to happen in the last days. No human words can heighten the awful horror of the picture drawn by our Lord in Matt. xxiv, and by St. John in Rev. xiii. 8, in which both are setting forth the final attempt of the Adversary to dishonour God by destroying His Church; and to that period, doubtless, belongs the full force of this Psalm.

But every opposition offered to the true work of Christ's Church, is an approach towards that height of blasphemy and persecution which will characterize that period. In respect to all such trouble, therefore, the Church continually sings this suppletry hymn, beseeching the Lord to "maintain His own cause."

PSALM LXV.

This is a song of triumphant hope sung by the Church of God in prospect of the final contest with Antichrist: sung, not as by a human community, but as by the Mystical Body of Christ; and therefore, as by Christ Himself speaking in and by His Church.

The "Name" of God is brought "so nigh" to man through the Incarnation of the second Person in the Blessed Trinity, and evidence of His nighness is given by all the wondrous works which have been done in the kingdom which Christ appointed to His Church as His Father had appointed unto Him. [Luke xxii. 20.] Though, therefore, the earth is weak (or "poored out" in weakness), yet does Christ, by His Presence in the Church, "bear up the pillars of it," and establish His Kingdom as "a city which cannot be moved." Hence the folly of those who oppose and seek to overthrow the Church of Christ; a folly which will culminate in the mad and terrible violence of the great Antichrist who will be "revealed in his time," the "Ungodly," who sets up his horn
THE LXXVI PSALM.
Notus in Judea.

IN Jewry is God known: his Name is great in Israel.
2 At Salem is his tabernacle: and
his dwelling in Sion.
3 There brake he the arrows of the bow: the shield, the sword, and the battle.
4 Thou art of more honour and might than the hills of the robbers.
5 The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep: and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob: both the chariot and horse are fallen.
7 Thou, even thou art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from heaven: the earth trembled, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgement: and to help all the meek upon earth.
10 The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise: and the fierceness of them shall thou refrain.
11 Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him: bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
12 He shall refrain the spirit of princes: and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

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PSALMUS LXXV.

NOTUS in Judea Deus: in Israel magnum Nomen ejus.
Et factus est in pace locus ejus: et habitatio ejus in Sion.
Ibi confregit potentias: aruncum, seu- confregit carovam, gladium et bellum.

Illuminans tu mirabiliter a montibus Tiberius tu æternis: turbati sunt omnes insipientes corde.
Dormierunt somnum suum: et nihil
invenerunt omnes viri divitiarum in manibus suis.

Ab incratione tua Deus Jacob: dormitaverunt qui ascenderunt equos.
Tu terribilis es et quis resistet tibi?
ex tune ira tua.

De ceelo auditum fecisti judicium: judicium sacratam terra tremuit et quiemvit,

Cum exsurgere in judicio Deus: ut salvos faceret omnes mansuetos terre. quietos
Quoniam cogitatio hominis confitebitur tibi: et reliquae cogitationis diem
fustum agent tibi.

Vovete et reddite Domino Deus vestro: omnes qui in circuitu ejus afferitis
manner,

Terribili, et ei qui auert spiritum principum: terribili apud reges terre.

on high by offering himself as an object of worship instead of Christ, and speaking blasphemous things against the Most Highest. As God “brought it to pass” and not Sennacherib himself, that the Assyrian king should “be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps,” so it is God also by Whom it will be “given unto” Antichrist “to make war with the saints, and to overcome them,” for some good purpose towards His Church, double its purgation by persecution.

There may be some reverent hesitation in interpreting the ninth verse without any reference to the Blessed Sacrament: yet it seems to be in strict analogy with two passages in the Revelation, in which “the wine of the wrath of God,” and “the cup of His indignation” is given to the worshippers of Antichrist, and to “great Babylon.” And this sense seems to be confirmed by the undoubted reference in the last verse to the triumph of “the Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God,” over both Antichrist and Babylon.

PSALM LXXVI.

As the preceding Psalm is a prophetic hymn of Christ's Mystical Body looking forward to the outslaying of Antichrist, so in this still higher strain of triumph is to be discerned the celebration of a victory accomplished. The Septuagint title describes it as sung respecting the Assyrian, doubtless after the destruction of Sennacherib's host: and, like the former Psalm, this also is to be regarded as a hymn of victory over that Antichrist of whom Sennacherib was one of the many personal types. It is very significant that the City of God is spoken of under the name of Salem, not Jerusalem: the former being the name which it bore in the time of Melchizedec, after the order of whose Priesthood Christ came, Whose undisputed reign alone will establish a City of perfect Peace.

This may be taken, therefore, as an Evangelical hymn of that new Jewry, Salem, and Sion, of which St. John heard the “great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.”

[Rev. xxii. 3, 4.] The troubles of the last days are spoken of as

1 The LXX translates the Hebrew “iv eipov.”
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Morning Prayer.

Isa. lvi. 9.

THE LXXVII PSALM.

Voice mea ad Dominum.

WILL cry unto God with my voice: even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran, and ceased not in the night-season; my soul refused comfort.

3 When I am heavy, I will think upon God: when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so weak, that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old: and the years that are past.

6 I call to remembrance my song: and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.

7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever: and will he be no more treated?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever: and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious: and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

10 And I said, It is mine own infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.

11 I will remember the works of the Lord: and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

12 I will think also of all thy works: and my talking shall be of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is holy: who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders: and hast declared thy power among the people.

THE LXXVI PSALM.

Voice mea ad Dominum clamavi: et intendit mihi.

In die tribulationis meae Deus exquisivi, manibus meis nocte contra eum: et non sum deceptus.

Renumit consolari anima mea: memor fui Dei, et delectatus sum, et exercitatus sum: et defictit spiritus meus.

Anticipaverunt vigilias oscui mei: turbatus sum et non sum locutus.

Cogitavi dies antiquos: et annos aeternos in mente habui.

Et meditatus sum nocte cum corde meo: et exercitabam spiritum meum.

Nunquid in aeternum proiecti Deus: Et dies nonquid aut non apponet ut complaciatur sit ut bene placiatum adhuc?

Aut in finem misericordiam suam abscondet: a generatione in generationem?

Aut obliviscetur misereri Deus? aut continebit in ira sua misericordias suas?

Et dixi, Nunc cepi: haec mutatio dexterae Excelsi.

Memor fui operum Domini: quia memor ero ab initio mirabilium tuorum.

Et meditabo in omnibus operibus mei: et in adinventionibus tuis exercitationibuscebor.

Deus, in sancto via tua: quis Deus magnus sicut Deus noster? tu es Deus qui facis mirabilia.

past; Antichrist is subdued and overthrown; the judgment of Christ has been heard from the "great white throne;" the perfect supremacy of the "King of kings and Lord of lords" is for ever established in an endless reign of peace.

PSALM LXXVII.

In the first half of this Psalm the voice of Christ's Mystical Body cries out to God from the midst of some affliction in which He has seemed to hide His face. The tenth verse recalls to mind that God is never really absent from the Church, and that if He seems to be so it is because our own infirmity and want of faith prevent us from beholding His Presence. In the latter half of the Psalm God's dealings with His people of old are recounted as a memorial before Him in the tone of the Litany Antiphon: "O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake."

There were occasions on which the way of Christ was "in the sea, and His path in the deep waters;" and when "the waters saw" Him their God "and were afraid, and the depths were troubled;" and these miracles of our Lord's Person and Word seem to be prophetically commemorated in this Psalm no less
15 Thou hast mightily delivered thy people; even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water, the air thundered: and thine arrows went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was heard round about: the lightnings shone upon the ground, the earth was moved, and shook withal.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters: and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou ledest thy people like sheep: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

THE LXXVIII PSALM.

Attendite, popule.

Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will declare hard sentences of old;

3 Which we have heard and known: and such as our fathers have told us;

4 That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come: but to shew the honour of the Lord, His mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.

5 He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law: which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;

Notam fecesti in populis virtutem tuam: redemisti in brachio tuo populum tuum, filios Jacob et Joseph.

Viderunt te aquae, Deus, viderunt te aquae et timuerunt: et turbata sunt abyssi.

Multitudo sonitus aquarum: vocem dederunt nubes.

Etenim sagittae tuae transeunt: vox tonitruit tui in rota.

Illuxerunt coruscaciones tuae orbis terrae: commota est et contremuit terra.

In mari via tua, et semita tua in aquas multis: et vestigia tua non cognoscentur.

Deduxisti sicut oves populum tuum: in manu Moysi et Aaron.

PSALMUS LXXVII.

ATTENDITE, populce meus, legem: inclinate aurem vestram in verba oris mei.

Aperiam in parabolis os meum: loquier propositiones ab initio.

Quanta audivimus et cognovimus ea: et patres nostri narraverunt nobis.

Non sunt occultata a filiis corum: in generatione altera.

Narrantes laudes Domini et virtutes ejus: et mirabilia ejus quae fecit.

Et suscitavit testimonium in Jacob: et legem posuit in Israel.

than the miraculous passage of the Red Sea is historically commemorated. On one of these occasions the storm arose when our Lord was asleep in the ship, and after being waked He expressly rebuked the disciples for their want of faith, reminding them that their fear arose from their "own infirmity," for that His Presence was more than His Word a sure token of safety to the Church. On the other occasion our Lord walked on the sea to the disciples who were toiling in vain against a contrary wind, and they were by His Presence brought immediately to the haven where they would be. Then, too, it is recorded of them that their faith was wanting, "for they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened."

Thou the key-note of the Psalm is struck in the tenth verse. Adversity may surround the Church or particular members of it, and Christ’s Presence may seem far off, or if He is in the ship yet He asleep; faith, however, will say, This appearance of danger is from “mine own infirmity, but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.” Though we may be in the midst of “the waves of this troublesome world” and He on the shore of His Father’s Throne, yet is His way in the sea, and His path in the great waters; so that nothing can separate the Church from the protection of His Presence. Though He may seem to be heedless of our danger yet may we rely on His Presence and be sure that if He is in the ship, though asleep, it is an Ark of safety. Very great comfort may therefore be found in this Psalm at all times of tribulation, for in it we memorialize God, and remind ourselves, of His wonders to His Church in old time, and of His never failing love towards her for ever. As He led His ancient people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron, so does He Himself as the Good Shepherd go before His sheep that they may hear His voice, and follow Him to pastures of safety and peace.

PSALM LXXVIII.

This didactic hymn sets forth the history of the ancient Israel as in a parable for the instruction of the new Israel of God, and
6 That their posterity might know it : and the children which were yet unborn; 7 To the intent that when they came up : they might shew their children the same; 8 That they might put their trust in God : and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments; 9 And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation : a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit cleaveth not steadfastly unto God; 10 Like as the children of Ephraim : who being harnessed, and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle. 11 They kept not the covenant of God : and would not walk in his law; 12 But forgot what he had done : and the wonderful works that he had shewed for them. 13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt : even in the field of Zaan. 14 He divided the sea, and let them go through : he made the waters to stand on an heap. 15 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud : and all the night through with a light of fire. 16 He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness : and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth. 17 He brought waters out of the stony rock : so that it gushed out like the rivers. 18 Yet for all this they sinned more against him : and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness. 19 They tempted God in their hearts : and required meat for their last.

Quanta mandavit patribus nostris: Quam... ut volat... faceret ea nota facere ea filius suis; ut cognoscat generatio altera; Filii qui nascentur et exsurgent: et narrabunt filios suis. Ut ponant in Deo speram suam: et non obliviscantur operum Dei; et mandata ejus exquirant. Ne sias sanctum patres eorum: generatio prava et exasperari. Generatio que non direxit cor suum: Genus good et non est creditus cum Deo spiritus ejus. Filii Ephrem intendent... spiritus eorum eorum et subsequent... mirabilia in terra Egypti: in campo Thaneos. Interruptit mare et perduxit eos: et statuit aquas quasi in utre. Et deduxit eos in nube diei: et tota nocte in illuminatione ignis. Interruptit petram in eremo: et ad... aquavit eos velut in abysso multa. Et eduxit aquam de petra: et... aquas Ilia: et... aquas animabus suis.

for memorializing Him of His mercies to the Church of all ages. As regards the Jews it has a parallel in the discourse of St. Stephen before the Council of the Sanhedrim, especially in setting forth the persistent disobedience to God by which their history had been marked, and the continual forgiveness with which He had requited their misdeeds. That the parable is spoken with reference to the Christian Church also we may clearly understand from the words with which St. Paul concludes a short enumeration of some of the sins of Israel:

"Now all these things happened unto them for examples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." The Psalm, therefore, comes to the Church as the voice of Christ, saying, "Hearken unto Me, My people, and give ear unto Me, O My nation; for a law shall proceed from Me, and I will make My judgment to rest for a light of..."
20 They spake against God also, saying : Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness? 
21 He smote the stony rock indeed, that the water gushed out, and the streams flowed withal: but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?
22 When the Lord heard this, he was wroth: so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;
23 Because they believed not in God: and put not their trust in his help.
24 So he commanded the clouds above: and opened the doors of heaven.
25 He rained down manna also upon them for to eat: and gave them food from heaven.
26 So man did eat Angels' food: for he sent them meat enough.
27 He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven: and through his power he brought in the south-west-wind.
28 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust: and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
29 He let it fall among their tents: even round about their habitation.
30 So they did eat, and were well filled, for he gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust.
31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them: yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.
32 But for all this they sinned yet more: and believed not his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity: and their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, they sought him: and turned them early, and enquired after God.

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John vi. 22.

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He smote the stony rock indeed, that the water gushed out, and the streams flowed withal: but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?
When the Lord heard this, he was wroth: so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;
Because they believed not in God: and put not their trust in his help.
So he commanded the clouds above: and opened the doors of heaven.
He rained down manna also upon them for to eat: and gave them food from heaven.
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So they did eat, and were well filled, for he gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust.
But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them: yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.
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Therefore their days did he consume in vanity: and their years in trouble.
When he slew them, they sought him: and turned them early, and enquired after God.

The whole Psalm obviously symbolizes the passage of the new Israel at all periods of its history from spiritual bondage and the wilderness of this world to the promised land of rest and the heavenly Jerusalem. Hence the significance of the fourteenth verse, relating to the Baptism of the Israelites in the cloud and
35 And they remembered that God was their strength: and that the high God was their Redeemer.
36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth: and dissembled with him in their tongue.
37 For their heart was not whole with him: neither continued they steadfast in his covenant.
38 But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds: and destroyed them not.
39 Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away: and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.
40 For he considered that they were but flesh: and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
41 Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness: and grieved him in this desert.
42 They turned back and tempted God: and moved the Holy One in Israel.
43 They thought not of his hand: and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;
44 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt: and his wonders in the field of Zoan.
45 He turned their waters into blood: so that they might not drink of the rivers.
46 He sent lice among them, and devoured them up: and frogs to destroy them.
47 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar: and their labour unto the grasshopper.
48 He destroyed their vines with hail-stones: and their mulberry-trees with the frost.

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Exod. xxxiv. 6.

Exod. viii. 24, 6. Rev. xvi. 13, 14.

Et rememorati sunt quia Deus ad-
jutor est eorum: et Deus excelsus Re-
demptor eorum est.

Cor autem eorum non erat rectum
cum eo: nec fideles habiti sunt in tes-
fides habita et in tamento ejsus.

Quotiens exacerbaverunt eum in
deserto: in iram concitaverunt eum in
terra sine aqua

in terro sine aqua

Et conversi sunt et tentaverunt
Deum: et Sanctum Israël exacerbave-
runt.

Mispit in eos cymnyiam, et comedit
eos: et ranam, et disperdit eos.

Et dedit aerugini fructus eorum: et
labores eorum locutae.

Et occidit in grandine vineas eorum:
et moros eorum in pruina.

in the sea at the outset of their journey towards the land of pro-
mise, and of all those following verses which set forth God's mercy in providing drink and food for them during the whole period of their wanderings. St. Paul's words respecting these circumstances show that we should much undervalue the true teaching of Holy Scripture if we failed to see their typical meaning: and his immediate reference to the "Cup of Blessing"

It has been pointed out by a modern critic that the latter part of verse 42 is literally "they crossed the Holy One of Israel," a striking prophecy of the manner in which "the Jews filled up the measure of their guilt by tempting God manifest in the flesh amongst them, and by 'crossing' the Holy One of Israel." [Thompson on the Psalms, ii. 26, note.]

and "the Bread which we break" clearly indicates that this typi-
cal meaning looks towards the sacramental life of the Christian Church. While, then, we recount the wonders of old time when God divided the sea to let His ancient people pass through, we recount, also, His continual mercy in causing His new Israel to pass through the waters of Baptism that they may be cleansed from the spiritual defilement of the Egypt out of which He has brought them.

A prophecy of Isaiah also connects this portion of the history of Israel very distinctly with the abiding of the Holy Ghost in the Church. Having spoken of the day when "the Branch of the Lord" shall be beautiful and glorious, and the remnant of Israel "shall be called holy even every one that is written among
49 He smote their cattle also with hail-stones: and their flocks with hot thunder-bolts.

50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble: and sent evil angels among them.

51 He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death: but gave their life over to the pestilence;

52 And smote all the first-born in Egypt: the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.

53 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep: and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.

54 He brought them out safely, that they should not fear: and over-whelmed their enemies with the sea.

55 And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary: even to his mountain which he purchased with his right hand.

56 He cast out the heathen also before them: caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

57 So they tempted and displeased the most high God: and kept not his testimonies;

58 But turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers: starting aside like a broken bow.

59 For they grieved him with their hill-altars: and provoked him to displeasure with their images.

60 When God heard this, he was wroth: and took sore displeasure at Israel.

61 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Silo: even the tent that he had pitched among men.

Et tradidit grandini jumenta eorum: et possessionem eorum igni.

Misit in eos iram indignationis suas: indignationem et iram, et tribulationem: immissiones per angelos malos.

Viam fecit semita irae suas, et non pepercit a morte animarum eorum: et jumenta eorum in morte conclusit.

Et percussit omne primogenitum in terra Aegypti: primitias omnis laboris eorum in tabernaculis Cham.

Et abstulit sicut oves populum suum: et perduxit eos tanquam gregem in deserto.

Et eduxit eos in spe, et non timuerunt: et inimicos eorum operuit mare.

Et induxit eos in montem sanctificationis suas: montem, quem acquisivit dextera ejus.

Et ejecit a facie eorum gentes: et sorte divisit eis terram in funiculo distributionis.

Et habitare fecit in tabernaculis et habitavit in eorum: tribus Israël.

Et tentaverunt et exacerberunt Deum excelsum: et testimonia ejus non custodierunt.

Et averterunt se, et non servaverunt pactum: quemadmodum patres eorum, conversi sunt in arcum pravum.

In iram concitaverunt eum in collibus suis: et in sculptilibus suis ad amulationem eum provocaverunt.

Audivit Deus et sprevit: et ad nihilum rediget valde Israël.

Et repulit tabernaculum Silo: tabernaculum suum ubi habitavit in hominibus.

the living in Jerusalem," the prophet goes on to say that the Lord shall then have "washed away the filth of the daughter of Zion" and purged the blood of Jerusalem "by the spirit of judgment, and the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling-place upon mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain." [Isa. iv. 2—6.] Thus the cloudy pillar of the Psalm clearly typifies that cloud by which the house was filled where the Apostles were assembled, and which first signified to the Church the coming of the Holy Ghost to abide with it for ever.

Led by the same inspired teaching we know that the rock which God "claw" in the wilderness is a type of Christ the "Rock of ages;" and in the continual provision of water from that fountain we thus see a type of that ever-flowing Fountain which has been opened for us in the grace of our Lord, the "living water" of which men drink here as a foretaste of the water of life provided for them in the glorified City of God.

We have still higher authority, if it were possible, that of Christ's own words in the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, for taking the Manna of the wilderness as a significant type of the "Living Bread" of the Church. This has been already referred to in the Introduction to the Liturgy p. 161], but a word may be added as to the significance of the twelfth and

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62 He delivered their power into captivity : and their beauty into the enemy's hands.  
63 He gave his people over also unto the sword : and was wroth with his inheritance.  
64 The fire consumed their young men ; and their maidens were not given to marriage.  
65 Their priests were slain with the sword : and there were no widows to make lamentation.  
66 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep : and like a giant refreshed with wine.  
67 He smote his enemies in the hinder parts : and put them to a perpetual shame.  
68 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph : and chose not the tribe of Ephraim ;  
69 But chose the tribe of Judah : even the hill of Sion which he loved.  
70 And there he built his temple on high : and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.  
71 He chose David also his servant : and took him away from the sheep-folds.  
72 As he was following the ewes great with young ones he took him : that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.  
73 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart : and ruled them prudently with all his power.

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**Deus, venerunt.**

68 GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance : thy holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.  
69 Et tradidit in captivitatem virtutem eorum : et pulchritudinem eorum in manus inimici.  
70 Et conclusit in gladio populum suum : et hæreditatem suam sprevit.  
71 Juvenes eorum comedit ignis : et virgines eorum non sunt lamentatae.  
72 Sacerdotes eorum in gladio ceciderunt : et viduae eorum non plorabantur.  
73 Et excitatus est tanquam dormiens Dominus : tanquam potens crupulatus a vino.  
74 Et percussit inimicos suos in posteriorea : opprobrium sempiternum dedit illis.  
75 Et repulit tabernaculum Joseph : et tribum Ephraim non elegit :  
76 Sed elegit tribum Juda : montem Sion quem dilexit.  
77 Et edificavit sicut unicornium sanctificium suum : in terra quam fundavit in secula.  
78 Et elegit David servum suum, et sustulit eum de gregibus ovium : de post fistantes accepit eum,  
79 Pascere Jacob servum suum : et populum suum Israël hæreditatem suam :  
80 Et pavit eis in innocentia cordis sui : in permaneente manu.  
81 Deos, venerunt gentes in hæreditatem tuam : polluerunt templo sanctum tuum : posuerunt Hierusalem in ponorum custodiam.

**PSALMS LXXVIII.**

**Deus,** venerunt gentes in hæreditatem tuam : polluerunt templo sanctum tuum : posuerunt Hierusalem in ponorum custodiam.

twenty-first verses. The half belief here indicated is one which has been illustrated in all ages of the Church. It was that which laid the foundation of heresies in the early Church, and that which has hindered the full development of sacramental doctrine in later times. Up to a certain point doctrines respecting Christ and the Sacraments are received with comparative facility : but there is a point when these become "a hard saying" and may turn back from following after our Lord into the fulness of mystery: — "He smote the stone rock indeed, that the water gushed out, and the streams flowed withal." He came as a Man beyond all men, He gave mankind the Sacrament of a New Birth in Holy Baptism, "But can He give bread also, or provide flesh for His people?" did He come simply and truly as God Incarnate? does He give the Living Bread from Heaven, His own Flesh, the Life of the Baptized,—in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion? It may be observed in conclusion (1) that a comparison of the plagues of Egypt which are here enumerated with certain passages in the Book of the Revelation will show that the Egypt of the Israelis representstypically the Antichrist of the Church: and (2) that as the Lord refused the tabernacle of Joseph and chose not the tribe of Ephraim, so He suffered some of the most flourishing Churches to have their candlestick removed out of its place in the early days of Christianity. The latter warning is for every age of the Church: "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." [Heb. iv. 1.]
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the air: and the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the land.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem: and there was no man to bury them.

4 We are become an open shame to our enemies: a very scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angry: shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

6 Pour out thine indignation upon the heathen that have not known thee: and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob: and laid waste his dwelling-place.

8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

10 Wherefore do the heathen say: Where is now thy God?

11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blood that is shed: be openly shewed upon the heathen in our sight.

12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee: according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die.

Posuerunt morticia servorum tuae mortalia
rum escas volatilibus coeli: cernes sanctorum tuorum bestiarum terre.

Estudenter sanguinem eorum tanquam aquam in circuitu Hierusalem: et non erat qui sepeliret.

Facti sumus opprobrium vicinis nostris: subsanatio et illusio his qui in circuitu nostro sunt.

Usquequo, Domine, irasceris in gentes: accendetur velut ignis zelus tuus?

Estudunde iram tuam in gentes quae te non noverunt: et in regna quae Nomen tuum non invoavercunt.

Quia comederunt Jacob: et locum ejus desolverunt.

Ne memineris iniquitatum nostrorum antiquarum: cito anticipent nos misericordiae tuae, quia pauperes facti sumus nimi.

Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster, et propter gloriar Nominis tui, Domine, libera nos: et propitius esto peccatis nostris, propter Nomen tuum:

Ne forte dicant in gentibus, Ubi est Deus eorum? et innotescat in natioibus eorum occuris nostris,

Ultius sanguinis servorum tuorum, qui effusus est: introcet in conspectu tuo gemitus competidorum.

Secundum magnitudinem brachii tui: posside filios mortificatorum.

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PSALM LXXXIX.

The ancient appropriation of this as a proper Psalm for All Saints' Day points out its constant function as a commemoration of the martyrs of the Church. It is also to be taken as a prophecy of those future martyrologies which our Lord and His Apostle St. John have predicted as characterizing the last great war of Antichrist against the Kingdom of the Cross: for again is heard the cry of the souls under the altar, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" a fit Antiphon to this Psalm.

The words of the Psalm had, doubtless, a very literal application to the condition of the Jewish nation at such periods of its history as the Babylonish Captivity, and the desolation that fell upon its religion in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes. Jeremiah had predicted, "The carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth: and none shall fray them away.... Both the great and the small shall die in this land: and they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them:" and no doubt his prophecy was exactly fulfilled. We know also, from the books of the Maccabees, how much the persecution which fell upon Judas in their days was like the persecution of Christianity three and four centuries later. But, however literally the words of the Psalm may express the sad condition of Judas at such periods, their meaning is not exhausted by such an application, and there are clearly features of martyrdom portrayed to which the suffering Jews, as a body, could not lay claim.

We are rather to look for the true Christian meaning of this Psalm in the Church of the first three centuries, and of that period of which our Lord prophesied when He spoke of the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place [Matt. xxiv. 15.]: and respecting the troubles of which time He adds, "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Of this desolation of the Church by Antichrist St. Paul also speaks,
13 And for the blasphemy whereby our neighbours have blasphemed thee: reward thou them, O Lord, seven-fold into their bosom.

14 So we that are thy people and sheep of thy pasture shall give thee thanks for ever: and alway be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation.

THE LXXX PSALM.

Qui regis Israel.

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses: stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of hosts: how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears: and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou madest room for it: and when it had taken root it filled the land.

And redde vicinis nostris septaplum in sinu eorum: improperium ipsorum, quod exprobraverunt tibi, Domine.

Nos autem populus tuus et oves regis tui pastue tue: confitebimur tibi in seculum.

In generationem et generationem: et in seculum seculorum annuntiabimus laudem tuam.

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Qui regis Israel, intende: qui de Thund. Mattins, ducis velut ovem Joseph.

Qui sedes super Cherubin: manis appare coram festare coram Ephraim, Benjamin, et Manasse.

Excita potentiam tuam, et veni: ut salvos facias nos.

Deus conversa nos: et ostende faciem tuam, et salvi erimus.

Domine Deus virtutum: quosque irasceris super orationem servi tui?

Cibabis nos pane lachrymarum: et potum dabis nobis in lachrymis in mensura?

Posuisti nos in contradictionem vicinis nostris: et inimici nostri sub sannaverunt nos.

Deus virtutum, conversa nos: et Domine Deus ostende faciem tuam, et salvi erimus.

Vineam de Aegypto translusti: ejecisti gentes, et plantasti eam.

Dux itineris fuisti in conspectu Flum, fecisti in ejus et plantasti radices ejus: et impleuit terram.

clearly intimating at the same time that its peculiar and dreadful character cannot be fully comprehended until it is "revealed" by its actual occurrence. "That Day shall not come," says he, "except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition: who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." [2 Thess. ii. 3, 4.]

To the reign of this Enemy of God the book of the Revelation applies almost exactly the opening verses of this Psalm:--"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom, and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." As the Revelation was written long after the destruction of Jerusalem, it is clearly to some future period that these words refer. And to such period, also, does this Psalm refer whose mystical meaning may often receive a partial fulfilment, but a complete one only in the last great and terrible days.

PSALM LXXX.

This is a hymn of prayer to the Good Shepherd of the new Israel: to Him Who knows His sheep by name, and Who leadeth them in the wilderness of this world like a flock even while He sits enthroned in the world on high surrounded by His unfallen flock, the hosts of Heaven. The first verse catches up the strain of the preceding Psalm, "We that are Thy people, and the sheep of Thy pasture," but the more characteristic figure of the Psalm is that of the Vine, which our Lord subsequently adopted in the interpretative form: "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." Hence also the mournful reference to God's ancient
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Isa. v. 1—7

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it: and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.

11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea: and her boughs unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges: that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven: behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted: and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself—

16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down: and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand: and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18 And so will not we go back from thee: O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Operuit montes umbra ejus: et arbusta ejus cedros Dei.

Extendit palmites suos usque ad mare: et usque ad flumen propagines ejus.

Ut quid destruxisti maeriam ejus: degeneristi et vendemiant eam omnes, qui praeter-tranunt grediuntur viam?

Exterminavit eam aper de silva: et singularis ferus depastus est eam.

Deus virtutum, convertere: respice Domine Deus de celo, et vide, et visita vineam istam.

Et perfice eam quam plantavit dixit dextera tua: et super filium hominis quem confirmasti tibi.

Incensa igni et suffossa: ab incrementatione vultus tuorum pervindicatum.

Fiat manus tua super virum dextera tua: et super filium hominis quem confirmasti tibi.

Et non discedimus a te: viviscabimus nos: et Nomen tuum invocabimus.

Domine Deus virtutum, convertte nos: et ostende faciem tuam, et salvi erimus.

Vineyard of this Psalm, of Isaiah v. 1—7, and of our Blessed Lord's Parables; all which bear a consistent interpretation as applicable to the ancient Church of God among the children of Israel, and to the Mystical Body of the True Vine.

The wall of this Psalm carries back the mind to the prophecy of Moses, and to that of our Lord. The one had declared, among the threatenings with which He almost closed His work, "Thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shall not gather the grapes thereof: . . . the fruit of thy hand and all thy labours shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up" [Deut. xxviii. 30, 33.]; and among the last words of our Lord were those, the meaning of which was so well understood by the Jews, "He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and give the vineyard to others." [Luke xx. 16.]

Thus the stream of prophecy is always found to be flowing in the same direction, leading us to the conclusion that as God's Providence brought out of Egypt the Vine of the Jewish Church and planted it in the Mount of God, to take deep root and fill the land from the Mediterranean to the Jordan and to be His own Vineyard, so did He "break down her hedge" and "give the vineyard to others," because of the fruitlessness of the Vine through the wickedness of the husbandmen. The same prophecy teaches us that the Vineyard of the Lord is now planted in "a very fruitful field" and has taken deep root throughout the world, but that times of apostasy will yet come when the faithful part of Christ's Church will have to take up the words of this Psalm as the faithful Jews wailed out their sorrow before God during the Babylonish Captivity. In prospect of that time, and at all
periods when afflictions befall the Church of Christ, the remembrance of our Lords words, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches," may give comfort such as the Jews could not possess, teaching that the Church is so associated with the Lord Himself that nothing can finally overthrow it. And while she cries "Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts," she can also say "Let Thy hand be upon the Man of Thy right hand: and upon the Son of Man Whom Thou madest so strong for Thine own self." The sacramental Life of the Vine can never be destroyed, because it is the Life of Christ our God.

PSALM LXXXI.

As the previous mournful hymn of the Church represents Christ's Mystical Body under the figure of a Vine, it seems to be with some mystical reason that this Psalm of the Church's triumph is entitled "upon Gittith," i.e., as the Septuagint translates it, "upon the winepress." For so, when the question is asked, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? . . . Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-press?" the triumphing Messiah answers, "I have trodden the winepress alone." So also the same Lord, speaking by Isaiah, speaks of the winepress which He has made in His vineyard [Isa. v. 2]; in the parable which He spoke to the Jews He also uses the same figure [Matt. xxii. 38]; and in the last triumph of Christ and His Church there is a winepress without the City, and blood came out of the winepress" [Rev. xiv. 20.] Thus it seems that the title of this Psalm as well as its substance indicates it to be a hymn of victory for the Church when the days of her warfare are accomplished, and her sorrow is at an end.

Thus at the new "beginning of months," the "solemn feast-day" when the "trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised," the song of joy is heard "Sing we merrily unto God our strength," "Allahus, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." It is the song of the Church's deliverance from Egypt, and of her deliv-
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Isa. xlviii. 18.

13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts: and let them follow their own imaginations.
14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me; for if Israel had walked in my ways,
15 I should soon have put down their enemies: and turned my hand against their adversaries.
16 The haters of the Lord should have been found liars: but their time should have ended for ever.
17 He should have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour: and with honey out of the stony rock I have satisfied thee.

THE LXXII PSALM.  
Deus stetit.  

GOD standeth in the congregation of princes: he is a Judge among gods.
2 How long will ye give wrong judgement: and accept the persons of the ungodly?
3 Defend the poor and fatherless: see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
4 Deliver the out-cast and poor: save them from the hand of the ungodly.
5 They will not be learned nor understand, but walk on still in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, Ye are gods: and ye are all the children of the most Highest;
7 But ye shall die like men: and fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth: for thou shalt take all heathen to thine inheritance.

Et dimisi eos secundum desideria cordis eorum: ibunt in adinventi- 
mibis suis.
Si populus meus audisset me: Israel si in viis meis ambulasset:
Pro nihil forsitan inimicos eorum humiliassent: et super tribulantes eos misisses manum meam.
Inimici Domini mentiti sunt ei: et erit tempus eorum in secula.

THE LXXII PSALM.  
Deus stetit.  

PSALMUS LXXXI.  

DEUS stetit in synagoga deorum: Friday Mattins.
in medio autem deos dijudicat.  

Usquequo judicatis iniquitatem: et facies peccatorum sumitis?
Judicate ego et pupillo: humilem et pauperem justificate.
Eripite pauperem: et egenum de manu peccatoris liberate.
Nescierunt, neque intellexerunt: in tenebris ambulant: movebuntur omnia fundamenta terrae.

PSALM LXXXII.  

When the Incarnate WORD stood before the Sanhedrim, the first verses of this Psalm were literally fulfilled: God—the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity inseparably united with Human Nature—standing in the congregation of princes, and the
THE LXXXIII PSALM.

Deus, quis similis?

HOLD not thy tongue, O God, keep not still silence: refrain not thy self, O God.
2 For lo, thine enemies make a murmuring: and they that hate thee have lifted up their head.
3 They have imagined craftily against thy people: and taken counsel against thy secret ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us root them out, that they be no more a people: and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have cast their heads together with one consent: and are confederate against thee;
6 The tabernacles of the Edomites, and the Ismaelites: the Moabites, and Hagarens;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek: the Philistines, with them that dwell at Tyre.
8 Assur also is joined with them: and have holpen the children of Lot.
9 But do thou to them as unto the Madianites: unto Sisera, and unto Jabin at the brook of Kison;
10 Who perished at Endor: and became as the dung of the earth.
11 Make them and their princes like Oreb and Zeb: yea, make all their princes like as Zeba and Salmona;
12 Who say, Let us take to our selves: the houses of God in possession.
13 O my God, make them like unto a wheel: and as the stubble before the wind;

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PSALMUS LXXXII.

D EUS, quis similis erit tibi? ne Friday Mattins.

Quoniam ecce inimici tui sonuerunt: et qui oederunt te extulerunt capit.

Super populum tuum malignaverunt in plebem tuam notitie cognoscerunt consilium: et cogitaverunt adversus sanctos tuos.

Dixerunt, Venite et disperdamus eos de gente: et non memorebatur nomen Israel ultra.

Quoniam cogitaverunt unanimiter simul adversus te: testamentum disposerunt, tabernacula Iubemeorum et Ismaelitae:


Etenim Assur venit cum illis: facti sunt in adjutorium filii Lot.

Pone illis sicut Madian et Sisare: sicut Jabin in torrente Cison.

Disperirunt in Endor: facti sunt ut sterces terrae.

Pone principes eorum sicut Oreb et Zeb: et Zebee, et Salmana.

Omnes principes eorum qui dice- runt: Haredditate possideamus sanctuariam Dei.

Deus meus, pone illos ut rotam: et sicut stipulam ante faciem venti.

Judge of all the world among the judges. So also was the second verse literally fulfilled when wrong judgment was given against the Holy One, and the person of the ungodly murderer and rebel Barabba accepted instead. “All the foundations of the earth” seemed indeed to be “out of course” when such terrible injustice could be done by judges who, on account of their most sacred office, had received from God Himself the name of “gods.” The last words of our Lord’s public ministrations were, “While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.” But they walked on still in darkness, unwilling to learn from Him or to understand His words. Therefore the Jews were given up by God:—“Ye shall die like men,” while He Who stood before the unjust judges arose in the glory of His new Kingdom to “take all the heathen to” that inheritance which His ancient people had despised.

Such seems to be the prophetic and Christian meaning of this Psalm. Its meaning as a general exhortation to all judges is too obvious to need illustration.

PSALM LXXXIII.

A continuation of the call for judgment upon the enemies of Christ and His Church is to be found in this Psalm. At the time of the great Diocletian persecution a general attempt was made throughout the world to destroy the Church, and the words of the fourth verse are strongly illustrated by the heathen monuments of the day, which declared that Christianity had been overthrown, and its very name blotted out. The agreement of the Caesars who governed the Roman world in such an universal persecution may be represented by the confederation of the ten nations named in the sixth, seventh, and eighth verses. Notwithstanding the fierceness of this terrible persecution, the Church was so far from being rooted out as that it should be no more a people, and the
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Prayer.

Phil. i. 23.
John iii. 14.

HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts.
2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her house, and the swallow a nest where
she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy
ways.
6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are
filled with water.

name of Christ's Israel no more had in remembrance, that it
arose from its ashes to a life of greater vigour than before, and
within a few years was the one recognized religion of the very
Empire which had attempted its extermination.

Such a general persecution of the Church has never again
occurred, but there is a continuous confederacy of its various
foes, who are the representatives of the ten nations named in this
Psalm. Some utterly reject the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Heathen
and the utter Infidel. Some recognize Him, in a certain sense,
as the Mahometans, and the various sects of (falsely so called)
"Unitarian" heretics. Some recognize the Person of the Lord, but
deny His work in His Mystical Body. Some, by their wickedness,
practically reject both Him and His work, though they may
technologically acknowledge Him. All these various classes are
among the enemies of God who "make a murmuring," and in
their hatred "lift up their head" whatever favourable oppor-
tunities occur of opposing Christ and His Church.

But the mystical meaning of the Psalm has probably a pro-
phetic aspect which bears reference to the enmity and opposition
of Antichrist in the last time. In him all the various opponents
of the Church will find a "head" whom they may "lift up"
against Christ, as one professing himself to be God in the place
of the Lord Jesus, and accepting Divine worship in the Church.
Thus, perhaps, the ten nations of the Psalm find their parallel
in the ten kingdoms of Antichrist; and the final "Come, let us
root them out," is represented by the prophetic record, that he
caused "that as many as would not worship the image of the
beast should be killed." [Rev. xiii. 15.]

PSALM LXXXIV.

This is the prayer of the Anointed of the Lord, our Saviour
Jesus Christ, expressing the longing of His Soul while on earth;
a longing which was revealed in its suffering form when He said,
"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of
Man hath not where to lay His head." All the creatures of
God found a resting-place in the loving care and Providence of
their Maker, but the Son of Man looked on afar at the Presence
of His Father as One who had taken upon Himself the form of
sinful man, of man cast out of the Paradise of God. "The Man," therefore, whose blessedness is proclaimed in the fifth
verse is the same Man Who is set before us in the very first
words of the book of Psalms; and the blessedness here spoken of

Sicut ignis qui comburit silvam: et
sicut flamma comburit montes:

Ita persequeris illos in tempestate
tua: et in ira tua turbabis eos.

Impie facies eorum ignominia: et
querent Nomen tuum, Domine.

Erubescant, et conturbentur in
Confunduntur et
seculum suum: et confundantur,
et pereant.

Et cognoscant quia nomen tibi
Domini: tu solus Altissimus in
omni terra.

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QUAM dilecta tabernacula tua,
Domine virtutum: concepist
et defect anima mea in atria Domini.

Cor meum et caro mea: exsultave-
runt in Deum vivum.

Etenim passer invenit sibi domum
et turtur nidum sibi: ubi reponat pul-
los suos:

Altaria tua, Domine virtutum: Rex
meus, et Deus meus.

Beati qui habitant in domo tua,
Domine: in secula seculorum lauda-
bunt te.

Beatus vir eujus est auxilium abs te:
non te Domine avenenas
ascensiones in corde suo dispositus, in
valle lacrymarum, in loco quem posuit, quern dispositis et

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7 They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appear even every one of them in Sion.
8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.
9 Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
10 For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12 For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
13 O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

THE LXXV PSALM.
Benedixisti, Domine.

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people: and covered all their sins.
3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure: and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

From such a view of this Psalm it is easy to see also that it reveals Christ praying for His Mystical Body that it may be glorified by its final reception into the Divine Presence. Here the Church of God is in the "vale of tears," but the everlasting benediction of God will go forth upon its work as the Church Militant in a state of grace, so that though "weeping may endure for a night, joy cometh in the morning," when it enters on a state of glory. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

In viewing the Psalm as the words of our Blessed Lord, we shall also find the key to its use as the words of His members. Nothing else uttered by human lips ever so fully expressed the longing which the devout soul, especially in seasons of sorrow, has to "depart and be with Christ" even in "the lowest room." Oh, how much rather the most abject place in "the house not made with hands," than the highest throne in the mystical Babylon! How infinite the blessings of one day in Heaven, compared to all that earth can furnish in thousands years and ten!

PSALM LXXXV.

The Incarnation of our Blessed Lord was the true turning away of the Captivity of God's people, and His speaking of peace to them; so that this Psalm has been appropriated, time immemorial, to the celebration of His Nativity; when a multitude of the heavenly host was heard "praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." To Him Who is the Prince of Peace, Who said of Him-

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1 The frequent interchange of pronouns is here again illustrated. Compare notes at pp. 334, 347.
4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour: and let thine anger cease from us.
5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever: and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken that thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.
8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me: for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
12 Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him: and he shall direct his going in the way.

THE LXXXVI PSALM.

Inclina, Domine.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery.
2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon thee.
4 Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Converte nos, Deus salutaris noster: et a verte iram tuam a nobis.
Nunquid in aeternum irasceris nobis? ut non in aeternum aut extendes iram tuam a generatione in generationem.
Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos: convertens et plebs tua letabitur in te.

Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam: et salutare tuum da nobis.
Audiam quid loquatur in me, Dominus Deus: quoniam laquetur pacem in plebem suam:
Et super sanctos suos: et in eos qui convertuntur ad cor.

Veruntamen prope timentes eum salutare ipsius: ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.
Misericordia et veritas obviaverunt sibi: justitia et pax osculatse sunt.

Veritas de terra orta est: et justitia de coelo prospexit.
Etenim Dominus dabat benignitatem: et terra nostra dabat fructum suum.
Justitia ante eum ambulabit: et ponet in via gressus suos.

PSALMUS LXXXV.

INCLINA, Domine, aurum tuam, et exaudi me: quoniam inops et panam sum ego.

Custodi animam meam, quoniam sanctus sum: salvum fac servum tuum, Deus meus, sperantem in te.
Miserere mei, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die: letifica animam servi tui: quoniam ad te, Domine, animam meam levavi.

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5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious; and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer; and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou hearest me.
8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: there is not one that can do as thou doest.
9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy Name.
10 For thou art great, and dost wondrous things; thou art God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for evermore.
13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen against me: and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.
15 But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
16 O turn thy thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.
17 Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

Quoniam tu, Domine, suavis, et misit; et multae misericordiae omnibus invocantibus te.
Auribus percipe, Domine, orationem meam: intende voci deprecationis meae.

In die tribulationis meae clamavi ad te: quia exaudiisti me.
Non est similis tui in diis, Domine: et non est secundum opera tua.
Omnes gentes quasquaque fecisti, venient et adorabunt coram te, Domine: et glorificabunt Nomen tuum.
Quoniam magnus es tu, et faciens mirabilia: tu es Deus solus.
Deduce me, Domine, in via tua, et in ambulabo grediari in veritate tua: letetur cor meum ut timeat Nomen tuum.

Confitebor tibi, Domine, Deus meus, in toto corde meo: et glorificabo Nomen tuum in aeternum.
Quia misericordia tua magna est super me: et erusi animam meam ex aeternis inferno inferiores.

Deus, iniqui insurrexerunt super me, et synagoga potestium quasierunt animam meam: et non propusuerunt te in conspectu suo.

Et tu, Domine Deus, miserator et meas misericors: patiens, et multae misericordiae, et verax.
Respice in me et miserere mihi: da imperium tuum puero tuo: et salvum potestatem puero fac filium ancille tue.

Fac mecum signum in bono, ut mecum Domine videant qui oderunt me, et confundantur: quoniam tu, Domine, adjuvisti me, et consolatus es me.

O Lord, and glorify Thy Name? For Thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest. Only He who is “King of saints,” and to whom all saints and angels sing: “Thou only art holy,” could say in its full sense, “I am holy;” and thus the song of Moses and of the Lamb is a suitable antiphon to this Psalm, striking the mystical key-note of its Christian use. The Son of God became “poor” that He might make many rich. He was despised and rejected of men in His “misery” that He might bring many sons unto glory [Hch. ii. 10]: He was “made in the form of a servant” that He might enfranchise many from the bondage of Satan to the perfect freedom of God; He prayed as with the voice of a sinner, that bearing the sins of the whole world, He might lead forth His people “from the nethermost
THE LXXXVII PSALM.  
**Fundamenta ejus.**

Her foundations are upon the holy hills; the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee; thou city of God.

3 I will think upon Rahab and Babylon; with them that know me.

4 Behold ye the Philistines also; and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.

5 And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her; and the most High shall establish her.

6 The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people; that he was born there.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse; All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

THE LXXXVIII PSALM.  
**Domine Deus.**

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee; O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling.

Hell. He thus went through all the travail of His soul that He might see "some token for good," and be "satisfied" with the mighty results of His sufferings; that the great work of man's redemption might be accomplished; and that hereafter the "token for good" may be showed before all men in the sign of the Son of Man which shall appear as a cross of suffering transformed into a banner of triumph; at whose appearing "they which pierced Him" shall look on His transfigured wounds, and acknowledge Him for their Judge.

With careful and reverent reserve this Psalm may be used by the members of Christ as His voice speaking in them. The bracketed marginal references will indicate how far Christ's own words respecting Himself may be adopted by Christians respecting themselves; and a due appreciation of this and similar Psalms in their highest sense will be the best preservative against a presumptuous application of them.

PSALM LXXXVII.  
Whatever application this Psalm may originally have had to the earthly Sion has been transfigured and glorified by the subsequent Revelation of the City of God in the prophetic vision of St. John. Of the new Jerusalem it was predicted, "It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it," and of this St. John had a glorious vision long after the earthly Sion had been destroyed, when "he was carried away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, having the glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel;... and the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." This city had already been spoken of also by St. Paul: "But ye are come to mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem," "built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone;" and to the same our Lord referred when He said, "Upon this Rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Thus the New Testament rings out a clear antithesis to this Psalm, "I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God, out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." [Rev. xx. 2]—a city belonging to all the peoples of the world, and in which Christ is ever being born, through the increase of His Mystical Body.

PSALM LXXXVII.

Nothing but the Passion of our Blessed Redeemer can give the key to the mournful words of this Psalm; and as the holy Name Jesus, though often borne by men before it was adopted by the

1 It is pointed out by a modern commentator on the Psalms that the use of the words "spoken of" in verse 2, is identical with that in Canticle viii. 8, and has reference to betrothal. "With glorious promises He claimeth thee as His bride." [Thurup on Psalms, ii. 88.]
THE XVII. DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm lii.

The soul is full of trouble; and mine ear is clogged with vexation.

I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit: and I have been even as a man that hath no strength.

Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded, and lie in the grave; who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.

Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit: in a place of darkness and in the deep.

Thine indignation lieth hard upon me: and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.

Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me: and made me to be abhorred of them.

I am so fast in prison that I cannot get forth.

My sight faileth for very trouble: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.

Dost thou shew wonders among the dead: or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?

Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark: and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?

Unto thee have I cried, O Lord: and early shall my prayer come before thee.

Quia repleta est malis anima mea: et vita mea inferno appropinquavit.

Estimatus sum cum descendentibus in lacum: factus sum sicut homo sine adjutorio, inter mortuos liber.

Sicut vulnerati, dormientes in sepulchris, quorum non es memor amplius: et ipsi de manu tua repulsit sunt.

Posuerunt me in lacu inferiori: in tenebris et in umbra mortis.

Super me confirmatus est furor tuus: et omnes fluctus tuos induxisti super me.

Longe fecisti notos meos a me: posuerunt me abominationem sibi.

Traditus sum et non egrediebar: oculi mei languerunt præ inopia.

Clamavi ad te, Domine: tota die expandi ad te manus meas.

Nunquid mortuis facies mirabilia: aut medici suscitabunt, et consilium tibi?

Nunquid narrabat aliquis in sepulchro misericordiam tuam: et veritatem tuam in perditione?

Nunquid cognoscentur in tenebris mirabilia tua: et justitia tua in terra oblivionis?

Et ego ad te, Domine, clamavi: et maneo oratio mea praeventia te.

Saviour, can never again be reverently used by them, so if this Psalm ever expressed the personal experience of David or any other saint, it has yet now become too sacred to be applied to any but Christ: in whose Name it is sung by His Mystical Body. No other Psalm expresses so fully the profundity of the spiritual darkness which overwhelmed the soul of the suffering Jesus on the Cross, or expresses it so utterly without the breaking in upon it of one hopeful ray of light. We are almost compelled to go even further, and to receive the Psalm as a Divine revelation of a darkness beyond the Cross which is not referred to in the Holy Gospel; for all the expressions in the Psalm refer to death as past, and to the state after death as that which is present to the mind of the speaker.

But such an interpretation, in a literal form, seems to be inconsistent with our Lord's last words, "It is finished," and "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." It is safer, therefore, to suppose that the darkness of the state after death formed part of our Lord's sufferings by anticipation, that the actual descent into Hell was a part of the Resurrection Victory, and that the misery of God's "wrathful displeasure" with sinners after death formed part of those unknown sufferings which were veiled by the "darkness over all the earth," and the evidence of which is condensed into the awful cry, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" As the fear of death entered into His sufferings, so also did the fear of what comes after death form a part of them. Thus "I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit" may be interpreted in the same manner as "He was numbered with the transgressors;" viz., that He bore all the shame of a transgressor though He was not actually one, and that, being "made sin for us," He suffered the full punishment of sin—privation of the Divine Presence—though He did not suffer during His vicarious but triumphant descent into the kingdom of Satan.

1 The one apparent exception, verse 15, is not really so. The "point" is so placed as to interfere with the true meaning, which is, "From my youth up I have been at the point to die." See the Vulgate and the Bible Version.

9 So when Matthias was made an Apostle it is said, "he was numbered with the eleven Apostles."
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Morning Prayer.
Matt. xxvii. 46.

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The Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul 1 and hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die: even from my youth up; thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me: and the fear of thee hath undone me.

17 They came round about me daily like water: and compassed me together on every side.

18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me: and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

THE LXXXIX PSALM.

Misericordias Domini.

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever: thy truth shalt thou establish in the heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant:

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever: and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who is he among the clouds: that shall be compared unto the Lord?

7 And what is he among the gods: that shall be like unto the Lord?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee: thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

Ut quid, Domine, repellis orationem meam: avertis faciem tuam a me?

Pauper sum ego et in laboribus a. Egena sum juventute mea: exaltatus autem, humiliatus sum et conturbatus. et conforas

In me transierunt irae tuae: et terrores tui conturbaverunt me.

Circundederunt me sicut aqua tota Circundaverunt die: circundederunt me simul.

Elongasti a me amicum et proximum: et notos meos a miseria.

PSALMUS LXXXVIII.

MISERICORDIAS Domini: in aternum cantabo.

In generatione et generationem: et progenies prænuntiabo annuntiabo veritatem tuam in ore meo.

Quoniam dixisti, in aternum misericordia redificabitis in coelis: preparabitur veritas tua in eis.

Disposuit testamentum electis meis: juravi David servo meo, Usque in aternum preparabo semem tuam.

Et redificabo in generatione et generatione rationem: sedem tuaem.

Confitebuntur ecelli mirabilia tua, Domine: etenim veritatem tuam in ecclesia sanctorum.

Quoniam quis in nubibus aquabitur Domino: similis erit Deo in filiis aut quis similis Dei?

Deus qui glorificatur in consilio sanctorum: magnus et terribilis super et multitudines omnes qui in circuitu ejus sunt.


Beyond this general indication of the manner in which this Psalm applies to Christ's Passion it may be undesirable to go, for when once the pervading sense of it has been perceived, the details are so plain that they are scarcely in need of further explanation, and may be more reverently left without it.

PSALM LXXXIX.

This song of the Lord's loving-kindness celebrates the Nativity of our Blessed Saviour, and the establishment of the true David's spiritual seed by virtue of His Incarnation, and of the results which followed therefrom. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to

Rev. xi. 8. Thou rulest the raging of the sea: thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it: thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

13 Thou hast made the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

Rev. v. 5. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee: they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name: and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

Luke i. 68, 69. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy lovingkindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

19 For the Lord is our defence: the Holy One of Israel is our King.

20 Thou speakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

21 I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him.

22 My hand shall hold him fast: and my arm shall strengthen him.

23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

24 I will smite down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.

Tu dominaris postestati maris: motum autem fluctuum ejus tu mitigas.

Tu humiliasti, sicut vulneratum, superbum: in brachio virtutis tuae disrespecti inimicos tuos.

Tui sunt colui, et tua est terra: orbem terrarum pleiitudinem ejus tu fundasti: aquilonem et mare tu creasti.

Thabor et Hermon in Nomine tuo exsultabunt: tuum brachium cum potentia.

Firmetur manus tua, et exaltetur dextera tua: justitia et judicium preparatio sedis tuae.

Misericordia et veritas precedent faciem tuam: beatus populus, qui scit jubilationem.

Domine, in lumine vultus tui ambulabunt, et in Nomine tuo exsultabunt tota die: et in justitia tua exaltabuntur.

Quoniam gloria virtutis eorum tu es: et in beneplacito tuo exaltabitur cornu nostrum.

Quia Domini est assumptio nostrae: et sancti Israel Regis nostri.

Tunc locutus es in visione sancti tuis: et dixisti, Posui adjutorium in potente, et exaltavi electum de plebe mea.

Inveni David servum meum: oleo sancto meo unxi eum.

Manus enim mea auxiliabitur ei: et brachium meum confortabit eum.

Nihil proficiet inimicus in eo: et filius iniquitatis non apponet nocere ei. non nocebit ei.

Et concidam a facie ipsius inimicos ejus: et odientes eum in fugam convertam.

establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth, even for ever." "I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of His Kingdom there shall be no end." Thus the Psalm praises God, first for the fulfilment of His promise in raising up a Messiah from the seed of David; and secondly, for establishing the seed of the Messiah Himself in a perpetual succession from one generation to another. It is also to be understood, in part, as a song of praise to Christ Himself, Whose wondrous works, in His Incarnation, Resurrection, and Ascension, the very heavens praised by the mouth of holy Angels. In this sense we see how fully the Divine glory of "the Man Christ Jesus" is illustrated by the voice of prophecy. When St. Paul writes, "But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool?" he does but take up the tone of David, "Who is He among the clouds that shall be compared unto the Lord? And what is His among the gods that shall be like unto the Lord?" So also, when the Evangelical record tells us that Jesus "arose and
THE XVII. DAY.

Evening Prayer.

25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.

26 I will set his dominion also in the sea: and his right hand in the floods.

27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father: my God, and my strong salvation.

28 And I will make him my first-born: higher than the kings of the earth.

29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore: and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

31 But if his children forsake my law: and walk not in my judgments;

32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments: I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.

33 Nevertheless, my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my truth to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.

35 His seed shall endure for ever: and his seat is like as the sun before me.

36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon: and as the faithful witness in heaven.

37 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed: and art displeased at him.

38 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant: and cast his crown to the ground.

Et veritas mea et misericordia mea cum ipso: et in Nomine meo exaltabitur cornu ejus.

Et ponam in mari manum ejus: et in fluminibus dexteram ejus.

Ipsa invocavit me, Pater meus es invocatus tu: Deus meus, et susceptor salutis meae.

Et ego primogenitum ponam illum: excelsum pra regibus terrae.

In aeternum servabo illi misericordiam meam: et testamentum meum fidele ipsi.

Et ponam in seculum seculi semen ejus: et thronum ejus sicut dies coeli.

Si autem dereliquerint filii ejus legem meam: et in judiciis meis non ambulaverint.

Si justitias meas profanaverint: et justiciationes mandata mea non custodierint.

Visitabo in virga iniquitates eorum: et in verberibus peccata eorum.

Misericordiam autem meam non disperegam ab eo: neque nocebo in veritate mea.

Neque profanabo testamentum meum: et que procedunt de labis meis non faciam irrita.

Semel juravi in sancto meo, si David mentiar: semen ejus in aeternum manebit.

Et thronus ejus sicut sol in consedebat ejus spectu meo: et sicut luna perfecta in aeternum, et testis in ceelo fidelis.

Tu vero repulisti et despexitisti: dis et aperuisti tulisti Christum tuum.

Evertisti testamentum servit tui: Avertisti profanasti in terra sanctuarium ejus.

The twentieth verse begins another section in which the Church, or rather Christ in the Person of His Mystical Body, recounts the ancient promises of God respecting the establishment of the Messiah and His Kingdom. These promises had a partial relation to David himself, but there is very much in them which is clearly typical, and relating to Him Who was "chosen out of the people" by being born of the Virgin Mary, "anointed" with the Holy Ghost at His Baptism in Jordan, declared to be the "First-born" of God by the Voice from Heaven, "This is My beloved Son," made "higher than the kings of the earth" by His reign over a Kingdom which embraces all Kingdoms, to Whom is given a
39 Thou hast overthrown all his hedges: and broken down his strong holds.

40 All they that go by spoil him: and he is become a reproach to his neighbours.

41 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies: and made all his adversaries to rejoice.

42 Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword: and givest him not victory in the battle.

43 Thou hast put out his glory: and cast his throne down to the ground.

44 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: and covered him with dishonour.

45 Lord, how long wilt thou hide thy self, for ever: and shall thy wrath burn like fire?

46 O remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?

47 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death: and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?

48 Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses? which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

49 Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have: and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;

50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, and slandered the footsteps of thine Anointed: Praise be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

Diripuerunt eum omnes transeuntes viam: factus est opprobrium vicinis suis.

Exaltasti dexteram deprentium inimicorum ejus eum: letificasti omnes inimicos ejus.

Avertisti adjutorium gladii ejus: et non es auxiliatus ei in bello.

Destruxisti eum ab emundatione: et Disolvest sedem ejus in terram collisisti.

Minorasti dies temporis ejus: perfudisti eum confusione.

Usquequo, Domine, avertis in finem: transieris exardest sicut ignis ira tua?

Memorare quae mea substantia: Domine quae munquid enim vane constitueisti omnes sese enim... (omnes)

Quis est homo qui vivet, et non videbit mortem: erut animam suam eundem eructavit de manu inferi?

Ubi sunt misericordiae tuae antiquae, Domine: siue justi David in veritate tua?

Memor esto, Domine, opprobrii servorum tuorum: quod continuis in sinu meo multarum gentium.

Quod exprobaverunt inimici tui, Domine: quod exprobaverunt commutationem Christi tui.

Benefactus Dominus in aeternum:

Fiat, Fiat.
THE XC PSALM.

Domine, refugium.

ORD, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come: again, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green, and growth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

7 For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

8 Thou hast set our miscedes before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten: and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow: so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath: for even thereafter as a man liareth, so is thy displeasure.

PSALMUS LXXXIX.

DOMINE, refugium factus es nostris: a generatione in generationem.

Priusquam montes sierent, aut forestas terra et orbis: a seculo et usque in seculum tu es Deus.

Ne avertas hominem in humiliatatem: et dixisti, Convertimini filii hominum.

Quoniam mille anni ante oculos tuos: tanquam dies hesterna, qua praeterit.

Et custodia in nocte: quae pro nihilo habentur, eorum anni crunt.

Mane sicut herba transeat, mane floret et transeat: vespere decidat, induret, et arsecat.

Quia defecimus in ira tua: et in furore tuo turbati sumus.

Posuisti iniquitates nostras in conspectu tuo: seculum nostrum in illuminacione vultus tui.

Quoniam omnes dies nostri defecereunt: et in ira tua defecimus.

Anni nostri sicut aranea meditabuntur: dies annorum nostrorum, in ipsis septuaginta anni.

Si autem in potentatibus octoginta anni: et amplius eorum labor et dolor. pluviam

Quoniam supernavit manu nostra: supernavit super nos et corripieatur.

Quis novit potestatem irae tuae: et praetimore tuo iram tuam dinumerare?

THE FOURTH BOOK.

PSALM XC.

The title of this Psalm is "a prayer of Moses the servant of God," and there is no reason to suppose otherwise than that it comes down from him. It seems to be a typical intercession of the typical mediator, uttered in view of that revelation of the Full of man, and of the sentence, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return," which is recorded in the Book of Genesis: and the second verse confirms this view by its striking analogy with the opening of that book. It may be, also, that the third verse is the prophet's contemplation of God's promise to Eve that One should arise of her descendants who should bruise the head of the Tempter, and thus open the gates of Paradise for the return of the children of men. It may be, also, that a dim foreshadowing of the time when Christ should appear is indicated by the fourth verse, though the Psalm was probably written about fifteen hundred years before His Advent.

1 Moses himself lived to the age of 120, and was then in full vigour. [Deut. xxxii. 7.] But the forty years which Israel spent in the wilderness appears to have been the extreme limit of a generation: and we may, therefore, conclude that "threescore years and ten" was the average age of mankind even in the time of Moses, and that his case was of an exceptional, perhaps miraculous, character.

2 St. Barnabas quotes the fourth as one indication among others that the world will last for 6000 years in its present condition. "Therefore, my children," he adds, "in six days, that is in the six thousand years, all things shall be finished. And He rested on the seventh day: this means, when His Son shall come, and shall abolish the time of the Wicked One." [Antichrist.] "And shall judge the ungodly, and shall change the sun and moon and stars. Then shall He rest gloriously on the seventh day."
THE PSALMS.

THE XCI PSALM.

Qui habitat.

W HOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold: my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe in his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Dexteram tuam sic notam fac: ut eruditos corde in sapientia.

Convertere, Domine, usquequo: et deprecabilis esto super servos tuos.

Repleti sumus mane misericordia tua: et exsultavimus et delectati sumus omnibus diebus nostri.

Laetati sumus pro diebus quibus nos Delectati humiliasti: annis quibus vidimus mala.

Respice in servos tuos et in opera tua: et dirige filios eorum.

Et sit splendor Domini Dei nostri super nos: et opera manuum nostrarum dirige super nos: et opus manuum nostrarum dirige.

PSALMUS XCI.

Qui habitat in adjutorio Altissimi: in protectione Dei eoli commorabitur.

Dicet Domino, Susceptor meus est tu, et refugium meum: Deus meus, sperabo in eum.

Quoniam ipse liberavit me de laquo liberabit venantium: et a verbo aspero.

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi: et sub pennis ejus sperabis.

Seuto circundabit te veritas ejus: non timebis a timore nocturno.

Even at this early date, God thus revealed to all to whom the words of this Psalm come the Evangelical truth more fully declared in after ages, that death is not a natural circumstance, belonging to the constitution of the human body and soul; but that it is a consequence of sin: “By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” [Rom. v. 12.] It is a truth which is likely to be brought into discredit in an age when physiological studies are not so much tempered as they ought to be by theological studies: but yet a truth which no physiological research can disprove, and which Holy Scripture distinctly asserts. Man does not die because it is a necessary part of his nature to wear out; but because the decree has gone forth, “Dying, thou shalt die.” [Gen. ii. 17.] The key-note, or Antiphon, of this Psalm is, then, to be found in the words of Isaiah, partly adopted by St. Peter: “The Voice said, Cry. And he said, what shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, and the flower fadeth, but the Word of our God shall stand for ever.” Blessed be God that a further revelation also has been made to us, “I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whatsoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.” “Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?”

PSALM XCI.

When the Tempter misquoted the eleventh and twelfth verses of this Psalm, he was the means of giving us evidence that it is spoken of Christ, for the holy Jesus did not contradict the application of it to Himself, but rebuked the wrong application of it

1 As Satan distorted God's command to our first parents, so he omitted "in all Thy ways,"—the ways of Christ's work and duty,—in quoting these verses.
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A sagitta volante in die, a negotio perambulante in tenebris: ab incursu, a ruina et et daemonio meridiano.

Cadent a latere tuo mille, et deem millia a dextris tuis: ad te autem non approquinabat.

Veruntamen oculus tuis considere-rabis: et retributionem pecatorum videbis.

Quoniam tu es, Domine, spea mea: Altissimum posui refugium tuum. posui

Non accedet ad te malum: et flagellum non approquinabat tabernae: ad propinabat culo tuo.

Quoniam angelis suis mandavist de mandabit te: ut custodian te in omnibus viis tua.

In manibus portabant te: ne forte ne quaeam offenderas ad lapidem pedem tuum.

Super aspidem et basiliscum ambulabitis: et conculacibus leonem et draconem.

Quoniam in me speravi, liberaO sperabat et eum: protegam eum, quoniam cognovit Nomen meum.

Clamabit ad me, et ego exaudiam Invocabit me eum: cum ipso sum in tribulatione; eripiam eum et glorificabo eum.

Longitudine dierum replebo eum: adimplebo et ostendam illi salutare meum.

THE XCVI PASHM.

BONUM est confiteri.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most High:

Amidst the frequent changes of pronouns which occur, it may yet be clearly discerned that the Psalm is substantially a continuous promise of God to the Beloved Son in Whom He is well pleased. The literal figure of the first and fourth verses looks, doubtless, towards the Mercy-seat over which the wings of the Cherubim were spread forth: but mystically it looks to that unity of the First and Second Person of the Blessed Trinity which St. John speaks of when he writes, "the only begetten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father." [John i. 18.] For this dwelling under the defence of the Most High and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty was the strength and safety of our Lord’s Human Nature. Thus He was delivered from the snares which the devil laid for Him in the Temptation: having been already delivered by His Immaculate Conception from the "noisome pestilence" of original sin. Thus the "fiery darts" of the Evil One were shot against Him in vain. Thus, though a thousand fell beside Him and ten thousand at His right hand by the sting of death, that pestilence came not nigh Him, for He was able to say, "O death, I will be Thy plague." Thus, also, did He withstand the "roaring lion" who goeth about seeking whom he may devour: thus did He bruise the head of the "adder," and thus, hereafter, will He tread under His feet "the Dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil," in His final glorious victory over all that is evil. And since He vouchsafes to make such an intimate union as He does make between Himself and His Church, therefore these promises that were made primarily to Him, the Bridegroom, may be taken as applicable, in a secondary degree, to her, the Bride, "Clothed with the Sun" of Righteousness, she will be brought to honour in the Presence of her Lord, and "having the glory of God," notwithstanding all the dangers and persecutions through which she will have to pass.
To tell of thy lovingkindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night-season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute: upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works: thy thoughts are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not well consider this: and a fool doth not understand it.

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish: then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, Lord, art the most Highest for evermore.

8 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish: and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn: for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies: and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

12 Such as are planted in the house of the Lord: shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age: and shall be fat and well-liking.

14 That they may show how true the Lord my strength is: and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

Ad annuntiandum mane misericordiam tuam: et veritatem tuam per noctem.

In decachordo psalterio: cum cantico, in cithara.

Quia delectasti me, Domine, in factura tua: et in operibus manuum tuarum exsultabo.

Quam magnificata sunt opera tua, Domine: nimis profunde factae sunt cogitationes tuae.

Vir insipiens non cognoscet: et stultus non intelliget hæ.

Cum exorti fuerint pecatores sicut fenam: et apparuerint omnes qui operantur iniquitatem:

Ut intereant in saeculum saeculi: tu autem Altissimus in aeternum, Domine.

Quoniam, ecce, inimici tui, Domine: quoniam, ecce, inimici tui peribunt: et dispergentur omnes qui operantur iniquitatem.

Et exaltabitur sicut unicornis cornu meum: et senectus mea in misericordia uberi.

Et despexit oculus meas inimicos respecti meos: et insurgentibus in me malignantibus audiet auris mea.

Justus ut palma florebit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicabitur.

Plantati in domo Domini: in atris domus Dei nostri florebunt.

Adhuc multiplicabuntur in senecta nuberi: et bene patientes crunt, ut annuntient,

Quoniam rectus Dominus Deus nostri est: et non est iniquitas in eo.

with the Mystical Body of Christ. He Himself was "anointed with the oil of gladness above His fellows:" but of His members it is also said, "Ye have an unction from the Holy One" [1 John ii. 20]; and their song, at the last, is an Evangelical paraphrase of this ninth verse, "Thou hast made us unto our God kings and priests." [Rev. v. 10.]

The concluding verses of the Psalm speak of the mystical Tree of Life so often referred to in this and in other parts of Holy Scripture. Our Lord adopts the figure of the Vine: here it is the palm and the cedar, the one renowned as providing food in extraordinary abundance, the other noted for beauty and strength. In each case the one Root, Stem, and Branch are signified; Him
THE XVIII.

Prayer.

Rev. xxi. 1.


Rom. viii. 35—39.

Rev. xxi. 27.

Deut. xxxii. 35.

Heb. x. 30.

Matt. xxvi. c.

Rev. vi. 10.

Heb. i. 8.

THE XCVIII PSALM.

Dominus regnavit.

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

2 He hath made the round world so sure: that it cannot be moved.

3 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared: thou art from everlasting.

4 The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly: but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

6 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh thine house for ever.

THE XCV PSI ALM.

Deus ultionum.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth: thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

2 Arise, thou Judge of the world: and reward the proud after their deserving.

3 Lord, how long shall the ungodly: how long shall the ungodly triumph?

4 How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully: and make such proud boasting?

from Whom the Israel of God alone derive Life, strength, and glory.

3. I will be as the dove unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return: they shall revive as the Corn, and grow as the Vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

PSALM XCVIII.1

The magnificent opening of this Psalm indicates the beginning of a series of which the 100th Psalm is the last, and in which (designedly or accidentally) the Advent of our Lord and His Kingship are the continued subjects of praise. As God He was supreme from eternity: but when He put on the apparel of His Human Nature He girded Himself with strength to become the Saviour of mankind: and, when that apparel became glorious by His Resurrection, to become King of kings and Lord of lords.

1. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from

1 The Septuagint title of the 93rd Psalm assigns it to "the day before the Sabbath, when the earth was founded." St. Augustine connects this title with the subject of the Psalm by reminding his hearers that on the sixth day God created man in His own Image, and that our Lord's Incarnation began the sixth age of the world.

PSALM XCIII.

Deus ultionum Dominus: Deus ultionum libreigit.

Exaltare qui judicas terram: reddre retributionem superbis.

Usquequo peccatores, Domine: usquequo peccatores gloribuntur:

Estabuntur, et loquentur iniquitatem:

Pronuntiantur omnes qui operantur injustitiam.

Barah? this that is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mightily to save."..."I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore Mine own arm brought salvation unto Me: and My fury, it upheld Me." By that Advent and Incarnation the Kingdom of kings hath made the round world "of His spiritual Kingdom so sure that it cannot be moved" from the Rock on which He has founded it, and the gates of Hell cannot prevail against it. The floods of the sea this world "beat vehemently upon that House," but it is founded on a Rock: and within its walls is that throne of everlasting dominion which was prepared ever since the world began in the loving purpose of an all-pleasing God to become the Saviour of man. Amid all the trouble that may fall on the Church, the immovable character of her foundation and the eternal Royalty of her Head will be her true consolation and support. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good comfort; I have overcome the world." [John xvi. 33.]

PSALM XCIV.

The first act of Christ's final sovereignty will necessarily be the judgment and subjugation of those who oppose His Kingdom. His own words declare the nature of His Second Advent and
manifestation, “Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven;” the opening words of the Revelation declare, “Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen” [Rev. i. 7]: and the prophet of the New Dispensation heard the martyrs using almost the words with which this Psalm opens, when “they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” This Psalm, therefore, is the call of the Church to Christ to fulfill her constant prayer, “Thy Kingdom come,” and the antecedent of her great Eucharistic hymn,—“We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Which art, and wast, and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned.” [Rev. xi. 17]

That events will occur shortly before our Lord’s Second Advent which will cause the Church of God to cry out in anguish for Christ to hasten His Kingdom and to judge her cause against the great Persecutor of that time, our Lord Himself revealed in His last discourse to the Apostles before His suffering. A constant tradition of the Christian world has also been maintained to the same effect. No doubt the full application of this Psalm will be revealed when that time arrives, a time when the faith and patience of Christians will be tried to the uttermost.

But, although the crowning violence of the great Enemy of...
THE XVIII.
Day.
Evening Prayer.

Acts iv. 5, 6.

Rev. xi. 18.

20 Wilt thou have any thing to do with the stool of wickedness: which imagineth mischief as a law?
21 They gather them together against the soul of the righteous: and condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the Lord is my refuge: and my God is the strength of my confidence.
23 He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice: yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.

THE XCV PSALM.

Venite, exultemus.

COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also. 5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

Nunquid adhæret tibi sede iniquitatis: qui finges laborem in praec acceptance? dolorem
Captabunt in animam justi: et sanctuam innocentem condamnabunt.
Et factus est mihi Dominus in refugium: et Deus meus in adjutorium in auxiliu spei mee.
Et redde illis iniquitatem ipsorum, illis Dominus et in malitia eorum disperdet eos: disperdet illos Dominus Deus nosterc.

PSALMS XCV.

VENITE, exultemus Domino: jubilemus Deo salutari nostro.

Praeoccupemus faciem ejus in confessione: et in psalmis jubilemus eii.

Quoniam Deus magnus Dominus: et rex magnus super omnes deos.
Quia in manu ejus sunt omnes fines terrae: et altitudines montium ipsius sunt.
Quoniam ipsius est mare, et ipse fecit illud: et siccam manus ejus formaverunt.
Veni adoremus et procidamus et ploremus ante Dominum qui facit nos: quia ipse est Deus nostro.
Et nos populus pasceus ejus: et ovites manus ejus.

Hodie si vocem ejus audiritis: nolite obdurare corda vestra.
Sicut in irritatione: secundum diem tentationis in deserto.

God and man is reserved for a future time, he is still the great Enemy at all times, and the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," is conjoined with the prayer, "Deliver us from evil,"—the Evil One and all the evil which he causes. Hence the continual prayer of the Church is uttered as in the face of an Enemy whose hatred never ceases, and whose power is being exercised against her year by year and day by day. The One Body, therefore, of whose sufferings the words of this Psalm were once most literally true, and of whom they will be so again, utters them still (even in a time when there is little outward persecution of Christians), because her foe is still what he has been and ever will be, and because all history is one continuous present in the eye of the Lord.

A large portion of this Psalm will bear personal application to the case of individual Christians, who may, in its words, acknowledge before God their sense of His love in the chastisements that are sent to them, and of the comforts with which He alone can refresh the soul in the multitude of its sorrows.

1 See p. 6 for a note on the use of this as an Invitatory Psalm.
9 When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

THE XCVI PSALM.

Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his honour unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.

4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

6 Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people: ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name: bring presents, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10 Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved: and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Ubi tentaverunt me patres vestri: probaverunt et viderunt opera mea.

Quadraginta annis offensionis sui generationi illi: et dixi, Semper hi errant corde.

Et isti non cognoverunt vias meas: ipsi vero quibus juravi

PSALMUS XCV.

CANTATE Domino canticum novum: cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino, et benedicite Nonmini ejus: annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriem ejus: in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

Quoniam magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nomen: terribilis est super omnes deos.

Quoniam omnes dii gentium daemonia: Dominus autem coelos fecit.

Confessio et pulchritudo in conspectu ejus: sanctimoniam et magnificentiam sanctificatione ejus.

Afferte Domino, patria gentium, afferte Domino gloriem et honorem: afferte Domino gloriem Nonmini ejus.

Tollite hostias, et introite in atria ejus: adorate Dominum in atrio sancto ejus.

Commoveatur a facie ejus universa terra: dicite in gentibus quia Dominus regnavit.

Etenim correxit orbem terre, qui non commovebitur: judicabit populos in sequitate.

the sixth verse, the glory of Christ is set forth with respect to the relation between Him and mankind: Let us worship Him, for He is not only Creator of the Universe, but He is our Creator, our God, our Divine Shepherd. The latter verses of this second division of the Psalm consist of a warning to the Christian flock of the Good Shepherd drawn from the history of His Jewish flock.

"Let us labour, therefore, to enter into that rest, lest any man fall, after the same example of unbelief." [Heb. iv. 11.]

PSALM XCVI.

As our Lord said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" [John xiii. 34]: so a "new song" commemorates the great change which His Death and Resurrection effected by drawing the heathen into His fold. The glory of the King of kings is no longer to be declared only to His people Israel, but also to the heathen, out of whom He gathers a new Israel when rejected by the unbelieving Jews. The Christian sense of this Psalm, therefore, makes it not only a proclamation of the glory of God as a God infinitely superior to the idols of the heathen, but also a proclamation of the glory of His salvation wrought for all, and an invitation to all to come and sacrifice in His courts, and to worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

This beautiful hymn is therefore a prophetic anticipation of the
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

THE XCVII PSALM.

Dominus regnavit.

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

3 There shall go a fire before him, and burn up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that worshipped carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods.

8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah, were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Latentur coeli, et exultet terra; commoveatur mare, et plenitud ejus: gaudebunt campi, et omnia quae in eas sunt.

Tune exsultabunt omnia ligna silvarum a facie Domini, quia venit: quoniam venit judicare terram.

Judicabit orbem terrae in æquitate: et populos in veritate sua.

THE XCVI PSALM.

Regnavit, exultet terra letentur insula multa.

Nubes et caligo in circuitu ejus: justitia et judicium correcctio sedis ejus.

Ignis ante ipsum præcedet: et in flamminabit in circuitu inimicos ejus.

Alluxerunt fulgura ejus orbi terræ: unus cæli vidit et commota est terra.

Montes sicut cæra fluxerunt a facie Domini: a facie Domini omnis terra.

Annuntiaverunt coeli justitiam ejus: et viderunt omnes populi gloriæ ejus.

Confundatur omnes qui adorant sculptilia: et qui gloriantur in simulachris suis.

Adorate eum omnes angeli ejus: auditet et latetata est Sion.

Et exsultaverunt filiae Judææ: propter judicia tua, Domine.

Quoniam tu Dominus altissimus super omnem terram: nimis exaltatus es super omnes deos.


miracle of Pentecost when men of every nation under Heaven heard the wonderful works of God in the Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, proclaimed to them in their native languages; and of that time when the Apostles learned more distinctly still that it was the purpose of their Master that they should found His Church among the Gentiles as well as the Jews. "God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

PSALM XCVII.

From the manner in which St. Paul quotes the seventh verse of this Psalm, it must be taken as written altogether to the praise of our Lord: "When He bringeth in the First-begotten into the world He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him." It is therefore a hymn to the glory of Christ in respect to His reign in the Kingdom gained by His Incarnation. "He Who stood before the judge, He Who received blows, He Who was scourged, He Who was spit upon, He Who was crowned with thorns, He Who was buffeted, He Who hung upon the cross, He Who, as He hung upon the wood, was mocked, He Who died upon the cross, He Who was pierced with the spear, He Who was buried, He Who arose from the dead: The Lord is King." Such are the forcible words with which St. Augustine begins His exposition of the first verse, and he adds that "the word of God hath been preached, not in the continent alone, but also in those islands which lie in mid-sea; even these are full of Christians, full of the servants of God," by which he appears to refer to the British Isles as
Christian Church and the Jewish community, gathered together,
singing to the glory of God, to celebrate the coming of the Messiah,
and to express their joy at his salvation.

Thus does the musical and prophetic tradition continue,
reminding us of the expectations of the ancient world
and the hopes of the Christian Church.

This psalm is a call to praise and to sing,
to declare the glory of God and the salvation he has brought.
It is a reminder of the glory of God
and the future king who will reign justly.

THE XCVIII PSALM.
Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.
2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.
3 The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5 Show your selves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
6 Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7 With trumpets also, and shawms: O shew your selves joyful before the Lord the King.
8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.
9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he is come to judge the earth.
10 With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

Among those who were known to be glad that the Lord is King.
"Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands!" "My righteousness is near: My salvation is gone forth, and Mine arms shall judge the people: the isles shall wait upon Me, and on Mine arm shall they trust."

Thus does all the earth bow down before Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords, waiting for that time when He shall come in the clouds of heaven to reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously: once reigning from the Cross by suffering, for ever from the throne in the majesty of Divine Power.

PSALM XCVIII.

This is a prophetic hymn of the whole Church of God, Jew and Gentile, gathered into the one Christian fold, and singing to the glory of one Lord and King, coming to judge the world with righteousness, power, love, and mercy. The Israel of old, the people gathered from "the ends of the earth," all the created
THE XCI PSALM.

**Domus regnavit.**

**THE LORD is King, be the people never so impatient; he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.**

1. The Lord is great in Sion: and high above all people.

2. They shall give thanks unto thy Name: which is great, wonderful, and holy.

3. The King's power loveth judgement: thou hast prepared equity: thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

4. O magnify the Lord our God: and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

5. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

6. He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar: for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

7. Thou hearest them, O Lord our God: thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

8. O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill: for the Lord our God is holy.

THE C PSALM.

**Jubilate Deo.**

Mattins Canticle.

_O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song._

GREAT and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints._

PSALM XCIX.

**JUBILATE** Deo omnis terra: serve Domino in latitu.

Introite in conspectu ejus: in exsultatione.

works of God, are called upon to sing the new song which proclaims the final victory of the King of kings. Such praises for the marvellous works of Christ in the salvation of mankind are being offered day by day in the Psalms and hymns of the Church, and still more in her Eucharistic Sacrifices: but they will be offered more purely and fully when the vision of St. John becomes a reality: “Every creature which is in Heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever.” Already with voice and with instrumental music the Church sings her new song of thanksgiving to her King, but heretofore those who have attained a part in His Victory over evil will stand upon “as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire,” surrounded with the dazzling light of a heavenly sunshine, “having the harps of God,” and singing “the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,
2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

THE CI PSALM.

Misericordiam et judicium.

M Y song shall be of mercy and judgement: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

2 O let me have understanding: in the way of godliness.

3 When wilt thou come unto me? I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand: I hate the sins of unfaithfulness: there shall no such cleave unto me.

5 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour: him will I destroy.

7 Whoso hath also a proud lock and high stomach: I will not suffer him.

Scitote quoniam Dominus, ipse est Deus: ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.

Populus ejus et oves pascebimus ejus, Nos autem pependi introite portas ejus in confessione: atria ejus in hymnis; confitemini illi. hymnis confessionem

Laudate Nomen ejus: quoniam sua-vis est Dominus; in æternum miserico-frid a eujus: et usque in generationem in seculum seculi et generationem veritas ejus.

Psalmus et intelligam in via immaculata: quando venies ad me.

Perambulabam in innocentia cordis mei: in medio domus mea.

Non proponebam ante oculos meos rem injustam: facientes pravaria tiones odivi.

Non adhaesit mihi cor pravum: declinanatem a me malignum non cognoscebam.

Detrhament secreto proximo suo: adversus praxim omnem oculi.

Superbo oculo et insatiabili corde: cum hoc non edebam.

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Psalm C.

God [v. 2]: and that (as in Isaiah, Ezekiel, and the Vision of St. John) the Presence of God is associated with mysterious beings called “living creatures,” “Seraphim” and “Cherubim.” As Isaiah spake of Christ, and beheld His glory in that vision of the high, and lifted up and sitting upon His throne, so also did St. John when he beheld the throne in the midst of the four-and-twenty elders of the Old and New Dispensation. So also in this Psalm we behold the Lord Jesus set before us as the King of glory, the Object of our highest reverence and worship, manifesting His Presence at His footstool.

This is also a jubilant thanksgiving of the Catholic Church of Christ for the blessing of God’s adoption. No longer is the Divine Presence manifested in one land alone, but “all lands” are illuminated by it: no longer is the fold of God opened only to one people, but all the baptized are numbered among the sheep of His pasture; and they are His, not because He has “made” them according to natural Creation, but because they have become adopted children through the supernatural re-creation by which they have been born again.

With great joy, therefore, the Church remembers the words of the Lord, “I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.” With great joy she calls to mind that He also said, “By Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and go in and out, and find pasture” . . . . “there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd.” And knowing what “gracious words proceeded out of His mouth” when He was visible among men, those words are to faithful hearts as if they were being continuously spoken, words of mercy and words of truth that never cease to be heard by those who listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

This Psalm is, therefore, to be taken as a thanksgiving for the grace given in the Church by the manifestation of Christ’s Presence: according to His words of enduring truth, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” “The Lord is King,” “Be ye sure that the Lord He is God!” even the Lord our Shepherd.

Psalm CI.

Mercy and judgment are the two great characteristics which mark the acts of Christ towards others while He was upon earth, and the two which distinguish His rule in His Kingdom. This Psalm expresses first His righteous purposes while preparing the way of His Kingdom and lifting up the longings of His human heart to the Father; and, secondly, His Voice speaking from the midst of His Mystical Body during the period of its probation and of its waiting for the Second Advent.

Under these two aspects is thus set forth the entire holiness of
8 Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land; that they may dwell with me.
9 Whoso leadeth a godly life; he shall be my servant.
10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house; he that taketh lies shall not tarry in my sight.
11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land; that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

THE CII. PSALM.
Domine, exaudi.

Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.
3 For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.
4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.
5 For the voice of my groaning: my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.
6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness: and like an owl that is in the desert.
7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow: that sitteth alone upon the house-top.
8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long: and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

Oculi mei ad siles terrae, ut sedeant mecum: ambulans in via immaculata, hic mihi ministrabat.

Non habitabit in medio domus meae qui facit superbiam: qui loquitur iniusta, non direxit in conspectu occulorum meorum.

In matutino interficiabam omnes pecatores terrae: ut disperderem de civitate Domini omnes operantes iniquitatem.

PSALMUS CI.

DOMINE, exaudi orationem meam: Sal. Mattins.

et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Non avertas faciem tuam a me: in quacunque die tribulor, inclina ad me aurem tuam.

In quacunque die invocavero te: velociter exaudi me.

Quia defecerunt sicut fumus dies solidus in ferialium conficiam aut

Percussus sum ut silemur, et aruit cor meum: quia oblivis sum comedere manducare panem meum.

A voce gemitis mei: adhaesit os adhaerens ossa mea

meum carni meae.

Similis factus sum pelicano solitudo nis: factus sum sicut nyticorax in domicilio.

Vigilavi: et factus sum sicut passer unicns in addesto solitarius in teeto.

Tota die exprobabant mihi inimici mei: et qui laudabant me adversum me jurabant.

PSALM CII.

In this, the fifth of the Penitential Psalms, the Voice of Christ, as the Representative Penitent, is heard pleading with God for pardon and restoration to His Presence. Though, as St. Augustine says, there are some things which make us fear to say so, there are other things which force us to say so; and a humble reverence influencing all our thoughts on so awful a subject, we may thankfully accept such a meaning as exhibiting the fullness and depth of our Saviour's Sacrifice of Himself for sinners. The same holy Voice is also heard lifting up the supplication of His fainting Church that God will build up the walls of the Heavenly City, and raise it to the glory of a never-ending endurance by filling it with the glory of His eternal Presence. So out of the
For I have eaten ashes as it were bread; and mingled my drink with weeping;
10 And that because of thine indignation and wrath: for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.
11 My days are gone like a shadow: and I am withered like grass.
12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever: and thy remembrance throughout all generations.
13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.
14 And why? thy servants think upon her stones: and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.
15 The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy Majesty;
16 When the Lord shall build up Sion: and when his glory shall appear;
17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute: and despiseth not their desire.
18 This shall be written for those that come after: and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.
19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary: out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;
20 That he might bear the mourning of such as are in captivity: and deliver the children appointed unto death;
21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion: and his worship at Jerusalem.

Quia cinerem tanquam panem manducabam: et potum meum cum fluero miscebam.

A facie irae indignationis tuae: quia in mea et elevans allisisti me.

Dies mei sicut umbra declinaverunt: et ego sicut fœnum arui.

Tu antem, Domine, in eternum permanes: et memoriale tuum in generatione
in sanctuariu suo et generationem.

Tu exsurges, Domine, miserere Sion: quia tempus miserendi ejus, quia venit tempus.

Quoniam placuerunt servis tuis lapides ejus: et terræ ejus miserebantur.

Et timebant gentes Nomen tuum, Domine: et omnes reges terræ gloriam tuam.

Quia adificavit Dominus Sion: et venerunt servit cum magnificatur
et non sprevit precem eorum.

Scribantur hee in generatione altera: et populus qui erabibat laudabit Dominum.

Quia prospexit de excelso sancto suo: Dominus de celo in terram aspexit;

Ut audiret gemitus competidorum: ut solemn filios interemptorum.

Ut annuntiet in Sion Nomen Domini annuntiet... et fons

depth of sorrow for sin Faith looks forward to that blessed time when “God shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of His people; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” [Rev. xxi. 4.]

It is significant of our Lord’s great humiliation that His words here are in several places similar to those used by Job: “ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord.” [James v. 11.] Thus Job laments, “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and are spent without hope. ... My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. ... My bone cleaveth to my skin, and to my flesh. ... I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. ... My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.” Some expressions are also similar to those used by other suffering servants of God; as of Hezekiah when he said, “I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will He break all my bones; from day even to night, so wilt Thou make an end of me. Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O Lord, I am oppressed, undertake for me.” Or as Jeremiah in his Lamentations respecting Israel, “Theirvisage is blacker than a coal: they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.” And thus it seems to be intimated that “in all our afflictions He was afflicted,” and that when He bore our sins in His own Body on the Cross, He bore all the miseries also that sins bring with them condensed into one scourging ray of woe upon His Person.

It is out of the midst of such misery that “The Afflicted One” looked forth on the travail of His soul and was satisfied; and though He had but a few hours before predicted of the Temple and of Jerusalem that not one stone should be left upon another, yet He could say, “Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion

1 The title of this Psalm is, “A Prayer of the Afflicted, when He is overwhelmed, and poureth out His complaint before the Lord.”
22 When the people are gathered together: and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey: and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age: as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

THE CIII PSALM.

Benedic, anima mea.

Luke i. 46. 
Eph. i. 5.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and lovingkindness;

In con vene ndo populos in unum: et reges ut serviant Domino.

Respondit ei in via virtutis suae: paulatatem dierum meorum nuntia recipit.

Ne revoces me in dimidio dierum meorum: in generatione et generationem annis tuis.

Initio tu, Domine, terram fundasti: et opera manuum tuarum sunt coeli.

Ipsi peribunt, tu autem permanes: et omnes sicut vestimentum veterescent.

Et sicut operatorium mutabis eos, et mutabuntur: tu autem idem ipse es, et anni tui non deficient.

Fili servorum tuorum habitabunt: et semen eorum in saeculum dirigetur. 

PSALMUS CII.

BENEDIC, anima mea, Domino: et omnia quae intra me sunt, nomini sancto ejus.

Benedic, anima mea, Domini: et noli oblivisci omnes retributiones ejus.

Qui propitiatur omnibus iniquitatibus tuis: qui sanat omnes infirmitates tuas.

Qui redimit de interitu vitam tuam: qui coronat te in misericordia et miserationibus.

. . . When the Lord shall build up Zion," for He knew that the fulness of time had come, and that though the earthly Zion was about to become a desolation, the City of God was to be built up anew, a spiritual house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

To the edification of the spiritual Zion the rest of the Psalm looks: seeming to say with the prophet, "O Thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay Thy stones with fair colours, and lay Thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make Thy windows of agates, and Thy gates of carbuncles, and all Thy borders of pleasant stones. And all Thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of Thy children. In righteousness shalt Thou be established." Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall Thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be Thine everlasting Light, and the days of Thy mourning shall be ended."

So Christ looked forward from His throne of suffering and vicarious penitence to His throne of dominion and glory. So the Church, His Mystical Body, looks forward from the time of her militant waiting, her contest with sin, her persecution at the hands of Christ's enemies, to the time when the Lord shall create all things new. So the penitent soul, abased before the Judge of all, may look forward too; and making its prayer the prayer of the Poor destitute," receive of the riches which His poverty gained for sinners in an Absolution on earth that will be ratified in that Day when the redeemed and pardoned shall "stand fast," upheld by the Cross of their afflicted and glorified Saviour.

PSALM CIII.

The Evangelical key-note to this Psalm was given by St. Paul when he wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places, in Christ."

In its Liturgical use it is to be regarded as the thanksgiving of the Church for the redeeming work of Christ: a thanksgiving offered up indeed on behalf of the whole body of human nature, for every individual member of which that ever lived, or ever will live, Christ died. For the Church is the true "anima mundi," and,
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement: for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He shewed his ways unto Moises: his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not always be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children.

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them.

Qui replet in bonis desiderium tuum: renovabitur ut aquila juvenis tua.

Faciens misericordias Dominus: et judicium omnibus injuriam patientiis.

Notas fecit vias suus Moysi: filiis Israel voluntates suas.

Miserator et misericors Dominus: patientes et longanimis et multum misericors.

Non in perpetuum irascetur: neque in facem irascitur

et in aeternum comminabitur.

Non secundum peccata nostra fecit nobis: neque secundum iniquitates nostras retribuit nobis.

Quoniam secundum altitudinem colit a terra: corroboravit misericordiam

suam super timentes se.

Quantum distat ortus ab occidente: orientes... elongavit

longe fecit a nobis iniquitates nostras.

Quomodo miseretur pater filiorum, Sicut misertus est Dominus timentibus se:

quoniam ipsum cognovit figuramentum nostrum: quia ipsa est

trum.

Recordatus est quoniam pulvis sumus: Homo sicut pecunia dies ejus;

tanquam flos agri sic effloret.

Quoniam spiritus transmittit in illo, et non subsistet: et non cognosceat

amplius locum suum.

Misericordia autem Domini ab aeter-

no: et usque in aeternum super timentes eum.

Et justitia illius in filios filiorum:

his qui servant testamentum ejus;

Et memores sunt mandatorum ip-

suis: ad faciendum ea.

although the world without, and even the dumb creation, praises

God in a certain sense by the fulfulness of his duty and vocation,

it is within the Church alone that mankind can appreciate the

blessings of Redemption, and praise the Lord for them.

The Psalm contemplates mankind, then, as a whole, and in its

collapsed condition, and looks forward to that work whose effects

reached back to the age of the Psalmist and to all previous times,

the work by which the Saviour of all brought about the forgive-

ness of all. The “sin” is thus not any particular sins of one per-

son, but the aggregate sin of mankind, there being no sin for

which the blood of Christ is not a sufficient sacrifice and Atone-

ment. The “infirmities” are also those which came upon man-

kind through sin; all that long train of physical weaknesses and

degenerations which culminate in death: and all those spiritual

weaknesses which the grace of God only can prevent from ending in

spiritual destruction. Thus Christ procured a modification of the sentence, “Thou shalt surely die,” by redeeming the life of human nature from that incapacity for immortality which was the con-

sequence of the Fall; and restoring it to the vigour of its first

state, making it “young and lusty as an eagle.”

This gives the key to the interpretation of the whole Psalm.

Man deserved the loss of eternal life and of the Vision of God,

but the Lord was full of compassion and mercy, and provided a

means of pardon and restoration. Man alienated himself from

the family of God, yet He pitied men as His children still, and

remembers that they were created with a power of falling from
19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the Lord, ye Angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfill his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

THE CIV PSALM.

Benedic, anima mea.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment: and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

4 He maketh his angels spirits: and his ministers a flaming fire.

5 He laid the foundations of the earth: that it never should move at any time.

6 Thou coverest it with the deep like as with a garment: the waters stand in the hills.

7 At thy rebuke they flee: at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath: even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

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Dominus in ceelo paravit sedem suam: et regnum ipsius omnibus dominabitur.

Benedicite Domino, omnes angeli ejus: potentes virtute, facientes verbum illius, ad audiendam vocem sermounum ejus.

Benedicite Domino, omnes virtutes ejus: ministri ejus qui facitis voluntatem ejus.

Benedicite Domino, omnia opera ejus: in omni loco dominations ejus; benedice, anima mea, Domino.

PSALMUS CIII.

BENEDIC, anima mea, Domino: Domine, Deus meus, magnificatus es vehementer.

Confessionem et decorem induisti: amictus lumine sicut vestimento.

Extendens colenum sicut pellem: qui tegis aquis superiora ejus.

Qui ponit nubem ascensionem tuum: qui possit, be.

Qui ambulas super pennas ventorum.

Qui facis angulos tuos spiritus: et ministros tuos ignem urentem.

Qui fundasti terram super stabilitatem suam: non inclinabitur in seculum seculi.

Abyssus, sicut vestimentum, amictus politum ejus: super montes stabunt aquae.

Ab inceptione tua fugient: a voce tonitruit tui formidabant.

Ascendunt montes: et descendunt campi: in locum quem fundasti eis.
9 Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass: neither turn again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the rivers which run among the hills.

11 All beasts of the field drink thereof: and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation: and sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from above: the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

14 He bringeth forth grass for the cattle: and green herb for the service of men;

15 That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

16 The trees of the Lord also are full of sap: even the cedars of Libanus which he hath planted.

17 Wherein the birds make their nests: and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and so are the stony rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for certain seasons: and the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness that it may be night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

21 The lions roaring after their prey: do seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, and they get them away together: and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour until the evening.

Terminus posuisti, quem non transgressindur: neque convertentur operire terram.

Qui emittis fontes in convallibus: emitst inter medium montium pertransibunt aquae.

Potabunt omnes bestiae agri: expect bestiae silvarum

Super ea volucres coeli habitabunt: de medio petrarum dabunt voces.

Rigants montes de superioribus suis: de fructu operum tuorum satiabitur terra.

Producens floem jumentis: et herbam servitutis hominum.

Ut educas panem de terra: et vinum educatur latificet cor hominis.

Ut exhilaret faciem in oleo: et panis cor hominis confirmet.

Saturabuntur ligna campi, et cedri omnia ligna silvarum plantabunt.

Herodii domus dux est eorum: Facili domum montes excelsi cervis; petra refugium herinacis.

Fecit lunam in tempora: sol cognovit occasum suum.

Posuisti tenebras, et facta est nox: in ipsa pertransibunt omnes bestiae silvae.

Catuli leonum rugientes, ut rapiant: et querant a Deo escam sibi.

Ortus est sol, et congregati sunt: et in cubilibus suis collocabuntur.

Exhibi homo ad opus suum: et ad operationem suam usque ad vesperam.
O Lord, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also: wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan: whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it: and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him: if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end: praise then the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

Quam magnificata sunt opera tua, Domine: omnia in sapientia fecisti: impleta est terra possessione tua.

Hoc mare magnum et spatiosum manibus: illic reptilia quorum non est numerus.

Animalia pusilla cum magnis: illic naves pertransibunt.

Draco iste quem formasti ad illudendum ei: omnia a te expectant, ut des exp. Domine illis escam in tempore.

Dante te ills, colligent: aperiente te manum tuam, omnia implebuntur replebantur uberrimis.

Avertente autem te faciem, turbabuntur: aures spiritum corum et deficient, et in pulverem suum reverterentur.

Emitte spiritum tuum et creabuntur: et renovabis faciem terrae.

Sit gloria Domini in seculum: lacta ser, acedit Dominus in operibus suis.

Qui respicit terram, et facit eam tremere: qui tangit montes et fumigant. fumigabunt

Cantabo Domino in vita mea: psalmam Deo meo quamdui sum.

Jucundum sit ei eloquium meum: Sua res et eius bos datio mea

Ego vero delectabor in Domino.

Deficient peccatores a terra, et iniqui ita ut non sint: benedic, anima mea, Domino.

GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done.

Lamb is the light thereof.” The Creator saying “the beams of His chambers in the waters” brings up thoughts of those waters of Baptism on which the Holy Spirit founds the work of New Creation in the Church of God. The many allusions to water will lead the mind to dwell on the streams of grace which flow like a “pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.” Man “going forth to his work and to his labour until the evening” represents the whole period of that dispensation which will end in “the rest that remaineth for the people of God,” and the regeneration and glorious resurrection of mankind and nature is clearly indicated by the renewal of the earth under the operation of God’s Spirit.
THE PSALMS.

The XXI. Day.
Morning Prayer.

2 O let your songs be of him, and praise him: and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.
3 Rejoice in his holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
4 Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore.
5 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done: his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant: ye children of Jacob his chosen.
7 He is the Lord our God: his judgements are in all the world.
8 He hath been always mindful of his covenant and promise: that he made to a thousand generations;
9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham: and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;
10 And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law: and to Israel for an everlasting testament;
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan: the lot of your inheritance.
12 When there were yet but a few of them: and they strangers in the land;
13 What time as they went from one nation to another: from one kingdom to another people;
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: but reproved even kings for their sakes;
15 Touch not mine Anointed: and do my prophets no harm.
16 Moreover, he called for a deearth upon the land: and destroyed all the provision of bread.
17 But he had sent a man before them: even Joseph, who was sold to be a bondservant;

Cantate ei et psallite ei: narrate omnia mirabilia ejus: laudamini in Nomine sancto ejus.
Lætetur cor quærentium Dominum: querite Dominum et confirmamini: querite faciem ejus semper.
Mementote mirabilium ejus quæ fecit: prodigia ejus et judicia oris ejus.
Semen Abraham servi ejus: filii Jacob electi ejus.
Ipse Dominus Deus noster: in universa terra judicia ejus.
Memor fuit in saeculum testamenti sui: verbi quod mandavit in mille generationes.
Quod disposit ad Abraham: et juramenti sui ad Isaac.

Et statuit illud Jacob in preceptum: et Israel in testamentum sterno.
Dicens, Tibi dabo terram Chanaan: funiculum hereditatis vestrae.
Cum essent numero brevi: paucissimi, et incolae ejus.

Et pertransierunt de gente in gentem: et de regno ad populum alterum.
Non reliquit hominem nocere eis: permisit et corripuit pro eis reges.
Nolite tangere christos meos: et in prophetis meis nolite malignari.
Et vocavit famem super terram: et omne firmamentum panis contrivit.
Misit ante eos virum: in servum venundatus est Joseph.

again going forth as at the first Creation. Thus we sing to the glory of the Lord, not only respecting the visible Creation, but also respecting that of which "He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."

PSALM CV.

This and the following Psalm were written, prophetically or historically, with reference to the Captivity in Babylon. The one rehearses, in the form of a didactic hymn, the great goodness which God had ever shown to His people, and His faithfulness in keeping the covenant which He had made with their forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and with themselves, as a nation, in the time of Moses. The other recounts the history of the unfaithfulness which Israel had so continually shown towards God, and the sins for which He had suffered them to be carried into captivity.

The first fifteen verses of this Psalm form part of that of which it is said, "On that day David delivered first this Psalm to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph and his brethren," and the first five and the last two verses of the 106th Psalm are identical with the last three of the one so spoken of. [1 Chron. xvi. 1—36.]

Both the 105th and the 106th Psalms seem to be also associated with the 104th by the sequence of the subjects and by the Hallelujah, or Praise ye the Lord, which concludes all three an
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Morning Prayer.

18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks: the iron entered into his soul;
19 Until the time came that his cause was known: the word of the Lord tried him.
20 The king sent, and delivered him: the prince of the people let him go free.
21 He made him lord also of his house: and ruler of all his substance;
22 That he might inform his princes after his will: and teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt: and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people exceedingly: and made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people: and dealt untruly with his servants.
26 Then sent he Moses his servant: and Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 And these shewed his tokens among them: and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and it was dark: and they were not obedient unto his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood: and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs: yea, even in their kings’ chambers.
31 He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies: and lice in all their quarters.
32 He gave them hail-stones for rain: and flames of fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and fig-trees: and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.

THE PSALMS.

Humiliaverunt in compedibus pædes ejus: ferrum pertransit animam ejus, donec veniret verbum ejus.
Eloquium Domini inflammavit eum misit rex et solvit eum; princeps populi anemi et dimisit eum.

Constituit eum dominum domus sua: et principem omnis possessionis sua.
Ut erudiret principes ejus sicut semetipsum: et senes ejus prudentiam doceret.
Et intravit Israel in Aegyptum: et Jacob accola fuit in terra Cham.

Et auxit populum suum vehementer: nimiis et firmavit eum super inimicos ejus.
Convertit cor eorum ut odirent populum ejus: et dolum facerent in servos ejus.
Misit Moysen servum suum: Aaron quem elegit ipsam.
Posuit in eis verba signorum suorum: et prodigiorum in terra Cham.

Misit tenebras et obscuravit: et non exacerbavit sermones suos.
Convertit aquis eorum in sanguinem: et occidit pisces eorum.
Et dedit terra eorum ramas: in pene-tralibus regum ipsorum.
Dixit et venit cynomyia et ciniphes: in omnibus finibus eorum.
Posuit pluvias eorum grandinem: ignem combreurentem in terra ipsorum.
Et percussit vineas eorum et ficultas eorum: et contrivit lignum finium omne lignum eorum.

begins the two former 1, and appears, for the first time, in this series of Psalms.

As the Old Testament is now as much the heritage of the Christian as it was anciently of the Jewish Church, so the history of God’s ancient people is part of the history of the one chosen people of God: for there is an essential continuity between the Church of the Old and the Church of the New Dispensation through the Person of our Blessed Lord. In singing this Psalm, therefore, the Church of Christ is (1) celebrating the merciful Providence of God in so preserving the particular nation of the Jews that from among their number the Saviour should be born: and (2) praising Him also for His continual loving-kindness to those whom Christius must regard as their own spiritual ancestors.

But, in addition to this literal sense in which the Psalm is to be used, it must be remembered that the history of Israel is typical in the highest degree: and that we are, therefore, justified in looking for mystical meanings throughout in any portion of Holy Scripture, and especially the Psalms, in which the events of that history are recounted. Some of these mystical meanings may be particularly noticed. The foundation of the whole Psalm, for example, is the covenant which God made with the patriarchs, “saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of
34 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and catterpillars innumerable: and did eat up all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

35 He smote all the first-born in their land: even the chief of all their strength.

36 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

37 Egypt was glad at their departing: for they were afraid of them.

38 He spread out a cloud to be a covering: and fire to give light in the night-season.

39 At their desire he brought quails: and he filled them with the bread of heaven.

40 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out: so that rivers ran in the dry places.

41 For why? he remembered his holy promise: and Abraham his servant.

42 And he brought forth his people with joy: and his chosen with gladness;

43 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they took the labours of the people in possession;

44 That they might keep his statutes: and observe his laws.

THE CVI PSALM.

Confitemini Domino.

GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

Dixit et venit locusta et bruchus:
cujus non erat numeros.

Et comedit omnem semen in terrae eorum et gressus omnem fructum terrae eorum.

Et percussit omne primogenitum in terrae eorum: primitias omnis laboris terrae Egypti eorum.

Et eduxit eos cum argento et auro: et non erat in tribubus eorum infirmus.

Lastata est Aegyptus in professione eorum: quia incubuit timor eorum ecceit super eos.

Expandit nubem in professionem eorum: et ignem ut luceret eis per noctem.

Petierunt, et venit coturnix: et pane Petierunt coram eis et coeli saturavit eos.

Dirupit petram et fluxerunt aquae: abierunt in sicco flumina:

Quoniam memori fuit verbi sancti sui: quod habuit ad Abraham puerum quod locutus est ad suum.

Et eduxit populum suum in expulsatione: et electos suos in lastitia.

Et dedit illis regiones gentium: et labores populi populosus possederunt:

Ut custodiant justificationes ejus: et legem ejus exquirant.

PSALMUS CV.

CONFITEMINI Domino, quoniam gratia Matins.

bonus: quoniam in seculum misericordia ejus.

your inheritance:” which covenant was made when “there were yet but a few of them: and they strangers in the land.” Such a covenant, also, was made by God with His newly-chosen people, a covenant signified in our Lord’s words, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” [Luke xii. 32.] “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [Rev. iii. 21.] Again, the Torch not Mine Anointed of the Psalm clearly refers, literally, to the Patriarchs and to their descendants; mysteriously it is impossible not to see its reference to Christ and to those who are made kings and priests by the anunction of the Holy Spirit. In the sending a Man before them, even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant, whose feet they hurt in the stocks, the iron entered into his soul, we cannot fail to see a mystical type of the Man Who took upon Him the form of a servant, Whose feet were fastened to the Cross, Whose heart the iron lance pierced through, and Whom the King delivered in the Resurrection, making Him Lord also of His house, and Ruler of all His substance, by raising His Human Nature to the throne of Heaven. So also, in the increase of the people of Israel, in their growing stronger than their enemies, in the hatred of them, and the untrue dealing to which they were subjected, it is not difficult to see a typical representation of the first growth of the Church, and of its contest with the heathen world. Lastly, the plagues of Egypt find their parallel in the last plagues of Antichrist predicted in the Apocalypse: and the deliverance of the people from Egypt, their going forth with gladness, is a type of that final rest of the Church when it will have entered upon the many mansions prepared for it by the Father.

PSALM CVI.

The first and the last two verses of this Psalm are to be found, as already mentioned, in the dedication hymn of David: but the
The XXI. Day. Evening Prayer.
Exodus xiii. 30.

2 Who can express the noble acts of the Lord: or shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that alway keep judgement: and do righteousness.
4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation.

Luke x. 23.

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen: and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers: we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.
7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance: but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Exodus i. 16.

8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name’s sake: that he might make his power to be known.

Exodus xiv. 12, Rev. xvi. 12.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the adversary’s hand: and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

Exodus xiv. 30.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them: there was not one of them left.

Exodus xvi. 1-21.

12 Then believed they his words: and sang praise unto him.

Exodus xvi. 2.

13 But within a while they forgot his works: and would not abide his counsel.

Numb. xi. 4.

14 But lust came upon them in the wilderness: and they tempted God in the desert.

Numb. xi. 31.

15 And he gave them their desire: and sent leanness withal into their soul.

Numb. xvi. 1.

16 They angered Moses also in the tents: and Aaron the saint of the Lord.

Quis loquetur potentias Domini: auditas faciet omnes laudes ejus?

Beati qui custodient judicium et faciunt justitiam: in omni tempore.

Memento nostri, Domine, in beneficentia populi tui: visita nos in salutaris tuo.

Ad videndum in bonitate electorum tuorum, ad laetandum in laetitia gentis tuae: ut laudem cum hæreditate tua.

Pecavimus cum patribus nostris: injuste egimus, iniquitatem fecimus.

Patres nostri in Egypto non intellexerant mirabilia tua: non fuerunt memorae multitudinis misericordiae tuae.

Et irritaverunt ascendentes in mare: et in Rubrum mare Rubrum.

Et salvavit eos propter Nomen suum: liberavit ut notam faceret potentiam suam.

Et increpuit mare Rubrum, et exsiccatum est: et deduxit eos in abyssus in aqua muria sicut in deserto.

Et salvavit eos de manu odientium: liberavit et redemit eos de manu inimici.

Et operuit aqua tribulantes eos: unus ex eis non remanisit.

Et crediderunt verbis ejus: et laus contaverunt daverunt laudem ejus.

Cito fecerunt, oblii sunt operum ejus: et non sustinuerunt consilium ejus.

Et concupierunt concupiscientiam in deserto: et tentaverunt Deum in animum in sicilitate quoso.

Et dedit eis petitionem ipsorum: et misit satietatem in animas eorum.

Et irritaverunt Moyses in castris: Aaron sanctum Domini.

Fourth and sixth verses seem to connect it with the prophets Daniel and Nehemiah. The whole Psalm is a confession of national sins, cast in the form of a penitential hymn: and its tone is that of Daniel’s prayer when he knew that the time of the Captivity was drawing to a close, “We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts, and from Thy judgments.” As the preceding Psalm recounts the noble acts of the Lord with a view to His praise, so are they recounted, in this one, for the sake of confession on the part of His people: and as, in that, God is glorified by the Christian Church for His mercies to His one people in the days before Christ and in the present dispensation, so this Psalm of confession is offered up on behalf, and in the name, of the same one continuous spiritual fellowship in both periods of its progress towards the unveiled Presence of the Lord, “the fulness of His chosen.”

Thus the Church of God is ever being brought out of the mys-
The XXI. Day.
Evening Prayer.
Numb. xvi. 31—33.
Numb. xvi. 35.

17 So the earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan: and covered the congregation of Abiram.
18 And the fire was kindled in their company: the flame burnt up the ungodly.

Exod. xxxii. 4.

19 They made a calf in Horeb: and worshipped the molten image.
20 Thus they turned their glory into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.
21 And they forgat God their Saviour: who had done so great things in Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham: and fearful things by the Red sea.

Exod. xxxii. 9—14.

23 So he said, he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap: to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.
24 Yea, they thought scorn of that pleasant land: and gave no credence unto his word;
25 But murmured in their tents: and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.
26 Then lift he up his hand against them: to overthrew them in the wilderness;
27 To cast out their seed among the nations: and to scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor: and ate the offerings of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their own inventions: and the plague was great among them.
30 Then stood up Phinees and prayed: and so the plague ceased.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness: among all posterities for evermore.

Numb. xxi. 9—13.

Aperta est terra, et deglutivit Dathan: et operuit super congrega-
tionem Abiron.
Et exarit ignis in synagoga eorum: flamma combussit peccatores.

Et feecerunt vitulum in Horeb: et adoraverunt sculptile.
Et mutaverunt gloriam suam: in similitudinem vituli comedentis fe-
num.
Obliti sunt Deum qui salvavit eos: liberavi qui fecit magnalia in Egypto, mira-
ulia in terra Cham, terrabilia in mari Chanoan Rubro.

Et dixit ut disperderet eos: si non Moyses electus ejus stetisset in con-
tractione in conspectu ejus.
Ut averteret iram ejus, ne disperderet 
eos: et pro nihil0 habuerunt terram desiderabilem.

Non crediderunt verbo ejus, et mur-
muraverunt in tabernaculis suis: non exaudierunt vocem Domini.

Et elevavit manum suam super eos: ut prostermeret eos in deserto:

Et ut dejiceret semen eorum in na-
tionibus: et disperderet eos in re-
gionibus.
Et initiati sunt Beelphgor: et conscierrit... et manducavit in 
comederunt sacrificia mortuorum.

Et irriteraverunt eum in advien-
ibus: et multiplicata est in eis ruina.
Et stetit Phinees, et placavit: et exoravit cessavit quassatio.
Et reputatum est ei in justitiam: in 
generatione et generationem, usque in
salutum sempiternum.

tical Egypt by the guiding Providence of her Almighty Head, and ever being “delivered from the hand of the Enemy.” This was most conspicuous in the early ages when Satan made the heathen persecutors his instruments for the destruction of the Church, and when her continued existence was a continuous miracle of Divine power. Passing through a Red Sea of persecution, the very waters into which she was driven by the Adversary’s hand were the means of her preservation, and Heathenism itself was thus overwhelmed by what was intended to have been the destruction of Christianity. It has been generally thought by holy men that the words, “there was no more sea” [Rev. xxi. 1], are a mystical prophecy of the time when the Adversary’s hand will cease to be lifted up for the destruction of the Church, and God will give her final rest and peace.

But “within a while they forgot His works.” With the over-
whelming of Heathenism and the comparative peace which fol-
lowed, “just came upon them in the wilderness,” a desire of tem-
poral power, and a general worldliness in which Christians often “forgot His counsel,” “My Kingdom is not of this world.” In the Eastern and the Western Church its rulers and people alike
32 They angered him also at the waters of strife: so that he punished Moses for their sakes;
33 Because they provoked his spirit: so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 Neither destroyed they the heathen: as the Lord commanded them;
35 But were mingled among the heathen: and learned their works.
36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols, which turned to their own decay: yea, they offered their sons and their daughters unto devils;
37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters: whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with blood.
38 Thus were they stained with their own works: and went a whoring with their own inventions.
39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people: insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
40 And he gave them over into the hand of the heathen: and they that hated them were lords over them.
41 Their enemies oppressed them: and had them in subjection.
42 Many a time did he deliver them: but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, and were brought down in their wickedness.
43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity: he heard their complaint.
44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them according unto the multitude of his mercies: yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.

Et irritaverunt eum ad aquas contradictionis: et vexatus est Moyse propter eos; quia exacerbaverunt spiritum ejus.

Et distinxit in labii suis: non dispenderiderunt gentes quas dixit Dominus illis.

Et commixti sunt inter gentes, et didicerunt opera eorum: et servierunt sculptilibus eorum: et factum est illis in scandalum.

Et immolaverunt filios suos: et filias suas daemonis.

Et effuderunt sanguinem innocentiem, sanguinem filiorum suorum et filiarum suarum: quas sacrificaverunt sculptilibus Chanaan.

Et infecta est terra in sanguinibus, et contaminata est in operibus eorum: et fornicati sunt in adinventionibus suis.

Et iratus est furor Dominus in populum suum: et abominatus est here ditatem suam.

Et tradidit eos in manus gentium: et dominati sunt eorum qui odierunt eos.

Et tribulaverunt eos inimici eorum: et humiliati sunt sub manibus eorum: sepe liberavit eos.

Ipsi autem exacerbaverunt eum in consilio suou: et humiliati sunt in iniquitatibus suis.

Et vidit cum tribularunt: et audivit orationem eorum.

Et memor fuit testamenti sui: et quia memet perepit eum secundum multitudinem misericordiae suae.

Et dedit eos in misericordias: in spectu omnium qui reperant eos.

thought scorn of the pleasant land promised to them hereafter when they should reign with Christ for ever and ever, and acted as if they had a "continuing city" in this world. Then God gave them their desire, the Visible Church became great and powerful in the world's eyes, but its external prosperity was accompanied by internal weakness, through the heresies and schisms by which it was accompanied, and He "sent leanness within into their soul." The Church and the world were mingled together, and the former "learned the works" of the latter. Then, again, God "gave them over into the hand of the heathen:" deadly heresies sprung up which culminated in Mahometanism, and what was once the fairest portion of the Church's heritage has for ages been "oppressed" and "had in subjection" by the enemies of Christ and of His Mystical Body.

Thus, in confessing the sins of Israel in old time, we are also confessing the sins of the Church in later ages: and such confession belongs, not to one period alone, but, in its degree, to all.

It is to be observed also that, as in the preceding Psalm, Joseph is a personal type of Christ in His Providential Office towards the Church, so in this one Moses is a type of Christ in His Mediatorial Office. He continually "stands before God in the gap," and without any such infirmity as that recorded of Moses in the thirty-third verse, He ever holds up His hands in intercession for His people, that they may not be destroyed by their own sins. It is His
Chron. and their Fiat, and uberavit necessitabus and the am that a. and So anima et usque xaa.-O that viam and complement quoniam therefore and Lord Hungry

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Ps. xii. 15.

45 Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen; that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, and make our boast of thy praise.

46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and world without end: and let all the people say, Amen.

THE CVII PSALM.
Confitemini Domino.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed: and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west: from the north, and from the south.

4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way: and found no city to dwell in;

5 Hungry and thirsty: their soul fainted in them.

6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He led them forth by the right way: that they might go to the city where they dwelt.

8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men;

9 For he satisfieth the empty soul: and filleth the hungry soul with good ness.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: being fast bound in misery and iron;

Salvos fac nos, Domine, Deus noster:
et congrega nos de nationibus:
Ut confiteamur Nomini sancto tuo:
et gloriemur in laude tua.

Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel a seculo et usque in seculum: et dicit omnis populus; Fiat, Fiat.

PSALMUS CVI.

CONFITEMINI Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in seculum misericordia ejus.

Dieant qui redempti sunt a Domino: quos redemit de manu inimici; et de regionibus congregavit eos.

A solis ortu et occasu: ab Aquilone et mari.

Erraverunt in solitudine, in ina quos: viam civitatis habitaculi non invenerunt.

Esurientes et sitientes: anima eorum in ipsis defect.

Et clamaverunt ad Dominum cum tribularentur: et de necessitatis eorum eripuit eos.

Et deduxit eos in viam rectam: ut irent in civitatem habitatio nis.

Confiteantur Domino misericordiae ejus: et mirabilia ejus filius hominum.

Quia satiavit animam inanem: et animam esurientem satiavit bonis.

Sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis: vincitos in mendicitate et ferro.

THE FIFTH BOOK.

PSALM CVII.

The five divisions of this Psalm are each concluded with a doxology in two verses, that at the end of the last division being, as it stands, of a less marked character than the rest, but finding its complement in the Gloria Patri. Each division related originally to circumstances connected with the Captivity of the Israelites; and, in the first four, commentators have found an expansion of the third verse, which refers to the gathering of the people from, and therefore their previous dispersion to, the desert on "the east" of Judea, Egypt on "the west," Babylon on "the north," and the sea on "the south," where the Red Sea is situated.
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11 Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord; and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;

12 He also brought down their heart through heaviness: they fell down, and there was none to help them.

13 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivered them out of their distress.

14 For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death: and brake their bonds in sunder.

15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men;

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass: and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Foolish men are plagued for their offence: and because of their wickedness.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat: and they were even hard at death's door.

19 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivered them out of their distress.

20 He sent his word, and healed them: and they were saved from their destruction.

21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men;

22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and tell out his works with gladness.

Quia exacerbaverunt eloquia Dei: et consilium Altissimi irritaverunt.

Et humiliatum est in laboribus cor eorum: infirmati sunt, nec fuit qui adjuvaret.

Et clamaverunt ad Dominum cum tribularentur: et de necessitatis eorum liberavit eos.

Et eduxit eos de tenebris et umbra mortis: et vincula eorum disrupt.

Confiteantur Domino misericordiae ejus: et mirabilia ejus filiis hominum.

Quia contrivit portas aeras: et vectes ferreos confregit.

Suscepit eos de via iniquitatis eorum: propter injustitias enim suas humiliati sunt.

Omnem escam abominat anima eorum: et appropiinquaverunt usque ad portas mortis.

Et clamaverunt ad Dominum cum tribularentur: et de necessitatis eorum liberavit eos.

Misit verbum suum, et sanavit eos: et eripuit eos de interitionibus eorum. interitu

Confiteantur Domino misericordiae ejus: et mirabilia ejus filiis hominum.

Et sacrificant sacrificium laudis: et annuntient opera ejus in exsultatione.

A parallel is found in the prophecy of Isaiah: "Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west: I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring My sons from far, and My daughters from the ends of the earth." [Isa. xliii. 5, 6.] Such a gathering of His own Mystical Body the Lord Jesus also predicted when He said, "They shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God." [Luke xiii. 28.]

The Christian application of the Psalm appears to be to that blessed time when our Lord's words will have received their final and complete fulfilment at the marriage supper of the Lamb, when "the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." As, therefore, the Church looks back, in her praises, to past history, recounting God's mercy to her in the days of the Jewish economy, so also does she look forward to the glorious end of all, and sing by anticipation the "new song," "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

Thus interpreted, the Psalms may be regarded as celebrating (1) the goodness of God to His people in gathering them out of the wilderness of this world into His Church; (2) His comfort of them in the last hour when they "sit in darkness and the shadow of death;" (3) His support of them in the intermediate state; (4) His bringing them to "the haven" of His Presence "where they would be;" and (5) His creation of a new Heaven and a new earth, the City of God, for those who have hungered and thirsted after righteousness "to dwell in."
23 They that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters;
24 These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.
25 For at his word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their wits' end.

28 So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivereth them out of their distress.
29 For he maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad, because they are at rest: and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.
31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men;
32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people: and praise him in the seat of the elders.
33 Who turneth the floods into a wilderness: and drieth up the watersprings.
34 A fruitful land maketh he barren: for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water: and watersprings of a dry ground.
36 And there he setteth the hungry: that they may build them a city to dwell in;

Qui descendunt mare in navibus: facientes operationem in aquis multis.

Ipsi viderunt opera Domini: et mirabilia ejus in profundo.

Dixit, et stetit spiritus procellae: et exaltati sunt fluctus ejus.

Ascendunt usque ad caelos, et descendunt usque ad abyssos: anima eorum in malis tabescebat.

Turbati sunt, et moti sunt sicut ebrius: et omnis sapientia eorum desiderabitur est.

Et clamaverunt ad Dominum cum tribularentur: et de necessitatis eorum eduxit eos.

Et statuit procellam ejus in auram: et siluerunt fluctus ejus.

Et labasti sunt quia siluerunt: et deduxit eos in portum voluntatis eorum.

Confitentur Domino misericordiae ejus: et mirabilia ejus filiis hominum.

Et exaltent eum in ecclesia plebis: et in cathedra seniorum laudent eum.

Posuit flamina in desertum: et exiit quia posuit eum in desertum in sitiun.

Terram fructiferam in salis generat: a malitia inhabitantium in ea.

Posuit desertum in stagna aquarum: et terram sine aqua in exitus aquarum.

Et collocavit illic esurientes: et constituerunt civitatem habitationis.

Me shall never hunger, and be that believer on Me shall never thirst.

The second division extends from the tenth to the sixteenth verses inclusive, and celebrates the victory of Christ over that death which had come upon all mankind through the disobedience of their first parents, and the inheritance of a mortal nature by all their descendants. When the Lord saw there was none to help them, His own arm brought salvation. God asked of Job, "Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?" but of His "anointed," under the type of Cyrus, He says, "I will loose the línns of kings to open before Him the two-leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut: I will go before Thee, and make the crooked places straight: I..."
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37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards: to yield them fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly: and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 And again, when they are mished and brought low: through oppression, through any plague, or trouble;

40 Though he suffer them to be evil intreated through tyrants: and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;

41 Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery: and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.

42 The righteous will consider this, and rejoice: and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.

43 Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

THE CVIII PSALM.

Paratum cor meum.

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

2 Awake, thou lute and harp: I my self will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Et seminaverunt agros, et plantaverunt vineas: et fecerunt fructum nativitatis.

Et benedixit eis, et multiplicati sunt nimis: et jumenta eorum non minuerunt.

Et pauci facti sunt: et vexati sunt a tribulatione malorum et dolore.

Effusa est contemptio super principes: et errare fecit eos in invio, et adfuturavit non in via.

Et adjutiv pauperem de inopia: et adfuturavit postuit sicet oves familias.

Videbunt recti, et latabitur: et omnis iniquitas oppilabit os suum.

Quis sapiens, et custodiet huc: et intelliget misericordias Domini.

PSALMUS CVII.

Paratum cor meum, Deus, paratum cor meum: cantabo et psal-lam in gloria mea.

Exsurge gloria mea, exsurge psaltem-rum et cithara: exsurgam dulcule.

Confitabor tibi in populis, Domine: et psallam tibi in nationibus.

Quia magna est super caelos misericordia tua: et usque ad nubes veritas tua.

The fourth division, from the thirty-third verse to the end, celebrates, by anticipation, the rest and glory of Christ's Church when it has passed from the wilderness of this world, and been gathered in far to that City of God where the river of the water of life flows through the midst of its streets: where the Mystical Body of the Pious is helped out of misery for ever, and there is one fold and one Shepherd. In view of that blessed consummation of His Church's pilgrimage, "the righteous will consider this, and rejoice," and whatever may be the troubles attending it in life or in death, "they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord" in all His dealings with His people.

PSALM CVIII.

There is scarcely any variation between the words of this Psalm and those verses of the fifty-seventh and sixieth which are indicated in the margin. The two portions combined form a hymn of victory, the spiritual meaning of which is shown by the appropriation of the Psalm to Ascension Day. It is the voice of the Church offering up her Eucharistic Sacrifice before the throne in
5 Set up thy self, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice therefore and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

9 Juda is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot: over Edom will I cast out my shoe; upon Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into the strong city: and who will bring me into Edom?

11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God: and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 O help us against the enemy: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts: and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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EXALTARE SUPER COELOS, DEUS, ET SUPER OMMEM TERRAM GLORIA TUA: UT LIBERENTUR DILECTI TUI.

Psalm CXIX.

10 The XXII. Day.

Ps. lxv. 5.

The XXII. Day.

Ps. ixvii. 12.

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Ps. lx. 6.

Set up thy self, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

Ps. lx. 6.

Thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

Ps. lx. 7.

God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice therefore and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Ps. lx. 8.

Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

Ps. lx. 9.

Juda is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot: over Edom will I cast out my shoe; upon Philistia will I triumph.

Ps. lx. 10.

Who will lead me into the strong city: and who will bring me into Edom?

Ps. lx. 11.

Hast not thou forsaken us, O God: and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

Ps. lx. 12.

O help us against the enemy: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts: and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

THE CIX PSALM.

Deus laudum.

OLD not thy tongue, O God of my praise: for the mouth of the ungodly, yea the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.

2 And they have spoken against me with false tongues: they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part: but I give my self unto prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded me evil for good: and hatred for my good will.

5 Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God.” [Acts vii. 56.]

PSALM CIX.

When our Blessed Lord offered up to the Father the prayer which forms the seventeenth chapter of St. John’s Gospel, He used words which give us a key to the meaning of this awful Psalm, “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: these that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition: that the Scripture might be fulfilled.” [John xvii. 12.] The “son of perdition” has always been understood to mean Judas, of whom two Evangelists record that “Satan entered into him.” These words are a Divine illustration of the fifth verse of the Psalm, “Let Satan stand at his right hand.” The seventh verse was also distinctly quoted by St. Peter a few days later, as among the words which the Holy Ghost had spoken before concerning Judas.” “His bishopric let another take.” We thus have the highest possible warrant for interpreting this Psalm as a Prayer of the Redeemer spoken prophetically of His betrayal, spoken against Him who betrayed Him, and against Satan the “ungodly” and “deceitful,” the great
5 Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned: and let his prayer be turned into sin.

7 Let his days be few: and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless: and his wife a widow.

9 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg their bread: let them seek it also out of desolate places.

10 Let the extortioner consume all that he hath: and let the stranger spoil his labour.

11 Let there be no man to pity him: nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.

12 Let his posterity be destroyed: and in the next generation let his name be clean put out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

14 Let them alway be before the Lord: that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth;

15 And that, because his mind was not to do good: but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at the heart.

16 His delight was in cursing; and it shall happen unto him: he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.

17 He clothed himself with cursing, like as with a raiment: and it shall come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

Constitue super eum peccatorem: et diabolus stet a dextris ejus.

Cum judicatur, exeat condemnatus: et oratio ejus fiat in peccatum.

Fiant dies ejus pauci: et episcopatum ejus accipiat alter.

Fiant filii ejus orphani: et uxor ejus vidua.

Nutantes transferuntur filii ejus et mendicent: et ejiciantur de habitatio-nibus suis.

Socrates generatorem omnum substantiam ejus: et diripiant anti i loores ejus.

Non sit illi adjutor: nec sit qui misereatur pupillus ejus.

Fiant nati ejus in interitum: in generatione una debeat nomen ejus.

In memoriam redate iniquitas patrum ejus in conspectu Domini: et peccatum matris ejus non debeatur.

Fiant contra Dominum semper: et dispercat de terra memoria eorum: pro eo quod non est recordatus facere misericordiam:

Et persecutus est hominem inopem et mendicum: et emunctum corde mortificare.

Et dilexit maledictionem, et veniet ei: et noluit benedictionem, et elonga-bitur ab eo.

Et induit maledictionem sicut vestimentum: et intravit sicut aqua in interiora ejus, et sicut oleum in ossibus ejus.
18 Let it be unto him as the cloke that he hath upon him: and as the girdle that he is alway girded withal.

19 Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemies: and to those that speak evil against my soul.

20 But deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name: for sweet is thy mercy.

21 O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor: and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I go hence like the shadow that departeth: and am driven away as the grasshopper.

23 My knees are weak through fasting: my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.

24 I became also a reproach unto them: they that looked upon me shaked their heads.

25 Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy;

26 And they shall know, how that this is thy hand: and that thou, Lord, hast done it.

27 Though they curse, yet bless thou: and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice.

28 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame: and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloke.

29 As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth: and praise him among the multitude;

30 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor: to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

Zech. iii. 3.

Mark xv. 29.

Ps. xxxv. 26.

Ps. xxxv. 23.

Heb. ii. 12.

Zech. iii. 2-4.

Rev. x. 10.

THE XXIII. DAY.

Evening Prayer.

The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The XXIII. Day.

Morning Prayer.

Christmas Day Evening.


THE CX PSALM.

Dixit Dominus.

DIXIT Dominus Domino meo: Sunday, Christmas, App. and Evs., Vespers.

Not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in the world to come [Matt. xii. 32.]

1 All readers are affectionately warned of the danger which hangs about any words spoken in depreciation of the Sacraments, or of the work of priests and bishops, the efficacy of which is entirely derived from the Holy Ghost. Such words as "the soul-destroying doctrine of Baptismal Regener-

The last verse of the Psalm brings out very strongly the completeness of that deliverance which God will give to the Mystical Body of Christ from the accusations of Satan. The Accuser stands at the right hand of the Betrayer and the Slanderer as
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The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: he thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship; the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4 The Lord sware, and will not repent; Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head.

THE CXL PSALM.

Confitebor tibi.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

well as at the right hand of "Joshua the High Priest"; but while in the one case the words are heard "Let him be condemned," in the other the words are "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" Thus God Himself shall stand at the right hand of the Son to save his soul from unrighteous judges. And thus the prophecy will be fulfilled, "I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the Accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

PSALM CX.

Our Lord and His Apostles distinctly certify to us that this Psalm is spoken of the Messiah, by quoting the first and the fourth verses and applying them to Him. It is, in fact, quoted in the New Testament more than any other Psalm; and may be taken,—as Christ’s use of it shows,—as a treasury of Mystical truth respecting the Kingship and Priesthood of the Son of Man.

In the first words there is a revelation of the First and Second Persons of the Holy Trinity, since they are spoken by the Father to the Son. They are also considered to contain a reference to the Third Person, since it was by the Holy Ghost descending on the Son of Man that He was consecrated to that work by means of which His Human Nature attained to the glory of the Father’s right hand. In the words “My Lord” has also been observed a prophecy of the Incarnation, David speaking of Christ as his because He was descended from him, as his Lord, because He was the Son of God.

The second verse proclaims the Kingship and Kingdom of Christ, both proceeding forth from the elder Church of God, and prevailing even over the Gentiles who had for so long been the enemies of God, ruling with a rod of iron, the sceptre of His power and redeeming love, the power and love of the Incarnation.

Virgam virtutis tuae emittet Dominus ex Sion: dominare in medio iniuriae et dominicio tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuae, in splendoribus sanctorum: ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Juravit Dominus, et non penitebit eum: Tu es Sacerdos in aeterna secondum ordinem Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis: confregit confringit in die irae sue reges.

Judicabit in nationibus; impiebit ruinas: conquassabit capita in terra capiens multorum.

De torrente in via bibet: propterea exaltabit caput.

To His Royal Person in “the Lord’s Day” of the Incarnation the wise men were to bring offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: to it the Church will be rendering the homage of Divine worship for ever in earth and in Heaven; recognizing in the Holy Child Jesus the Day Star from on high, the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in His beams.

And as the Kingship of Christ is here commemorated in holy song, so also is His eternal and supreme Priesthood, by which He offers up Himself as a perpetual Sacrifice before the throne of God, and from the Fountain of which originate all the streams of grace by which the Church waters and refreshes the world.

The Victory of the Messiah in the Resurrection and the Judgment is prefigured in the fifth and sixth verses. He will go forth conquering and to conquer, all things will be put under His feet, He will cause the dead both small and great to stand before His throne of righteous judgment, and will destroy even the last enemy; so that when the graves are opened and the sea gives up her dead, and everlasting life dawns on the redeemed, they will say, “O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?”

So shall the Lord Jesus bruise the head of the tempter for ever, and His own head shall be lifted up in eternal triumph. He drank of the water-floods which ran over Him in His Passion, and so was His prophecy fulfilled, “I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me.”

PSALM CXI.

The praises of the Church are here offered to God for the spiritual works which He has wrought through the “grace and truth” which “came by Jesus Christ.” The “works of the Lord” are, therefore, those works the power and efficacy of

1 This is one of the “alphabet Psalms,” each verse or clause successively, in the Hebrew, beginning with the successive letters of the alphabet.
The works of the Lord are great; sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgement: all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

THE CXII PSALM.

Beatus vir.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Magna opera Domini: exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum: misericors et miserator Dominus: es-cam dedit timentibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo:

Ut det illis hæreditatem gentium: opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium.

Fidélia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi: facta in veritate et aequitate.

Redemptionem misit Dominus populo suo: mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

Sanctum et terribile Nomen ejus: initium sapientiae timor Domini.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

PSALMUS CXI.

BEATUS vir qui timet Dominum: in mandatis ejus volet nimir.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedictur.

Gloria et divitiae in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

which proceed from the Person of God Incarnate. Hence the subject of praise in this Psalm is our Lord Himself as the source of redemption, grace, and salvation: "I am sought of them that asked not for Me: I am found of them that sought Me not." "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna." "Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints."

PSALM CXII.¹

Our Lord’s words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," (Acts xx. 35), offer a comprehensive illustration of this Psalm, which recounts the blessedness of the Man Christ Jesus, Who "is merciful and lendeth" the talents of His grace, Who "hath dispersed abroad and given to the poor" of the bounties of His mercy.

In His perfect obedience to the will of His Father our Lord became the source of regeneration to mankind, and in Him the prophecy was fulfilled, "He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days." Thus, having originated a new people, the riches and plenteousness of His grace are stored up in His Church for them: and He is the "good Man" Who scattereth and yet increaseth, and Who in His mercifulness so bestows His grace that He can say to His Church respecting it, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

These indications of a spiritual interpretation of this Psalm will be a guide to further development of it in the same direction;
unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5 a good man is merciful, and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion.

6 for he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 he will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

8 his heart is established, and will not shrink: until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 he hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor: and his righteousness remaineth for ever: his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 the ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him: he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away: the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

the passover lamb had been eaten, and at the conclusion of all the ceremonies connected with the supper.

whether the great halleluiah was composed for this purpose or not, there are several historical and local expressions in it which indicate its fitness for use at the passover. the first division, for public use in the temple, is a hymn of thanksgiving to the lord for his mercy and loving-kindness to the people of israel: a national hymn in which the distinctive position of the separated nation is prominently kept in view, and the lord praised as the god of israel. the hundred and thirteenth and hundred and fourteenth psalms are supposed to have been written for the foundation of the second temple by Ezra. in the first of these the allusion to the worship of god "from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same," seems to give evidence of a travelled people who had retained their true faith and religious customs in a distant land, and among the heathen who are named directly afterwards. then the praise of the condescension of the lord of heaven towards the simple and poor, who had lain in the dust and the mire, but was now being lifted up by him to be set among princes, speaks the natural feeling of those who had returned from the captivity, and were once more beginning a national existence: while in "the barren
5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high; and yet humblyth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth.

6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust: and lifteth the poor out of the mire.

7 That he may set him with the princes: even with the princes of his people.

8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children.

The Sunderers.

In exitu Israel.

When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

2 Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.

THE CXIV PSALM.

In exitu Israel.

Psalm Cxiii.

In exitu Israel de Aegypto: domus Sunday Vespers.

Jacob de populo barbaro:

Facta est Judæa sanctification ejus: Israël potestas ejus.

Benediction was said, and which was partaken of several times during the supper as a part of the ritual of the Passover. "Bind the sacrifice with cords, yes, even unto the horns of the altar," is a memorial of the offering made in the Temple, and upon which the house should be reverently feasting at home. So also with the verse, "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving...... I will pay my vows." And not less distinct is the local application of the words "The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous," and of "This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it." While throughout this portion of the hymn, as of the other, there are references to the circumstances of the first Passover and the early history of Israel which unite the thanksgivings for present mercies to commemorations of the never-to-be-forgotten providence of God's hand in ancient days.

But, draw out the meaning and the application of this hymn as well, it is impossible not to feel that these are so far from being exhausted by their connexion with the Old Dispensation that they seem only like morsels of gold lying upon the surface which point out to the observant eye the place where rich veins of treasure are to be found by deeper research. This is especially the case with the latter portion, beginning "I am well pleased," and a flood of light is thrown upon the whole of the Great Hallelujah by the use of this portion under the circumstances narrated by St. Mark, "When they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives."

For the moment at which this hymn was sung by our Blessed Saviour and His Apostles was the crisis of the Old and New Dispensation, when the Passover sacrifice was about to be merged in that great Sacrifice of the Lamb of God whereof it was the type, when the Passover Supper was vanishing before the Supper of the Lord then instituted, when typical shadows were about to become sacramental realities, and when the hidden words of this prophetic hymn were to receive their full interpretation in the woful, yet glorious, work of the three following days. It is in the light so shed upon the Great Hallelujah that it is to be viewed now that it is used in Divine Service and by Christian worshippers: in that Light in which we shall see light: as the Hallelujah of Him Who, when He had sung it, went forth to the Mount of Olives, to Gethsemane, and to Calvary.
3 The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back.  
4 And the mountains skipped like rams; and the little hills like young sheep. 
5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fellest: and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? 
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like young sheep? 
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord; at the presence of the God of Jacob; 
8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water: and the flint-stone into a springing well. 

THE CXV PSALM. 
Non nobis, Domine. 

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise; for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake. 
2 Wherefore shall the heathen say: Where is now your God? 
3 As for our God, he is in heaven: he hath done whatsoever pleased him. 
4 Their idols are silver and gold: even the work of men's hands. 
5 They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, and see not. 
6 They have ears, and hear not: noses have they, and smell not. 

PSALM CXIII.—The first three Psalms of this series are of a much less individual character in their language than the later three; and are thus to be taken as the voice of the Church, while the others are the Voice of Christ Himself. In the 113th, the Church prays God for the rising of the Sun of Righteousness upon her, and with Him shining in the midst, speaks in the tone of Malachi’s Eucharistic prophecy: “From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto Me, and a pure offering, for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.” [Mal. i. 11.] Looking forward to Christ’s “lifting up” to the throne of the Cross, He is beheld also rising again to His Easter throne of victory and everlasting dominion, taken up out of the dust of death, and set “far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.” [Eph. i. 22.] And this glory of Christ is seen to be also the glory of “the Church, which is His Body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.” [Ibid. 23:] so that the Psalm ends with words of rejoicing which also find their parallel in prophecy: “Sing, O barren, thou that didst not hear: break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate, than the children of the married wife saith the Lord.” 

PSALM CXIV.—The same strain is continued in the next of the series; in which it must be understood that the ancient Israel and the Gentiles have changed places, and that the former being rejected the latter have been accepted in their stead. 1 The coming forth of Israel from Egypt is to be taken, therefore, as the taking of His little flock (soon to become a great people) out from among the world, by Christ; and the succeeding verses are to be interpreted in the sense which was given by the coming of Christ to the ancient prophecy: “Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of it shall be opened. The Lord hath spoken it.” [Isa. xl. 4, 5.] When that glory was revealed the Rock of Ages became a sacramental Fountain of life, opened for all uncleanness: and from the Corner-Stone flowed forth a springing well of grace, whose waters are for the refreshment of every age.

PSALM CXV.—The third of the series still proclaims the great work of salvation about to be wrought in the sufferings and glory of Christ: but the tone is rather that of confident faith in some—

1 See note on Psalm lix. p. 396.
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Ps. cxxxv. 18. 

7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not; neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them: and so are all such as put their trust in them.

9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their succour and defence.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us: even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord: both small and great.

14 The Lord shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

16 All the whole heavens are the Lord’s: the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Isa. iv. 5.

17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord: neither all they that go down into silence.

18 But we will praise the Lord: from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

THE CXVI PSALM.

Dilexi, quoniam.

I AM well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

2 That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Manus habent, et non palpabunt; pedes habent, et non ambulabunt: non clamabant in guttura suo.

Similes illis fant qui facient ea: et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

Domus Israël speravit in Domino: adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino: adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Qui timent Dominum, speraverunt speravit in Domino: adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Domus memor fuit nostri: et benedixit nobis.

Benedixit domui Israël: benedixit domui Aaron.

Benedixit omnibus qui timent Dominum: pusillis cum majoribus.

Adjiciat Dominus super vos: super vos, et super filios vestros.

Benedici vos a Domino: qui fecit celum et terram.

Ceñum coeli Domino: terram autem dedid filiis hominum.

Non mortui laudabant te Domine: neque omnes qui descendunt in infernum.

Sed vos qui vivimus benedicimus Domino: ex hoc nunc et usque in seculum.

PSALMUS CXIV.

DILEXI, quoniam exaudisti Dominus: vocem orationis mee.

Quia inclinavit aurem suam mihi: et in diebus meis invocabo.
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3 The snare of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

6 The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

10 I believed, and therefore will I speak: but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord? for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12 I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

14 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people: in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Circumdedeurunt me dolores mortis: et pericula inferni invenuerunt me.


Custodiens parvulos Dominus: humiliatus sum, et liberavit me.

Convertere, anima mea, in requiem tuam: quia Dominus benefecit tibi.

Quia cripuit animam meam de morte, oculos meos a lachrymis: pedes meos a lapsu.

Placebo Domino: in regione vivorum.

PSALMUS CXV.

CREDIDI, propter quod locutus sum: ego autem humiliatus sum nimir.

Ego dixi in excessu meo: Omnis homo mendax.

Quid retribuam Domino: pro omnibus quae retribuit mihi.

Calicem salutaris accipiam: et Nomen Domini invocabo.

Vota mea Domino reddam coram omni populo ejus: pretiosa in conspectu Domini mors sanctorum ejus.

O Domine, quia ego servus tuus: o Domine ego servus tuus, et filius ancillæ tiae.

Dirupisti vincula mea: tibi sacrificabam hostiam laudis: et Nomen Domini invocabo.

Vota mea Domino reddam in conspectu omnis populi ejus: in atris domus Domini, in medio tui Hierusalem.

over was felt to be drawing nearer and nearer. The tone of this Psalm is like that of One already recovering from a great Agony, comforted and reassured by having been heard in His prayer which He had thrice uttered out of the midst of snares of death and the pains of hell through which He had passed. Further trouble and heaviness yet await Him, but His resignation is now complete, “not My will but Thine:” and His vision of future deliverance is clear. Thus we cannot fail to associate the “Cup of salvation” with that of which He said, “If it be possible, remove this Cup from Me, and with His words to the sons of Zebedee, “Are ye able to drink of the Cup that I shall drink of?” That Cup is viewed, now, not as a cup of suffering, but as an Eucharistic Cup, “I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:” and it is to be offered in the presence of all His people, in facie Ecclesiae, as a Memorial of that Death of the King of Saints which is “right dear in the sight of the Lord,” as a prevailing Intercession.

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PSALM CXVII.—This expansion of the word Hallelujah is to be considered as a doxology uniting the 116th and 118th Psalms, calling upon all people to join with the “little flock” of the Saviour in praising the Lord for His merciful kindness and for the fulfillment of His covenant with mankind respecting their salvation.

PSALM CXVIII.—The first four verses of the last Psalm of the series are a continuation of the strain taken up in the preceding Doxology; in the fifth verse the individual or personal Voice of Christ is again heard, and thenceforward to the end. That tone is a triumphant anticipation, throughout, of the Easter victory:
The XXIV. 

Day, 

Morning 

Prayer. 

Exod. vi. 2. 
Isa. xi. 1-11. 

14 The Lord is my strength, and my song; and is become my salvation. 

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. 

16 The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. 

17 I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the Lord. 

18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me: but he hath not given me over unto death. 

Heb. xii. 7. 

Ps. xxiv. 7-10. 
Isa. xxvi. 2. 

20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter into it. 

21 I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation. 

Mott. xxii. 42. 
Mark xii. 18. 
Acts iv. 11. 
1 Peter ii. 10. 
Isa. xxviii. 16. 
1 Peter ii. 7. 

22 The same stone which the builders refused: is become the headstone in the corner. 

23 This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes. 

24 This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. 

John viii. 56. 
1 Cor. v. 7. 

25 Help me now, O Lord: O Lord, send us now prosperity. 

Nehem. i. 11. 

Mott. xxi. 9. 
Azxii. 39. 

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord. 

John xiii. 16. 
35. 
36. 
Ps. 11. 4. 5. 
ili. 10. 
vi. 12. 
xi. 21. 

27 God is the Lord who hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar. 

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and its climax is reached in the twenty-seventh verse, where the Lamb of God offers Himself willingly for the coming Sacrifice. A few days before the singing of the Great Hallelujah, the multitude had led Jesus into Jerusalem with the glad proclamation taken from the twenty-sixth verse of this Psalm. [Matt. xxi. 9.] When our Lord was taking His last farewell of the city He said “Ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.” [Matt. xxviii. 39.] His last words to the people at large were “Yet a little while is the Light with you. Walk while ye have the Light, lest darkness come upon you: for that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have Light, believe in the Light, that ye may be the children of Light.” [John xii. 35, 36.] Thus are His “lifting up” [Ibid. 32], and His accustomed cry “I am come a Light into the world” [Ibid. 46], associated with the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh verses of this Psalm, and the ancient words of Abraham were illustrated in their fulfilment, “My son, God will provide Himself a Lamb for a burnt offering.” [Gen. xxii. 8.] 

From the tenth to the thirteenth verses is expressed the suffering Saviour's prevision of the result of His work: in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth, the same prevision of a glorious Resurrection through which He Himself was to become eternally the Door whereby His flock should enter into life: and the twenty-fourth verse is a prophetic welcome of that Day of the Lord in which all mankind should keep a perpetual Easter of joy. And thus throughout are heard such words as those of the prophet, “In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee: though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will

1 Some modern critics read this verse as if “bind the sacrifice with cords” were a parenthesis, and the “light” a fire extending even to the horns of the altar. The association of the verses indicated in the above note may lead us to doubt the accuracy of such an interpretation.
The XXIV.
Morning Prayer.

EXX ILI. 10, 11.

28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

THE CXIX PSALM.
Beati immaculati.

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and seek him with their whole heart.

3 For they who do no wickedness: walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast charged: that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

5 O that my ways were made so direct: that I might keep thy statutes.

6 So shall I not be confounded: while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart: when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.

8 I will keep thy ceremonies: O forsake me not utterly.

In quo corriget.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Deus meus es tu, et confitebor tibi:
Deus meus es tu, et exaltabo te.
Confitebor tibi quoniam exaudisti tibi Domine me: et factus es mihi in salutem.
Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus:
quoniam in seculum misericordiae ejus.

PSALMUS CXVIII.

[A. ALLBLNIA. 
ALEPH EST DEUS.]

BEATI immaculati in via: qui ambulat in lege Domini.

Beati qui scrutatur testimonia ejus:
in toto corde exquirunt eum.

Non enim qui operatur iniquitatem:
in viis ejus ambulaverunt.

Tu mandasti: mandata tua custodi

diri nimis.

Utinam dirigatur viae meae: ad custodiendas justifications tuas.

Tune non confundar: cum per

spevero in omnibus mandatis tuis.

Confitebor tibi in directione cordis:
in eo quod didici judicia justitiae tuae.

Justifications tuas custodiam: non

deleinquas usquequaque.

[B. BETH EST FILIUS.]

In quo corrigit adolescentior viam Prima:

suam : in custodiendo sermones tuos.

In toto corde meo exquisivi te: ne

repellas me a mandatis tuis.

the ancient Jewish commentators that every verse contains some word associated with the spoken will of God: and the light of Gospel truth leads clearly to the interpretation of all, or nearly all, of these, in connexion with the Person of our Blessed Lord. This is the more evident as in forty out of one hundred and seventy-six such expressions, the actual title of the "WORD" is used, by which the Second Person in the Blessed Trinity is designated in the New Testament: while the remainder, such as Law, Testimony, Commandment, Judgment, Way, Truth, are all of a character that gives them a personal association with Him Who declared "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and Whose declaration "I am the Light of the world," also exhibits Him as being the Personal Manifestation of Divine Will and Law.

As, moreover, we know by later revelations that our Lord Jesus is set forth to mankind as the highest standard of obedience and holiness, so we hear, throughout this Psalm, the Voice of His
11 Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies: as in all manner of riches.

15 I will talk of thy commandments: and have respect unto thy ways.

16 My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forget thy word.

Retribue servo tuo.

O DO well unto thy servant: that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes: that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

19 I am a stranger upon earth: O hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire: that it hath alway unto thy judgements.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud: and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

22 O turn from me shame and rebuke: for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

24 For thy testimonies are my delight: and my counsellors.

Adhesit pavimento.

My soul cleaveth to the dust: O quicken thou me, according to thy word.

In corde meo abscondi eloquia tua: ut non peccem tibi.

Benedictus es, Domine: doce me justificationes tuas.

In labis meis pronuntiavi: omnia judicia oris tui.

In via testimoniorum tuorum deflectatus sum: sicut in omnibus divitiis.

In mandatis tuis exercerbo: et considerabo vias tuas.

In justificationibus tuis meditabor: non obliviscar sermons tuos.

[Γ. CAMEL EST CONSOLATIO.]

RETRIBUE servo tuo: vivifica me: et custodiam sermones tuos.

Revela oculos meos: et considerabo mirabilia de lege tua.

Incola ego sum in terra: non abscondas a me mandata tua.

Conceivit anima mea desiderare justificationes tuas: in omni tempore.

Incipersi superbos: maledicti qui declinant a mandatis tuis.

Aufer a me opprobrium et contemptum: quia testimonia tua exquisivi.

Etenim sederunt principes, et adversum me loquebantur: servus autem tuus exercerabatur in justificationibus tuis.

Nam et testimonia tua meditatio mea est: et consilium meum justificationes tuae.

[Δ. DELETH EST JUDICIO.

Adhesit pavimento anima mea: Prime.

vivifica me secundum verbum tuum.

Human Nature, speaking as the Representative of God’s children: and speaking in such tones as to make Himself in His perfect obedience, the One Example for us, according to our ability, to follow. “Learn of Me, for I am meek, and lowly of heart.”

And, lastly, as our Lord’s Person is the Sacramental Fountain of all holiness, so incorporation with the WORD is mysteriously set forth in every portion of this Psalm as the means by which holiness is to be attained. “I am the Vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for severed from Me ye can do nothing.” [John xv. 5, marg.]

The whole Psalm is, therefore, to be interpreted on one principle, as setting forth the blessedness of conformity to the example of our Lord Jesus Christ by the transformation of our own wills through sacramental union with Him, THE WORD. In many parts there seems to be little other coherence between the separate sections, or even the separate verses of a section; but this pervading principle is a bond of unity which makes it impossible
26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou hearest me: O teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness: comfort thou me according unto thy word.
29 Take from me the way of lying: and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
30 I have chosen the way of truth: and thy judgements have I laid before me.
31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, confound me not.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments: when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Legem pone.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.
37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.
38 O establish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.
39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: for thy judgements are good.
40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Et veniat super me.

LET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord: even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

This characteristic of the 119th Psalm seems to make it unnecessary to give any exposition of it in further detail. It is sufficient to offer the suggestion that the principle indicated should be carefully kept in view in the liturgical use of the Psalm, and that a mind imbued with pervading reverence for our Lord’s Person and Example can hardly apply that principle in too minute detail.
So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers: for my trust is in thy word.  
O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth: for my hope is in thy judgements.  
So shall I alway keep thy law: yea, for ever and ever.  
And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy commandments.  
I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings: and will not be ashamed.  
And my delight shall be in thy commandments: which I have loved.  
My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Memor esto servi tuui.

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word: wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.  
The same is my comfort in my trouble: for thy word hath quickened me.  
The proud have had me exceedingingly in derision: yet have I not shrunk from thy law.  
For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord: and received comfort.  
I am horribly afraid: for the ungodly that forsake thy law.  
Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.  
I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season: and have kept thy law.  
This I had: because I kept thy commandments.

Portio mea, Domine.

THOU art my portion, O Lord: I have promised to keep thy law.  
I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.  
I called mine own ways to remembrance: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

Et respondobo exprobrantibus mihi verbum: quia speravi in sermonibus tuuis.  
Et ne auferas de ore meo verbum veritatis usqueaque: quia in judicia tuis supersperavi.  
Et custodiam legem tuam semper: in seculum et in seculum seculi.  
Et ambulabam in latitudine: quia mandata tua exquisivi.  
Et loquebar in testimoniis tuis in conspectu regum: et non confundebar.  
Et meditabar in mandatis tuis: quae meditabor . . . dilexi nimiris.  
Et levavi manus meas ad mandata tua quae dilexi: et exercebor in justificatio- nibus tuis.

[H. NAU EST PASSIO.]  
MEMOR est verbi tui servo tuo: Tiere. in quo mihi spem dedisti.

Hac me consolata est in humilitate mea: quia eloquium tuum vivificavit me.  
Superbi ineque agebant usqueaque: a lege autem tua non declinavi.  
Memor fui judiciorum tuorum a seculo, Domine: et consolatus sum.  
Defectio tenuit me: pro peccato-ribus deleriuinribus legem tuam.  
Cantabiles mihi erant justificaciones tuae: in loco peregrinationis meae.  
Memor fui nocte Nominis tui, Do- mine: et custodiiv legem tuam.  
Hac facta est mihi: quia justificatio- nes tuas exquisivi.

[O. ZAE EST ELEMENTUM MUNDI.]  
Portio mea, Domine: dixi custodire Tiere. legem tuam.

Deprecatus sum faciem tuam in toto corde meo: miserere mei secundum eloquium tuam.  
Cognita vias meas et converti pedes quia cogitavi meos: in testimonia tua.
60 I made haste, and prolonged not the time: to keep thy commandments.

61 The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee: because of thy righteous judgements.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee: and keep thy commandments.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: O teach me thy statutes.

**Bonitatem fecisti.**

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant: according unto thy word.

66 O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou art good and gracious: O teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have imagined a lie against me: but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble: that I may learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

**Manus tua fecerunt me.**

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have put my trust in thy word.

75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

76 O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.

Paratus sum, et non sum turbatus: ut custodiam mandata tua.

Funes peccatorum circumplexi sunt me: et legem tuam non sum oblivus.

Media nocte surgebam ad confitendum tibi: super judicia justificationis tuae.

Particeps ego sum omnium timentium te: et custodientium mandata tua.

Misericordia tua, Domine, plena est terra: justificationes tuas doce me.

[I. ETA EST VITA.]

**BONITATEM fecisti cum servo tui.**

Bonitatem et disciplinam et scientiam doce me: quia mandatis tuis credidi.

Priusquam humilierar ego deliqui: propterea eloquium tuum custodivi.

Bonus es tu: et in bonitate tua doce me justificationes tuas.

Multiplicata est super me iniquitas superborum: ego autem in toto corde meo scrutabor mandata tua.

Coagulatum est sicut lac eorum: ego vero legem tuam meditatus sum.

Bonum mihi quia humiliasti me: ut discam justificationes tuas.

Bonum mihi lex oris tui: super millia auri et argenti.

[K. TET EST BONUM.]

Manus tua fecerunt me et plasma: Tiere, verunt me: da mihi intellectum, ut discam mandata tua.

Qui timent te videbunt me et lastanuntur: quia in verba tua super speravi.

Cognovi, Domine, quia aequitas judicia tua: et in veritate tua humiliasti me.

Fiat misericordia tua ut consoletur Fiat nunce me: secundum eloquium tuum servo tuo.
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Evening Prayer.


Defecit anima mea.

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of thy word.

82 Mine eyes long sore for thy word: saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely: O be thou my help.

87 They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I forsook not thy commandments.

88 O quicken me after thy loving-kindness: and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

In aeternum, Domine.

LORD, thy word endureth for ever in heaven.

90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for all things serve thee.

92 If my delight had not been in thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.

93 I will never forget thy commandments: for with them thou hast quickened me.

Veniant mihi miserationes tuae et vivam: quia lex tua meditatio mea est.

Confundantur superbi, quia injuste iniquitatem fecerunt in me: ego autem exercerbor in mandatis tuis.

Convertantur mihi timentes te: et qui noverunt testimonia tua.

Fiat cor meum immaculatum in justificationibus tuis: ut non confundar.

[A. JUH EST JESUS CHRISTUS DEUS.]  

DEFCIT in salutare tua anima mea: et in verbum tuum super-speravi.

Defecerunt oculi mei in eloquium tuum: dicentes, Quando conso-laberis me?

Quia factus sum sicut uter in pruina: justificationes tuas non sum oblivis-tus.

Quot sunt dies servi tui: quando facies de persecutibus me judicium?

Naraverunt mihi iniqui fabulationes: sed non ut lex tua.

Omnia mandata tua veritas: iniqui persecuti sunt me, adjuva me.

Paulominus consummaverunt me in terra: ego autem non dereliqui man-
data tua.

Secundum misericordiam tuam vivifi-
ca me: et custodi am testimonia oris

tui.

[M. TAP EST FRUCTUS MANUUM.]  

In aeternum, Domine: verbum tuum Sexta.

permanet in coelo.

In generatione et generationem veri-
tas tua: fundasti terram et permanet.

Ordinatione tua perseverat dies: quoniam omnia serviunt tibi.

Nisi quod lex tua meditatio mea est: tunc forte perrissem in humilitate mea.

In aeternum non obliviscar justificationes tuas: quia in ipsis vivificasti me.

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THE XXV. Day.

EVENING PRAYER.

John xvii. 10, 11.

1 Pet. i. 24, 25.

Luke ii. 46, 47.

Rev. x. 9, 10.

1 Sam. xix. 5.

Job xxxii. 14.

 Acts xx. 23.

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94 I am thine, O save me: for I have sought thy commandments.
95 The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I see that all things come to an end: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Quomodo dixeri.

ORD, what love have I unto thy law: all the day long is my study in it.
98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than my teachers: for thy testimonies are my study.
100 I am wiser than the aged: because I keep thy commandments.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep thy word.
102 I have not shrunk from thy judgements: for thou teachest me.
103 O how sweet are thy words unto my throat: yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.
104 Through thy commandments I get understanding: therefore I hate all evil ways.

Lucerna pedibus meis.

THY word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my paths.
106 I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed: to keep thy righteous judgements.
107 I am troubled above measure: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.
108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord: and teach me thy judgements.
109 My soul is alway in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever: and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

Tuus sum ego, salvum me fac: quoniam justificationes tuas exquisivi.
Me expectaverunt peccatores ut penderent me: testimonia tua intellexi.
Omnis consummationis vidi finem: latum mandatum tuum nimis.

[N. LAB EST DOCTRINA.]

QUOMODO dixeri legem tuam, Sexts.

Domine: tota die meditatio mea est.
Super inimicos meos prudentem me fecisti mandato tuo: quia in aeternum mihi est.
Super omnes docentes me intellexi: quia testimonia tua meditatio mea est.
Super senes intellexi: quia mandata tua quasi vi.
Ab omni via mala prohibui pedes meos: ut custodiam verba tua.
A judiciis tuis non declinavi: quia tu legem posuisti mihi.
Quam dulcia faubus meis eloquia tua: super mel ori meo?
A mandatis tuis intellexi: propter adivi omnem viam iniquitatis.

[3. MEM EST MEDULLA.]

Lucerna pedibus meis verbum tuum: Sexts.
et lumen semitis meis.

Juravi et statui: custodire judicia justitiae tuae.

Humiliatus sum usque quaque, Domine: vivifica me secundum verbum tuum.
Voluntaria oris mei beneplacita fac, Domine: et judicia tua doce me.

Anima mea in manibus meis semper: et legem tuam non sum oblivus:
Posuerunt peccatores laqueum mihi: et de mandatis tuis non erravi.

Hæreditate acquisivi testimonia tua in aeternum: quia exsultatio cordis mei sunt.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway: even unto the end.

_Iniquos odio habui._

I HATE them that imagine evil things: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my defence and shield: and my trust is in thy word.

115 Away from me, ye wicked: I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 O establish me according to thy word, that I may live: and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes: for they imagine but deceit.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgements.

_Feci judicium._

DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right: O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good: that the proud do me no wrong.

123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health: and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy: and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant, O grant me understanding: that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand: for they have destroyed thy law.

127 For I love thy commandments: above gold and precious stone.

128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments: and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Inclinavi cor meum ad faciendas justificationes tuas in æternum: propter retributionem.

[O. NUN EST MENS.]

_INIQUOS odio habui: et legem Sest._

Advocatus: et susceptor meus es tu: et in verbum tuum supersonavii.

Declinate a me maligni: et scrutabor mandata Dei mei.

Suscie me secundum eloquium tuum, et vivam: et non confundas me ab expectatione mea.

Adjuva me, et salus ero: et meditabor in justificationibus tuis semper.

Sprevisti omnes disobedientes a judiciis tuis: quia injusta cogitatione eorum.

Prevaricantes reputavi omnes pecatores terrae: ido dixesti testimonii tua.

Confige timore tuo carnes meas: ac tempore judiciis enim tuis timui.

II. SAMECH RESUPINATIO SIVE REQUELS._

_Feci judicium et justitiam: non tradam me calumniantibus me._

Suscipe servum tuum in bonum: Elige servum non calumniantur me superbi.

Oculi mei defecerunt in salutare tuum: et in eloquium justitiae tuae.

Fac eum servo tuo secundum misericordiam tuam: et justificationes tuas doce me.

Servus tuus sum ego: da mihi intellectum ut sciam testimonia tua.

Tempus faciendi, Domine: dissipaverunt legem tuam.

_Ideo dixisti mandata tua: super aurum et topazion._

Proptera ad omnia mandata tua dirigebam: omnem viam iniquam odio habui.

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1 The ancient Jewish interpreters noted this verse as the only one which does not contain "thy word" or an equivalent expression.
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Mirabilia.

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 When thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath: for my delight was in thy commandments.

132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou used to do unto those that love thy Name.

133 Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: and so I keep thy commandments.

135 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

136 Mine eyes gush out with water: because men keep not thy law.

Justus es, Domine.

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord: and true is thy judgement.

138 The testimonies that thou hast commanded: are exceeding righteous and true.

139 My zeal hath even consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost: and thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small, and of no reputation: yet do I not forget thy commandments.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

143 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

144 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me: yet is my delight in thy commandments.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

I CALL with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

[Ps. ENA EST OCULOS.]

Mirabilia testimonia tua, Domine: idee scrutata est ea anima mea.

Declaratio sermonum tuorum illuminat: et intellectum dat parvulis.

Os meum aperui, et attraxi spiritum: quia mandata tua desiderabam.

Aspice in me et miserere mei: secundum judicium diligentium Nomen tuum.

Gressus meos dirige secundum eloquium tuum: ut non dominetur mei omnis injustitia.

Redime me a calumniis hominum: ut custodiam mandata tua.

Faciem tuam illumina super servum tuum: et doce me justificationes tuas.

Exitus aquarum deduxerunt oculi mei: quia non custodierunt legem tuam.

[S. COPH EST VOX.]

Justus es, Domine: et rectum judicium tuum.

Manifesti justitias testimonium tua: et veritatem tuam nimis.

Tabescere me fecit zelus meus: quia zelus dominus tua oblitus sunt verba tua inimici mei.

Ignitum eloquium tuum vehemens: et servus tuus dilexit illud.

Adolescentulus sum ego, et contemptus: justificationes tuas non sum oblitus.

Justitia tua justitia in aeternum: et lex tua veritas.

Tribulatio et angustia invenerunt me: mandata tua meditatio mea est.

Æquitas testimonium tua in aeternum: intellectum da mihi et vivam.

[II. RES EST PRINCIPiUM.]

CLAMAVI in toto corde; exaudi Nones.

me, Domine: justificationes tuas requiram.

The XXVI. Day.

Morning Prayer.

John i. 5, 9.
1 John i. 7.

Evening Prayer.

Jer. ix. 1.
Lam. i. 16.
John xii. 55.
Luke xix. 41.
146 Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in thy word is my trust.

148 Mine eyes prevent the night-watches: that I might be occupied in thy words.

149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness: quicken me according as thou art wont.

150 They draw nigh that of malice persecute me: and are far from thy law.

151 Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord: for all thy commandments are true.

152 As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since: that thou hast grounded them for ever.

**Vide humilitatem.**

Ps. xxxv. 1, 24.

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Health is far from the ungodly: for they regard not thy statutes.

156 Great is thy mercy, O Lord: quicken me, as thou art wont.

157 Many there are that trouble me and persecute me: yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

158 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors: because they keep not thy law.

159 Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments: O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

160 Thy word is true from everlasting: all the judgements of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

**Principes persecuti sunt.**

Dan. vi. 4.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I am as glad of thy word: as one that findeth great spoils.

Clamavi ad te; salvum me fac: ut custodiam mandata tua.

Preveni in maturitate, et clamavi: quia in verba tua supersperavi.

Prevenerunt oculi mei ad te diluculo: ut meditarer eloquia tua.

Vocem meam audi secundum misericordiam tuam, Domine: et secundum judicium tuum vivifica me.

Appropinquaverunt persequentes me: iniquitati: a lege autem tua longe facti sunt.

Prope es tu, Domine: et omnes vis tua veritas.

Initio cognovi de testimonii tuis: quia in aeternum fundasti ea.

[Y. SEN EST VLE RECTE.]

Vide humilitatem meam et eripe me: Nones.

quia legem tuam non sum oblitus.

Judica judicium meum et redime me: propter eloquium tuum vivifica me.

Longe a peccatoribus salus: quia justificationes tuas non exquisierunt.

Misericordiae tuae multae, Domine: secundum judicium tuum vivifica me.

Multi qui persecuruntur me et tribulant me: a testimonii tuis non declinavi.

Vidi praevaricantes, et tabescebam: non servantes pactum.

Vide quoniam mandata tua dixisti, Domine: in misericordia tua vivifica me.

Principium verborum tuorum veritas: in aeternum omnia judicia justitiae tuae.

[Φ TAU EST MANSUETUS.]

PRINCIPIES persecuti sunt me Nones.

gratis: et a verbis tuis formidavit cor meum.

Lestabor ego super eloquia tua: sicut qui invent spolia multa.
THE XXVI.
Day
Evening Prayer.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them; but thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee; because of thy righteous judg-
ments.
165 Great is the peace that they have who love thy law: and they are not offended at it.
166 Lord, I have looked for thy saving health: and done after thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testi-
monies: and loved them exceedingly.
168 I have kept thy command-
ments and testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

Aproposet deprecatio.

LET my complaint come before thee, O Lord: give me under-
standing, according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me, according to thy word.
171 My lips shall speak of thy praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous.
173 Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy commandments.
174 I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord: and in thy law is my delight.
175 O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and thy judgements shall help me.
176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

THE CXX PSALM.
Ad Dominum.

The XXVII.
Day.
Morning Prayer.
A Gradual Psalm.

WHEN I was in trouble I called upon the Lord: and he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips: and from a deceitful tongue.

Iniquitatem odio habui et abominatus sum: legem autem tuam dilexi.
Septies in die laudem dixi tibi: super judicia justitiae tuae.

Pax multa diligentibus legem tuam: non enim illis scandalum.

Expectabam salutare tuum, Domine: et mandata tua dilexi.

Custodivit anima mea testimonia tua: et dilexit ea vehemens.

Servavi mandata tua et testimonia tua: quia omnes vice meae in conspectu tuo.

[X. ψ. ω.]
Aproposet deprecatio mea in conspectu tuo, Domine: juxta eloquium tuum da mihi intellectum.

Intret postulatio mea in conspectu tuo: secundum eloquium tuum eripe me.

Eructabunt labia mea hymnum: cum docueris me justificationes tuas.

Pronuntiabit lingua mea eloquium tuum: quia omnia mandata tua aquitas.
Fiat manus tua ut salvet me: quam salutem me vocet ilium mandata tua elegi.
Concupivi salutare tuum, Domine: et lex tua meditatio mea est.

Vivet anima mea et laudabit te: et judicia tua adjuvabunt me.

Erravi sicut ovis quem periti: quem servum tuum, quia mandata tua non sum oblivus.

PSALMUS CXXIX.

AD Dominum cum tribularer clamavi: et exaudivit me.
Domine, libera animam meam a labiis iniquis: et a linguas dolosas.

The XXVIII.
Day.
Gradual Psalm.

THE PSALMS OF DEGREES.

CXX—CXXXIV.

These fifteen Psalms have been so called from very distant times, perhaps from the time when they were originally composed. They have also been named "Psalmi communis" and "Psalmi permiben-
tiales," but these names have been less generally recognized than the other.

Several explanations have been given of the title "Songs of Degrees." Some have supposed that it indicated Psalms which were to be sung by the Levites with a high voice [2 Chron. xx.
18]; others that they were Psalms of special excellency, as persons are sometimes said to be of "high degree" [1 Chron. xvii.
3 What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue: even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4 Wo is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesch: and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

5 My soul hath long dwelt among them: that are enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof: they make them ready to battle.

THE CXXI PSALM.

Levavi oculos.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

Quid detur tibi, aut quid apponatur tibi: ad linguam dolosam?

Sagitae potentis acute: cum car- Sagitae potentis
bonibus desolatoris.

Heu mihi, quia incolatus meus pro-
longatus est: habitavi cum habitanti-
bus Cedar: multum incola fuit anima-
mea.

Cum his qui oderunt pecem eram
pacificus: cum loquebar illis, impug-
nabant me gratis.

PSALMUS CXX.

Levavi oculos meos in montes: unde veniet auxilium mihi.

Auxilium meum a Domino: qui fecit caelum et terram.

Non det in commotionem pedem tuam: neque dormiet qui custodit te.

Ecce non dormitant neque dormiet: neque obdormiet qui custodit Israël.

Dominus custodit te, Dominus pro-
tectio tua: super manum dexteram
tuam.

through the successive stages of its pilgrimage and ascent towards its heavenly glory and rest.

PSALM CXXI.

Thus in her pilgrimage the Church lifts up her eyes to look upon "the Holy City, New Jerusalem," whose foundations are in the holy hills, beholding her joy from afar. Yet is she ever drawing nearer and nearer to the help which cometh from the Lord; to
6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yes, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in; from this time forth for evermore.

THE CXXII PSALM.

Latus sum.

I WAS glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.
4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5 For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.
6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.
9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

Per diem sol non uerc te: neque luna per noctem.

Dominus custodit te ab omni malo: custodiat animam tuam Dominus.

Dominus custodiat introitum tuum et exitum tuum: ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

PSALMUS CXXI.

LATATUS sum in his quae dicta tue.

Sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri: in atris tuis Hierusalem.

Hierusalem quae sedicatur ut civitas: cujus participatio ejus in idipsum:

Illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini: testimonium Israël, ad confitendum Nomini Domini.

Quia illic sederunt sedes in judicio:

Sedes super domum David.

Rogate quæ ad pacem sunt Hierusalem: et abundantia diligentibus te.

Fiat pax in virtute tua: et abundantia in turribus tuis.

Propter frateres meos et proximos meos: loquebar pacem de te:

Propter domum Domini Dei nostri: Dei et quassivi bona tibi.

the time when "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." [Rev. xx. 4.]

And even the prospect of God's glory on the distant everlasting hills gives strength to the faith which recognizes His protecting Presence in the Church during the time of warfare and pilgrimage. So the promise is remembered that "none shall stumble or fall" who lean upon the strength of Israel, and that He has said that not even the gates of hell shall prevail against His Church. As the Presence of the Lord was manifested upon the tabernacle in its journeyings through the wilderness, so is it given to the Church in her pilgrimage, and the word is already fulfilled: "My Righteousness shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward . . . and the Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

PSALM CXXII.

The New Jerusalem is here set forth as being the treasury of Christ's peace and unity, according to our Lord's words, "My peace I leave with you," and His final prayer, "That they all may be one." The unity of the Church is symbolized in the Book of Revelation by the figure of a city built four-square, "having twelve foundations and in them the names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb." And the association of this unity with peace is elaborated by St. Paul when he writes to the Ephesians that they should walk worthy of the vocation with which they are called, "endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." "For," he adds, "there is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all." And, showing this unity of peace to be in Christ, he shows also that it is maintained by Apostolic order: "And He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the Body of Christ: till we all come, in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect Man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

From the Church of Christ, therefore, proceeds the peace which Christ left for His people, the "peace which passeth all understanding." Because His throne is within its walls it is a City which is at unity with itself in respect to the essentials of grace, however diverse its gates in the sight of men. Whatever may
THE CXXIII PSALM

Ad te levavi oculos meos

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

1. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress: even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

2. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us; for we are utterly despised.

3. Our soul is filled with the scornful reproach of the wealthy: and with the despitefulness of the proud.

THE CXXIV PSALM.

Nisi quia Dominus.

A Gradual Psalm.

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;

2. They had swallowed us up quick: when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

3. Yea, the waters had drowned us: and the stream had gone over our soul.

4. The deep waters of the proud: had gone even over our soul.

5. But praised be the Lord: who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

6. Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

PSALM CXXII.

Ad te levavi oculos meos: qui Tuesday Vespers.

Habitas in coelis.

Ecce sicut oculi servorum: in manibus dominorum suorum.

Sicut oculi ancilae in manibus domine suae: ita oculi nostri ad Dominum Deum nostrum, donec misereatur nostri.

Miserere nostri, Domine, miserere nostri: quia multum repleti sumus despectione:

Quia multum repleta est anima nostra, oppressoium abundabimus: et despectio superbi.

PSALM CXXIII.

Nisi quia Dominus erat in nobis, Tuesday Vespers.

dicit nunc Israel: nisi quia Dominus erat in nobis:

Cum exsurgerent homines in nos: forte vivos desolissent nos:

Cum irasceretur furor eorum in nos: animus eorum aduersus nos:

Torremtem pertransivit anima nostra: forsitan pertransisset anima nostra aquam intolerabiliem.

Benedictus Dominus, qui non dedit nos: in captivitatem dedit nobis,

Anima nostra sicut passer erepta est: de laqueo venantium:

Laqueus contributus est: et nos liberati sumus.

This is a prayer of the Church for times of trouble during her pilgrimage. The way of that pilgrimage is not one of unimpeded progress, for the sin of men brings down the displeasure of God even upon His Holy City, and the Evil One is permitted to bring desolation upon it, so that even the remnant that are left of the Captivity... are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. Then her faithful prayer goes up to the throne of God to undo the work of her faithless children, memorializing Him that they are Thy people and Thine inheritance, which Thou hast possessed by Thy mighty power, and Thy stretched-out arm. [Deut. ix. 29.]

PSALM CXXIV.

This is a thanksgiving, corresponding to the prayer of the preceding Psalm, acknowledging that it is God's arm which has delivered His Church in all time of trouble, and that but for His protecting Providence it could never continue from age to age in the face of opposition from Satan and the world. "When the

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7 Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

THE CXXV PSALM.

Qui confidunt.

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Zion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

4 Do well, O Lord: unto those that are good and true of heart.

5 As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness: the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers: but peace shall be upon Israel.

THE CXXVI PSALM.

Psalm v. 20.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.

Enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a Standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.” [Isa. ix. 19, 20.]

PSALM CXXV.

This is another hymn concerning the Lord’s protection and care of His Church in the midst of the dangers to which it is subject from foes. It is a House built upon a rock, even the Rock of Christ’s Person, and though the winds and storms of persecution may beat against it it cannot fall, nor can the gates of Hell prevail against it, because it is thus securely founded. It is a Vineyard in a very fruitful hill, which the Lord has fenced about with His Providence as Jerusalem was surrounded by its fortress mountains. And though His Church is in the midst of many and great dangers through the strength of the foe without and the weakness of those within, yet He will never suffer it to be overcome by the enemy: “I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.” [John xvii. 15.] He permitted Satan to stretch forth his hand on Job, but there was a restriction laid upon him, “Save his life;” and the effect of this limitation of the “rod of the ungodly” was that “in all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.” Thus does the Lord fulfil His promise to His Church: “When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the floods, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.” [Isa. lxxiii. 2.]

PSALM CXXVI.

This prophecy of Israel’s return from the Babylonish Captivity, is also a prediction of the Lord’s final reception of His Church out of its captivity in this world to its glory in heaven: and hence it is a hymn based on the constant prayer of the Church, “Thy Kingdom come.” When that time arrives, the living shall
THE XXVII.

Day.

Evening.

Prayer.


Ps. xii. 1.

THE CXXVII PSALM.

Nisi Dominus.

EXCEPT the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb: are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant: even so are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

THE CXXVIII PSALM.

Benedict omnes.

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways.

Lord by Zerubbabel, were all typical of the foundation and building of the City of God, whose walls are Salvation and her gates Praise. It was predicted respecting this “new house” that “The sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee...the glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary, and I will make the place of My feet glorious.” [Isa. lx. 11. 13.] But it was the sleep of the Beloved by which the Lord built the house, and by which He keeps the City. For as when Adam awoke Eve was taken out of his side, so when the Second Adam fell asleep on the Cross there proceeded forth from His side the Sacramental streams by which the children who are the Lord’s heritage and gift are now born to Him and nourished up to eternal life.

It is these children who are as arrows in the hand of the Bridegroom, rejoicing as a Giant to run His course: and He is the Man Whose happiness it is to say, “Behold I and the children whom the Lord hath given Me!” because, also, He is their Strength they shall have “boldness in the Day of Judgment” when the great Enemy shall be their accuser before the throne.

1 The “gate” in the last verse may be an antitype of both the “gate of death” and the gate in which the king sat to judge the people’s causes. See 2 Sam. xv. 2; xix. 8.
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Evening
Prayer.
Rev. ii. 20. xv. 3.
Eph. iv. 10, 11.
Isa. v. 2, liv. 5.
Jer. ii. 21.
John xv. 3—11.
Rom. xi. 17.

2 For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house.
4 Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table.
5 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord.
6 The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.
7 Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

THE CXXIX PSALM.
Sepe expugnaverunt.

A Gradual Psalm.
Gen. iii. 15.

MANY a time have they fought against me from my youth up: may Israel now say.
2 Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up: but they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my back: and made long furrows.
4 But the righteous Lord: hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.
5 Let them be confounded and turned backward: as many as have evil will at Sion.
6 Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops: which withereth afore it be plucked up;

and rejoice, and give honour to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His Wife hath made herself ready.”

PALM CXXVIII.

Respecting this Psalm also the words of St. Paul may be put into the mouth of the Psalmist, “I speak concerning Christ and His Church.” The figure of marriage is one constantly used in a mystical sense of the union which God establishes between Himself and His people. So He said of old, “Thy maker is thy Husband:” so also when all things are made new the Apocalypse vision of the glorified Church is of one “prepared as a Bride adorned for her Husband,” of whom the angel said, “Come hither, I will show thee the Bride, the Lamb’s Wife.” [Rev. xxi. 2.]

Thus this Psalm is to be taken, in its highest aspect, as spoken of Christ, “the Man” so often pronounced to be “blessed” throughout the whole Book of Psalms. The “labours of Thine hands” are those marvellous works for which the saints praise the King of Saints [Rev. xv. 3]: “Thy wife” is the Bride of Christ, made one with Himself “the true Vine,” which has become the Tree of Life beside His House on earth: “Thy children” are they who have become the children of God through their regeneration. [1 Pet. i. 3. 1 John v. 1.] “Let us be glad, Labores manuum tuarum quia man- fructum tuorum manducabis: beatus es, et bene tibi erit.

UXOR tua sicut vitia abundans: in lateribus domus tuae.

Filii tui sicut novellae olivarum: in circuitu mense tuae.

Ecce, sic benedicetur homo: qui timet Dominum.

Benedicat tibi Dominus ex Sion: et videos bona Hierusalem omnibus diebus vite tuae.

Et videos filios filiorum tuorum: pacem super Israel.

PSALM CXXVIII.

SÆPE expugnaverunt me a juven-
tate mea: dicit nunc Israel.

Sepe expugnaverunt me a juven-
tate mea: etenim non potuerunt mihi.

Supra dorsum meum fabricaverunt peccatores: prolongaverunt iniquitatem suam.

Dominus justus concidet cervices peccatorum: confundantur et convers-
tantur retrorsum omnes qui oderunt Sion.

Fiant sicut fœnum tectorum: quod edificator prœiusquam evellatur exaurit.

PSALM CXXIX.

From her youth up to her later ages the world and Satan have fought against the Church, and vexed her and made her to “fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ.” [Col. i. 24.] As “He gave His back to the smiters” and was “wounded for our transgressions” by the scourging which He suffered in the hall of Pilate, so the persecutions which fell upon the Church in its youth were as the torture of plowers plowing upon His Mystical Body, and making long furrows with the scourge of wicked tyranny. [Cl. Acts ix. 4, 5.]

Active persecution of this kind is but one phase of that continuous opposition to the work of Christ and His Church which the Apostle speaks of as “crucifying the Son of God afresh.” It will never cease until the warfare of the Church is ended, Satan defeated, and all the foes of Christ made His footstool. But as the Lord Himself suffered the plowers to plow upon His back that His sufferings might work the salvation of men, so the persecutions which fall upon the Church are for her purification. At the
7 Whereof the mower filleth not his hand: neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.

8 So that they who go by say not so much as, The Lord prosper you: we wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord.

THE CXXX. PSALM.

De profundis.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

THE CXXXI. PSALM.

Domine, non est.

Lord, I am not high-minded: I have no proud looks.

De quo non implevit manum suam impedit qui metit: et sinus suum qui manipulos colligit:

Et non dixerunt qui praeterilibat, Benedictio Domini super vos: benedicimus vobis in Nomine Domini.

PSALMUS CXXX.

DOMINE, non est exaltatum cor

meum: neque elati sunt oculi

mei.

last He will make manifest His good Providences in this, and say to the enemies of the new as He did to those of the ancient Israel.

"Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it: and of ancient times that I have formed it: now have I brought it to pass that thou shouldest be to lay defended cities into ruinous heaps . . . .

I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest."

PSALM CXXX.

This is the sixth of the Penitential Psalms: and has also been associated time immemorial with the mourning and watching of survivors over their departed brethren. It bears much similarity to the prayer of Jonah, which begins, "I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and He heard me: out of the belly of hell cried I, and Thou heardest my voice." And as our Lord Himself declared that the prophet Jonah was a sign or type of Him so clear as to be evident even to that wicked generation which rejected Him, we have, in this coincidence of the prayer and the Psalm, an evidence that the latter is to be understood, like the other Penitential Psalms, as the words of Christ taking our sins upon Him, and offering up a vicarious penitence, by participation in the fulness of which by His brethren their imperfect penitence is made acceptable to God.

This Psalm expresses, however, the cry of the penitent in the state of the departed, rather than that of the sinner in the day of probation. As Jonah from his living grave, as Christ from His Cross, so the sinner from his place in the intermediate state calls "out of the deep" upon the mercy of God, pleads the impossibility of salvation if full justice is poured out upon his sins, memorializes God of His mercy through Christ, and lifts up the aspiration of his soul to flee unto the Lord "very early in the" resurrection "morning."

Thus this Psalm finds a proper Antiphon in the words of the prophets Nahum and Zechariah. "Who can stand before His indignation, and who can abide in the fierceness of His anger? If His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the Day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him." "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope." [Zech. ix. 12.]

PSALM CXXXI.

This is the Voice of Him Who, esteeming it no robbery to be even equal with God, yet took upon Him the form of a servant,
2 I do not exercise myself in great matters: which are too high for me.
3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother: yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.
4 O Israel, trust in the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

THE CXXXII PSALM.

Memento, Domine.

LORD, remember David: and all his trouble;
2 How he sware unto the Lord: and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house: nor climb up into my bed;
4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber: neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord: an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata: and found it in the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacle: and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place: thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
10 For thy servant David's sake: turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.

Neque ambulavi in magnis: neque in mirabilibus super me.
Si non humiliter sentiebam: sed exaltavi animam meam.
Sicut ablacatus est super mater sua: ita retributio in anima mea.
Speret Israel in Domino: ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

PSALMUS CXXXII.

MEMENTO, Domine, David: et Thrusd., Christ mas, Vespers.
Si introiero in tabernaculum domus meæ: si ascendo in lectum strati mei:
Si dedero somnum oculis meis: et palpebris meis dormitionem:
Et requiem temporibus meos, donec inveniam locum Domino: tabernaculm Deo Jacob.
Ecce, audivimus eam in Ephrata: invenimus eam in campis silvae.
Introibimus in tabernaculum ejus: adorabimus in loco ubi steterunt pedes ejus.
Surge, Domine, in requiem tuam: tu et area sanctificationis tuae.
Sacerdotes tui induantur justitiam: et sancti tui exultent.
Propter David servum tuum: non avertas faciem Christi tui.

When David sang respecting the vow which He had made to God to build Him a house [vv. 1—10], and respecting God’s promise to him as to the firm establishment of his seed in Sion [vv. 11—19], he was mysteriously indicating (1) the Son of David tabernacling among men in the flesh that He might find out a place for the spiritual Temple, and (2) the promises of God made to his children for the sake of His Beloved Son. “But thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity.” [Mic. v. 2. Matt. ii. 6.]

In this Psalm, God is therefore memorialized of the “good pleasure” which the Son of God “hath purposed in Himself,” and of the “eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus.”

velled His Divine glory in a tabernacle of flesh, and came into the world in the likeness of sinful men. Such was our Lord, and such was the Example which He set forth. “Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart.” On more than one occasion the people desired to take the holy Jesus and set Him up for their King, but His ordinary practice on such occasions was to go apart from the multitude, as not exercising Himself in great matters: and only once, immediately before His sufferings, did He permit Himself to be led in triumph. Thus His holy Example illustrated the benediction which He uttered, “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” [Matt. v. 5.] And as our Lord, in the Psalms, mostly speaks in the Person of His Mystical Body, so here we may doubtless see both example and precept teaching us that the Church should ever be kept apart from schemes of secular ambition, and “exercised” only in such matters as are connected with her spiritual work.
11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David: and he shall not shrink from it;
12 Of the fruit of thy body: shall I set upon thy seat.
13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them: their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself: he hath longed for her.
15 This shall be my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
16 I will bless her victuals with increase: and will satisfy her poor with bread.
17 I will deck her priests with health: and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

**THE CXXXII PSALM.**

**Ecce, quam bonum.**

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard; even unto Aaron’s beard, and down to the skirts of his clothing.

3 Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the Lord promised his blessing: and life for evermore.

Juravit Dominus David veritatem, et non frustrabitur eam: de fructu ventris tui ponam super sedem tuam.

Si custodierint filii tui testamentum meum: et testimonia mea hæc quæ docebo eos:

Et filii eorum usque in sæculum: sedebunt super sedem tuam.

Quoniam elegit Dominus Sion: prælegit eam in habitacionem sibi.

Hæc requies mea in sæculum sæculi: hic habitabo: quoniam elegi eam. prælegi

Viduam ejus benedicens benedican: pauperes ejus saturabo panibus.

Sacerdotes ejus induam salutari: et sancti ejus exsultatione exsultabunt.

Ille producam cornu David: paravi lucernam Christo meo.

Inimicos ejus induam confusionem: super ipsum autem efflorescit sanctificatio mea.

**PSALMUS CXXXII.**

**ECCE, quam bonum et quam jucundum: Thund. Vespers.**

Sicce unguum in capite: quod descendit in barbam, barbam Aaron:

Quod descendit in oram vestimenti ejus: sicce ros Hermon, qui descendit in montem Sion.

Quoniam illie mandavit Dominus benedictionem: et vitam usque in sæculum.

that the Word should become flesh and dwell among us, and that “the Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients, gloriously.” “He has chosen for a rest,” says St. Hilary, “those of whom the Lord says in the Gospel, ‘No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him.’ He has chosen that holy Zion, that heavenly Jerusalem, to wit, the harmonious company of the faithful, and the souls hallowed by the sacraments of the Church, to the end that in them, as in a reasonable and intelligent habitation, thoroughly cleansed, and eternal through the glory of the Resurrection, the reasonable and intelligent, and undeﬁled, and eternal nature of His inefﬁable Divinity may rest.”

Dwelling in His Church here, Christ thus reigns in His chosen habitation, blessing her corn and wine with sacramental increase that they may satisfy her poor with the Bread of Life. There does God make the horn of the Son of David to flourish, and there He has ordained a City set an hill to be a lantern for His Christ. Hereafter all things will be put under His feet, and His enemies shall be clothed with shame, when they see the crown of thorns blossoming into the corona radiata of an Imperial glory, the sign of just judgment, and of everlasting dominion.

**PSALM CXXXIII.**

This is a song of the Church respecting the Indwelling of the Holy Ghost in the Mystical Body of Christ. It is this by which the Unity of the Church is originated and maintained through
THE CXXIV PSALM.

Ecce nunc.

Behold now, praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord;
2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of our God.
3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.
4 The Lord that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion.

THE CXXV PSALM.

Laudate Nomen.

O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.
3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself; and Israel for his own possession.
5 For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth: and in the sea, and in all deep places.
7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world: and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.

PSALM CXXXIII.

Ecce, nunc, benedicte Dominum: Compline.

Qui statis in domo Domini: in atris domus Dei nostri.

In noctibus extollite manus vestras in sancta: et benedicte Dominum.

Benedicat te Dominus ex Sion: qui fecit celum et terram.

PSALM CXXXIV.


Qui statis in domo Domini: in atris domus Dei nostri.

Laudate Dominum, quia bonus Dominus: psallite Nomini ejus, quomun suave.

Quoniam Jacob elegit sibi Dominus: Israel in possessionem sibi.

Quia ego cognovi quod magnus est Dominus: et Deus noster prae omnibus diis.

Omnia quecunque voluit Dominus, fecit in celo et in terra: in mari et in omnibus abyssis.

Educes nubes ab extremo terrae: fulgura in pluviam fecit.

Qui producit ventos de thersauris.
8 He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast.

9 He lath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt: upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.

10 He smote divers nations: and slew mighty kings;

11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

12 And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever: so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

14 For the Lord will avenge his people: and be gracious unto his servants.

15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold: the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, but they see not.

17 They have ears, and yet they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: and so are all they that put their trust in them.

19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel: praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.

20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.

21 Praised be the Lord out of Sion: who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

THE CXXXVI PSALM.

Confitemini.

GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

suis: quipereussit primogenita Αἰγυπτί, ab homine usque ad pecus.

Et misit signa et prodigia in medio tuui, Αἰγυπτί: in Pharaonem et in omnes servos ejus.

Qui percussit gentes multas: et occidit reges fortes.

Sehon regem Amorræorum, et Og regem Basan: et omnia regna Chanaan. Chanaan occidit

Et dedit terram eorum hereditatem: hereditatem Israëli populo suo.

Domine, Nomen tuum in aeternum:

Domine, memoriale tuum in generatione et generationem.

Quia judicabit Dominus populum suum: et in servis suis deprecabitur.

Simulachra gentium argentum et aurum: opera manuum hominum.

Os habent, et non loquuntur: oculos habent, et non videbunt.

Aures habent, et non audient: neque enim est spiritus in ore ipsorum.

Similes illis sunt qui faciunt ea: et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

Domus Israëli, benedicite Dominum: domus Aaron, benedicite Dominum.

Domus Levi, benedicite Dominum: qui timetis Dominum, benedicite Dominum.

Benedictus Dominus ex Sion: qui habitat in Hierusalem.

PSALMUS CXXXV.

CONFITEMINI Domino, quoniam Thurea. Vespers.

bonus: quoniam in aeternum in nescitom misericordia ejus.

and people "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." This is most conspicuous in the first and last three verses, but the others also are evidently intended. to be "cast," as it has been said, "from one to the other," and in carrying out this purpose the Psalmist has been following a Divine pattern, shown to him in the mount of God.

In this Psalm the Church again praises God for His continuous mercy and goodness towards her in the days of His ancient as in those of His new Israel: and the greatness of this mercy is set forth by such references to the majesty and power of God as declare throughout that "the Lord thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness," but for His holy Name's sake, that "great Name" which He "will sanctify." [Deut. ix. 6. Ezek. xxxvi. 22.] And as it was a perpetual subject of rejoicing among God's ancient people that He had thus chosen them from among all nations as a people among whom He might dwell and manifest forth His glory, so the Presence of Christ in His Church is still the chief subject of praise. "What-
2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O thank the Lord of all lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Who only doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 Who laid out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 Who hath made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever; the sun to rule the day: for his mercy endureth for ever; the moon and the stars to govern the night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

8 Who smote Egypt with their first-born: for his mercy endureth for ever;

9 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever;

10 With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

11 And parted Red sea in two parts: for his mercy endureth for ever;

12 The sun is setest upon his people: for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 Who divided Red sea in two parts: for his mercy endureth for ever; the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever.

14 And made Israel to go through: for his mercy endureth for ever.

15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

16 Who led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Thus interpreted, the Psalm divides itself (after the introductory verses) into three sections. In the first section [vv. 4—9] the marvels of Creation are set forth as tokens of the mercy of the Lord: a mercy whose objects may extend far beyond the boundaries of our own world, but of which our own experience gives us abundant reason to sing that it endureth for ever. But the great wonders of the natural world are types and symbols of those in the spiritual world. The heavens are the glorified Church: the earth is the Church in its militant condition. And because the Militant Church is that wherein souls are made fit for the Church glorified, therefore it is laid out above (or founded on) the waters of grace, wherein all souls are new born, and respecting which the invitation is ever going forth, “Hast thou not been washed, and consecrated, and bid to the waters.” “If any man is thirsty, let him come unto Me, and drink.” The “great lights” are the Sun of Righteousness, “Light of Light,” and the “lessor...
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Evening Prayer.

17 Who smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever;
18 Yea, and slew mighty kings: for his mercy endureth for ever;
19 Sehon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever;
20 And Og the king of Basan: for his mercy endureth for ever;
21 And gave away their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever;
22 Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever;
24 And hath delivered us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.
25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.
27 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

 Qui percussit reges magnos: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.
Et occidit reges fortes: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.
Schon regem Amorrorum: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.
Et Og regem Basan: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.
Et dedit terram eorum hæreditatem: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.

Hæreditatem Israel servo suo: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.
Qui in humilitate nostra memor fuit nostri: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.
Et redemtit nos ab inimicis nostris: quoniam in aeternum misericordia ejus.

THE CXXXVII PSALM.

Super flumina.

BY the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept: when we remembered thee, O Sion.

Rev. xvi. 1—5.

2 As for our harps, we hanged them up: upon the trees that are therein.
3 For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and melody, in our heaviness: Sing us one of the songs of Sion.

THE CXXXVI.

PSALMUS CXXXVI.

Superc fluminis Babylonis, illic sed Thured. Vespera dimus et flevimus: dum recordamus et remur tui, Sion.

In salicibus in medio ejus: suspendimus organa nostra.

Quia illic interrogaverunt nos: qui captivos duexerunt nos, verba cantionum:

Et qui abduxerunt nos: Hymnum cantate nobis de canticis Sion.

The third section consists of verses 23, 24, and 25, and is characterized by the latter verse especially, in which is signified the mercy of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity in giving Himself to be the “Living Bread,” given for “the life of the world.”

Thus recounting the mercies of her Saviour, the Church returns to her first strain of praise, “O give thanks unto the Lord of lords, for His mercy endureth for ever!”

PSALM CXXXVII.

The pathos of this sorrowful strain looks beyond the exile and captivity of the Jews, and sets before God the longings of His Church for that Paradise out of which she was driven by the Fall, but to which she hopes to return after the destruction of the mystical Babylon [Rev. xviii.—xxii.].—that great world of confusion which has broken up the order and harmony of the Creator’s good work.

In the Sion of God’s Presence the four-and-twenty elders are

light,” the Church, which derives all her light from Him, that she may shed it abroad on men during the “night” of His absence from their sight: the stars are they of whom the prophet said, “They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever,” and of whom our Lord said, “Ye are the light of the world.”

In the second section [vv. 10—22] the mercy of the Lord is magnified for delivering human nature from the power of the Evil One, and the Church from the opposition of Antichrist: the progress of His people being symbolized by the triumphal march of Israel in the face of all her enemies; and the foes of Christ and His Church,—Satan and all his Antichristian agents,—by Pharaoh, the great and mighty kings, Sichon and Og. Thus is signified how the “Prince of this world” is to be deprived of that dominion over which he has exercised his power since the Fall, and how the heritage is to be given to Israel God’s servant, the Lord Jesus, and to His Mystical Body.
THE XXVIII. DAY.

Evening Prayer.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth: yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my midst.

Lam. iv. 22. Esch. xxv. 12—14.

The children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem: how they said, Down with it, down with it even to the ground. O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery: yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us. Blessed shall he be, that taketh thy children: and throweth them against the stones.

THE CXXXVIII PSALM.

Confitebor tibi.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy lovingkindness and truth: for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy Word Above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou hearest me: and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord: for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: that great is the glory of the Lord.

Quomodo cantabimus canticum Domini: in terra aliena?

Si obitus sueris, Hierusalem: oblivious detur dextera mea.

Adhaerat lingua mea faucibus meis: si non memineris tui:

Si non prospense Hierusalem: in toti hier. principio lattiae meae.

Memor esto, Domine, filiorum Edom: in die Hierusalem:

Qui dicunt, Exinanite, exinanite: usque ad fundamentum in ea.

Filia Babylonis misera: beatus, qui retribuist tibi retributionem tuam, quam retribuisti nobis.

Beatus qui tenebit: et alidunt parvulos tuos ad petram.

PSALMUS CXXXVII.

CONFITEBOR tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: quoniam audisti verba oris mei.

In conspectu angelorum psallam tibi: adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum, et confitebor Nomi tuo.

Super misericordia tua et veritate tua: quoniam magnificasti super omne Nomen sanctum tuum.

In quaunque die invocavero te, exaudi me: multiplicabis in anima mea virtutem.

Confiteantur tibi, Domine, omnes reges terre: quia audierunt omnia verba oris tui.

Et cantent in vii Domini: quoniam in cantica Domini magna est gloria Domini.

represented as "having every one of them harps," the New Song is "the voice of harpers harping with their harps," the martyrs "stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God," and when Babylon is fallen "the voice of harpers" is heard in her no more. Thus is symbolized the restoration to the redeemed of the joys from which the Church has been exiled while it dwelt in the "strange land" of a world which was held captive in the bondage of Satan. And while in that land, she is ever looking forward to the bliss of a restored Paradise; a Jerusalem, "new" indeed, yet such as that happy place in which mankind could at first sing the Lord's song to the praise of their Creator in His Visible Presence, the Object of their worship speaking to them, and "walking in the garden."

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world," is thus the tone of this Psalm. The mystical Babylon is ever at enmity against God, and the prayer of His Church is ever that all may be destroyed which is not for His glory. Since, then, "in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth:" therefore the voice comes even from Heaven, "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works."

PSALM CXXXVIII.

This Psalm may have been written by David when he was living as an exile in an idolatrous kingdom, and when he would be the more fervently calling upon God, because walking in the midst of trouble. It may have been upon the lips of the three young confessors as they walked in the midst of the furnace of Nebuchadnezzar: or of Daniel as he knelt three times a day before his God as aforetime, with his face toward Jerusalem, notwithstanding the cruel devices of his enemies to put him to death: or it may, have been the song of those who sang praises at midnight in the prison, when they were brought before rulers and kings for Christ's sake. But more than all it is the voice of Christ
The XXVIII.
Day.
Evening
Prayer.

ISA. xiii. 2.
Heb. iv. 13.

Phil. ii. 6.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me: thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his lovingkindness toward me: yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

THE CXXXIX PSALM.
Domine, probasti.

The XXIX.
Day.
Morning
Prayer.

JOH. xiii. 9.
xxv. 4.
Heb. iv. 13.

Matt. xx. 1.

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

The ancient Introt of the Church of England for Low Sunday applied a portion of this Psalm to our Lord's Resurrection:

Quoniam excelsus Dominus, et humilia respicit: et alta a longe cognoscit.

Si ambulavero in medio tribulationis, vivificabis me: et super iram inimico- rum meorum extendisti manum tuam, et salvum me fecit dextera tua.

Dominus retribuet pro me; Domine, misericordia tua in seculum: opera manuum tuarum ne despicias.

PSALMUS CXXXVIII.

DOMINE, probasti me, et cognovisti me: tu cognovisti sessionem meam et resurrectionem meam.

Intellextisti cogitationes meas de longe: semitam meam et funiculum meum investigasti.

Et omnes vias meas praevidisti: quia non est sermo in lingua mea.

Ecce, Domine, tu cognovisti omnia, novissima et antiqua: tu formasti me, et posuisti super me manum tuam.

Mirabilis facta est scientia tua ex me: confortata est, et non potero ad eam.

Quo ibo a Spiritu tuo? et quo a facie tua fugiam?

Si ascendero in caelum, tu illic es: si descendero in infernum, ades.

"When I wake up, I am present with Thee. Alleluia. Thou hast laid Thine hand upon Me. Alleluia. Such knowledge is too wonderful for Me. Alleluia. O Lord, Thou hast searched Me out and known Me: Thou knowest My down-sitting and Mine uprising." This beautiful use of the first and fifth verses indicates to us the primary spiritual interpretation of the Psalm as relating to the Incarnation of our Blessed Lord, and to the formation of His Mystical Body, the Church. "Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary," the Human Nature of the holy Jesus attained the climax of that mystery attending the origin and growth of all our kind, and of none could it be so fully said, "Thou hast fashioned Me behind and before: and laid Thine hand upon Me." It is, therefore, as if the Human Nature was speaking to the Divine Nature: "Thou hast fashioned Me by the overshadowing with which Thou hast covered Me in My Mother's womb; Thou hast united Me inseparably with the overshadowing Spirit; Thou hast taken Me into Thee, so that I cannot be sep-
8 If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea: 
9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me. 
10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me: then shall my night be turned to day. 

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to thee are both alike. 
12 For my reins are thine: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. 
13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well. 

14 My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath the earth. 

15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect: and in thy book were all my members written; 
16 Which day by day were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them. 

17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God: O how great is the sum of them! 
18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee. 
19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God: depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men. 

20 For they speak unrighteously against thee: and thine enemies take thy Name in vain. 

8 Si sempsero pennas meas diluculo: ante lucem . . . in postremo maris; 

Etenim illuc manus tua deducet me: et tenebit me dexter a tua. 

Et dixi, Forsitan tenebrae concualbunt me: et nox illuminatio mea in deliciis meis. 

Quia tenebrae non obscubambunt a te, et nox sicut dies illuminabitur: sicut tenebrae ejus, ita et lumen ejus. 

Quia tu possedisti renes meos: sus-tu Dominus cepisti me de utero matris meae. 

Confitebor tibi, quia terribiliter magnificatus es: mirabilia opera tua, et mir . . . novi anima mea cognosce t. 

Non est occultatum os meum a te, quod fecisti in occulto: et substantia mea in inferioribus terre. 

Imperfectum meum viderunt oculi tui, et in libro tuo omnes scribentur: dies formabantur, et nemo in eis. 

Mihi autem nimis honorificati sunt amici tui, Deus: nimis confortatus est principatus eorum. 


Si occideris, Deus, peccatores: viri sangui nium declineat a me. 

Quia dictis in cogitatione: Accipie t in vanitate civitates suas. 

rated from Thee, whether I ascend to Heaven or descend to Hell, whether I go forth to the rising of the morning sun, or to the darkness left by his departure in the west; therefore I will offer up Myself as a never-ceasing Eucharist to Thee, declaring the marvellousness of Thy works in creating a New Man, after God, in righteousness and true holiness." The prophet Isaiah gave to the Church, therefore, a perpetual Antiphon to this Psalm when he said, "Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel." [Isa. vii. 14.] "God with us." [Matt. i. 25.] 

"But the actual body of Christ was itself the type of His Mystical Body, the Church, and is as such continually represented in Scripture. His bodily agonies on the cross were a warning of the afflictions to which the Church should be continually exposed, always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake; His unbroken bones betokened the undiminished strength which throughout her afflictions the Church should retain; the blood and water which flowed from His pierced side exhibited to view what subsequent generations cherished in the two Christian sacraments. It would be impossible, therefore, with due regard to the analogy of other Scripture-teaching, to read in the Psalm before us a prophecy of the Incarnation of Christ, and yet not to behold in it also a picture of that more spiritual Body of His, in which, and in the different members of which, His glory was to be displayed forth to the world from the period of His first to that of His second coming; . . . In secret, in the darkness of His own grave, that Church was fearfully and wonderfully made: the Core had to fall into the ground and die ere its much fruit could be brought forth. Then, after His Resurrection from the dead, and Ascension to His Father in Heaven,—I have awakened, and am again with Thee,—did His new life on earth in the person of the company of His redeemed people begin. It was then, when in His own Person He had left the world and gone to the Father, that He openly contemplates both the preciousness and the number of the
THE CXL PSALM.

Eripe me, Domine.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man: and preserve me from the wicked man.

2 Who imagine mischief in their hearts: and stir up strife all the day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent: adder's poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly: preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have laid a snare for me: and spread a net abroad with cords: yea, and set traps in my way.

6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.

7 O Lord God, thou strength of my health: thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord: let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

9 Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them: that compass me about.

Nonne qui oderunt te, Domine, odaram: et super inimicos tuos tabesceram?

Perfecto odio oderamillos: inimici facti sunt mihi.

Proba me, Deus, et scito cor meum: interrogame, et cognosce semitas meas.

Et vide, si via iniquitatis in me est: et deduc me in via æterna.

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PSALMUS CXXXIX.

ERIPE me, Domine, ab homine malo: a viro iniquo eripe me.

Qui cogitaverunt iniquitates in corde: malitias in corda tota die constituebant praelia.

Acuerunt linguas suas sicut serpentis: venenum aspidum sub labiis eorum.

Custodi me, Domine, de manu peccatoris: et ab hominibus iniquis eripe me. libera

Qui cogitaverunt supplantare gressus meos: absconderunt superbi laqueum mihi.

Et funes extenderunt in laqueum: pedibus meis: juxta iter scandalum posuerunt mihi.

Dixi Domino, Deus meus es tu: exaudi, Domine, vocem deprecationis orationis meae.

Domine, Domine, virtus salutis meae: obumbrasti super caput meum in die obumbram caput belli.

Ne tradas me, Domine, a desiderio meo peccatoris: cogitaverunt contra me: ne derelinquas me, ne forte exaltentur. ne unguem exal.

Caput circuitus eorum: labor laboriorum ipsorum operiet eos.

showing that the hatred of the Church towards recklessly impenitent sinners is a hatred of them as the enemies of her Lord; a hatred, in fact, of their reckless sin, mingled with grief for them in respect to the consequences which such impenitence will bring upon their bodies and souls.

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This is also one of those Psalms of which the sixty-ninth is a type, wherein the full wickedness of opposition to Christ and His Church is set forth by the strength of the language which is used in

friends of God, the members of His Body. Their preciousness was shown by the fulness of measure in which He poured forth His gifts upon them: their number was the Divine fulfilment of the promise originally made to Abraham, 'I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.'

The last six verses of this Psalm illustrate what has been said respecting the Imprecations in a note on the sixty-ninth Psalm.

1 Thrupp on the Psalms, ii. 297.

2 Page 410.
10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire, and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

11 A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth: evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

12 Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor: and maintain the cause of the helpless.

13 The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name: and the just shall continue in thy sight.


THE CXLI PSALM.

Domine, clamavi.

LORD, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me: and consider my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips.

4 Let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing: let me not be occupied in ungodly works, that the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

5 Let the righteous rather smite me friendly: and reprove me.

6 But let not their precious balsams break my head: yea, I will pray yet against their wickedness.

7 Let their judges be overthrown in stony places: that they may hear my words, for they are sweet.

Psalm CXLI.

DOMINE, clamavi ad te, exaudi me: intende voci meae, cum clamavero ad te.

Dirigatur oratio mea sicut incensum in conspectu tuo: elevatio manuum mearum sacrificium veipientium.

Pone, Domine, custodiam ori meo: et ostium circumstantiae labitis meis.

Non declines cor meum in verba malitiae: ad excusandas excusaciones in peccatis.

Cum hominibus operantibus iniquitatem: et non communicabo cor electi eorum.

Corripiet me justus in misericordia, et inerepabit me: oleum autem peccatoris non impinguet caput meum.

Quoniam adhuc et oratio mea in beneplacitis eorum: absorpti sunt juncti petrae judices eorum.

Audient verba mea, quoniam potuerunt: sicut crassitudo terrae erupta est super terram.

its condemnation. "The evil man," and "the wicked man," who have sharpened their tongues like a serpent, the "ungodly," and the "proud," are all representative terms, signifying, in their most extreme sense, that Evil One whom St. Paul calls "the Wicked," the "old Serpent," whose minister is Antichrist. From the temptation of the first Adam in Paradise to the Temptation of the Second Adam in the wilderness, and thence onward in all ages of the Church until the last great Day, this Evil One is imagining mischief against Christ and His Mystical Body, so that the prayer must ever go up, "Deliver us from the Evil," until Satan and his ministers have been cast into the "bottomless pit," among the "hot burning coals" of God's never-ending displeasure.

Then the event will show that God has surely avenged the Poor: the Mystical Body of the Righteous shall give thanks to His Name, and shall continue in His Presence for ever.

Cadent super eos carbones, in ignem carbones igni dejicies eos: in miseriis non subsistent.

Vir linguosus non dirigetur in terra: virum injustum mala capient in iteritum.

Cognovi quia faciet Dominus judicium inopis: et vindicat pauperum.

Veruntamen justi confitebuntur Nominì tuo: et habitabant recti cum vultu tuo.

Psalm CXLI.

This is the cry of the Lord and of His Church under suffering from the first and the last persecutors. When the Lamb of God was offered up in the evening of the world's duration, and on the evening of the first Good Friday, He became the true Evening Sacrifice, Whose very attitude was that then used in prayer, a lifting up of His hands, and spreading them forth as when one spreads forth his hands to swim. All the day long did He stretch forth His hands to a gainaying people, yet not in vain, for it was all the day long also in intercession with His Father. And although there was a supernatural darkness over body and soul for a time, the incense of His supplication arose before the throne, and when the Evening Sacrifice had been offered, the prophecy was fulfilled, "It shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light." [Zech. xiv. 7.]
8 Our bones lie scattered before the pit; like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.

9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God: in thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.

10 Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me: and from the traps of the wicked doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together: and let me ever escape them.

THE CXLII PSALM.

Voce mea ad Dominum.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice: yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints before him: and shewed him of my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.

5 I had no place to flee unto: and no man cared for my soul.

6 I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

7 Consider my complaint: for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors: for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name: which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

Dissipata sunt omnia ossa nostra sunt ossa
secus infernum: quia ad te, Domine,
Domine, oculi mei: in te speravi, non
auferas animam meam.

Custodi me a laqueo quem statute-
runt mihi: et a scandalis operantium
iniquitatem.

Cadent in retinaculo ejus peccatores:
singulariter sum ego donec transeam.

PSALMUS CXLII.

V OCE mea ad Dominum clamavi:
voce mea ad Dominum depre-
catus sum.

Effundo in conspectu ejus oratio-
enem meam: et tribulationem meam
ante ipsum pronuntio.

In deficiendo ex me spiritum meum:
et tu cognovisti semitas meas.

In via hac qua ambulabam: absconderunt laqueum mihi.

Considerabam ad dexteram, et vide-
bam: et non erat qui cognosceret me.

Periit fuga a me: et non est qui
requirat animam meam.

Clamavi ad te, Domine; dixi, Tu es
spes mea: portio mea in terra viven-
tium.

Intende ad deprecationem meam: in orationem
quia humiliatus sum nimir.

Libera me a persequentibus me:
quia confortati sunt super me.

Eude de custodia animam meam ad de
confitendum Nomini tuo: me expectant
justi, donec retribuas mihi.

PSALM CXLI.

When David thus poured out his complaints to the Lord, and showed Him of his trouble, he prefurred the holy Son of David of Whom it is said, “In all their affliction He was afflicted.” It is supposed that this Psalm was sung by David when he was in the cave of Adullam, as was also the fifty-seventh: and if so, the circumstances in which he was may have contributed their typical character to it, since it evidently presents to us the Voice

1 See p. 300.
THE CXLIII PSALM.
Domine, exaudi.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust: shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: for I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

of Christ crying unto the Lord out of that darkness which was to Him as the "prison" of sinners.  

Thus, from His Cross, and in the greatest depth of His sorrows, the suffering Saviour cries unto the Lord, beseeching Him not to forsake Him, but to receive His Spirit. And in that darkest hour even, He can see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied, knowing that when that soul is brought out of prison, the great Eucharistic Sacrifice for all the world will have been offered, and that a vast congregation of those made righteous by it will gather to their Saviour's company, in His Mystical Body.

So, also, has the Church often been partaker in the sufferings of Christ to such an extent as to be able to take up the words spoken by Him in a great degree of their fulness. And as the Head was delivered from His persecutors to give thanks to God, in like manner will the faithfulness of His Church prevail, in the mercy of God, to her final rescue from sorrow, however strong her persecutors may be.

PSALM CXLIII.

This is the seventh, and last, of the Penitential Psalms. Like the preceding Psalm, it is the Voice of Christ speaking to us out of the anguish of the Cross, when God's ancient word was fulfilled by the Serpent bruising the heel of the Woman's Seed, and laying Him in the darkness as the men that have been long dead in the grave of their sin. From that Cross, stretching forth His wounded hands in supplication, He prayed to God as the One Penitent on Whom all the sins of mankind were gathered together, and Whose Voice was bewailing them in such tones of sorrow as none else could use, since only the Innocent, "made sin for us," could so feel the awful burden.

1 See note on Ps. xxxviii. p. 140.
11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name’s sake : and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul ; for I am thy servant.

THE CXLIV PSALM.
Benedictus Dominus.

BLESSED be the Lord my strength : who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight;

2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust : who subdueth my people that is under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him : or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?

4 Man is like a thing of nought : his time passeth away like a shadow.

5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down : touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth thy lightning, and tear them : shoot out thine arrows, and consume them.

7 Send down thine hand from above : deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strange children ;

8 Whose mouth talketh of vanity : and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God : and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

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PSALM CXLIII.

BENEDITUS Dominus Deus Est. Vespers.

meus, qui docet manus meas ad praelium : et digitos meos ad bellum.

Misericordia mea et refugium meum: susceptor meus et liberator meus.

Protector meus, et in ipso speravi: qui subdit populum meum sub me.

Domine, quid est homo, quia innotui esti ? aut filius hominis, quia reputas eum ?

Homo vanitati similis factus est : dies ejus sicut umbra praeterentur.


Fulgura coruscationem, et dissipabis eos: emite sagittas tuas, et conturbabibas eos.

Emite manuum tuum de alto; eripe me, et libera me de aquis multis: et de manu filiorum alienorum.

Quorum os locutum est vanitatem: et dextera eorum dextera iniquitatis.

Deus, canticulum novum cantabo tibi: in psalterio dezechordo psallam tibi.

But the words of our holy Saviour’s vicarious penitence are become a fountain of penitential expression for those whose sins are their own. The Enemy has persecuted their soul, eritten their spiritual life down to the ground, and laid them in the darkness of that sinful state in which the Vision of God is faint or lost. Then, in the words of their Saviour, they lay their vexed spirits and desolate hearts at the footstool of a merciful God, and stretch forth their hands to Him, beseeching Him not to hide His face from them for ever, but to let them hear His loving-kindness in the morning of the resurrection: to quicken their sin-stricken souls in this life, that they may arise to everlasting life in “the land of righteousness.”

PSALM CXLIV.

David here prefigures the Captain of our salvation. So among his last words, when he said, "Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle," he added such expressions regarding the future as could only be true of his Lord: "Thou hast also delivered me from the strivings of my people; Thou hast kept me to be the head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me." David's conflict with the lion, the bear, and the Philistine cham- pions, were all symbolical of the contest between Christ and the powers of evil, in the days of His flesh, and in the life of His Mystical Body. With the shepherd's staff of His Incarnate Body, and the “five smooth stones” of His wounds, His hands were taught to war and His fingers to fight, coming before the powers of evil not with sword and spear, but in the Name of the Lord of hosts.

This Psalm thus points to our Lord’s work of victory by means of the Incarnation. “Man is like a thing of nought,” but the Son of God became the Son of Man, and raised human nature to its former place in the harmony of God’s Kingdom. The Hand was sent down from above, and delivered our nature from the hand of the oppressor, lifting it out of the great waters in which it was almost overwhelmed. The “everlasting arms” supported it, and the “right hand of wickedness” lost its power. Then was
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10 Thou hast given victory unto kings: and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

11 Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children: whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.

12 That our sons may grow up as the young plants: and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple.

13 That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets.

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour, that there be no decay: no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy are the people that are in such a case: yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.

THE CXLV PSALM.

Exaltabo te, Deus,

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.

5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

with ministerial ability [2 Cor. iii. 6], that they may be strong to labour in the grace-giving work of their Master.

PSALM CXLV.

Exaltabo te Deus meus Rex: et benedicam Nomini tu in saeculo, et in saeculo saeculi.

Per singulos dies benedicam tibi: et laudabo Nomen tuum in saeculo, et in saeculo saeculi.

Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis: et magnitudinis ejus non est finis.

Generatio et generatio laudabit opera tua: et potential tuum prostantiabunt.

Magnificentiam glorie sanctitatis tua loquentur: et mirabilia tua narrabunt.

sung the “new song” of the Son of Man’s triumph, a song of the victory which God had given to His anointed, and of the mercy of His Providence which had kept the true David from the peril of the Evil One’s sword.

Out of that victory sprung the Church of the Redeemer, “the Temple of His Body” in which the children of God are built up as “living stones,” and “polished corners,” “built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone; in Whom all the building fittingly framed together, growth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In Whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God, through the Spirit.” Out of that victory sprung the sacramental abundance of the Church, by which myriads of souls are gathered into the heavenly garner, the flock of Christ’s fold multiplied by thousands and ten thousands in the streets of the New Jerusalem, and the servants of God who wear the yoke of the priesthood endowed 1 This is an alphabet Psalm, one letter being omitted. The fifteenth verse, and perhaps the whole Psalm, was used as the celebration of the Holy Communion in the time of St. Chrysostom.
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Rev. xvi. 3.

6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

Exod. xxxiv. 6.

8 The Lord is gracious, and merciful: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works.

10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.


11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom: might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

Dan. ii. 44.

14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

Et virtutem terribilium tuorum dicent: et magnitudinem tuam narrabunt.

Memoriam abundantiae suavitatis Memoria tua eructabunt: et justitia tua existabunt.

Miserator et misericors Dominus: patiens et multum misericors.

Suavis Dominus universis: et rationes ejus super omnia opera ejus.

Confiteantur tibi, Domine, omnia opera tua: et sancti tui benedicant tibi.

Gloriam regni tui dicent: et potentiam tuam loquentur.

Ut notam faciant filii hominum potentiam tuam: et gloriarn magnificantie regni tui.

Regnum tuum, regnum omnium tuum Dominus seculorum: et dominatio tua in omni generatione et generationem.

Fidelis Dominus in omnibus verbis: et sanctus in omnibus operibus suis.

Allerat Dominus omnes qui corruunt: et erigit omnes elisos.

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine: et tu das eam illorum in tempore opportunuo.

Aperis tu manum tuam: et imples omne animal benedictione.

Justus Dominus in omnibus viis suis: et sanctus in omnibus operibus suis.

Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus invocantibus eum in veritate.

Voluntatem timentium se faciet: et deprecationem eorum exaudiet, et etoratione eorum salvos faciet eos.

Custodit Dominus omnes diligentes se: et omnes peccatores disperdet.

Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints;” praising Him day by day for these in all her Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs. One generation takes up the strain from its forerunner, and the song goes up unceasingly to the throne from the choirs of Cathedrals, parish churches, and religious houses. “We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee; the Father of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.”

And with the voice of the redeemed Church goes up the voice of all the works of God, each in its appointed and orderly round setting forth His praise Who created it. “And every creature which is in Heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”

And as in the natural, so in the spiritual world, the eyes of all wait upon the Lord the Holy Ghost, the Giver of Life, that He may give them their meat in due season. Already does the Life-
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE CXLVI PSALM.

Lauda, anima mea.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord; yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; for there is no help in them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth; he shall turn again to his earth; and all his thoughts perish.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

5 Who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; who keepeth his promise for ever;

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry.

7 The Lord loseth men out of prison; the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; the Lord careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the stranger; he defendeth the fatherless and widow; as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore; and throughout all generations.

THE CXLVII PSALM.

Laudate Dominum.

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

Laudationem Domini loquetur omneum; et benedict am consors caro No- mini sancto ejus in seculum, et in aeternum seculum seculi.

PSALM CXLV.

AUDA, anima mea, Dominum; psallabo Dominum in vita mea.

Nolite confidere in principibus; in filiis hominum, in quibus non est salus.

Exibit spiritus ejus, et revertetur in terram suam; in illa die peribunt omnes cogitationes eorum.

Beatus cujus Deus Jacob adjutor ejus, spes ejus in Domino Deo ipsius, qui fecit celum et terram; mare et omnia quae in eis sunt.

Qui custodit veritatem in seculum; facit iudicium iuriam patientibus; dat escam esurientibus.

Dominus solvit compeditos; Dominus illuminat cecos.

Dominus erigit elisos; Dominus diriget justos.

Dominus custodit advenas; pupil- lum et viduam suscipiet; et vias peccato- torum disperdet.

Regnabit Dominus in secula; Deus in aeternum tuus, Sion: in generatione et genera- tionem.

PSALM CXLVI.

AUDATE Dominum, quoniam bonus est psalms: Deo nostro sit iucunda decoraque laudatio.

PSALM CXLVI.

This is a song of the Church when at rest and peace, able to lift up her soul without any sorrow in Hallelujahs to her King; and blessing Him Who has wrought her deliverance. "Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."
Christ is, therefore, praised as the Creator of the natural and the spiritual world; of the heaven, which is the Church above in glory; of the earth, which is the Church Militant; of the sea, which is the world without, into which the Church casts her net for a draught at her Master’s word. Thus He is praised in terms founded on the prophecy of Isaiah which He Himself expounded when He said, “This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears:” —“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” Blessed they who have this Helper for their own: they shall sing His praises as long as they have any being; and declare Him to be their King for evermore, and throughout all generations.

**PSALM CXLVII.**

The song of joy and thanksgiving is continued, the subject being the edification of the Church of God, the gathering in of the Gentiles, the healing work of sacramental grace. So in the Church Militant does Christ gather together in one the children of God that are scattered abroad, that there may be one fold and one Shepherd; so in the Church Triumphant will His elect be gathered together from the four winds of heaven: and though no man could number the spiritual seed of Abraham more than he could count the stars, yet the Good Shepherd knows all His sheep, and “calleth His own by name, and leadeth them out.” Thus the Lord seteth up Him Who was “meek and lowly of heart” in an eternal kingdom, and bringeth the ungodly, Satan and his evil ministers, down to the ground in an everlasting destruction.

Throughout this Psalm, as in many others, the blessings of supernatural grace are indicated by reference to those of natural provision. The clouds and rain represent the overshadowing abundance of the dew of the Holy Spirit, causing the sacramental food of God’s children to grow upon the mountain of His Church, the City set on an hill, the “great and holy mountain” where the prophet saw “the holy Jerusalem descending out
14 He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.  
15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly.  
16 He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.  
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost?  
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.  
19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.  
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

THE CXLVII PSALM.  
Laudate Dominum.  
Rev. v. 13.  
O PRAISE the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.  
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.  
3 Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.  
4 Praise him, all ye heavens: and ye waters that are above the heavens.  
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for he spake the word, and they were made: he commanded, and they were created.  
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.  
7 Praise the Lord upon earth: ye dragons, and all deeps;  
QUI posuit fines tuos pacem: et adipe frumenti satiat te.  
Qui emittit eloquium suum terrae: velociter currit sermo ejus.  
Qui dat nivem sicut lanam: nebulam sicut cinerem spargit.  
Mittit crystaluum suum sicut baccellas: ante faciem frigoris ejus quis sustinebit?  
Emittet verbum suum, et liquefaciet ea: flabit spiritus ejus, et fluent aqae.  
Qui annuntiat verbum suum Jacob: justitias et judicia sua Israel.  
Non fecit taliter omni nationi: et judicia sua non manifestavit eis.

PSALMUS CXLVIII.  
L AUDATE Dominum de celis: laudate eum in excelsis.  
Laudate eum, omnes angeli ejus: laudate eum, omnes virtutes ejus.  
Laudate eum, sol et luna: laudate eum, omnes stellae et lumen.  
Laudate eum, cali colorum: et aqae omnes que super caelos sunt, aquaequa  
laudent Nomen Domini.  
Quia ipse dixit, et facta sunt: ipse mandavit, et creat a sunt.  
Statuit ea in aeternum, et in seculum seculi: preceptum posuit, et non prateribit.  
Laudate Dominum de terra: dracones, et omnes abyssi;  

of Heaven from God.” The “fleur de wheat” with which Sion is filled when He maketh peace in her borders, signifies the Bread of Heaven which the Prince of Peace gives in His City of Peace.  
There are other allusions, moreover, which can scarcely be dissociated from our Lord, as when His word running very swiftly reminds us of the eternal WORD, the Sun of righteousness, who goeth forth as a giant to run his course: or as when the giving of snow like wool recalls Him of whom it is said that “His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow.”  
Thus we look, in this hymn of praise, to our Lord as the Source of all grace and strength in that City, the bars of whose gates He has made fast by sure foundation on Himself the Rock. No natural powers,—such as animal strength,—can win a place in that City, but only the fear of the Lord, and trust in His mercy.  
There he deals mercifully and graciously with the nation whom He has chosen to Himself to be His inheritance, giving them peace in their borders, and filling them with His grace, and showing them His Word.  

PSALM CXLVIII.  
The three concluding Psalms of the Psalter have always been specially connected together in the mind of the Church, as Alou, or “Lauda.” They proclaim the final progress of the Church “from glory to glory,” in the New Creation, the Resurrection, and the bliss of Heaven.  
This, the first of the three, calls upon all created things to join their voices with the Church in Heaven and earth and praise the Lord of all, and is expanded in the Song of the Three Holy Children, the “Benedicta omnia Opera” of Morning Prayer. The mystery of a sympathy between all the works of God, animate and inanimate, is frequently referred to in the Psalms and elsewhere. When the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, He
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Evening Prayer.

Isa. iv. 12.

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Luke 1. 69.

Rev. xix. 5.

Rev. xix. 5.

Luke i. 69.

Rev. xxxii. 3.

THE CXLIX PSALM.

Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; let the congregation of saints praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him; and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King. 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people; and helpeth the meek-hearted.

5 Let the saints be joyful with glory; let them rejoice in their beds. 6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth: and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To be avenged of the heathen: and to rebuke the people;

8 To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with links of iron.

9 That they may be avenged of them, as it is written: Such honour have all his saints.

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours; wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle: worms and feathered fowls;

11 Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord: for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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Ignis, grando, nix, glacies, spiritus procellarum: que faciunt verbum ejus. Montes, et omnes colles: ligna fruticea, et omnes cedri:

Bestiae, et universa pecora: serpentes, et volucres pennatae:

Reges terre, et omnes populi: principes, et omnes judices terrae:

Juvenes et virgines, senes cum junioribus, laudent Nomen Domini: quia exaltatum est Nomen ejus solius.

Confessus ejus super caelestes et terras: et exaltavit cornu populi sui. (19.)

Hymnus omnibus sanctis ejus: filiis Israel, populo appropinquantib i

sibi.

O PsALMUS CXLIX.

CANTATE Domino canticum novum: laus ejus in ecclesia sanc-
torum.

Lassetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum: et filii Sion exsultent in Rege suo.

Laudent Nomen ejus in choro: in tympano et psalterio psallant ei.

Quia beneplacitum est Domino in populo suo: et exaltavit manus eorum in salutem.

Exultabit sancti in gloria: et gladii ancipites in manibus eorum.

Ad faciendum vindictam in nationibus: incrationes in populis.

Ad alligandos reges eorum in compedibus: et nobles eorum in manibus incesculis ferreis.

Ut faciant in eis judicium conscriptum: gloria haec est omnibus sanctis ejus.

spake of the foundation of the earth by Himself: "when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." [Job xxxviii.7] When man fell, God said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake," and St. Paul declares that the whole Creation groaneth and travaileth together, waiting for the adoption and redemption of man by the work of Christ. When, therefore, the Incarnation had changed the face of things, there was, doubtless, a participation even of the lower world of Creation in the blessings and joy which it brought, according to the prophecy, "The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." [Isa. lv.12] "Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel." [Isa. xliv. 23.]

PSALM CXLIX.

The last verse of the preceding Psalm forms the theme out of which this one is developed. For the congregation of saints is the Church of Christ, the spiritual children of Israel: the Israel
THE CL PSALM.

Laudate Dominum.

The XXX. Day.

Evening Prayer.

Rev. xxxi. 22.

Rev. xv. 3.

Rev. xiv. 2.

Rev. vi. 13.

O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

whom Christ has made anew; the children of the New Jerusalem of which He is the King: the “servants” that “shall serve Him.”

The fifth verse plainly gives the key to the prophetic meaning of the Psalm as a hymn of joy for those who sleep in the Lord Jesus in the Day of the general Resurrection: “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”

Perhaps it is within the proper bounds of allegorical interpretation to consider the “two-edged sword” as the Cross of Victory, the banner of the Church’s final triumph over evil. Yet it must be remembered that our Lord prophesied to His Apostles that they should “sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel,” and that St. Paul wrote, “Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?” Three times also in the Revelation our Lord is represented as having a sharp two-edged sword, this being twice said to proceed out of His mouth [Rev. i. 16; xix. 15], when He goes forth to judgment as the WORD of God. Such words as those of this Psalm may therefore reveal that in the final triumph of the glorified Church it will be a partaker with Christ in His work of judgment.

PSALM CL.

The last Psalm is one which prefigures the song of praise that will rise before the Throne of God when there shall be no more curse, when evil no longer has a place in the City of God, and tears and sorrow shall be known in it no more. Hence the last verse of the preceding Psalm is again taken up by the first of that which follows; and the “honour of God’s saints” is identified with that glory of which Daniel spoke when he prophesied, “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament” [Dan. xii. 3], and our Lord when He said, “Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.” [Matt. xiii. 43.]

For the Church has arrived at the end of her Militant and her waiting condition, and is henceforth to praise God in His inner Sanctuary, the Heavenly Jerusalem in which there is “no temple,” “for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.” There will the saints remember the “noble acts” of the Lord, singing to the “harp of God” the “song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints.”

Thus the songs of David and of the Temple have become the songs of Christ and of the Church Militant. Thus will the same strains sound in the hymns of the Church Triumphant. And thus shall the last words of the last Psalm receive that further, most glorious, fulfillment which was foreshadowed to St. John when the door was opened In Heaven: “And every creature which is in Heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”

PSALMUS CL.

LAUDATE Dominum in sanctis Lauds, ferial and festival. Laudate in firmament virtutibus ejus: laudate eum in firmamento virtutibus ejus.

Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus: in potentiatibus ejus laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis ejus.

Laudate eum in sono tubae: laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.

Laudate eum in tympano et choro: laudate eum in chordis et organo.

Laudate eum in cymbalis benesnantibus; laudate eum in cymbalis jubilations: omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

ALLELUIA, FOR THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH
FORMS OF PRAYER
TO BE
USED AT SEA.

The Morning and Evening Service to be used daily at Sea shall be the same which is appointed in the Book of Common Prayer.

These two following Prayers are to be also used in her Majesty's Navy every day.

ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the providence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen VICTORIA, and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Island may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers to be used in Storms at Sea.

MOST powerful and glorious Lord God, at whose command the winds blow, and lift up the waves of the sea, and who stillest the rage thereof; We thy creatures, but miserable sinners, do in this our great distress cry unto thee for help: Save, Lord, or else we perish. We confess, when we have been safe, and seen all things quiet about us, we have forgot thee our God, and refused to hearken to the still voice of thy word, and to obey thy commandments: But now we see, how terrible thou art in all thy works of wonder; the great God to be feared above all: And therefore we adore thy Divine Majesty, acknowledging thy power, and imploring thy goodness. Help, Lord, and save us for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Or this.

MOST glorious and gracious Lord God, who dwellest in heaven, but beholdest all things below;...
FORMS OF PRAYER TO BE USED AT SEA.

Thou art the great God to be feared, O save us, that we may praise thee.

Special Prayers with respect to the Enemy.

THOU, O Lord, art just and powerful: O defend our cause against the face of the enemy.

O God, thou art a strong tower of defence to all that flee unto thee: O save us from the violence of the enemy.

Lord of hosts, fight for us, that we may glorify thee.

O suffer us not to sink under the weight of our sins, or the violence of the enemy.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Short Prayers in respect of a Storm.

THOU, O Lord, that stilllest the raging of the sea, hear us, and save us, that we perish not.

O blessed Saviour, that didst save thy disciples ready to perish in a storm, hear us, and save us, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, save us now and evermore. Amen.

OUR Father, which art in heaven Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

When there shall be imminent danger, as many as can be spared from necessary ser-

Prayer for the Ships that want Ministers to pray with them," which was set forth by the rebel Parliament as a supplement to the "Directory of Public Worship," intended by them to supersede the Prayer Book. In the preface to this it is stated that the Common Prayer is still used on board ship, though "for many weighty reasons abolished:" and to prevent the necessity of using it any longer "it hath been thought fit to frame some prayers agreeing with the Directory established by Parliament."

On the restoration of the Prayer Book it was probably felt that the great increase of the Navy through the regular levy of "ship money" during Cromwell's time had made some special prayers of this kind desirable.

The prayers are for "occasional" use, with the exception of the first two: and all that calls for notice is the fact that they are framed on the strict principles of the Church of England. Confession and Absolution are appointed, in extreme danger, as a reality to which men will be glad to fly when their souls are about to appear suddenly before God. The responsive form is

Look down, we beseech thee, and hear us, calling out of the depth of misery, and out of the jaws of this death, which is ready now to swallow us up: Save, Lord, or else we perish. The living, the living, shall praise thee. O send thy word of command to rebuke the raging winds, and the roaring sea; that we, being delivered from this distress, may live to serve thee, and to glorify thy Name all the days of our life. Hear, Lord, and save us, for the infinite merits of our blessed Saviour, thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prayer to be said before a Fight at Sea against any Enemy.

O MOST powerful and glorious Lord God, the Lord of hosts, that rulest and commandest all things; Thou sittest in the throne judging right, and therefore we address to thy Divine Majesty in this our necessity, that thou wouldest take the cause into thine own hand, and judge between us and our enemies. Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come and help us; for thou givest not alway the battle to the strong, but canst save by many or by few. O let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance; but hear us thy poor servants begging mercy, and imploring thy help, and that thou wouldest be a defence unto us against the face of the enemy. Make it appear that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Short Prayers for single persons, that cannot meet to join in Prayer with others, by reason of the Fight, or Storm.

General Prayers.

ORD, be merciful to us sinners, and save us for thy mercy's sake. Thou art the great God, that hast made and rulest all things: O deliver us for thy Name's sake.
FORMS OF PRAYER TO BE USED AT SEA.

vise in the Ship shall be called together, and make an humble Confession of their sin to God: In which every one ought seriously to reflect upon those particular sins of which his conscience shall accuse him; saying as followeth.

The Confession.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest, if there be any in the Ship, pronounce this Absolution.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving after a Storm.
Jubilate Deo. Psalm lxvi.
Confitemini Domino. Psalm cvii.

O MOST blessed and glorious Lord God, who art of infinite goodness and mercy; We thy poor creatures, whom thou hast made and preserved, holding our souls in life, and now rescuing us out of the jaws of death, humbly present ourselves again before thy Divine Majesty, to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for that thou hearest us when we called in our trouble, and didst not cast out our prayer, which we made before thee in our great distress: even when we gave all for lost, our ship, our goods, our lives, then didst thou mercifully look upon us, and wonderfully command a deliverance; for which we, now being in safety, do give all praise and glory to thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this:

O MOST mighty and gracious good God, thy mercy is over all thy works, but in special manner hath been extended toward us, whom thou hast so powerfully and wonderfully defended. Thou hast shewed us terrible things; and wonders in the deep, that we might see how powerful and gracious a God thou art; bow able and ready to help them that trust in thee. Thou hast shewed us how both winds and seas obey thy command; that we may learn, even from them, hereafter to obey thy voice, and to do thy will. We therefore bless and glorify thy Name, for this thy mercy in saving us, when we were ready to perish. And, we beseech thee, make us as truly sensible now of thy mercy, as we were then of the danger: And give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obe-

kept up throughout: and the "Hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving," as well as the use of the "Te Deum" after victory, presuppose a choral use of the Church's services. Some of the Prayers are evidently intended to be used in the same manner and place as the "Occasional Prayers and Thanksgiving," the ordinary daily Service being directed to be used both by the Rubric at the head of these Forms, and by the first of the "Articles of War." The latter is as follows:

"Officers are to cause Public Worship, according to the Liturgy of the Church of England, to be solemnly performed in
dient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech thee, this thy goodness to us; that we, whom thou hast saved, may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving after a dangerous Tempest.

Ps. xcv. 1. Ps. cv. 1.

COME, let us give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

Ps. xliii. 1. Ps. xii. 2.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; let the redeemed of the Lord say so: whom he hath delivered from the merciless rage of the sea.

Ps. cxiv. 8.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion: slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Ps. xlii. 10. Ps. xlii. 11.

He hath not dealt with us according to our sins: neither rewarded us according to our iniquities.

But as the heaven is high above the earth: so great hath been his mercy towards us.

We found trouble and heaviness: we were even at death's door.

The waters of the sea had well nigh covered us: and the proud waters had well nigh gone over our soul.

The sea roared: and the stormy wind lifted up the waves thereof.

We were carried up as it were to heaven, and then down again into the deep: our soul melted within us, because of trouble;

Then cried we unto thee, O Lord: and thou didst deliver us out of our distress.

Blessed be thy Name, who didst not despise the prayer of thy servants: but didst hear our cry, and hast saved us.

Thou didst send forth thy commandment: and the windy storm ceased, and was turned into a calm.

O let us therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he hath done, and still doth for the children of men.

Praised be the Lord daily: even the Lord that helpeth us, and pourth his benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: God is the Lord by whom we have escaped death.

Thou, Lord, hast made us glad through the operation of thy hands: and we will triumph in thy praise.

Blessed be the Lord God: even the Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever: and let every one of us say, Amen, Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

2 Cor. xiii.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

After Victory or Deliverance from an Enemy.

A Psalm or Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving after Victory.

Ps. cxxiv. 1. 2. Ps. cxxiv. 3.

If the Lord had not been on our side, now may we say: if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us:

They had swallowed us up quick: when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul: the deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul.

But praised be the Lord: who hath not given us over as a prey unto them.

their ships, and take care that prayers and preaching by the chaplains be performed diligently, and that the Lord's Day be observed. It is worthy of notice that the form with which the body is committed to the deep in the Burial Service differs from the older form in an important particular, "looking for the resurrection of the body... and the life of the world to come," being substituted for "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life." This change has been adopted in the American Book of Common Prayer. The difference is only a verbal one, but circumstances have given it importance: and the words above have often been quoted as if they had originated in America instead of in our own revision of 1661; and with (as is probable) so Catholic-minded a Churchman as Bishop Sanderson.
The Lord hath wrought a mighty salvation for us.

We get not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that saved us: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto us.

The Lord hath appeared for us: the Lord hath covered our heads, and made us to stand in the day of battle.

The Lord hath appeared for us: the Lord hath overthrown our enemies, and dashed in pieces those that rose up against us.

Therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy Name be given the glory.

The Lord hath done great things for us: the Lord hath done great things for us, for which we rejoice.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**After this Hymn may be sung the Te Deum.**

**Then this Collect.**

ALMIGHTY God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might which none is able to withstand; We bless and magnify thy great and glorious Name for this happy victory, the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to thee, who art the only giver of victory. And, we beseech thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to thy glory, the advancement of thy Gospel, the honour of our Sovereign, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And, we beseech thee, give us such a sense of this great mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, as for all thy mercies, so in particular for this victory and deliverance, be all glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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At the Burial of their Dead at Sea.

**The Office in the Common Prayer-book may be used; Only instead of these words [We therefore commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, &c.] say.**

WE therefore commit his body to the deep, to be turned into corruption, looking for the resurrection of the body, (when the sea shall give up her dead,) and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who at his coming shall change our vile body, that it may be like his glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.
INTRODUCTION TO THE ORDINAL.

The fundamental principle of the Christian Ministry is that it is derived from our Blessed Lord Himself, from Whom it is perpetuated by Episcopal Ordination. In virtue of His Incarnation, our Lord, both God and man, received all power both in Heaven and earth, as primarily and plenarily the great High Priest and Apostle of our profession [Heb. iii. 1], the chief Shepherd and Bishop [1 Pet. ii. 25], and Deacon [Rom. xv. 8], anointed with power and the Holy Ghost [Luke iii. 22. Acts x. 37, 38]. Being thus endowed, He gave a commission by immediate substitution to men as fellow-workers with Him to continue the work of His office in His place and Name [John xx. 21] after His departure, in the Church which He had bought with His own blood; and to enable them to do so, He promised that His presence should be with them and their successors until His coming again [Matt. xxviii. 18, 20].

He Himself had the eternal incommunicable [αιωνιὸν μαρτυρίαν, Heb. vii. 24] Priesthood of Melchisedec, and those who ministered under His authority were in so far His successors in it, as being taken from among men not in a family, by birth-right, or according to the law of a carnal ordinance, as in the Aaronic priesthood. This new Priesthood had been foretold by Isaiah [xxvi. 21], by Jeremiah [xxxiii. 18], and Malachi [i. 11], and was to be elected from those whom the Holy Ghost had prepared for the work, by His call and gracious invitation, and merit and discretion recommended, so that in the people of God's adoption, kings and priests, a royal priesthood, it should not be by an earthly privilege, but by the gift of divine grace that the priesthood should be constituted. The Ordinal of the Syro-Nestorians beautifully says, "The Highest dwelt on Mount Zion, and His hand came upon Moses, and Moses laid it on Aaron, and thence it passed even unto John; John gave it to our Lord, our Lord gave it to Apostles, and they to all the orders of the Priesthood."

Sec. 2. Succession of the Ministry from our Lord.

In order to show the analogy between the Aaronic and Evangelical Priesthoods, our Saviour instituted two Orders only, the Apostles [Mark iii. 14. John iv. 1, 2], who answered to the twelve Patriarchs and twelve Princes of the tribes, and the seventy disciples [Luke x. 1], who corresponded to the seventy fathers of families and elders of the Jews, whom Moses elected to govern the people of Israel [Burschou, Ch. Gov. ch. ii. p. 30. Bp. Andrewes, Minor Works, p. 351. Dr. Hammond, Dissert. against Blondel, c. ix. § v.] or, as Anastasius says, the Orders of Bishops and Priests [Ep. iii. 8. 1].

An essential difference was placed between these Orders, for the Apostles were chosen to company with Christ in His temptations [Luke vi. 13; xxii. 28], received a distinct charge [Matt. xxviii. 19], and after His Ascension were baptized with fire and the Holy Ghost [Matt. iii. 11]. St. Chrysostom says that St. James was consecrated by our Lord Himself. The title of the Twelve was continued after the fall of Judas and the reception of other Apostles into the Sacred College [John xx. 24. 1 Cor. xv. 5. Rev. xxi. 14]. St. Matthias was the successor of Judas, St. Paul of St. James the Less, and St. Barnabas of St. James the Great. The Apostles were representatives of the Head over all to the Church, of which they were constituted Governors [Heb. xiii. 17] with spiritual authority [1 Cor. ix. 6. 12. 19. 1 Thess. iii. 9. John xviii. 36. 2 Cor. x. 6; xiii. 2. 10. 1 Cor. iv. 21] in His Kingdom [1 Cor. xv. 25. Matt. xxv. 27. 30. John vii. 59; xiii. 16. 1 Pet. i. 21] under Him [Matt. xxiii. 10. 2 Cor. i. 14. 2 Thess. iii. 6; v. 4. 12. 1 Thess. iv. 11]. This power and authority remained in their office after their decease, with external and visible exercise, being transmitted to the chief pastors of the Church; for the Apostolate was in substance an Episcopate [Acts i. 20. 24. 25], an office of Divine institution, never abrogated by any precept of God, and not appropriated to the Apostles; being continued in order that there might be a succession of ministers which depended on a succession to the Apostolate for their lawful administration, agreeably to the promise of the Redeemer attached to their commission, which was designed in perpetuity for the supervision of His Church. This commission was to bring all nations under the discipline, and into the doctrine of the Lord Jesus, and is a right which descends to their spiritual heirs. The promise was to the office, not to the persons of the Apostles; and the office consisted in the propagation, edification, and government of the Church in all ages, and so they understood it, and therefore ordained others to take part in it and continue it. The promise of miraculous powers was restricted to their persons, and was temporary; but the assurance of the perpetual presence of Christ Himself in spirit and in power with the Bishops of His Church, who derive from the Apostles in uninterrupted succession, and with priests and deacons (who are constituted by the same authority and devoted to His service), is limited only by the end of all things.

Their extraordinary powers, and the Apostolate itself, ceased with the death of the Apostles, being, like their qualifications, special seals of their commission, and, being personal, were incommunicable. But they, acting of necessity [βιτάμια, Acts i. 22], as in obedience to Divine direction, chose St. Matthias out of the number of the Seventy Disciples to be one of their own order, and further ordained a Bishop over each newly-erected Church. In order to continue the stewardship and ministration of the Divine Mysteries and the Word of life, it was indispensable to have men holy by their office, whose exclusive privilege should be attested not by individual presumption, or natural capacity, inclination, and preparation for its discharge, but by sufficient credentials. These could only be afforded by an open external call and mission, according to the appointment of God, Who is the Author of personal ability [2 Cor. iii. 6], and of authority and power of delegation [Matt. viii. 9. Luke vii. 8. John xii. 20. xx. 21], by those rulers of His Church to whom, by an inalienable right, such power upon earth has been permitted to continue and to convey a spiritual succession. So we may observe that under the Law the Priests were required to prove their title to the sacred office by reference to their descent from the tribe of Levi, as proved by the registers of genealogy [Neh. vii. 64].

These chief pastors, or bishops, inherited the powers of Ordination, Government, and Church censures, the ordinary parts of the Apostolical office, the offering of spiritual sacrifice, the administration of the Holy Sacraments [Matt. xxviii. 19. Luke xxii.]
with two degrees, and St. Jerome says that with the ancients the same man was bishop and priest, for one is a name of dignity, the other of age [Ep. lxxxii. ad Occon. Comp. Theod. iii. p. 1, p. 700; and Theophract, tom. ii. p. 626, A]. But the Apostles, foreseeing that there would be a strife among the Priests who should be the greatest [St. Clem. Rom. c. xlv.], which would endanger unity, appointed chief overseers of the Churches [St. Tatian, Epist. c. 1, ad Evagrius, and Cyprian, in Ep. ad Tit. c. l. St. Cypr., Ep. iv.] in provinces and principal cities. These were at first called also Angels [Phil. ii. 25. Rev. ii. ii.], and had their known authority and superior place established a long time before their settled distinction of name and title took place.

It would be impossible within the compass of the space at our disposal to give a complete series of patristic authorities to illustrate the great fact of the Apostles’ succession. A few must suffice.

St. Ignatius [A.D. 107]: “The Bishop sitting in God’s place, Priests in the place of the company of Apostles, and Deacons” [ad Magnes. c. vi.]; St. Irenæus (A.D. 202): “We can reckon up the list of Bishops ordained in the Churches by the Apostles up to our time” [Hær. i. iii. c. i. § 1, 2].—St. Clement of Alexandria [A.D. 218]: “The Ecclesiastical honours of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons are, I think, the resemblance of angelic glory” [Strom. i. vi. c. xiii.; Ped. i. iii. c. xii.].—Tertullian [A.D. 220]: “The High Priest, i.e. the Bishop, has the right of giving baptism, then Priests and Deacons, but not without his authority” [de Bapt. c. xvii.].

Our adorable Lord was Himself externally commissioned for His Ministry by the visible descent of the Holy Ghost upon Him, and by an audible voice from heaven proclaiming Him to be the Messiah when He was about thirty years old. Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest, but that He said unto Him, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee” [Heb. v. 3]. None of His Apostles or disciples presumed to undertake any ministry until they received a direct commission from Him [Mark iii. 14. John iv. 2. Luke x. 1]. It was the direct prophecy of God Himself that He would take for Priests and Levites [Isa. lxxi. 21], and therefore, as St. Paul says of the Evangelical Ministry, “No man taketh this honour to himself but that he is called of God, as was Aaron” [Heb. v. 4]. Aaron, his sons, and all the Levites (corresponding to Bishops, Priests, and Deacons), were commissioned by God [Lev. viii. 1, 2. Num. iii. 5], and death was the penalty of an invasion of their office [Numb. l. x.; xviii. 17], as in the instance of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram [Numb. xxx. 39, 40]; and Uzziah, for acting in things pertaining to God without a divine commission [2 Sam. vi. 6, 7]. Saul lost his kingdom for offering sacrifice [1 Sam. xiii. 12, 14], and Uzziah was smitten with leprosy and excoriated for burning incense [2 Chron. xxix. 16], whilst Jeroboam’s especial sin was that he consecrated all comers to the priesthood [1 Kings xi. 33, 34; xii. 31]; and the heaviest censures of God are

1 See also Pseudo. Herc. c. xxiii. xii.; Sosiphr. c. ix. Similar testimonies may be found in Origen, A.D. 255 [Hom. in Matt. c. xxii. Th. xxii. in Hier., Hom. xi.]; St Cyprian, A.D. 215 [Ep. lxxiv. § 4; liv. xii. § 44]; Euseb. Hist. Eccl. i. iv. in Tit. ii. xxvi.; Eusebius, cxv. i.; St. Cyprian, Epist. cxxvii. 1; St. Jerome, Donat. lib. i. c. xii.; St. Ambrose, ad virg., 397 [de Dign. Sacerd. c. iii. in Ps. cxvii.]; Epiphanius, A.D. 400 [Hær. i. iii. c. xix]; St. Chrysostom, A.D. 407 [in 1st Tim. c. h., Hom.]; St. Jerome, A.D. 420 [ad Heid., Ep. v. adv. Locut., ad Marcell. xxvii., in Ps. lxxiv.]; St. Augustine [de Bapt. l. vii. c. xii.]; de Verb. Evangel. Sacr. cit., de Mor. Eccles. lib. ii. c. xxxii.]
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denounced on all usurpers of the prophetic office [Jer. xxiii. 19. 21. 31]. Such intruders, who come in their own name, are characterized by our Lord Himself as thieves and robbers [John v. 43.; x. 1. 8]. St. Paul expressly speaks of the distinct ministerial offices as of God's ordinance [1 Cor. xii. 28, 29. Rom. xii. 7. Eph. iv. 11, 12]. "How shall they preach," he asks, "except they be sent?" [Rom. x. 15.] So also our Blessed Lord said, "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I sent them" (the Apostles) [John xvii. 18]; and, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you" [Ib. xv. 16].

§ Derivation of the English Ordinal.

As there was only one Pontifical for the use of each diocese, copies of such collections of Services are among the rarest of ecclesiastical books. The Pontifical of Salisbury—collated with that of Winchester, which is in the University Library at Cambridge, and of Bangor, preserved among the cathedral muniments—has been printed by Mr. Maskell in his Monuments Ritualia; and that of Exeter by Mr. Baraes. The Pontifical of Eghbert has been published by the Surtzees Society, and there are other uses in the Bodleian Library, Oxford; and, mostly imperfect, among the MSS. of the British Museum. These sources of information, collated with ancient Sacramentaries, Italian and French Pontificals, the Euchologium of the Greek Church, and the Ordinals of other Churches of that Communion, published by Martene, Morin, and Assemani, form the groundwork of the present illustrations of the English Ordinal; whilst the works of Catalani, Haller, Morin, and Muratori, and the notes of Menard, and writers contained in the volume printed by Hittorp, have been freely used. It is a remarkable fact that English writers, such as Wheatley, Sparrow, and L'Estrange, have wholly omitted the subject; Mr. Palmer and Mr. Procter have only cursorily illustrated the Services; Bp. Cosin made his notes, now in his Library at Durham and in the British Museum, in copies of the Book of Common Prayer which do not contain the Forms of Ordination; and Dean Comber, like Dr. Mau and Dr. Doyley and Mr. Pinder, has done little more than offer some practical observations. With the exception therefore of a volume on the English Ordinal by the present writer, this series of notes may be regarded as the first ritualistic illustration of this all-important portion of the Book of Common Prayer, whilst they embody the earliest complete account of its development from ancient sources. For our Ordinal was not taken word for word from the Roman Pontifical, as Archbishop Whitgift asserted, but framed on the comprehensive and broad ground of all known forms and manners of Ordination used in all branches of the Catholic Church.

There was a British Church existing in the second century, and founded in the Apostolic age [Eusebius, Demonst. Evang. l. iii. c. vii. Theodoret adv. Gent. Disp. ix. in Ps. cxvii. Interpr. Tertullian. Adv. Jud. c. vii. St. Clement, Ep. ad Corinth. c. v. St. Jerome, Catal. Script. Eccles. § v.]. In 314, at the Council of Arles, probably at Nicaea, 325, certainly at Sardica, 347, and Rimini, 360, British Bishops were present. In 428, St. Germain, Bishop of Auxerre, and Lupus, Bishop of Troyes, consecrated several Bishops [Bede, Hist. Eccl. i. c. xvii.], doubtless with the Gallican form, which had been derived from the Eastern Church. In 597, St. Augustine was consecrated by Æthelred, Bishop of Lyons, and Virgilius, Bishop of Arles; Wilfrid of York by Agilbert, Bishop of Paris, 665. There were also bishops consecrated in Rome, and Italy, by Saxon, Irish, and Scotch Bishops, several of the latter having derived their orders from Rome. For the purpose of simplifying the history of the gradual development of successive Ordinals, the contents of those used in England from the fifth century to the present time have been given, as well as the earliest known forms preserved in Sacramentaries, which prove that the latter were accepted as the formularies of the Western Church. It is certain that the further we can trace back rituals, the simpler they are; for they only gradually received additions and enlargement, with fresh rubrics designed to enhance the solemnity of the ceremonial. Possibly these were the innovations of an individual bishop, adopted by neighbouring dioceses, until authoritatively recognized. But they were changed according to the diversities of countries, times, and men's manners. It will be seen how much they varied. While the Church of England retained the essential form and matter, she ordained, changed, or abolished some of those ceremonies and rites of the Church which were ordained only by man's authority, so that all things might be done to edifying, and rendered more conformable with primitive usage.

The form and offices for making Deacons agree in containing a Prayer Ad ordinationem Diaconum, oremus dilectissimi, a Prayer for the Holy Spirit, Exaudi Domine, an address for united Prayer for the deacon, Ad commuamnem Diaconum, Commune votum, and a Benediction, Domine Sancte Spei. The delivery of the stole and Gospel, and other ceremonies, were of later introduction.

Diaconus cum ordinantur, solus Episcopus qui eum benelegit manum super capit illius quia non ad sacerdotium sed ad minisiterium consecratur [IV. Council of Carthage, ap. Morin. p. 260].

Sacramentary of St. Leo [Migne, p. 200].

Domine Deus, preces nostras clementer exaudi (q).
Oremus dilectissimi (e).
Deus Consolatior.
Adesto quæsumus (f).

Sacramentary of Gelasius [Morin, p. 207].

Ordination.
Ad ordiuan. Dia. Oremus dilectissimi (a).
Exaudi, Domine Deus, preces nostras (q).
Consecratio—Adesto quæsumus (b).
Ad conventum—Commune votum (y).
Benedictio—Domine Sancte Spei (q).

Sacramentary of P. Gregory.

Presentation by the Archdeacon.
Address to the people—A Gallican Liturgy,—

The Litany (x).

Address with laying on of hands.
Prayer—Oremus dilectissimi (a).
Prayer for the Holy Spirit—Exaudi Domine Deus (q).
Consecratio—Adesto quæsumus (b).
Investiture with the stole (r).

Liturgia Alemannica [Gerberti, 40, 9th century].

Ordination.
Benedictio—Oremus dilectissimi (a).
Exaudi Domine (q).
Consecratio—Oremus dilectissimi (a).

Gallican Liturgy. Deacon [Muratori, 664; Migne, xiii., 320].

Allocutio ad populum, ending Si vestra spud mea concordat electo testimonium quod multus voces adprobat. Per Domini.

Oratio—Oremus dilectissimi (a).
Consecratio—Adesto quæsumus (b).
Exaudi Domine (q).

Ad conventum—Diaconii officium—Commune votum (y).
Benedictio—Domine Sancte Spei.

Pontifical [Claudius A. iii. 42 (Cotton MS.), of the 10th century].

Oratio ad ordinationem Diaconii—Oremus dilectissimi (a).
Exaudi, Domine, preces nostras (q).
Domine Deus omnipotens.
Consecratio—Adesto quæsumus omnipotens Deus honorum Dator (b).

Ad conventum—Diaconii officium—Commune votum (y).
Benedictio—Domine Sancte Spei (q).
Investiture with stole (t).
Consecration of the deacon's hands with oil and chrism. The Mass.

Pontifical of Eghbert.

Address by the Bishop—A Gallican Liturgy.

The Litany (x).
Investiture with stole.
Delivery of the Gospel.
Ordination of the Deacon with laying on of hands by the Bishop.
Benefiction of the Deacon—Oremus, dilectissimi (a).
(alia) Exaudi, Domine (a).
Collect ad conservandum dicamus officii, Commune votum (γ).
Beneficiation—A Prayer referring to St. Stephen: Domine Sancte Spei (θ).
Consecratio of the hands of the Deacon with holy oil and chrism.

DEACON [Harl. MS. 2096, fo. 8, 10th century].
Presentation by the Archdeacon (α).
The Gospel is read.
Si quiis.
Litanies (x).
Ordination by the Bishop only.
Commune votum—Address to the people (γ).
Praefatio Oremus dilectissimi (a).
Consecratio—Adesto quassamus (b).
Delivery of the stole.
Prayer for the Deacon with allusion to St. Stephen.

Deacons and Subdeacons approach together with their habits [Banger also] separately Winchester and Exeter (μ).
The Litany [omitted by Winton Pont.] (x).
The Deacons retire. The Bishop's address.
Diaconom opertet [a longer form in Winton Pont.].
Ordination by the Bishop, saying, Acceps Spiritum Sanctum [the form omitted in Winton Pont.].
Praefatio—Oremus, dilectissimi (a).
Exaudi Domino (γ).
Vero Dignum, with a prayer in it for the Holy Ghost—Emite in cor Spiritum Sanctum.
Investiture with the stole.
[A long prayer in Winton Pontifical.]
The delivery of the Gospels. [Commune votum (γ).]
[Domine Sancte, Pater Spei] (θ).
Delivery of the Gospels X X.
Domine Sancte, Pater 6dei spei, etc. (δ)
Delivery of the dalmatic.
Reading of the Gospels by a newly-ordained Deacon. oo
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Presentation to the Bishop (ο).
Address to the people [Praefatio a. § γ].
Litanies (x).
Holy Communion.
Collect—Almighty God, Who by Thy Divine Providence.
[Praefatio] (θ).
The Epistle, I Tim. iii. 8, or Acts vi. 2.
Examination of Candidates.
Ordination by the Bishop.
Delivery of the Gospel X X.
The Gospel, St. Luke xi. 35, read by a Deacon oo.
Collect—Almighty God, Giver of all good [ad consummandum] (θ).
Preven us, O Lord [added 1662].
Beneficiation [added 1662].

Ordering of Priests.
The earliest services agree in containing a prayer, ad ordinandum Presbyterum, called the Preface in the Salisbury Pontifical; the Consecratio corresponding to the Collect, “Almighty God, Giver of all good things,” the Consummatio, a final Collect, and the Benediction. The Prayer for the giving of the Holy Ghost was about the 10th century added to the proper Preface of the Mass Vere dignum, and after the 13th century took the direct form—Receive the Holy Ghost,” and in some Pontificla the Vere dignum is directed to be left out. As early as the time of Pope Gregory there was an investiture with the chasuble; and in the 10th century a delivery of the chalice and paten, and a change in the arrangement of the stole: the Consecratio of the hands occurs in the Gregorian Sacramentary, and of the head in the Pontifical of Egbert. The arrangement of the chasuble, and the introduction of the Hymn, “Veni, Creator Spiritus,” were for later insertions.

Presbyter cum ordinatur Episcopo eum beneficente et manum super caput ejus tenente, etiam omnes Presbyteri qui presentes sunt manus suas juxta manum Episcopi super caput illius teneant [IV. Conc. of Carthage].

Sacramentary of Pope Leo [Migne, 55. 115].
Oremus, dilectissimi (δ).
Exaudi nos (γ).
Domine Sancte (α).

Sacramentary of Gelasius [Morin, 267].

Priest.
Si quiis.
Litanies.
Ordination by the Bishop.
Ad ordinandum Presbyterum—Oremus, dilectissimi (δ).
Exaudi nos (γ).
Consecratio—Domine Sancte, Pater omnipotens eterna Deus honorum, etc. (a).
Consummatio—Sit nobis fratres communis oratio (δ).
Benedictio—Sanctificationem omnium Author (φ).
Gregory's Sacramentary.

Priest.
Presentation by the Archdeacon.
Litanies.
Ordination with laying on of hands.
Prayer for blessing on the Priest—Oremus, dilectissimi (δ).
Prayer for the Holy Ghost—Exaudi nos, quassamus (γ).
Consecratio—Domine Sancte (α).
Investiture with the chasuble.
Consecratio of the hands (γ).

Gallican Liturgy [Muratori, 666; Migne, xxxii. 321].
Allocatio ad populum ending, Ideo electionem vestram debitis voces publicam profiteri.
Oratio—Oremus, dilectissimi (δ).
Exaudi nos (γ).
Consecratio—Domine Sancte . . . honorum, etc. (a)
Consummatio—Sit nobis patres communis oratio (δ).
Benedictio—Deus Sanctificationum (φ).

MS. Pontifical [Claud. A. iii.].

Priest.
Ordination.
Oratio ad Ordinandum Presbyterum.
Oremus, dilectissimi (δ).
Exaudi quassamus, Domine Deus (γ).
The stole is changed. Consecratio (α).
Domine Sancte Pater omnipotens eterna. Dispositio honorum, etc.
Consecratio of the Priest's hands with chrism, with prayer, and of his head with oil.
Investiture with the chasuble (α).
Consecratio—Presbyteri, Sit nobis communis oratio (δ).
The Mass.

Pontifical of Egbert [725—766].
Investiture with the stole, with a prayer.
Mention of the title on which the Priest is ordained.
Ordination by laying on of hands of the Bishop and Priest, with a prayer.
Oratio ad Presbyterum ordinandum—Oremus, dilectissimi (δ).
Exaudi nos (γ).
Consecratio of the Priest—Domine Sancte, Pater omnipotens (α).
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Oratio—Sit nobis comminus oratio (8).

Benediction of the Priest—Deus Sanctificationum (f).

Investiture with the chasuble (e).

Consecration of the hands with Chrism in the shape of a cross, and of the head of the Priest with oil.

Liturgia Alemannica, 9th century [Gerberti, 41].

Ordination—The Priests holding their hands next the Bishop's hands.

Benediction—Omnemus, diletissimi (8).

Consecratio—Dilectissimi (f).

Consecration of the hands.

PONTIF [Harl. 2906, 10th century].

Presentation by two Deacons and two Priests

Ordination by Bishop and Priests.

Quoniam, diletissimi.

Address to the people.

Preface—Omnemus, diletissimi (f).

Exaudi nos (f).

Vere dignum, with Et Eterne Deus honorum dator (a).

Investiture with stole.

Benediction—Deus Sanctificationum (f).

Cruciform unction of both hands (f).

Delivery of paten and chalice.

Benediction.

SALISBURY.—Priests.

Presentation by Archdeacon.

Duties of Priesthood explained—Sacerdotem operet.

[A long address by the Bishop. Winton Pontif.] Ordination by the Bishop in silence, the Priests assisting.

Prefatio Sacerdotum cum nota stando, Omnemus, diletissimi (f).

In the Exeter Pontifical is the Populi Communio, Commune voto mutum.

Exaudi nos, quasamus.

Vere dignum, with prayer for the Priests.

Investiture with stole and chasuble.

Consecration of the hands with oil and Chrism.

Oratio—Deus Sanctificationum omnium (f).

The Hymn, "Veni, Creator Spiritus" [omitted in Winton Pontifial].

Blessing of the hands.

Delivery of the paten and chalice.

[In the Winton Pontifical Consummatio—Sit nobis

Communio oratio (f).

Deus Sanctificationum (f).

The Benediction.]

The Mass—After the Post-Communion.

The ordination by the Bishop—Accepit Spiritum Sanctum.

Arrangement of the chasuble. [This is found also in the Greek

Encholium, where "the Bread" is put into the hand of the newly ordained Priest. The Deacon has a flapper delivered to him. Assemani, xi. 132.]

Benediction.

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Benediction—Ado totius sanctificationum.

Consecratio—Deus honorum omnium (f), containing a prayer for spiritual union.

Sanctum Gregorii [Migne, lxxviii. p. 223].

Ordination with imposition of hands.

Prayer for the Bishop—Omnemus, diletissimi (f).

Benediction of the Bishop—Ado sanctificationibus nostris (f).

Another prayer for the same—Propitiare, etc. (f).

Consecration—Deus honorum omnium (f).

Unction.

Gallican Liturgy [Muratori, 669; Migne, lxxii. 323].

Exhortatio ad populum.

Oratio et preces—Omnemus, diletissimi, the third Prayer in the

Ordo Romanus (f).

Exaudi, Domine (f).

Propitiare, Domine (f).

Collectio—Deus omnia sanctificationem.

Consecratio—Deus honorum omnium, with a prayer for unction of the Holy Ghost, and for enthronement (f).

Liturgia Alemannica [9th century, Gerberti, 42].

Benedictio—Ado quasamus (f).

Propitiare (f).

Consecratio—Deus honorum, with prayer for the Holy Spirit (f).

Pont. Zegeri.

Ordination by one Bishop pronouncing the Benediction, two holding the Gospels over the neck of the ordained, and the rest holding their hands over his head.

Three Prayers

Omnemus, diletissimi (f).

Propitiare, Domine (f).

Consecration of the hands of the Bishop.

Unction of his head.

Delivery of the pastoral staff and ring.
Prayer ad ponsificem ordinandum—Deus honorum omnium (§). Installation of the Bishop on his throne, with prayer, Omnipotens Pater (§).

The Benediction.

Amen.

Salisbury Pontifical.

Bishop.

Presentation by two Bishops. Examination by the Archbishop. The Mass begun with the Prayer Adesu supplicationibus (γ), to the end of the Sequence. The Archdeacon reads the Elet. Two Bishops present him. Oremus, dillectissimi (δ). The Litany.

[The Hymn—Veni, Creator] [Winton Pontif.]

The Gospels laid on the head of the Elet [with Accepi Spiritum Sanctum, Exeter Pont.-].

Veni, Creator.

Vere Dignum, with the preface for the Bishop Elect. Domine Sancte, . . . honor omnium dignitate (δ), Unction of the head of the Elet with oil and chrism. Preface and Prayers for the Elet, for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Pater Sancte, omnipotens Deus (§).

Benediction of the Septiform Spirit [occurring also in Pont. Egberti].

Unction of the hands of the Elet. The delivery of the pastoral stuff [also in Pont. Egbert and Dunstan].

The delivery of the ring [also in Pont. Egbert].

The delivery of the mitre.

The delivery of the Gospels.

The Post-Communion.

Greek Euchologium [of the 11th century].

Ordination of a Bishop.

After the Trisagion the Archbishop goes up upon the steps of the Sanctuary before the Holy Table, and receives a letter, stating that by the approbation of the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, the heavenly grace which healeth the weak and suppleth that which is lacking, promotes this godly Priest N. to be Bishop of the city ω, and we therefore pray that the Grace of the Holy Spirit may descend upon him.

The Archdeacon then says, “Attend,” and the Patriarch reads the letter; then Kyrie Eleison is said, and the Elet is led up by three Bishops, assistants in the consecration. Then the Patriarch lays the book of the Gospels on his neck, the Bishops touching it; three signs of the cross are made on his head, and the Bishop holding his hand on it says two prayers: he then invests him with the pall; and after enthronization the newly consecrated Bishop communicates the Patriarch. Assemanni [xl, 125].

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Communion Office.
Collect—Almighty God.
Epistle [1 Tim. iii. 1].
Acts xx. 17 [1662].
Gospel—John xxv. 16.
John xx. 19 [1662].
John x. [1552].
Matt. xxviii. 18 [1662].

Presentation to the Bishop.
Oath of due Obedience.
Address to the Congregation.
The Litany.

Prayer—Almighty God, Giver of all good things [Consecration (β)].

Address to the Elect.
Interrogation of the Elect.
The Elect robes. Veni, Creator.

Prayer—Almighty God [Benediction] (γ).

Consecration by three Bishops.

Delivery of the Bible [and of the staff, 1549].

Prayer—Most Merciful Father.

Prevent us [1662].

Benediction [1662].

§ The Revision of the English Ordinal.
The first change in the old English Pontificals was made by the omission of the oath of Obedience to the Bishop of Rome by Act 28 Hen. VIII. c. 2. In the winter of 1548, a Committee, consisting of the Primate, the Bishops of Rochester, Ely, Lincoln, and Westminster, according to Heleyin [Hist. of Reform., pp. 67, 58], the Deans of St. Paul’s, Lincoln, Exeter, Ch., Ch., Archdeacon Robertson, and Redmayne, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and, asBurnet adds, (Collier inclining to the same belief,) the Archbishop of York, and Bishops of London, Durham, Worcester, Norwich, St. Asaph, Salisbury, Coventry, Carlisle, Bristol, and St. David’s [Burnet, Hist. of the Reform. pt. ii. b. i., and Collier, Eccles. Hist. pt. ii. b. iv.]; and therefore, in November, 1549, the Parliament made an Act, declaring that “forasmuch as concord and unity to be had within the King’s Majesty’s dominions, it is requisite to have one uniform fashion and manner for making and consecrating of bishops, priests, and deacons, or ministers of the Church: Be therefore enacted by the King’s Highness, with the assent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that such form and manner of making and consecrating of archbishops, bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers of the Church, as by six prelates and six other men of this realm, learned in God’s law, by the King’s Majesty to be appointed and assigned, or by the most number of them, shall be devised for that purpose, and set forth under the Great Seal of England before the 1st day of April next coming, shall by virtue of the present Act be lawfully exercised and used, and none other, any statute or law or usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding” [3 and 4 Edw. VI. c. xii.]. In the House of Lords, the Bishops of Durham, Chichester, Carlisle, Worcester, and Westminster, protested against the Act [Burnet, pt. ii. b. 1.]. Cranmer had the chief hand of the work [Strype’s Mem. of Cranmer, ch. xi.], and, it is said, drew up the preface. Three offices only were prepared, although the Statute had mentioned the ordering of other Ministers of the Church, that is, clergy and minor orders, Subdeacons and Readers, &c. It was providential that the counsels of the more moderate party in the Church prevailed over the rash advice of the intemperate and Germanizing section, who would have abolished much that was of ancient use. Poynet wished to abandon the very name of Bishop. Grindal called it the munimony of consecration. Jewel would have had no clerical dress, and Hooper would not wear it. In the new form the union of the Priest’s hands, a French rite in the sixth century, unknown in the Greek Church, and not practised at Rome until after the time of Nicholas I, was laid aside; as was also the blessing of the Priest’s habit with a special blessing for his offering acceptable sacrifices, a ceremonial not of earlier date than the eighth century. But the delivery of the chalice, or cup with the bread, which had been practised in the tenth century, was retained. It may be observed, that under the Law certain portions of the offertory were placed in the hands of Aaron and of his sons, symbolically of their office of presenting the sacrifices before the Lord [Exod. xxii. 24]. The Service began with an Exhortation; and one of the following Psalms, xl., cxxxi., and cxxv., at the discretion of the celebrant, was to be sung as the introit to the Holy Communion. For the Epistle was appointed Acts xx. 17—35, or else 1 Tim. iii. 1. 8; for the Gospel, Matt. xxviii. 18 to the end, or John x. 1—16, or John
xx. 19—23. The Venet Creator having been sung, the Deacon was presented by the Archdeacon. Then followed the Litany with a special Collect. The Deacon to be ordained Priest was to have a plain albe upon him; the dress appointed for the candidate for Deacon’s orders, with the addition of the word “white.” The oath of the King’s supremacy was administered, and the Exhortation made by the Bishop, who proceeded to put a series of questions delimiting the boundaries of the priestly office, similar to the interogatories made in the Elder Pontificals to Bishops; after a certain space kept in silence for prayers by the congregation, the Bishop, having said a prayer, ordained the Deacon to the Priesthood, and delivered to him the Bible; the Holy Communion followed, with a special Prayer before the Benediction. In the ordering of Deacons, the order was as in the present Form.

In the Litany, however, three of the petitions ran thus:—

“From all sedition and priyy conspiracy, from the tyranny of the Bishop of Rome and all his detestable enormities,” &c. “That it may please Thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Ministers of the Church,” &c.—“That it may please Thee to bless these men, and send Thy grace upon them, that they may duly execute the office now to be committed unto them to the edifying of Thy Church, and to Thy honour, praise, and glory.”

The Epistle was 1 Tim. iii. 8–16, or Acts vi. 2. The oath of the King’s supremacy was much longer, and in a different form. The newly-appointed Deacon was to “read the Gospel of that day, putting on a tunic.” If Deacons and Priests were ordained at the same time, the whole of the three chapters of the First Epistle to Timothy was read. In the form of consecrating an Archbishop or Bishop, the Psalm for the introit at the Holy Communion was to be the same as at the ordering of Priests. The Epistle was 1 Tim. iii. 1, and the Gospel, John xxi. 15, or “chap. x., as in the order of Priests.” At the presentation, the elected Bishop was to have upon him a surplice and copa, and the presenting Bishops to be in surplices and copes, and bearing their pastoral staves in their hands. The Archbishop laid the Bible on the neck of the consecrated Bishop, and put the staff into his hand, saying, “Be to the flock,” &c.

This complete Form and Manner was published in March, 1549–1550, and printed by Richard Grafton, Printer to the King, and five Bishops were consecrated according to it. Unhappily the efforts of the extreme reformers prevailed now over the better judgment of the Catholic party. The influence of Peter Martyr, Aluico, Bucer, and Calvin was felt in the counsels of Hooper, Poynt, and their followers. In consequence of their representations, a new review was instituted in the commencement of 1551; and on and after All Saints’ Day, 1552, the Second Book of Edward VI. was ordered to be in use. The handiwork of violent men of factious, peevish, and perverse spirit is only too recognizable, “bewraying their own folly,” and “full of innovations and newfangledness.” Several laudable practices of the Church of England, or indeed of the whole Catholic Church of Christ, were now hith inziope. The introits of the Holy Communion, the duties of the candidates and of the presenting and electing Bishops, the delivery of the chalices and sacred elements, and of the pastoral staff, was omitted, and only one change was made for the better at the instance of Hooper, the substitution in the oath of the King’s supremacy of the words, So help me God, through Jesus Christ, for all Saints and the holy Evangelists. By statute; and 6 Edw. VI. cap. i. § 45, the form and manner of making and consecrating of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, was annexed to the Book of Common Prayer, “faithfully and godly persued, explained, and made fully perfect.”

This Act passed the House of Commons, and was returned to the Lords, April 14, 1553 [Coller, Eccles. Hist. p. iv. b. ii. Burnett, p. ii. b. l.], and the 56th of the Articles drawn up in 1552 by a Committee of the House of Commons, was within the scope of Common Prayer. After the Act had passed, but force until 6 Edw., declares that the book of the Ordering of the Ministers of the Church, for truth of doctrine is godly, and in nothing is repugnant to the sound doctrine of the Gospel, but agreeeth thereto, and doth much promote and illustrate the same. The 35th Article, entitled, “Nemo in Ecclesia ministrum nisi vocatus,” is literally the same as the 23rd in the Articles of Religion of 1562. Only one Bishop was consecrated according to this Ordinal.

Out of twenty-six sees twenty were still occupied by Bishops who had been consecrated according to the use of the old Pontificals: upon the accession of Queen Mary, the Acts of 3 Edw. VI. c. xii., for drawing up the Ordinal, and 5 Edw. VI. c. i., for annexing it to the Book of Common Prayer, were repealed; and after December 20, 1553, the forms commonly used in England in the last year of King Henry were retained. As the main body and essentials, as well in the cliest materials as in the frame and order thereof, had been continued the same in the Reformed Ordinals, is contained in the fact that the Roman party contented themselves with requiring “the supply of those things wanted before,” such asunction and the delivery of sacred vessels and of the proper habits [Art. xv. 1553. Burnet, pt. ii. b. ii.], and so reconciling the Ministers ordained according to the new form [Cardw., Doc. Ann. No. xxx. Heylin’s Hist. of the Reform., p. 206.], and Pope Julius in his Bull, 1553, giving Logatine power to Cardinal Pole, desired him to reconcile and reinstall the Bishops and Archbishops in their Cathedral Churches, and permit them to ordain to the priesthood,—ad quosque lucem etiam sacros et Prostytuatur ordinis promovere et in illis aut per eos jact libris manifest peers suscepta ordinibus, etiam in altissim ministerio ministrare neunus manus consecratio successire [Cardw., Doc. Ann. xxxi.]. It will be borne in mind that those subsidiary rites and ceremonies, as will be shown on a later page, are regarded by Roman Catholic Canonists of the first rank and eminence to be wholly unessential and of very late introduction. On June 13, 1558, every copy of the English Ordinal was required to be delivered up to the Ordinary of the diocese [Cardwell, No. xxxii.]. Thirteen Bishops were consecrated during the imprisonment of the Primate Cranmer, and as many were irregularly intruded into sees not vacant [Burnet, pt. ii. b. ii. Heylin, p. 206] by the authority of the Pope, which had been renounced by the Provincial Synods of Canterbury and York, as well as by individual dioceses. In November, 1558, Queen Mary and Cardinal Pole died.

On the accession of Queen Elizabeth the Second Book of Edward VI. with the Ordinal having been reviewed by Parker, Cox, Pilkington, Grindal, Sandys, Guest, May, Bill, and Smith, was restored by Act of Parliament, April 20, 1 Eliz. c. ii. § 3, to be in force and effect after June 24, and the Act of Repeal passed in Queen Mary’s reign was annulled. On December 17, 1558, at Lambeth Chapel, Parker was consecrated to the arch-siee of Canterbury by the Bishops of Chichester, Bedford, and Exeter. The Ordinal had been included under the “words of Administration of Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremonies,” but Bp. Bonner objected that it was not expressly named, although of course it formed an integral part of the Book of Common Prayer by statute of 1552, and had been repealed together with it in 1553. However, to put an end to all such exceptions, an Act was passed September 13, 1566, 8 Eliz. cap. i. § 3, 5, confirmed by 1 Jac. i. c. xxv. § 48, authorizing the use of the Ordinal in future, and declaring that all persons that had been or should be made, ordered, or consecrated by it were true Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. But the XXXVth Article of Religion, drawn up in 1562, and confirmed by Convocation, 1571, had already deemed the validity of all orders conferred according to the new Ordinal since the second year of Edward VI., and the Act, 3 Eliz. c. xii., required subscription to those Articles by the Clergy; the Constitutions Ecclesiastical, 1575, further required that Holy Orders should be given only according to the form and manner of the Ordinal; and in those of 1604 [c. xxxix.] all impiagers of the Ordinal were declared excommunicate, and all candidates for the ministry required to acknowledge its conformity with the Word of God. Courrier mentions the important fact that Pope Pius IV. by his envoy offered to confirm the whole English Prayer Book, if the King, by including the Ordinary, provided the Churches of England would be reconciled to the Pope and acknowledge his supremacy [ch. xii. p. 235]. In 1610, when a complete Pontifical was to have been drawn up, the form of Ordering Bishops, Priests, and Deacons was to have been retained [Heylin, Cypr. Anglic. pt. ii. p. 414]. In January, 1549, the Book of Common Prayer was proscribed.
On March 25, 1661, by royal commission, King Charles II. empowered Conferences to be held for a "review of the Book of Common Prayer, comparing the same with the most ancient Liturgies which have been used in the primitive and purest times of the Church of Cosin, Wren, Sanderson, Nicholson, Morley, Houchman, Skinner, and others," in order that "these may be made useful and work, assisted by the MS. notes of Bishops Cosin, Overal, and Andrews. On November 29, the Upper House were still at work upon the revision of the Ordinal; on December 20, 1661, the Book was received, approved, and subscribed by both Houses. On May 19, 1669, the Bill for the Uniformity of Public Prayers and Administration of the Sacraments received the Royal Assent, and provided that the new Book should be used after the Feast of St. Bartholomew, 1662 [18 & 14 Car. II. c. ii. § 32]. It was authorized again by Act, 1706, 6 Ann. c. v. viii. art. xlv. v. viii.

The alterations, additions, and variations were chiefly made in rubrics for the better direction of those officiating in the Service, in a clearer explanation of some words and phrases, and rendering the Epistles and Gospels according to the last translation. The former were numerous and of greater significance and importance.

In the Ordering of Deacons the words, "After Morning Prayer is ended there shall be a Sermon," were added in the first rubric. The Bishop was required to be sitting in his chair near to the Holy Table, whilst the candidates were once more directed to be decently habited, that is in the habit and apparel suitable to the order to which they were to be ordained,—"the vestures appointed for their ministry," a plain albe or surplice, with a cope for Priests, and albs with tunicles for Deacons, were appointed in the first Prayer Book of Edward VI. This rubric therefore restored in spirit that of the first Prayer Book of Edward VI., whilst it was opposed to the old custom of investiture of the candidates by the Bishop's own hands. In the Litany the word "rebellion" was substituted for the passage, "from the tyranny of the Bishop of Rome and his detestable encroachments;" "Bishops, priests, and deacons," for the vague wording, "Bishops, pastors, and ministers of the Church;" and for "to bless these men and send," &c., "these Thy servants now to be admitted to the order of Deacons, and to pour Thy grace upon them." The Prayer of St. Chrysostom was omitted. This rubric was now added, "then shall be sung or said the Service for the Communion, with the Collect, Gospel, and Epistle as followeth." The candidate was desired to "humbly kneel before the Bishop, and at the words "etiam teneo..." which the words "thence licensed by the Bishop himself," were substituted for "thereunto ordinarily commanded." Instead of the Gospel of the day, a proper Gospel was enjoined; and the Collect, "Prevent us, O Lord," was added from the Post-Communion Office. In the address on the duties of a Deacon, the words "to baptize" were enlarged into these, "in the absence of the Priest, to baptize infants;" and the sentence "they may be relieved by the parish or other convenient alms," was altered to "relieved with the alms of the parishioners or others.

The Ordering of Priests. The form hitherto began with the Service for the Holy Communion; after an Exhortation and the presentation of the Candidates, followed the singing of the Veni Creator, but it was now removed to the beginning of the Service in a manner like that for the Ordering of Deacons. For the Epistle of 1552, Acts xx. 17—35, or 1 Tim. iii., transferred to the Consecration of Bishops, because the πρεσβυτέροι mentioned therein were the Bishops of Asia Minor [St. Chrysostom, Hom. xi. 1. Theodoret in 1 Tim. iv. 14. Ecumenius, Comm. in 1 Tim. e. xiii. Theophylact in 1 Ep. ad Tim. iv. 14. Suicer, Thes. Eccles. ii. p. 824. Aquinas, Comm. cap. iv.§ 37. Eph. iv. 7 was appointed. The Gospel, Matt. xxviiii. 18—20, now the appropriate third Gospel for the Consecration of Bishops, was exchanged for Matt. ix. 18, and the third Gospel, John xx., was removed to that Service also. Another translation of the hymn, Veni Creator, probably also by Dryden, was added, "for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands," were inserted after the words "Receive the Holy Ghost," in order to determine the Ordination to the Priesthood. The old rubric was ambiguous: "if the Orders of Deacon and Priesthood be given both upon one day, then shall all things at the Holy Communion be used as they are appointed at the Ordering of Priests, saying that for the Epistle the whole of 1 Tim. iii. shall be read as it is set out before in the Ordering of Priests, and immediately after shall be sung or said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. Amen; then, and it shall be said in the Litany he be said once." It was now expanded into a fuller and clearer shape: "And if on the same day the Orders of Deacons be given to some, and the Order of Priesthood to others, the Deacons shall be first presented and then the Priests, and it shall suffice that the Litany be once said for both. The Collects shall both be used, first that for Deacons, then that for Priests. The Epistle shall be Eph. iv. 7—13, as before in this Office. Immediately after which that they are to be made Deacons shall take the Oath of Supremacy, be examined and ordained as is above prescribed. Then one of them having read the Gospel, which shall be either out of Matt. ix. 36—38, as before in this Office, or else Luke xii. 35—38, as before in the form for Ordering of Deacons, they that are to be made Priests shall likewise take the Oath of Supremacy, be examined and ordained as in this Office is before explained."
Ghost, and remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is in thee by imposition of hands, for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and of sobriety," another was ordered: "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. And remember," &c., thus emphatically marking the consecration to the Bishop Episcopate. The words "with other," were changed into "with others" who were to communicate with the new-consecrated Bishop; and "after the last Collect," to "for the last Collect," "Prevenient, O Lord," being inserted before the Benediction.

Such is the history of the great revision of the Ordinal of 1662. Some ceremonies were with reverence restored in conformity with ancient precedents; many improvements were made, and certain reconstructions to secure greater conformity in the services were carried out. In the year 1683 some insidious designs against the integrity of the Ordinal were set on foot; but, under God's good providence, frustrated. With some few variations, it is in use in that great branch of the Catholic Church founded in the United States of America, and in the sister Churches of Ireland and Scotland it has been preserved in its complete form.

§ The Essentials of Ordination.

The Greek words for Ordination were τελευω, ἐνέχω [John-
son's Unbl. Sac. ch. ii. sect. 1], and τελευσομαι, καθάρισθαι [Zonaras in I. Can. Apost.], and, by Dionysius, λεπτή τελευσις, but almost universally χειροστοίων in the sense both of Election 
[1 Conc. Nicen. A.D. 325, c. 1. Conc. Antioch. A.D. 341, c. xix., and Laodicea. A.D. 365, c. v. 2 Cor. vii. 19, as the Jewish Judges of Consistories and the public Magistrates of Athens were chosen by a show of hands] and of Ordination by laying on of hands [Acts iv. 31, Tit. iv. 14. 2 Tim. i. 6]. But the latter is almost wholly and certainly the proper sense in which it was applied. [St. Hieron., Comm. in Essai. c. vii. Conc. Neo-Cesar. c. ix. A.D. 314. Ancevra, c. 314, c. x. 2 Conc. Nic.
iv. c. xiv. St. Basil. Ep. ad Amph. c. x. St. Chrys. in ad Tit. c. i. Hom. ii. in Ep. ad Phil.] The word χειροστοίων, employed by the Council of Antioch, c. 341, c. x., and the 2 Conc. of Nicen., c. 4, means benediction of the ordained; ἐπιτίθεν τῶν χειρῶν, which expresses the actual ceremony or matter of Ordination, is a mere synonym for χειροστοίων. The laying on of the Bishop's hands is the only essential rite of Ordination, being of Apostolical origin, having Scriptural authority, and being that ceremony which has prevailed in all ages and among all branches of the Catholic Church. [Inst. Calvini, lib. ix. c. iii. § 10. Reform. Leg. Eccles. de Sacr. c. vii. Becan. de Sacram. c. xxvi. qu. iv. 3. 6.] Laying on of hands was the action used in blessing among the Jews [Gen. xiv. 14, and was employed by our Saviour [Mark x. 16], and also in the consecration of Priests [Numm. xxvi. 18, 19. Dent. xxxix. 9. Numb. viii. 10. Exod. viii. 6, 7], the hand being symbolical of Divine aid [Ps. lxxxix. 23, 25. Ezek. lii. 14]. Our Lord used the incommunicable ceremony of Breathing, as the Author of the heavenly institution; the laying on of hands was the assistance of the Holy Ghost, which proceeded from Him alone, could make efficient ministers of the New Testament, and would be given to them for their spiritual work. But as He ascended He laid on His uplifted hands and blessed His Apostles [Luke xxii. 50], and this significant action was adopted by them as symbolical of Divine protection, and a token of delegated and spiritual power. Thus St. Paul and St. Barnabas were ordained with prayer and the laying on of hands, and are said to be sent forth by the Holy Ghost [Acts xii. 5]. Thus St. Timothy was consecrated [1 Tim. iv. 14. 2 Tim. i. 6]; thus the Bishops, ordained by the Apostles, are said to have been constituted by the Holy Ghost [Acts xx. 28]. Thus Deacons were ordained by the Bishop [1 Tim. v. 22].

This doctrine has been held by Fathers, Councils, and by the ritualists. Syn. Symm. c. vii. c. 9. DeINS. Areop.; P. Innoc. i. ad Episc. Macer. Ep. xxii. § 5. St. Thom. Aquinas, Dist. xxiv. qu. ii. act. iii. Estin. i. l. d. 24, § 1. 24. Jenneius de Sacr. Q. disc. iii. viii. Huberti, Archler. p. 121. Morin de Sacr. Ord. pt. iii. Ex. i. c. xi. § 2. 6. Sert. Tract. de Ord. vi. p. 47. Bellarmine de Sacr. Ord. lib. i. c. 11. See also Pitrae, Validity, pp. 70-82, and my "Ordinal," pp. 248-9, note 1.] The ancient Sacramentaries make mention of no other rite. The Greek Bishops use only the right hand in the ordination of Priests and Deacons; and the same custom was observed, until the sixth century, it would seem, in the Western Church. In the English Church the Bishop lays on both hands, and in the Ordaining of Priests, the Priests present, without speaking, lay their hands conjointly with the Bishop on the head of the Deacon as a sign of their approbation and reception of the newly-ordained Priest, to give a proof of previous deliberation, and to guarantee to the Church that the Bishop was acting with competent authority, and that there is no defect in his ministration of the sacred rite. It is a bare ceremony, as in the Greek Church Priests salute the Priests, and Deacons the Deacon who are newly ordained. The transition from the custom of the Eastern to that of the Western Church can readily be traced in the following stages. In the ordaining of a Priest a Bishop, lay himself his hand in his hand, the Priests standing by" [Const. Apost. i. viii. c. xvii.]. "This is the form of Ordinations," says Theophilus of Alexandria; "all the Priests agree and choose, then the Bishop examines, and, with the assent of the Priests, ordains in the midst of the Church." The third Canon of the 4th Council of Carthage, A.D. 396, "When a Priest is ordained, the Bishop blesses and holds his hand above his head, and all the Priests hold their hands next the Bishop's hand above his head," is quoted in all the old Sacramentaries up to the twelfth century; but in the Pontifical of Corbie, of that date, the Priests are desired to hold their hands on his shoulder blades; and in a still earlier one of the ninth century and some of the tenth century a distinction was made, the Bishop laying his hand on his hand and the Priests holding theirs elevated [Marzine, i. c. vii. art. ix. § 9. Morin, P. ii. p. 290]. The Bishop alone laid on hands in the ordination of Deacons [Martene, n. s. § 1]. The Union of the Priest's hands, and the delivery of the vessels and habits, were later ceremonies, which at the Reformation were laid aside; in the revised Prayer Book of 1652 the delivery of the chalice and paten and pastoral staff being also discontinued. The delivery of the Epistle to the Deacon, and of the Holy Bible to the Bishop and Priest, was probably introduced from the East through the Gallican Church, as it was the custom at Constantinople to place the order for the Holy Communion in the hands of the Priest, with the word ἀρτος; and by the Euchologion the Priest is directed on his hand and the Priest holding the Liturgy. In the African and Western Churches the Bishop alone received the Bible, but it was at length also given to Priests as being associates of the Bishop in teaching the people and the office of preaching.

The essential words by which Orders are conveyed are Prayer for the grace of the Holy Ghost, with a blessing pronounced on the ordained. Hostiensis and P. Innocent, the chief of Canonists, held that it would be sufficient for the ordainer to say, "Be a Priest," or words to that effect, if the Church had not ordered a prescript form [P. Susvius, Polian. Hist. Conc. Trident. i. vii. art. 6]. For as Pope Innocent says, now that proper forms have been ordained and established by the Church, they must be of necessity observed [ap. Nich. arch. Paderm. Comm. ii. pt. i. l. vi. 4.]. The 4th Council of Carthage makes no mention of the form; while in some of the old Sacramentaries and Pontificals are found a
long prayer or preface called the Consecration, and in others a prayer which was sung, beginning, “Giver of honours, and dis- tributor of orders.” Thus, St. Augustine says, “They prayed that the Holy Spirit might come upon them on whom they laid hands, a custom marked by a kiss in former times; and by this means they could receive this gift according to our measure, but certainly cannot shed it upon others; but that this may be done, we invoke God who worketh the same on their behalf over them” [De Trin. 1. xv. c. xxvi. § 46] and St. Ambrose, “The Church, as having true Priests, rightly claims this” [i.e. the Divine Commission].

The gift of the Holy Spirit is the priestly office. [De Penn. l. i. c. ii. § 7.] So God took of the Spirit which was upon Moses, and put it upon the Seventy. [Num. xl. 17. 25.] In all this the old aphorism holds true, δραματικὴ ἡ ἡμέρα Θεοῦ δόξα. In communion occurs, which includes the nine elements, pitiatory and sacrificial. The Pontifical constituting Father, and the Bishop consecrating a Deacon in the Church, and the work of a Levite, as did Stephen, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.” The Church of England makes an express mention of the order to which the Candidate is to be appointed.

For nine hundred years after Christ, there was no express statement of the Church respecting the power of consecrating Christ’s Body and Blood in the Order of Priests. The Church does not give in express terms the power of consecrating the sacred elements, or of absolution; the invocation of the Holy Ghost, a prayer of consecration, and a benediction by the Bishop, constituting her form; but as an equivalent she prays God that the Priest may stand unblemished at His altar, to preach the Gospel of His salvation, to minister [ἐποτεργάζοντας] the Word of His truth, to offer to Him gifts and spiritual sacrifices, and to renew His people by the laver of regeneration. The Benediction of the old Pontificals resembled this prayer—May the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee, that thou mayest be blessed in the order of Priesthood, and offer propitiatory sacrifices” [Hostias]. In the Western Church the power of consecrating the Holy Eucharist was not named until the tenth century, and was not adopted in the Use of Danger before the close of the thirteenth century; but it is found in the Pontifical of Caetan before A.D. 1000, at the delivery of the pater and elements, and the chalice with wine—“Take the power to offer the Sacrifice to God, and to celebrate Mass in the name of the Lord.” The form conveying the power of absolution is later: by three hundred years, but was alluded to in the shape of a prayer. In a Pontifical of Mayence of the thirteenth century, however, it occurs, “Becalce the Holy Ghost, whose sins ye remit,” &c., and in a Pontifical of Rouen, about the next century.

§ The Effect of Ordination.

The laying on of hands and prayer, with the delegation of ministerial order, constituting the essential and necessary form and matter of Ordination, it remains to consider the Divine vocation, and the results of Ordination. It is a sanctification of the person to do certain offices of religion, as in the case of Jeremiah [Jer. i. 5], and St. John Baptist [Luke i. 15], and also the imparting of grace to make the person meet to perform the same. The change of name adopted by St. Paul and St. Peter after their ordination expresses significantly the change of condition, the new honour sanctified by God. But as St. Jerome says, “Let every one prove himself and so come; ecclesiastical order does not make a Christian” [ad Hiliodor. Ep. v. al. 1]. The Candidate is to be called to a high dignity and a weighty office and charge, to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord. He is to be a together worker with God [2 Cor. vi. 1], and giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed; approving himself in all things as the minister of God. He is to be one of that order, of whom it is said, that “he that heareth” them hearth Christ [Luke x. 16], he is to be God’s witnesses [Luke xxiv. 47, 48], to have power over all the power of the enemy [Luke x. 19], and to exercise a most solemn delegation [John xx. 22]. But he has also to show by his deeds rather than by his name, that by his consecration, and official ordination, and by his standing in the stream of the apostles of the thunder and the ministry of reconciliation; to be one set apart by the most impressive vow at God’s altar; to forsake all worldly cares and studies, and to sanctify and fashion his life after the rule and doctrine of Christ; to be a wholesome and godly example and pattern for the people to follow. He, like Moses and Joshua [Exod. iii. 5. Josh. v. 15], is hidden to a nearer access to God than the people [Exod. xxiv. 13, 14]. And who is sufficient for these things? for, as St. Chrysostom argues, from Lev. iv. 3—18; xxl. 17, and Luke xii. 47, as the fault of coming short of God’s will is greater in His minister, so a more horrible punishment of neglect will ensue: he wants a true soul and a thousand eyes on every side. [Hom. iii. in e. Act.; xxvi. in c. viii. Matt.; de Sacerd. l. vi. c. xl.] The Candidate when ordained will have need of learning, for, as Bishop Jeremy Taylor observed, an ignorant minister is a head without an eye; he requires to be a feeder [1 Pet. v. 2], a leader [John x. 4], an oracle [Mal. iii. 7], sober, grave, affable, firm, patient, long-suffering, kind, unwearied, zealous, and undaunted [2 Cor. vi. 1—10], “never ceasing labour, care, and diligence [Acts xx. 2. 1 Thess. ii. 17] until he has done all that lies in him, according to his bounden duty, to bring all such as are committed to his charge unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripe- ness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no need left among them either for ignorance or for victory in life.”

The Candidate for the Diaconate professes his trust that he is inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon him that office and ministration, and the Candidate for the Priesthood, that he thinks in his heart that he is truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. Any state of life is said to be that to which God is pleased to call us [Catechism], and St. Theophylact renders τῇ κλήσει [1 Cor. vii. 17—20], as τὸν ὕπηρειν τὸν ἐν τῷ τέμνεται καὶ ποιεῖται. Vocation is twofold: [1.] Extraordi- nary, when God calls men (1) immediately, as was Moses; (2) or by means and intervention of a prophet, as Elias; (3) before the existence of an Order of Ministers, as Aaron and the tribe of Levi; (4) after the institution of a Ministry, as Samuel and Elia, the Twelve [John vii. 70], and the Seventy, St. Mat- thias, St. Paul [1 Cor. i. 1. 2 Cor. i. 1. Eph. i. 1. Col. i. 1. Gal. i. 1. Rom. i. 1], and St. Barnabas; and [II.] Ordinary, when men call and appoint a Minister in the Church according to the law prescribed by God, as were the Aaronic Priests and Levites; Titus and Timothy, Priests and Deacons of the Apostolic Churches, and now the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church. But the secret voice of the Holy Ghost does invite individuals [1 Cor. ii. 11. Jer. xi. 20; xxvii. 10]; on the one hand, Moses hesitated to accept, on the other, Isaiah sought to receive, a mission, and the Apostle declares that the desire to become a Minister is good [1 Tim. iii. 1]. St. Augustine says, when Mother Church desires our work, “ nec clamite aude suspiciaris nec blandiente desidia respetis sed miti corde obtene- retis Deo” [Ep. xviii.]. “They who came not were sent,” says St. Jerome, “for He saith, they came, and I did not send them. In those who came is the presumption of rashness, in those who are sent the obedience of service” [Prol. in Comm. in St. Matt.].

The natural sense of men required a holy entrance on the Priesthood [Demonstræthes contr. Androth. Plato de Leg. l. vi. § viii.], and the Canonical impediments were read over to the Candidate in the Church during many centuries. “The evenest one of modern in suits after spiritual functions which may be as ambitiously forborne as prosecuted, is not to follow them without conscience, nor of pride to withdraw ourselves utterly from them.” The presence of earthly motives, such as desire of honour, wealth, and reputation, is utterly at variance with a Divine call. “The simple eye” [Matt. vi. 23, 23], “a good intention to- wards God, is a sign of its existence” [St. Chrysost., Hom. v. in 1 Tim. i. 8], as the one end sought is doing His work to His honour, and setting forward the salvation of all men, out of a
good conscience [St. Aug. de Serm. Dem.; Ivo de Exciili, Sacr. Ord.; Calvin de Exter. Mod. ad Sal. l. iv. c. iii. § 11]. It is not said to the Candidate, "Have you such an inward perception of such a Divine impulse, that you can distinguish it from all other movements by its manner of impressing you?" but, "Do you trust that you are on good grounds persuaded that you have a Divine call, that is, from your serious preparation, your honest intention, your sacred resolution to discharge the duties of the office which you seek?" There is required of necessity no inward, secret, sensible testimony of God's blessed and sanctifying Spirit to a man's soul, nor any strong working of the Spirit of illumination; suffice it that there be inclination of nature, personal affinities, and care of education, without any extraordinary assistance of the Holy Ghost. [See Sanderson, iv. Serm. § 32.] "Now is not the time that we must delay to speak or to discuss whether thou have the Holy Ghost within thee or the spirit of the flesh of man. See that thy works be virtuous and good, consequent to the prescript rule of God's word, savouring and lasting not of the flesh, but of the Spirit, then assure thyself that thou art endued with the Holy Ghost." [Homily on Whitsun-day]. The only sure preserving for such a devotion of life and thought to the work of the Ministry as will ensure its accomplishment, is the perpetual memory of Him Who gave the commission to perform it, of the end for which it was given, and the account we must one day render to the Great Shepherd of the Sheep. The distinction between Clergy and lay persons is asserted by St. Augustine [Ps. l. xix. § 6.] and Terullian [de Presse. Hist. c. xii.; de Monog. xi.; de Pugn. xi.], St. Ambrose [de Dign. Sacerd. c. iii.], St. Cyprian [Ep. lix. ad Com.], and St. Jerome [adv. Lycific.]. The designation Clergy, κληρονομος, is not inheritance, as in the suffrage "Bliss Thine inheritance" [Ps. xvi. 15; lxxvi. 26], is another illustration of the analogy subsisting between the Aaronic and Christian Priesthood [Numb. xxviii. 20. Deut. xviii. 1, 2. St. Jerome, Ep. xxxiv. ad Nepos], whilst there is also a reference to the circumstance of God overruling the lots in the case of St. Matthias, the first minister ordained by the Apostles [Acts i. 26. St. Aug. Exarr. in Ps. lxvii. 19. Isidors, Orig. l. vii. c. xii.; de Off. Eccles. l. ii. c. 1]. The word απόφασις, severance, setting apart, founded on Acts xiii. 2, is also used as a synonym for ordination [Bever. Serm. ii., On the Church]. This ordination rests upon the impress of the indelible Ecclesiastical mark or character, the "charisma certum veritatis," as Irenæus terms it [contr. Hist. l. iv. c. xxvi. § 2], or as St. Augustine, "Sacramentum Ordinationis sum." [de Bono Conj. c. xxviii.; contr. Donatist. l. i. c. 1, § 2; contr. Eparch. l. i. c. xiii.]. The same doctrine is stated by Bishop Jeremy Taylor [Episc. diav. s. in l. xxxvi. 3, Abridg. Potter-Chalmers, i. c. xvii. 3]; Prideaux [Validity, loc. cit., p. 25]. Haseletter [Eccles. Pol. b. v. c. lxvii. § 3], Mason [de Min. Anglic. l. i. c. xi. § 8], and Bingham [Orig. Eccles. b. xvii. c. e. § 5]. It is that of the canon law, "Si quis clericis reiociet officio sui ordine laicam voluerit ageri vitam vel militiae tradiderit, excommunicationis pena feratur" [Conc. Taron. A.D. 461, c. vi.]. "Sanctorum decus honorum qualibet fuerit occasione persequuntur manebit omnium inexcusabilis" [VIII. Conc. Tolet. A.D. 663, c. viii.]. "Ordo characterum, i.e., spiritualis quodvis signum a cateriae distincturum imprimit in anima indissolubile" [Decr. Eugen. ad Armen. Conc. Flor. A.D. 1108. Comp. Conc. Trident. Seis. xii. A.D. 1668, c. iv.]. The Canons use similar expressions [St. Thom. P. iii. qn. 68. Estius in Sent. Comm. l. iv. dict. l. i. § 20. Becanus, Ib. § 51; and Lyndwood, Walkerus, sub. quodst. Prov. Angl. l. i. tit. 5, and our own Canons. "Sane recepsum in Sacram Ministerium ab eo imponentur non discendit, nec se aut vestitu aut habitu aut in ulla vita parte geret pro laico" [Articuli, A.D. 1671], with which Canon lxxxvi. of 1604 concurs. This principle is grounded on the analogy of the perpetuity of the priesthood, both of Melchisedec and the Jews, and the Apostles and Clergy of the Primitive Church; on the enduring grace of Holy Baptism; on the self-dedication for life to God; on the fact that God has nowhere signified that the character will expire before death; on the actual unbroken tradition that re-ordination was a sacrilegious and heretical act, and that in cases even of deposition the exercise of sacred functions was only suspended [cf. Ed. Rev. art. v. Jan. 1849]. Holy Orders are not denied, in a large sense of the word and in another nature, the name of a Sacrament, by the ninth Homily of the English Church; but, as being restricted to a class in the community, as lacking the promise of remission of sins, and not having any visible sign or ceremony ordained of Christ [Art. xxv.], and not being generally necessary to salvation, they are so called in an inferior sense to the two Sacraments of the Gospel. With this reservation, the Church of England regards Orders as a Sacrament, or rather as sacrament. The title of the Book of Common Prayer includes "administration of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church." The Rubric of 1549 provided that "every parishioner shall communicateth.Re the least three times in the year, and shall also receive the Sacraments and other rites according to the order of this Book appointed." Similar language is employed in the Act of Uniformity, 1 Bliz. c. ii., and the Homilies, F. 1. "On Common Prayer and Sacraments:" "Neither Orders nor any other Sacrament else be such Sacraments as Baptism and the Communion are" (p. 316). Melanchthon included Ordination among Sacraments [Loci Theol. tom. i. pp. 233, 334. Comp. Augsb. pp. 29, 30]. The greatest English Theologians, however, cautiously guard against any misapprehension of the term Sacrament, on the safe ground that the outward ceremony of breathing has been changed into what the Form of Words is given "as in the Person of Christ," and not from ourselves; and that the grace given is "gratis data," not "gratium faciens" [Bp. Andrews, Serm. i.]; but they still do not withhold the designation of Sacrament, provided that it be not understood as a true or necessary Sacrament [Bp. Jewel, Treat. on Sacr., p. 1225. Def. of Apology, p. ii. p. 459. Archbishop Wake, Expos. of Doctrine, Art. xv. p. 46. Calhull, Ans. to Martials, p. 229. Bp. Burnet, Vind. of Ord., p. 21. Archbishop Bramhall, Cons. of Bishops, disc. v. Cranææbary, Def. Eccles. Angl. c. xxx. Bp. Beveridge on Art. xxv.]. From the distinction existing between the clergy and lay is derived the word "Order." [grædus ἄρθρον, ord. στάδιον]; the state to which the ministers of God are ordained [St. Amb. de Off. Min. l. i. c. xxv. 25. St. August. de Civ. Del. l. xix. c. 13. Gabriel Philipp. c. ii. St. Leo. Ep. lxxxiv. c. 4. Bp. Jeremy Taylor, Episc. Assert. § xxxi. i. § 3]. The words potestas, officium, honor, dignitas, εἰκόνα, εἰκὼνα, locus, χαρά, are also synonyms of ord. § The Preface to the Ordinal. The Preface to the Ordinal sets forth the following statements and principles:— I. The Three Orders of the Ministry are Apostolic, and have been held in reverent estimation. II. That there are proper ages at which orders should be conferred. III. That there are proper times and places for ordination. IV. That the Candidates shall be duly tested as to character and qualifications. V. That there are indispensable rites and ceremonies ministered by a Bishop for ordination, public prayer with imposition of hands. I. If these three Orders be from the Apostles' times, they must be Divine. The Saviour, as High Priest upon earth, actually ordained His Apostles and seventy disciples as representing Priests and Levites. The first consecration of Apostles is referred to the Holy Ghost [Acts i. 24.; xiii. 2]; and the ordination of Deacon also, "being full of the Holy Ghost" [vi. 5]. The offices Bishops, Priests, and Deacons are quite clear in the New Testament; but distinct names for the three orders are not discernible at first until language permitted and circumstances demanded it. We find ordinaries and persons ordained, and the names Bishops, Priests, and Deacons: even in the second century Presbyters were called Bishops, as overseers of a portion of the flock; but in the third century Bishops are nowhere called Presbyters. The Apostolical fathers distinctly enumerate Bishops, Priests, and Deacons as severally distinct. These orders, on the testimony of ancient authors, evidently existed at all times in Christ's Church,
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nnd must therefore be perpetuated by lawful authority, that is,
by Bishops, wlio alone have the power of ordaining, in order that
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continue and be reverently used and esteemed.

The Canon Law

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Pontifical:

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et vicesimum

defines thirty years to be the Canonical

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Ordinem

annorum, Presbyteratus viginti quatuor,
[Lacy's Pontifical, p. 78.]

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age for the reception of the Priesthood, but suffers the admission
of the Candidate at tweuty-five years of age. [P. Dist. Ixxviii.

be the Cathedral or the Parish Church where the Bishop resideth,
" and the ordination is to take place in presence of the Arch-

c. 1, li. v.]
Pope Zoaimns, 417, enacted the ages for Priesthood
and the Diaconate to be respectively thirty and thirty-five years.
[R. Maurus de Ord. Antipb. c. xiii.] Pope Siricius, 385—98,

deacon, the Dean, and the two Prebendaries, at the least, or four
grave persons, being M.A. at the least, and allowed to be

requires the ages to be thirty-five and thirty [Ep.

Councils of Agde, A.r. 606,

c. xvi. xvii.

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§ ix.].

The

III. Carthage, A.D. 397,

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II. Toledo, A.D. 531, u. i., permitted the reception of the
Diaconate at twenty-five years ; that of Melfi, A.D. 1089, at
twenty-four, and the Priesthood at thirty years of age. The
latter age is also prescribed by the old Saxon laws, and the

0. iv.;

Councils of Neo-Cajsarea, A.D. 314,

c. xi.; IV. Toledo, A.D. 633,
IV. Aries, a.d. 524, c. i., and Trullo, 691, c. xiv. The
third Council of Ravenna, A.D. 1314, Ruhr, ii., forbids Deacons
to be made under twenty, or Priests below twenty-five years of
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The Council of Trent, Sess. xxiii., a.d. 1563, c. xii., permits
the ordination of Deacons at twenty-three, and of Priests at
age.

In the Greek Church the age for a

twenty-five years of age.

Deacon

is

twenty-five [that for Levites in the Jewish Church],

a Priest thirty years [Sym. Thess. c. v. Assemanni, P. iv.
The latter age is so often prescribed because at it our
Lord began His ministry. [St. Luke iii. 23. Excerp. Ecgbert,
for

p. 169].

Epist. c. xov.
St. Aug., Ep. xxxix. ad Theoph.]
In the
Ordinal of 1552, the age for the Diaconate was twenty-one, that
of the Roman Sub-diaconate ; which is stiE allowed in the Ameri-

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can Church (1832) and Scottish Church (1838), twenty-four years
of age being required in the candidate for the Priesthood.
In 1584, Archbishop Whitgift required twenty-four years of age
full in the candidate for orders [Cardw., Doc. Ann , No. xcix.].
In the Apostolical Constitutions the age for a Bishop is at least
fifty years [lib. ii. c. 1], and Pope Boniface, in the eighth century,
alludes to this rule

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by Justinian

[Novell. Constit. 123,

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Church ;" and the Church

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the Diocesan

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by the Cathedral of

Bishops were absolutely interdicted

ordains.

from holding ordinations, except within their own
the Apost. Can.
stantinople,

c.

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Autioch,

ii. ;

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c. xiii. xxii.

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Tours, 461,

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dioceses,

xv.

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Con-

c. ix.

and Aix, 789, c. xi. As early as 1538, the
" Docemus quod nullus ad ecclesia3 Ministerium

III. Orleans, 538,

X. Article says

Council of Nicaea,

I.

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c. xv.,

vocatus, etiamsi Episcopus

sit,

hoc

sibi

jure divino vindicare possit,

ut ullam Ecclesiasticam fanetionem in alien^ dicecesi exercere
valeat, hoc est nee Episcopus in alterius dicecesi, etc." [§ xiii.]

The Bishop

at ordination

is

Holy
Simeon of Thessalonica

seated in a chair near the

Table, as the Candidates, according to

and Dionysius and Theodoret, were also ordained in the Sanctuary
[Hist. Eccles. p. 166; Morin, P. ii. p. 47. 106], and the Greek
Euchologium has a similar rubric, " The High Priest sitteth in
front of the Holy Table on a little throne" [Goar, p. 292].
Amalarius also mentions that the Deacons and Priests received
ordination before the Altar [de Div. Off. I. ii. c. vi.]. The Councils
of Rouen, 1581, and Bourdeaux, 1624, require the ordinations to
be made at the High Altar, and the IV. Council of Milan, that
they should be held in the principal church of a town, if not in
the cathedral, in both places reinforcing the decree of the Council
of Trent [Sess.

xxiii. c. viii.].

IV. The appointment of times for ordination is the public
demand of the Church in the name of the Lord Himself, " Whom
shall go for Us p" [Isa. vi. 8.]
There are
and voluntary offer of the Candidate, two
solemn preliminaries, examination by the Bishop and Clergy

shall I send,

and who

besides the vocation

c. 2, at thirty; by
and Zosimus forty-five [Theod. H. E. 1. ii. c. 26] ; but
in the Greek Church it is probable that in the cases of St.
Athanasius, Gregory Thaumaturgus, Athenodorus [Euseb. H. E.
c. 5], and in the Western Church, Remigius of Bheims, who are
all spoken of as young men, a lower age was sometimes accepted.
By the Act 3 Eliz. c. xii. § v. vii., a Priest was required to be of
twenty-four years of age, which is confirmed by the XXXIV.
Canon of 1603, and by the present rubric and the Canonical age
for the Diaconate is fixed at twenty-three years, unless he have a
faculty, that is, a licence, or dispensation from the Archbishop of
Canterbury, given to persons of extraordinaiy abilities, by virtue
of the Act 44 George III. c. xliii. c. 1, which confirmed the right
hitherto held by the Primates [21 Hen. VIII. c.xxi. § 3]. Mar-

iii. c. i. ;

tene furnishes several instances of ordination before the canonical

of London, 1557,

age [de Ant. Eit. Eccl.

prevent uncanonical intrusions. Bishops were forbidden to ordain
clerks out of their own diocese, unless with the consent and

it is

fixed at thirty -five, but in Novell, cxxxvii.

Siricius

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1. i.

c. viii.

Art.

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§ 4].

Archbishops

Sharp and Ussher, and Bishops Bull and Jeremy Taylor, and
Ven. Bede were all ordained Priests before the ago of twentyfour years. And the monks of Westminster had the privilege of
ordination to the Priesthood at twenty-one years of age.
The Deacon must continue in the office of a Deacon the space
of a whole year [" at the least," 1552], except for reasonable causes
it shall

otherwise seem good unto the Bishop [his ordinary, 1552],

may be perfect and well expert in the things
appertaining to ecclesiastical administration.
An interval has
to the intent he

always been required between ordination to the Diaconate and to the
Priesthood [St. Greg. Naz., Orat. xxi. § 7 ; St. Hier., Ep. xxxv. ad
Heliod. ; St. Cyprian, Ep. Iv. p. 103 ; Leo, Ep. kxxv. c. i. ; Decret.
P.

i.

The Councils of Barcelona, 599, c. iii. j
Bourdeaux, 1024, u. vi. n. iii., and Trent,

dist. Ixxviii. c. iii.].

Dalmatia, 1199,

c.

ii. ;

Sess. xxiii. 1663, o. xiv., prescribe

Zosimus [Ep.
[Deer.

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c. ii.],

dist. Ixxvii. c.

and

u. ix.], and Canon Law
and the Council of Conxvii.], and Hormisdas [Ep. xxv. c. i.]

Siricius [Ep.

ii. iii.],

stantinople [870, Act. X.

one year's service in the Diaconate

c. V.

five years

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three years, and for the Priesthood, four years.

By the old

English

[Theophilus of Alexandria in Can.
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viii. c.

Aug.

c. xxi.

mony
by

St. Cyprian,

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Apost. Const.

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Ep. xxxviii.

Iii. u.

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Posidonius in Vit.

Ixvii.

IV. Counc. Carthage, 398, c. xxii.], and the testiThe former is enforced by St. Paul himself;

of the people.

St.

Chrysostom de Sacerd. liv. c. ii. j St. Cyprian ad Cler.,
; by Gregory I. ad Adeod., Ep. xlix. 1. iii. ; Siricius, Ep.

Ep. xxix.

the Canon Law, Decret. P.

philus Alex.,

Comm.

these Councils
c. vi.

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in Can.

—Nicsea,

c.

vi.

ix.

i.

Ixxxi.

dist.

c. iv. ;

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Theophylact in 1 Tim.

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Aix, 789,

c.

ii. ;

Theo-

c. v.,

and

Besiers, 1233,

Lateran, 1215,

Arabici, 325,

c. xii.

c. xxvii. ; VIII. Toledo, 653, c. viii. ; Canon
The English Church has always observed

the same rule.

[Councils of Cloveshoe, 747, c. vi. Cealcbythe,
Oxford, 1222, de Ordin., and 1322.; Lambeth, 1330,
Lyndewood, Prov. 1. i. tit. v. vi., and App. p. 17, and Council

787,

c. vi.

c. vi.

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letters of the

tit.

de qual. ordin.]

Diocesan.

III. Orleans, 538, c. vi.

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[Councils
Sardica, 347,

For

this cause,

of London, 1175,
c.

xv.

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and to

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III. Carthage, 397,

xxi. ; IV. Carthage, 398, t. xxvii. ; II. Braga,
563, c. viii.
Mayenee, 888, u. xiv. ; Rouen, 1050, c. ix. ; Lucca, 1308, c. xvi.
Rheims, 1564 c viii. ix. ; Cambray, 1565, c. x. ; Bourges, 1584,
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iii.; and Trent. Sess. xxiii., 1563, de Reform, c. vii.]
Nor
may one Bishop ordain the Clerk of another without Letters dimissory from the latter granting his permission and sanction
c.

[XXXIV. Canon, 1603, Lyndew. Prov.

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pp. 27. 32.

Wednesday appears to have been the usual day for the commencement of the examination, and three days are sometimes prescribed for it [Council of Nantes,

c. xi.

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Decret. P.

i.

dist. xxiv.

Three points are insisted upon in the Canon Law— canonical age, sufficient knowledge, and virtuous conversation.
The
Bishop himself has the chief position in the examination, then
the
Archdeacon, the Dean and two Prebendaries of the
c. V.].

Cathedral

Church [Canon

xxxi.

xxxv. 1603], and his

own

Chaplains, of


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whom, by the Act of 26 Henry VIII., he is permitted to have two additional, and the Archbishop four, to assist him in ordination.

 Grave and expert men are required to aid him in this work by General I. [Ep. xix. l. i. seq.].

 These are the Canons of Nantes, 900, c. xi, and the Chief Priests attached to his person, and other prudent men, well skilled in the Divine law, and instructed in Ecclesiastical rule.

 Three examiners at least are appointed by the Council of Toledo, 1473, c. xi, and by others of later date three; in allusion, doubtless, to the Scriptural rule [Deut. xix. 15]. The English rule, says Bp. Stillington in 1681, was to have four.

 The examiners are to require virtuous conversation and sufficient knowledge of Latin and the Holy Scriptures. The old rubries run thus:

 "Nullus ordinator nisi examinacio procedat." [Lacy's Pontifical, p. 75.]

 "Postes fiant inhibitiones in generalibus ordinibus et Episcopis, i.e., placationes in ordo Spiritus Sancti ibidemus sub pana anathematis ne quis se ingerat ordinarium nisi prius examinat persona, cum titulo initiatulis fuerit et vocatus.

 Neque ejusm mortalis pecotii concilium vel examinatio aut suspensus ordines recipiat. Item nullus alterius dioecesis, nisi litteras dimissorias haberetur." [Lacy's Pontifical, p. 77.]

 The Canon law required that diligent inquiry should be made into the life, age, title, and place of education of the Candidate; whether he was well learned, instructed in the law of the Lord, and, above all, if he firmly held the Catholic faith, and could express it in simple words [Decret. P. i. dist. xxv. c. v.].

 But besides these requirements, a long list of canonical impediments, such as a Convert, a publicly defamatory, illegal, and the like, offered hindrance to the reception of a Candidate. But all the Canons of the Church require him to be without crime [Prov. Lyd. lib. i tit. iv. v. vi. App. 16, i. 7; Counc. of Chichester, 1246; Exeter, 1287, c. viii; IV. Carthage, 388, c. lvii. lxvii; Epau, 517, c. ii; Ill. Orleans, 538, c. vi; Agde, c. xii; Nicea, c. x; IV. Toledo, 663, c. xix; Canon Apost. c. xviii.]

 St. Cyprian says, that in accordance with the Divine law [Exod. xx. 21; xix. 22; xxvii. 43;] Priests and Deacons should be morally whole and without blemish [Ep. lxii. Stephano;], and, as Augustine well says, St. Paul, when he chose Priests and Deacons, said, "If any be without sin," for had he said this, every man would be rejected, none would be ordained, but he said, "If any be without crime, such as murder, adultery, any uncleanness, fornication, theft, covetousness, and the like." [Tract. xii. in St. Joann. c. viii.]

 The knowledge of letters is required by the I. Council of Rome, 465, c. ii; Lucase, 1308, c. xxxiv; II. Orleans, c. xvi; and Canon Law Decr. P. i. dist. xxxvi c. i. ix. xiv. xiv; and Novell. Just. exxii. tit. xv. c. xii; and of Latin by the Councils of Genoa, 1274, c. 25, and Toledo, 1473, c. iii, and Loundon, 1571, c. i. St. Paul required a man to be ipso facto, and to be distinguished from the unlearned [1 Cor. xi. 18]. Knowledge of the Holy Scriptures is insisted upon by St. Jerome [Comm. in Agg. c. ii.], Councils of Nantes, 900, c. xi; IV. Toledo, 633, c. xxv; and Canterbury, 1526; while at the present time, knowledge of Greek is considered indispensable in Candidates, and Hebrew is sometimes required.

 The concurrence of the people, or rather their testimony, is required, as the Levitical Priests were presented to the congregation [Exod. xxix. 4]; and seven men "of good report" were the first Deacons [Acts vi. 3]. In the Primitive Church, a proclamation of the Candidates, an ἀφιέσθης, or predicatio, was always used [Lampiriidis, c. xiv. Councal of Chalecedon, A.D. 451]. A "Sis quis" is now read out in the parish Church of the Candidate before ordination, and letters testimonial from his College, or three beneficed Clergymen, are necessary. An appeal is made to the congregation, whether they know any notable crime, or canonical impediment, in accordance with the rule of the Old English Church [Reccep. Ecgberiti, c. xix.]. In the early Church, the people gave their approbation, or consent, or expressed their rejection of the unworthy by exclaiming Αἴσθη, or ἀφιέσθηs [Const. Apost. i. lvii. c. iv.; St. Ambros. de Dign. Sacrer. c. v.; Euseb. H. E. lib. vi. c. xix. xlix.]. There was no election by the people, except in the case of the seven Deacons (and of them because made stewards of the common stock of the Church), and when Deacons were appointed to Ministerial offices, the people’s voice had no share in the matter of choice, but reference was made to them, as by St. Peter at the consecration of Matthias [Acts i. 25]. Yet whilst the absolute and inherent right of acceptance or rejection [Decret. P. i. dist. lxii. c. viii.; Posid. in Vit. Aug. c. iv.], they wisely, when the gift of discerning spirits was withdrawn, asked for the testimony of the Clergy and people (not the people only), amongst whom the Candidate had lived, to his virtuous conversation [St. Cyp. Ep. xxxvii.; St. Jerome, Ep. xcv. ad Rust.; Siricius, Epist. i. c. xii; Leo, l. Ep. lxii. § 3; III. Council Carthage, 397, c. xxii.; IV. Carthage, 398, c. xxii.; and the ancient Sacramentaries and Pontificals].

 If any crime was then objected [Apost. Can. c. lx.]; the ordination was deferred, and the accuser examined strictly within three months. If he failed to offer sufficient proof, if a clerk, he was degraded, and if a layman, adequately punished [Novell. Just. Consat. xxxvii. p. 408]. But the ordainer was not to take the accusation without proof [Conc. Chal. c. xxii.]; and no excommunicate person, or one not a communicant, was allowed to be heard [Conc. Coistant. c. vii.]. Damasus, in 367, required the accuser to put in a caution that in default ample atonement to the sufferer might be made by him [Epist. iv. c. viii.], and the Canon Law forbade the delivery of the Holy Communion to a false accuser from that day forth [Decret. P. ii. Cana. ii. qu. liii. c. iv.]. In all rituals the congregation are desired to unite in prayer for the Candidates.

 V. Our blessed Lord as the Chief Bishop and Great High Priest chose and ordained [St. John xiv. 16] the Apostles and the Seventy Disciples, the first Bishops and Priests of His Church. After His Ascension, St. Matthias was elected by God [Prov. xvi. 33], and the Twelve were endowed with the miraculous power of discerning spirits, knowing men’s hearts, whether they were sincere and spiritually minded [1 Cor. xii. 10], by prophecy, that is, by the Holy Ghost, says Theophylact [In 1 Tim. i. 18], and St. Chrysostom [Hom. v. in 1 Tim. i.], by ordination of the Spirit, according to (Eccumenius [in 1 Ep. ad tit. iv.]), by Divine revelation, as Theodoret explains [in 1 Tim. i.], or as Clement of Alexandria asserts of St. John, that he ordained Bishops and Clergy out of such as were signified by the Spirit [Enseb. ill. 22]. But as this heavenly gift died with the Apostles, St. Paul laid down rules for the fitness of Candidates to St. Timothy and Titus, and St. Clement says, "The Apostles knew from our Lord Jesus Christ that there would be a strife touching the name of Bishops. For this cause, having a perfect foreknowledge, they established Bishops and Deacons, and a rule of future succession, that after their decease others approved [by the Holy Ghost] might receive their ministry" [ad Corinth. § xiv.]. This succession is that of Bishops.

 The Jewish Priesthood was hereditary, adapted to the circumstances of a temporal dispensation, and a people forbidden communication with other nations. But the Church has a spiritual ministry, is one and Catholic, designed to bring all countries into the one fold, under one Shepherd, and to last even unto the end of the world. The Chief Bishop was born of the royal tribe, not of that of Levi, a Priest after the order of Melchisedec, not of Aaron. Therefore her "succession is not limited to a lineage, or her ministers assigned to a single family, but from every tribe, and people, and language, those whom Divine choice approves as fit and worthy, she constitutes Priests, not on the merits of birth, but of worth." [St. Cyril. de Unt. Christ.]. The best of every nation she presses into her service [Const. Apost. l. vi. c. xxii.]. Simony, heresy, schism, or any other grievous sin, will not hinder the effect of the laying on of the hands of the Ordainer [Art. xxvi.].

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John xx. 22), they by Divine appointment divided the Ministry into such degrees and orders as were necessary to the government and comeliness of the Church. They, having consecrated Bishops, Priests, and Deacons [Acts vi. 4, 12 Tim. i. 6, Tit. i. 5, 4]; ordained Priests [Acts xiv. 23, ord. Bishops to go ordain such, reserving the plenteous of power, which is the peculiar and special endowment of the Episcopate; and also ordained Deacons [Acts vi. 6]. It must be observed that there are only two exceptional instances, those of St. Paul and St. Barnabas, ordained by teachers and prophets [Acts xiii. 1]; but the one was miraculously called to be an Apostle [Gal. i. 12. 15. 17], and the other was sent out by the collective Church [Acts xi. 22. 30; xii. 25], and the Consecration is expressly referred to an extraordinary call by the Holy Ghost [Acts xii. 3].

The great charter, bestowing the exclusive power of Ordination upon the Bishops, is in these words of St. Paul to the Corinthians, “As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you,” as Bishops and the successors of the Apostles, so the Church has always kept this rule without break or doubtfulness. In the Eastern Church, the essential power of Ordination has always been reserved to Bishops exclusively, and it was not until the fourth century that the African Church permitted Priests to lay on their hands with the Bishops in the Ordination of Priests: nor after this rule was adopted by the Western Church, is there any example in ecclesiastical history of ordination by any but Bishops only, as their proper and peculiar function confirmed by the ancient Apostolical Canons and Constitutions, by the Councils of Ancypa, Antioch, c. ix., Sarida, c. xix., Alexandria, Nicaea, c. x., Chalcodon, c. xvi., Trullo, c. xxxvii, Constantinopole, Orange, St. Oecumenus, c. iii., Braga, c. iii., Caelchythe, c. vii., Dalmatia, c. ii, and Seville, c. vi.; by the testimonies of the fathers, St. Athanasius [II. Apol. c. Atian.], St. Chrysostom [In Philm, hom. i., in 1 Tim. iii.], St. Augustine [De Harr. c. ili.], St. Epiphanius, St. Jerome [Epist. ad Evang. ci.], St. Cyril [Ep. xii.], Cornelius, Dionysius; by the acts of primitive Bishops, and by every sacramentary and ritual [Decret. P. i., dist. xxvii.]. On the other hand, Ordinations by Priests only were constantly declared to be null and void, and to communicate Presbyterian Ordination was affirmed to be heresy by the united voice of Christendom; and, as J. H. Hall says, “that Presbyter would have been a monster among Christians, that should have dared to usurp it.” The Catholic doctrine has ever been that without Sacraments there is no Church, and without Bishops there can be no Priests, and consequently no Sacraments. There is not one instance in Holy Scripture or ecclesiastical history, of Ordination by Presbyters only; it was the prerogative of Bishops, and therefore the present rubric (1662) declares that “no man shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon, or suffered to execute any of the said functions, except he be called, tried, examined, and admitted thereunto, according to the Form hereafter following, or hath had formerly Episcopal consecration or ordination.” Priests of the Western and Eastern Church, on conforming to her discipline and doctrine, are therefore admitted at once to minister in the churches of England; and in the Office of Consecration of Bishops, in 1662, the question was significantly added: “Archbishop: Will you be faithful in ordaining, sending, or laying hands on others? Answer: I will so be, by the help of God.” The special powers of the Bishop lie in the right to ordain, to consecrate persons and things, to administer Confirmation, and in jurisdiction; just as the Diacone does not possess the privilege of the Priesthood, to consecrate the Holy Eucharist, to absolve, to preach, and ordinarily, to baptize.

The Priesthood, however, have an important part in Ordination of Priests and Deacons, for their testimony is requisite both to the acceptance of a candidate, their aid in his examination, and their presence at the laying on of hands. Where the laying on of the hands of the Priesthood is mentioned by St. Paul [1 Tim. iv. 14], the Presbytery (a word sometimes used in the sense of an order) has been understood by St. Chrysostom, Theodoret, Eugenius, Theophylact, Suidas, and all the best commentators, ancient and modern, to designate the College of Bishops; and this gift which is said to have been given by the laying on of their hands, is in the Second Epistle [c. i. 6] said to have been given by the laying on of the Apostles’ hands, so that the timour that could be made of the passage, even in conjunction with the Carthaginian Canon, would be, that Priests sometimes possessed their hands, and other Bishops, St. Timothy a Bishop [1 Tim. v. 22], and nowhere have we an example of Priests ordaining a Bishop; and the Council of Carthage, reserving the ordination of Deacons to the Bishop solely, only required the presence of the Priests (who were enjoined to be silent), in order to add solemnity to the Ordination, and to preclude the admission of unworthy or uniting persons to the Priesthood. Even this canon was not in harmony with ancient practice, although it rightly permitted the Bishop alone to bless the person ordained. A remarkable use of prepositions in the passage of the Epistle to Timothy just cited, must also be noted. In the case of St. Paul it is in, through, by means of, laying on of his hands, but in the case of “the Presbytery,” per, with together: with one was instrumental, the other assistant.

The Episcopal Presbytery after all were the “elders of the Church” of Episcopus, whom St. Paul says “the Holy Ghost had made Bishops over the flocks” [Acts xx. 17. 28]. The third Council of Carthage, held only one year before that which permitted Priests to assist, laid down this canon [c. xlv.]: “Episcopus unus esse potest per quem dignitatem Divinae Presbyteri multi constituti possint;” and, to avoid any doubt, the Epistle, 1 Tim. iii., was transferred from the Orderings of Priests to the Consecration of Bishops, in 1662. The Catholic Church has ever held this doctrine, that true ministrations of grace depend on Episcopal ministries, and has always regarded all other ministries, whether assumed to be conferred by Presbyters, undertaken at will, or bestowed by a call from the congregation, to be wholly invalid. Luther, Knox, and Wesley were but Priests, Whitfield a Deacon, Calvin a Subdeacon, and others mere laymen; every mission by their hands is therefore absolutely null and void, according to Scriptural authority, Apostolical practice, and the unbroken tradition of eighteen centuries. Those only who have Episcopal orders of Bishop, Priest, or Deacon, in the Western and Eastern Churches (including also now that of America), according to the XXI. and XXVI. Articles of our Church, minister the Word of God, and His Sacraments, in Christ’s name, and by His commission and authority. All others must be actually ordained, whether of previous Presbyterian or conggregationel, nomination, or conforming to the Church; as in 1661, four teachers of the former in Scotland were first ordained Deacons and Priests, and then, on Dec. 15, Bishops of the Scottish Church [Wood A. O. Fasti iv. 321]. A Roman or Greek Subdeacon is regarded as a layman. In some cases of the Superior or Major orders an imposition of hands “non-ordinativa sed reconciliatoria” has been used. One of the earliest declarations from authority after the Reformation, against orders conveyed by Presbyters, of the year 1685, may be seen in Cardwell, Doc. Ann. No. eii. As the chief magistrate is the fountain of honour in the State, so in the Church the Bishop is the chief in the Christian polity, a prince in the spiritual commonwealth, with the sole power of Ordination, and distribution of grades and offices, and degrees of ministry; and the reservation of this power to the Episcopate is a visible symbol of the unity of the One Catholic and Apostolic Church. There is but one Spirit of grace, though there are diversities of gifts and operations. In 1549, the necessity of lawful admission by the Bishop was asserted in the Preface to the Ordinal, and this lawful admission, in the X. Article of 1538, is reproduced in the XXII. of 1662 (“Non licet, it is not lawful by God’s law, &c.), and is clearly expressed, “Docemus quod nemo debet publice docemur aut Sacramentum ministrare nisi vete vocatus et scilicet ab ipso qui in Ecclesia januam Domini et legis et consuetudines uniuscujusque regionis jus est et ipsum admitteri.” [§ xiii.] Therefore in the Litany she prays for the whole Catholic Church, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; for all Bishops, Pastors, and Curates, in her Collect for St. Peter’s Day, and her prayer for the Church militant; and in the first prayer for Ember Week supplications are offered without any limitation for the Bishops and Pastors of God’s flock, all of one fold under one Shepherd.
THE FORM AND MANNER
OF
MAKING, ORDAINING, AND CONSECRATING
OF
BISHOPS, PRIESTS, AND DEACONS,
ACCORDING TO THE
Order of the Church of England.

THE PREFACE.

It is evident unto all men diligently reading the holy Scripture and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles’ time there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ’s Church; Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Which Offices were evermore had in such reverent Estimation, that no man might presume to execute any of them, except he were first called, tried, examined, and known to have such qualities as are requisite for the same; and also by publick Prayer, with Imposition of Hands, were approved and admitted thenceunto by lawful Authority. And therefore, to the intent that these Orders may be continued, and reverently used and esteemed in the Church of England; no man shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon in the Church of England, or suffered to execute any of the said Functions, except he be called, tried, examined, and admitted thenceunto, according to the Form hereafter following, or hath had formerly Episcopal Consecration, or Ordination.

THE PREFACE.

Church of England. This is misprinted in some modern Prayer Books, “the United Church of England and Ireland.” The above is the only legal form, and the reasons why it is desirable to retain that form are stated at page 2.

It is evident unto all men.] For notes on this subject consult the preceding Introduction.

Twenty-three years of age. The excerpts of Archbishop Egbert, quoting a Carthaginian Canon, decree: “Placuit ut ante xxv annos statu, nec diaconus ordinetur, nec virgines consecrator, nisi ratione illi necessitate cogente.” The Pupilla Oculi [Lib. vii. cap. 4, A.], “Ordinandus in exorcismat, lectorum, seu ostiarii debet esse major infante, i.e. major septennio. Et similiter ille qui primum tonsuram suscipit ordinandus in acolytum debet esse major xiiij annis. Item major xij annis potest ordinari in subdiaconum. Major etiam xij annis potest ordinari in diaconum; et major xiv annis in sacerdotem; et major xxx annis potest esse Episcopus.” [Maskell, Mon. Rit. iii. cxxii.] Muratori is of opinion that no fixed and general rule for the observance of Ember weeks existed until the Pontificate of Gregory VII. c. 1085. [Diss. de Jq. IV. temp. c. vii. Anec. tom. ii. p. 262.]

Our Canons of 1604 enjoin as follows:——

Canon 34.

The Quality of such as are to be made Ministers.

No Bishop shall henceforth admit any person into Sacred Orders, which is not of his own diocese, except he be either of one of the Universities of this realm, or except he shall bring Letters Dimissory (so termed) from the Bishop of whose diocese he is; and desiring to be a Deacon, is three and twenty years old; and to be a Priest, four and twenty years complete; and hath taken some degree of school in either of the said Universities; or at the least, except he be able to yield an account of his faith in Latin, according to the Articles of Religion approved
THE ORDERING OF DEACONS.

And none shall be admitted a Deacon, except he be Twenty-three years of age, unless he have a Faculty. And every man which is to be admitted a Priest shall be full Four-and-twenty years old. And every man which is to be ordained or consecrated Bishop shall be Thirty years of age.

And the Bishop knowing either by himself, or by sufficient testimony, any person to be a man of virtuous conversation, and without crime, and, after examination and trial, finding him learned in the Latin Tongue, and sufficiently instructed in holy Scripture, may at the times appointed in the Canon, or else, on urgent occasion, upon some other Sunday or Holy-day, in the face of the Church, admit him a Deacon, in such manner and form as hereafter followeth.

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OF

MAKING OF DEACONS.

¶ When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, after Morning Prayer is ended, there shall be a Sermon or Exhortation, declaring the Duty and Office of such as come to be admitted Deacons; how necessary that Order is in the Church of Christ, and also, how the people ought to esteem them in their Office.

¶ First the Arch-Deacon, or his Deputy, shall

in the Synod of the Bishops and Clergy of this realm, one thousand five hundred sixty and two, and to confirm the same by sufficient testimonies out of the holy Scriptures; and except moreover he shall then exhibit Letters Testimonial of his good life and conversation, under the seal of some College in Cambridge or Oxford, where before he remained, or of three or four grave Ministers, together with the subscription and testimony of other credible persons, who have known his life and behaviour by the space of three years next before.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS.

Sermon or Exhortation] An Exhortation to the Deacons after the presentation will be found in Assemani viii. 377, from the Pontifical of Clement VIII, and one to the Priests after the address to the people [Ib. 368]. By the Sarum and Exeter Pontifical, after the Introductory Sermon the Bishop read out the Prohibitions or Canonical Impediments. In the Winchester Pontifical, the sermon by the Bishop follows the presentation of the Deacons by the Archdeacon. The rubric directs that it shall treat “de castitate, de abstinentia, et his similibus virtutibus: terribiliter interdicens ne quis ad sacros ordines venire presumat qui pecuniam dure prouiscere pr suspicerit.” [Mask. Mon. Rit. iii. 156.]

the Arch-Deacon] Next to the Bishop himself, his vicar the Archdeacon is charged with the duty of examining candidates for ordination, and is to declare that “he has inquired of them and also examined them.” [Comp. Catalani Pont. Rom. tom. i. § xvi. p. 51, Rome, 1739. Martens de Antiq. Rit. tom. ii. col. 39, n. c. Antv. 1736. Council of Cosaco, A.D. 1050, c. 5. Labbe, tom. xi. col. 1441, E.] This is in conformity with the Council of Carthage and the Canon Law as early as the ninth century.


or his Deputy] In the Ordering of Priests, “or, in his
present unto the Bishop (sitting in his chair, near to the holy Table) such as desire to be ordained Deacons, (each of them being decently habited,) saying these words.

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you these persons present, to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop.

TAKE heed that the persons, whom ye present unto us, be apt and meet, for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise their Ministry duly, to the honour of God, and the edifying of his Church.

† The Arch-Deacon shall answer, I HAVE enquired of them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

‡ Then the Bishop shall say unto the people:

BRETHREN, if there be any of you who knoweth any Impediment, or notable Crime, in any of these persons presented to be ordered Deacons, for the which he ought not to be admitted to that Office, let him come forth in the Name of God, and shew what the Crime or Impediment is.

‡‡ Therefore, I give you leave to enquire thereunto, but if you be satisfied then it is so. If there be any Impediment, let him shew it now.

Reverend Father in God] Bishops are called Fathers by Epiphanius [Harr. l. iii. § lxxv. c. iv.], not of the universal Church, which God alone is, but in particular branches thereof. The title is founded on 1 Cor. iv. 15. 2 Cor. vi. 13. Gal. iv. 19. 1 John ii. 1. 13. 14. The word Papa was similarly used by St. Jerome [Ep. xcv.], and in the fifth and sixth centuries [Sidonius, lib. vi. Ep. 1—12; vii. Ep. 2—11]. According to Baronius, in 1076, it was restricted to the Bishop of Rome.

I present unto you] The ancient form of presentation was
THE ORDERING OF DEACONS.

Ps. xxvii. 9.
Numb. viii. 14—16.
Heb. xiii. 9.
1 Pet. iv. 19.
Eph. iv. 11, 12.
Phil. l. 11.

¶ And if any great Crime or Impediment be objected, the Bishop shall excuse from Ordering that person, until such time as the party accused shall be found clear of that Crime.

¶ Then the Bishop (commending such as shall be found meet to be Ordered to the Prayers of the congregation) shall, with the Clergy and people present, sing or say the Litany, with the Prayers as followeth.

The Litany and Suffrages.

O GOD the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless these thy servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons, [or Priests,] and to pour thy grace upon them; that they may duly execute their Office, to the edifying of thy Church, and the glory of thy holy Name.

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Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils only in the insertion of the clauses, "et preces nostras clementer exarandt, ut auxo eum prosequatur auxilio et sua potius electio justificet," between "indulget" and "per quod.

In the Sarum Pontifical the same Prayer occurs, differing merely in a few words. It stands immediately after the ordination. There is also in the Winton Pontifical a similar Prayer, in which, after "hos fiumullos tuos" are inserted the words, "quorum nominis hic recitantur." The same Prayer occurs after the Ordination in Harl. MS. 2906, fo. 8, b., as the Prefatio with a different ending, being preceded by the address to the people: "Commune votum communis erit, patetur, ut hic etiam ecclesie praece in Diaconat ministerium praeparantur Levites benedictionis ordine clarescant, et spirituali conversatione praeulgentes, gratia sanctificationis eluculent." This address in the Winton Pontifical succeeds the delivery of the Gospel [Maskell, Mon. Rit. iii. 199].

¶ Deinde accedentes qui ordinandi sunt diaconis ordinanda : ut ita, ut iuxta usitatum, semper num se easse sacramentorum officii inquam, inveniaturne qui eam perficiat, custodiente duce, quam nihil impedita, auxilii, assistente Domino nostro Jesu Christo.

The Prayer in the Pontifical of Egbert is very similar, and differs from the Sarum originals, &c. of Litany, see pp. 46-54.

Ut Apostolicum donum, et omnes gradus ecclesiae, in sancta religione conservare digneris,

Te rogamus.

¶ Hic surgat episcopus et sanat baculum in manus tuae, et conversus ad ordinandos dicat.

Ut electos istos bene dicere digneris,

Te rogamus.

Ut electos istos bene dicere et sanctificare digneris,

Te rogamus.

Ut electos istos bene dicere, sanctificare et consecrare digneris,

Te rogamus.
that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and purity of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung or said the Service for the Communion, with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as followeth.

The Collect.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who by thy Divine Providence hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church, and didst inspire thine Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons the first Martyr S. Steven, with others; Mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the like Office and Administration; replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in this Office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

The Epistle.

1 Tim. iii. 8.—13.

¶ Or else this, out of the Sixth of the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts vi. 2.—7.

DOMEINE sancte, Pater fidei, spei, Salisbury Use.

gratia, et perfectum munerator, qui in coelestibus et terrenis ministeriis ubique dispositis per omnia elementa voluntatis tuae diffundis effectum: hos quoque famulos tuos speciali dignare illustrare aspectu, ut, tuis obsequiis expediti, sanctis suis altaribus ministri pure accrescant, et indulgentia puriores, eorum gradu, quos apostoli in septenario numeri, beato Stephano duce ac praevio, Sancto Spiritu autore, elegentur, digni existant et virtutibus universalis, quibus tibi servire oportet, instructi polleant. Per Dominum. In unitate ejusdem.

The Collect] This corresponds to the Consecratio in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory and early Pontificals. Abbé Migne makes the following note:—"In primo Theod. hec omnia [that is, the presentation of the Candidates and the Litany] omititur usque ad 'Orenus dilectissimi,' cui remittantur orationes ad ordinandos Diaconos, oodem ritus custera pro ordin. Presbyteri et Episcopi habentur." [Ixxvii. 220].


Compare also the Collect in the Ordinal of the Syro-Nestorians, as translated by Morin:—'To per gratiam Tuam elegisti Ecclesiæ Tuam Sanctam, et suscitasti in ea Apostolos Sacerdotes et doctores ad perfectionem Sanctorum, et in ea quoque posuisti.
Diacosos, et quaedammodum elegisti Stephanum et socios ejus, uta nuncque noce, Domine, secundum misericordiam Tuam da servis Tuis ipsis gratiam Spiritus Sancti ut sint ministri electi in Ecclesia Tu a sancta, et serviant Altari Tuo puro cum puro corde, et conscientia bona, et splendens in operibus justitiae ministrantes mysterii Tuis divinis, "[P. ii. p. 378.]


In the Gallican Church, the rite was, "Legenda quando Diaconos ordinatorum Lectio Exechebit, Prop. c. xliv. 15, 16. Epist. S. Pauli ad Tim. iii. 8—15" [Mabillon, I. ii. No. lxxxviii.], and the Gospel "Evang. S. Lucas x. 57, 62." [Ib. p. 170.]

In the first Prayer Book of Edward VI., the confirmation ran, "So help me God, all Saints, and the holy Evangelists;" owing to the remonstrance of Bp. Hooper it was altered to, "So help me God, through Jesus Christ." [Zur. Lette. iii. 81. 566. Hooper's Early Writings, 479.]

In 1569, an entirely new form of oath was inserted, with a corresponding alteration in the rubric preceding and introducing it [Pref. Lit. Serv. Park. Soc. p. xxii., p. 281.]

By the Clergy Subscription Act, 1665, 28 & 29 Vict. c. cxvii. § xi., Oaths are not to be administered during the Services of Ordination; but this does not extend to or affect the oath of due obedience to the Archbishop taken by Bishops on consecration, § xii.; by § iv. every person about to be ordained Priest or Deacon, shall, before Ordination, make and subscribe the declaration of assent, and take and subscribe the oath of allegiance and supremacy; and the Bishop's oath of due obedience to the Archbishop is retained.

Then shall the Bishop examine] The candidate is required to answer plainly to several questions, that is, "clara voci," and to make certain promises, which, as Bishop Beveridge says, "being made so solemnly before God and His Church, are certainly as binding as if made upon oath, and ought to be as religiously observed;" "ut non solum habet Dei timorem sed etiam carum omnibus decetionem et professionem erubescent." [Novell. Just.,
THE ORDERING OF DEACONS.

DO you think that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the due order of this Realm, to the Ministry of the Church?

Answer.

I think so.

DO you unfeignedly believe all the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament?

Answer.

I will.

DO you think that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the due order of this Realm, to the Ministry of the Church?

Answer.

I do believe them.

WILL you diligently read the same unto the people assembled in the Church where you shall be appointed to serve?

Answer.

I will.

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The Bishop.

THEBISHOP.

I appertaineth to the Office of a Deacon, in the Church where he shall be appointed to serve, to assist the Priest in Divine Service, and specially when he ministereth the holy Communion, and to help him in the distribution thereof, and to read holy Scriptures and Homilies in the Church; and to instruct the youth in the Catechism; in the absence of the Priest to baptize infants, and to preach, if he be admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his Office, where provision is so made, to search for the sick, poor, and impotent people of the Parish, to intimate their estates, names, and places where they dwell.

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Answer.

I will.
unto the Curate, that by his exhortation they may be relieved with the alms of the Parishioners, or others. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

**Answer.**

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

**The Bishop.**

WILL you reverently obey your Ordinary, and other chief Ministers of the Church, and them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions?

**Answer.**

I will endeavour myself, the Lord being my helper.

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**Then the Bishop laying his hands severally upon the head of every one of them, humbly kneeling before him, shall say,**

TAKE thou Authority to execute the Office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed unto thee; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**Numb. xxvii. 18. 20. 23.**

Acts xiii. 2. 3. vi. 6. 2 Tim. ii. 2. i. 6. 1 Tim. iii. 10. Col. iii. 17.

**Will you apply, &c.** A hint for this question may probably have been taken from the following prayer in the Sacramentary of St. Gregory: "Exaudi, Domine, preces nostras et super hanc famulum Tuam Spiritum Tus benedictionem emitte, ut coelesti munere ditatus et Tus gratiam possit majestatis accommodare et bene vivendi adilium praebere."**

**your Ordinary.** That is [1] the Bishop, as having ordinary jurisdiction in causes ecclesiastical, of common right, and of course: [2] Chancellors, Commissaries, Officials, and Archdeacons. So Lyndewood states that ordinaries are those "qui bus competit jurisdicton ordinaria de jure privilegii vel consuetudine" [Lyndew. Prov. I. tit. ii.].

**Then the Bishop laying his hands, &c.** The Salisbury Pontifical [see above] ejaculates the words, "Acceipe Spirituum Sanctum." The Bangor MS. also enjots these words, but the Winton Pontifical does not. The modern Roman form, which does not mention the office of the Deacon, is, "Acceipe Spirituum Sanctum ad robur, et ad resistendum diabo, et tentationibus ejus. In nomine Domini." It is interpolated in the long prayer which is called Prefatio, beginning, "Honorum dator." Martene says that this form is not earlier than the thirteenth century. It does not occur in the Winton Pontifical, nor in the Brit. Mus. Pent. [MS. Harl. 2906], and for the first time appears in the Bangor Use. A clause in the prayer called the Consecration, correspond-

**Quibus inclinantisbus, solus episcopus qui eum Salisbury Use.**

benedict, manum super capita singulorum pontat, dicenas solus secretes, Acceipe Spiritum Sanctum ... Tunc ponat singulas, super sinistrum humerum, stolam acque ad ascetam dexteram subus, dicenas sine nota:

IN nomine Sancte Trinitatis, acceipe stolam immortalitatis: impulse ministerium tuum, potens est enim Deus ut augeat tibi gratiam, qui vivit et regnat ....
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THE ORDERING OF DEACONS.

¶ Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them the New Testament, saying.

TAKE thou Authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou be thereto licensed by the Bishop himself.

¶ Then one of them, appointed by the Bishop, shall read the Gospel.

Luke xii. 35[—38].

¶ Then shall the Bishop proceed in the Communion, and all that are Ordered shall tarry, and receive the holy Communion the same day with the Bishop.

¶ The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said these Collects following.

ALMIGHTY God, giver of all good things, who of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy servants unto the Office of Deacons in thy Church; Make them, we beseech thee, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and constant in theirMinistration, to have a ready will to observe all spiritual Discipline;

¶ Ultimo conclusendo et qui lecturus est evangelium.

DOMINE sancte, Pater omnipotent, aeterna Deus, honorum dator, ordinumque distributor, ac officiorum dispoitor... Super hos quoque famulos tuos, quassamus Domine, placatus inteinde, quos tuis sacrarum servituros in officium diaconii suppliciter dedicamus... Abundet in eis totius forma virtutis, auctoritas mo-

accipiant. Ordinatio Diaconii: Diaconus cum ordinatur, solus Episcopus, qui cum benedictum manus super exutum ejus lapponit, quia non ad sacrosanctum sed ad ministerium consecratur; et alioquum popularum his verbis: Commune votum... The Royal MS. and Codex of Noyon, as Migne observes, required the Priests to touch the Deacon’s head.


Martene says, “The most ancient Pontifical written before the ninth century, with the exception of the English copies, do not mention the delivery of the Gospels in the Ordering of Deacons. I say with the exception of English Pontificals, for the Pontifical of Archbishop Egbert of York, of the eighth century [tom. ii. col. 98, D.], of Junius’s of the ninth century [ib. 100, A.], of Bonem of the same date [Morin, p. 232, E.], which certainly were designed for the English use, expressly notice the delivery of the Gospels; so, therefore, this was a solemn rite in England, and found in all the rituals we have seen, it is clearly of English origin” [de Ant. Eccl. Ritu lib. i. c. viii. art. ix. § 6, 7, tom. ii. col. 60, D., 61, A.]. An earlier Pontifical of Bece, ante ann. d., also mentions it [ib. col. 179, B.]. Ivo of Chartres says, “Deacons receive the text of the Gospels from the Bishop, whereby they understand that they ought to be preachers of the Gospel” [de Rub. Eccl. Sum. ii. apud Hittorp. col. 776, D.]. Neither Rabanus Maurus, Isidore, Alcuin, nor Alamanus, mention the rite, but Durand says that as he wished to conform to the use of the other Churches, he wrote in the Ordinal of his church of Anicia, on the margin, that the book of the Gospels was to be given to the Deacon with a form of words [in IV. Sent. dist. xxiv. q. 3]. In Spain [IV. Conc. Toledo, c. 27], Deacons do not seem to have read the Gospel.

In the Syro-Nestorian Church this rubric occurs: “Afterwards the Archdeacon delivers the book of the Apostle to the Bishop, who gives it to each of those that are to be ordained, saying, ‘He is set apart, sanctified, perfected, and consecrated for the Ecclesiastical Ministry of a Deacon in the name of the Father,’ &c. The Bishop takes the book from the hand of each of them, and delivers it to the Archdeacon” [Morin, pt. ii. p. 379]. The Nestorian Form enjoins the delivery of the Epistles to the Deacon, and the Gospel to the Priest [ib. pt. iii. Exerc. ix. de Disc. c. i. § 16, p. 136].

one of them.... shall read the Gospel] In the Greek Church the Deacon or Priest read the Gospel [Const. Apost. i. li. c. lvii.] at Constantinople the Archdeacons. But Sozomen adds, in some churches, the Deacons, in others, the Priests, read the Gospel [H. E. lib. vii. cap. xii.]. In the time of St. Jerome in the Western Church the duty was reserved to Deacons [Ep. xcli. ad Sabinius. Op. tom. iv. col. 758], and by St. Gregory [Epist. App. v. tom. ii. col. 1283, A.]. The Council of Vaison, A.D. 529, c. ii., declared they were worthy to read it [Labbe, v. col. 822, C.], and Isidore [de Div. Off. i. c. viii.] and Honorius [ib. i. c. xxxi.] mention that they did so [ap. Hittorp. col. 206, D., 1226, C., 1238, D.]. The Greek Church assigns the reading of the Gospel in the Holy Communion to them, but there is no mention of a delivery of the Gospel to them at ordination in the Buchologia.

licensed by the Bishop] In the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, at the delivery of the stole to the Deacon, the Bishop says, “Impo-
that they having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in thy Son Christ, may so well behave themselves in this inferior Office, that they may be found worthy to be called unto the higher Ministries in thy Church; through the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honour world without end. Amen.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

¶ And here it must be declared unto the Deacon, that he must continue in that Office of a Deacon the space of a whole year (except for reasonable causes it shall otherwise seem good unto the Bishop) to the intent he may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiastical administration. In executing whereof if he be found faithful and diligent, he may be admitted by his Diocesan to the Order of Priesthood, at the times appointed in the Canon; or else, on urgent occasion, upon some other Sunday, or Holy-day, in the face of the Church, in such manner and form as hereafter followeth.

own cure without further licence, except it be upon some evil usage of himself afterwards either in life or doctrine” [Defence, &c., Tr. xiii. vol. iii. p. 41].

Ordination and Mission are distinguished in St. Mark iii. 14; St. Matt. x. 5; St. Luke vi. 13; ix. 2; and in the XXIII. Article; the XXXVI. and L. Canons of 1604 require a licence. The Bishop under Christ being the fountain of spiritual power in his Diocese, by such an act or issue of his jurisdiction, delegates a portion of his authority, not absolutely, but revocably, to the clerk deputed to perform Ecclesiastical acts. A Rector or Vicar is entrusted with this Mission by Institution, “ Missus a jure ad locum et populum curae sua:” a Curate by licence. No power can deprive a Clerk, or make his Orders void, in respect to the inward power conferred upon him by ordination; but admission, suspension, or deposition is competent to the Ordinary, in respect to the outward exercise of that power and ordinary ministration publicly in the Church, as well as in private, either for a set time, or during his life. Admission is given by a licence, the formal permission to perform certain sacred functions in specified places, to which an unbeneficed curate shall be appointed.

Almighty God, giver of all good things] This prayer is also to be found in an Anglican Pontifical of the Monastery of Junigges [ante ann. dccciiii.,] and in another of St. Dunstan [Martene de Ant. Eccl. Rit. vol. ii. p. 39]. Also in Egbert’s Pontifical, and in Lucy’s.
THE
FORM AND MANNER
OF
ORDERING OF PRIESTS.

1 Cor. xiv. 28. ¶ When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, after Morning Prayer is ended, there shall be a Sermon or Exhortation, declaring the Duty and Office of such as come to be admitted Priests; how necessary that Order is in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteem them in their Office. 

Exod. xxviii. 2. ¶ First, the Arch-Deacon, or, in his absence, one appointed in his stead, shall present unto the Bishop (sitting in his chair near to the holy Table) all them that shall receive the Order of Priesthood that day (each of them being decently habited) and say,

Sermon or Exhortation.] "Legemuantur ordinandis Canones ecclesiasticis qui de sacris ordinationibus agunt, aut Episcopus ipse sermonem ad eos exhortatorium habebat de dignitate officiisque singularum ordinum, nisi id jam præstisset Archidiaconus, qui (ut prescrivant antiqui libri rituales) eos de omnibus in suo ordine agendis prius instruxisse debeat." [Martene, lib. i. c. vii. art. viii. § 3, tom. ii. p. 48.] In the Winton Pontifical is this rubric, "Hos [Sacerdotes] dominus presul de dignitate officii sacerdotalis diligentur instruens dicat." Then follows an Exhortation, setting forth the duty and office of such as are to be ordained Priests. [Maskell, Mon. Rit. iii. 209.]

First, the Arch-Deacon.] In a Pontifical of Corbev of the twelfth century, the Archdeacon comes and presents him that is to be ordained Priest to the Bishop. In the Greek Church, the rubric is: "He that is to be ordained is led up by the Archpriest, and the Archdeacon coming forward shall say, 'Let us attend;' then the Patriarch reads the citation or diploma of election." [Eucholog. Morin, P. li. p. 63.] In a later Ordinal, the Archpriest presents the Deacon for priesthood. By the Coptic Ordinal, when the Candidate is presented, the Priests first give testimony of his good works, and his knowledge of the word of doctrine, that he is gentle, kind, compassionate; that his wife is such as the law and Canon require; and that he is a Deacon. The Archdeacon says, "May the peace of our Lord be upon this man standing at Thy altar, and expecting Thy heavenly gifts, that he may be raised from the Order of Deacons to the Priesthood" [Th. p. 445, E.] and by the Syro-Nestorian Ordinal the Archdeacon leads him by the right hand, saying, "We offer to Thy holiness, holy Father, elect of God, my Lord Bishop, this God-loving man, who standeth here that he may receive the laying on of the divine hand to pass from the Order of Deacon to the Priesthood." [Th. p. 396.]

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or, in his absence] "Every Archbishop, because he must occupy eight Chaplains at Consecrations of Bishops, and every Bishop, because he must occupy six Chaplains at giving of orders, may every of them have two Chaplains over and above the number above limited to them." [21 Hen. VIII. c. xiii. § 24.]

The number of Chaplains was intended to add dignity to the presence of an Archbishop, and one of the Bishop's might act as the deputy of the Archdeacon, besides assisting in the laying on of hands upon Deacons to be ordained Priests. decently habited] The Salisbury Pontifical directs, "Omnem eodem prope vestibus sacris sibi necessariam." Also immediately before the Litany is the rubric, "Deinde accedentes qui ordinandi sunt. Diaconi et Sacerdotes cum vestibus suis," &c. The rubric in the Bangor Pontifical is, "Deinde accedentes qui ordinandi sunt Diaconi et Sacerdotes cum vestibus suis et titulis, et stantibus cum suis," &c. The Winchester Pontifical agrees with the Exeter in calling up the Deacons and Priests separately.

The rubric in the Churching of Women uses the words "decently appareled," and the Bishops in the Savoy Conference have explained the word "ενθοξηματω, in a fit scheme, habit or fashion, decently; and that there may be uniformity in those decent performances, let there be a ταπεινον, rule or canon for that purpose." [Cardw. Conf. 346.] "The Ministers" included "garments under the name of decency" [p. 392], and the Bishops answer, "Reason and experience teaches that decent ornaments and habits preserve reverence, and are therefore necessary .... to the solemnity of religious worship. And in particular no habit more suitable than white linen, which resembles purity and beauty, wherein angels have appeared [Rev. xv.], fit for those whom the Scripture calls angels, and the habit was ancient [Chrys. Hom. ix. ad Pop. Antioch. p. 350]."
EVEREND Father in God, I present unto you these persons present, to be admitted to the Order of Priesthood.

The Bishop.

TAKE heed that the persons, whom ye present unto us, be apt and meet, for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise their Ministry duly, to the honour of God, and the edifying of his Church.

† The Arch-Deacon shall answer.

I HAVE enquired of them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

‡ Then the Bishop shall say unto the people; GOOD people, these are they whom we purpose, God willing, to receive this day unto the holy Office of Priesthood: For after due examination we find not to the contrary, but that they be lawfully called to their Function and Ministry, and that they be persons meet for the same. But yet if there be any of you, who knoweth any Impediment, or notable Crime, in any of them, for the which he ought not to be received into this holy Ministry, let him come forth in the Name of God, and shew what the Crime or Impediment is.

And if any great Crime or Impediment be objected, the Bishop shall supe...
THE ORDERING OF PRIESTS.

James 1. 17

ALMIGHTY God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in the Church; Mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the Office of Priesthood; and replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in this Office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle.

Ephesians iv. 7—13.

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After this shall be read for the Gospel part of the ninth Chapter of Saint Matthew, as followeth.

St. Matt. ix. 36—38.

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Or else this that followeth, out of the tenth Chapter of Saint John.

St. John x. 1—16.

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Then the Bishop, sitting in his chair, shall minister unto every one of them the Oath concerning the Queen's Supremacy, as it is before set forth in the Form for the Ordering of Deacons.

And that done, he shall say unto them as hereafter followeth.

YOU have heard, Brethren, as well in your private examination, as in the exhortation which was now

Introt to the Communion this Psalm: ✡ Expectans expectavi Domimum [Ps. xl.]; or else this Psalm: ✡ Memento, Domine, David [Ps. cxxxii.]; or else this Psalm: ✡ Laudate nomen Domini [Ps. cxxxv.]. These were some of the Psalms recommended to be said secretly by the Elect Bishop in old forms, whilst the congregation were praying for him.

The Collect] This Collect corresponds to the Consecratio of the Pontificals, and, in its opening, to the Benedictio, the reading “all good things” being a translation of a corrupt reading, “honorum,” noticed by the ritualists, for “honorum,” which denoted ecclesiastical orders. In the Pontificals of Egbert and Dunstan, this Prayer is entitled “Consummatio Presbyteri.” In the Greek Euchologium this Prayer occurs: Τῶν ἀνθέσθεν ψαλιν νων ἐν πάση, συμμετείχοντι τιν καὶ ἄλλως πολιτείᾳ τῆς διαφαλέον προγνωστική δυνάμεως μεγάλης τάξεως ἱερατικῆς τιμῆς. [Assemanni, Cod. Lit. tom. xi. p. 109.]

The Epistle and Gospel] “In Ordinationes Presbyterorum: Lectio Libri Sapientiae, ‘Sacrificium salvatoris est aeternum mandata;’ Sequentia, S. Evangelii secundum Matthaeum, ‘Vigilate ergo quia nescitis.’” [D. Hieron. Comes ap. Pamelium, ii. 60.] The Gallican Church read for the Epistle, Titus i. 1—6. The Gospel St. John x. 1 was read in that Church in Natalis Episcoporum [Mahillon, lib. ii. No. lxviii., lxix.]. The Natalis of a Bishop was the commemoration of the day of his consecration [ap. Migne, lixiv. 205]. In the German Liturgy, the Gospel was St. Matthew: “In illo tempore dixit Jesus . . . constitutum est.” [For the French, see the Collect.] You have heard, brethren, &c.] In a French Pontifical of the sixth century, there is an Exhortation to the people at the Consecration of a Bishop which resembles this address in spirit: “In locum defuncti tali successor prepararet Eclesiam, cujus
made to you, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel, and the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this Office is, whereunto ye are called. And now again we exhort you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have in remembrance, into how high a Dignity, and to how weighty an Office and Charge ye are called: that is to say, to be Messengers, Watchmen, and Stewards of the Lord; to teach, and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Have always therefore printed in your remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ, which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serve, is his Spouse, and his Body. And if it shall happen the same Church, or any Member thereof, to take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider with yourselves the end of your Ministry towards the children of God, to the Spouse and Body of Christ; and see that you never cease your labour, your care and diligence, until you have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge, unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life.

Forsamuch then as your Office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, ye see with how great care and study ye ought to apply yourselfs, as well that ye may shew yourselvs duteful and thankful unto that Lord who hath placed you in so high a Dignity, as also to beware, that neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend. Howbeit, ye cannot have a mind and will thereto of yourselves; for that will and ability is given of God alone: therefore ye ought, and have need, to pray earnestly for his holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work, pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same; consider how studious ye ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures,
And in framing the manners both of yourselves, and of them that specially pertain unto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures: and for this self-same cause, how ye ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you may) all worldly cares and studies.

We have good hope that you have well weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time; and that you have clearly determined, by God’s grace, to give yourselves wholly to this Office, whereunto it hath pleased God to call you: so that, as much as lieth in you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way; and that you will continually pray to God, the Father, by the Mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that, by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, ye may wax riper and stronger in your Ministry; and that ye may so endeavour yourselves, from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the Rule and Doctrine of Christ, that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

And now, that this present Congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, ye shall answer plainly to these things, which we, in the Name of God, and of His Church, shall demand of you touching the same.

Do you think, [sc.] A short examination is cited by Martene, from a Pontifical "ad usum Ecclesiae Suiocationis"—


Why you then give, [sc.] This question includes the fourth in the Ordering of Deacons, and differs from the third in this respect, that the Priest has to interpret the Holy Scriptures, whilst the Deacon requires a licence to preach. In the Roman Pontifical, the candidates for Priesthood repeat the Creed, “stantes protertium Fidei quem predicatorum sunt.”

Will you then give, [sc.] This and the question following it resemble the Fifth Question in the Ordering of Deacons. An illustration of them occurs in the following Canon:—

"Placitus, ut omnes Sacerdotes qui Catholica Fidei unitate complerentium nihil ultra diversum aut dissimum in ecclesiasticae Sacramenti aga-
The Bishop.

WILL you be ready, with all
faithful diligence, to banish and
drive away all erroneous and strange
doctrines contrary to God’s word;
and to use both publick and private
monitions and exhortations, as well to
the sick as to the whole, within your
Cures, as need shall require, and occa-
sion shall be given?

Answer.
I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

WILL you be diligent in Prayers,
and in reading of the holy
Scriptures, and in such studies as help
to the knowledge of the same, laying
aside the study of the world and the
flesh?

Answer.
I will endeavour myself so to do,
the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

WILL you be diligent to frame
and fashion your own selves, and
your families, according to the
Doctrine of Christ; and to make both
yourself and them, as much as in
you lieth, wholesome examples and
patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer.
I will apply myself thereto, the
Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

WILL you maintain and set for-
wards as much as lieth in
you, quietness, peace, and love, among
all Christian people, and especially
among them that are or shall be
committed to your charge?

Answer.
I will so do, the Lord being my
helper.

The Bishop.

WILL you reverently obey your
Ordinary, and other chief
Ministers, unto whom is committed
the charge and government over you;
following with a glad mind and will
their godly admonitions, and submit-
ting yourselves to their godly judg-
ments?

Answer.
I will so do, the Lord being my
helper.

¶ Then shall the Bishop, standing up, say,

ALMIGHTY God, who hath given
you this will to do all these
things: Grant also unto you strength
and power to perform the same; that
he may accomplish his work which he
hath begun in you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Sequitur praefatio sacerdotum, own nota, Salisb. Use.

O REMUS, dilectissimi, Deum Pa-

trem omnipotentem ut super hos

familis suos, quos ad presbyterii munus
elegit, coelestia dona multiplicitat, et
quod ejus dignatione suscipit, ipsius
consequantur auxilio.
COME, Holy Ghost, eternal God,
Proceeding from above,
Both from the Father and the Son,
The God of peace and love.

Thy blessed Uction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one.
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

COME, Holy Ghost, eternal God,
Proceeding from above,
Both from the Father and the Son,
The God of peace and love.

Thy blessed Uction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one.
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Visit our minds, into our hearts
Thy heavenly grace inspire;
That truth and godliness we may
Pursue with full desire.

rectam ad perfectionem sibi beneficiumt Deus perducere dignetur."
[Martene, Eccl. Rit. ii. 146.]

After which shall be sung. The rubric in Lacy's Pontifical is,
"Episcopus cum ministria suis ante altare in medio genuflectat
cantando Ympnum, 'Veni Creator Spiritus.' Et chorus prosequatur.
Et incepit Episcopus cum ministra quemlibet
versum illius hymni et chorus prosequatur."

Come, Holy Ghost] The first version of this hymn was added
in 1662: in the earlier Prayer Books the longer translation
only was given. This hymn was probably introduced into the service
late in the eleventh century, when it occurs in the Pontifical of
Soisson [Martene, Orb viii., tom. ii. col. 141, C.]. Two centuries
later, in the Pontifical of Mayence, there is this rubric, "Episcopus
incepit Clero prosequente 'Veni Creator Spiritus'. . . . item chorus
cantet sequentes 'Sancti Spiritus adedit,' etc., et si multitudine ordinanda
orum requirii, daddatur hymnus, 'Veni Creator.'" [Ibid. Ordo
xi. col. 281, B. Assemani, Cod. Liturg. Ordo ii., P. i. p. 308.]
It is found in all English Pontifices with the exception of that
of Winchester; and in two Pontifices, one printed by Morin
[de Sacr. Ord. P. ii. p. 281, D., 279, E.], the other by Assemani

VENI, Creator Spiritus,
Mentes tuorum visita:
Imple superna gratia
Quae tu creasti pectora.

Qui Paraclitus diceris,
Donum Dei altissimi:
Fons vivus, ignis, caritas,
Et spiritualis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere,
Dextrei Dei tu digitus:
Tu rite promissum Patris,
Sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus,
Infunde amorem cordibus:
Infirma nostri corporis
Virtute firmans perpetim.

Hostem repellas longius,
Pacemque dones protinus:
Ductore sic te prævio
Vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,
Noscamus atque Filium:
Te utrisque Spiritum
Credamus omni tempore.

Sit laus Patri cum Filio,
Sancto simul Paraclito:
Nobisque mittat Filius
Charisma Sancti Spiritus.

Amen.
Thou art the very Comforter
In grief and all distress;
The heavenly gift of God most high,
No tongue can it express.
The fountain and the living spring
Of joy celestial;
The fire so bright, the love so sweet,
The Unction spiritual.
Thou in thy gifts art manifold,
By them Christ's Church doth stand:
In faithful hearts thou wert at thy law,
The finger of God's hand.
According to thy promise, Lord,
Thou givest speech with grace;
That through thy help God's praises may
Resound in every place.
O Holy Ghost, into our minds
Send down thy heavenly light;
Kindle our hearts with fervent zeal,
To serve God day and night.
Our weakness strengthen and confirm,
(For, Lord, thou know'st us frail;) That neither devil, world, nor flesh,
Against us may prevail.
Put back our enemy far from us,
And help us to obtain Peace in our hearts with God and man,
(Th' best, the truest gain;)
And grant that thou being, O Lord,
Our leader and our guide,
We may escape the snares of sin,
And never from thee slide.
Such measures of thy powerful grace
Grant, Lord, to us, we pray;
That thou may'st be our Comforter
At the last dreadful day.
Of strife and of dissension
Dissolve, O Lord, the bands, And knit the knots of peace and love Throughout all Christian lands.
Grant us the grace that we may know The Father of all might,
That we of his beloved Son May gain the blissful sight,
And that we may with perfect faith Ever acknowledge thee, The Spirit of Father, and of Son, One God in Persons Three.
To God the Father laud and praise, And to his blessed Son, And to the Holy Spirit of grace, Co-equal Three in One.
And pray we, that our only Lord Would please his Spirit to send On all that shall profess his Name, From hence to the world's end. Amen.

\[ That done, the Bishop shall pray in this wise, and say, \]
Let us pray.

**ALMIGHTY** God, and heavenly Father, who, of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent

D **OMINE sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeternus Deus: honorum dator, et distributor omnium dignitatum . . . . . . . . Unde et sacerdotalis graduas, atque officia Levitarum, sacramentis mysticis instituta creverunt, ut cum pontificibus summos regendis populis praecexit, ad eorum societatis et operis adiumentum, sequentis


[ Codex Liturg. Ordo iv., tom. i. p. 307, Rome 1755], there are the following rubrics:—"Deinde Episcopo incipiente cantatur hymnus 'Veni Creator Spiritus.' " "Pontificex flexis genibus incipit alta voce, schola prosequente, 'Veni Creator Spiritus.' " Dean Comber [Discourses &c. chap. vi. § i. p. 341] observes, that the composition of this hymn was ascribed to St. Ambrose. It is not, however, claimed by his Benedictine editors. In the Salisbury Breviary it occurs as a hymn for Pentecost, "Ad Tertiam."

**Almighty God, and heavenly Father**] This Prayer corresponds to the Consecratio of the older Pontificals. In MS. Harl. 2906, fo. 12, it forms part of the "Vero dignum et justum est," as it does also in the Salisbury Pontifical. A very similar Prayer is to be found in the Syro-Nestorian Ordinal: "Domine Deus fortis et omnipotens, elegisti Ecclesiam Sanctam Tuam, et posuisti in eis Prophetas et Apostolos et Doctores et Sacerdotes, et in opus ministerii et in edificationem corporis Ecclesiastici. Tu ergo respice eam nunc in servos Tuos . . . orament quoque et illustre operibus justus filius Ecclesiae sancte Catholicae ad laudem Nominis Tui Sanctori." [Syr. Nest. Ord. P. lii. p. 386.]
abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labour and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy servants here present to the same Office and Ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship thee; and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy blessed Son, to grant unto all, which either here or elsewhere call upon thy holy Name, that we may continue to shew ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all other thy benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them over whom they shall be appointed thy Ministers, thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

When this Prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priests present shall lay their hands severally upon the head of every one that receiveth the Order of Priesthood; the Receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees, and the Bishop saying, 

ordinis viros et secundae dignitatis eligeres . . . . . . hac providentia, Domine, apostolis Filii tui Doctores fidei comites addisti; quibus illi orbecm totum secundis pradicationibus impleverunt . . . .

When this Prayer is done, &c.] The rubric in the Pontifical of Egbert is, “Et benedictente eum Episcopo, manum super caput ejus teneant. Simul et presbyteri, qui presentes sunt, manus suas juxta manum Episcopi super caput illius teneant.” It occurs also in the Sacramentary of Pope Gregory. In MS. Harl. 1206 [fo. 11], the rubric is, “Eo inclinati inponant manum super caput ejus et omnes Presbyteri qui adaeunt cum eo pariter;” &c. In the MS. Pontifical of the tenth century, Claud. iii. 45, b., the word “ponunt” occurs instead of “teneant.” In several French MSS. the word used was “teneant,” in the Ordo Romanus, and an English Pontifical cited by Macrobius, it is “ponunt.” In the Roman Pontifical, the Bishop and Priests lay both their hands on the head of the Candidate, after which they hold their right hands extended over them. The 3rd Canon of the IV. Council of Carthage directs: “Presbyterum cum ordinatur, Episcopo eum benedici, et manum super caput ejus teneant, etiam omnes Presbyteri qui presentes sunt, manus suas juxta manum Episcopi super caput illius teneant.” [Monkell, Mon. Rit. iii. 265.] The Church of England has now prescribed only one imposition of hands, and confers explicitly in her form the power, [1] of Preaching; [2] of Consecrating the Holy Eucharist; and [3] of Absolution of Penitents. The Greek Church does not give such a commission formally, but uses Invocation of the Holy Ghost, a Prayer of Consecration, a Benediction, and a Prayer that “the Priest may be presented blameless at the altar of God, to preach the Gospel of His salvation, to minister the Word of His truth, to offer oblations and spiritual sacrifices, and to renew His people by the laver of regeneration.” [Grace, Ord. ap Morin, P. ii. p. 55.] The Commission to consecrate the Holy Eucharist was never given until the tenth century, when this rubric occurs [Morin, P. ii. 262; P. iii. Excer. vit. c. i. § 16, p. 1055]: “Let him take the Paten with the oblation and the Chalice with the wine, and say, ‘Receive power to offer sacrifice to God and celebrate Mass.’” In England it appears in the Bangor Pontifical before the close of the thirteenth century [Maskell, Mon. Rit. iii. 213.]. Compare the Pontificals of Beauvais, Mayence, Noyon, Besançon, Cambrai, Apaneas, given by Morin [pp. 271-277], and Martene [tom. ii. pp. 138, 174, 192, 197, 221]. The Candidate kneels because in the presence of the ambassador and representative of
RECEIVE the holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained. And be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then the Bishop shall deliver to every one of them kneeling, the Bible into his hand, saying,

our Blessed Lord, executing his office in His name, and by His authority; and also, as invoking the confirmation of His servant's words by the Saviour Himself.

Receive the holy Ghost[1] Archbishop Whitgift says, "Christ used these words: 'This is My Body,' in the celebration of His Supper, but there is no special commandment that the Minister should use the same, and yet must be used by them because Christ used them; even so, when Christ did ordain His Apostles Ministers of the Gospel, He said unto them, 'Receive the Holy Ghost,' which words, because they contain the principal duty of a Minister, and do signify that God doth pour His Holy Spirit upon those whom He calleth to that function, are most aptly also used of the Bishop, who is God's instrument in that business in the ordaining of Ministers. St. Paul, speaking to Timothy, saith: 'Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given unto thee by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the Eldership.' In which words the Apostle signifies that God doth bestow His gifts and Spirit upon such as he called to the Ministry of the Word, whereof Ordination is a token, or rather a confirmation." [Defence, Tr. iv. vol. i. p. 400.] So Calvin, "Unde colligimus non inanem fuisse ritum, qua consecracionem quum homines impositione manuum figurabant, Deus Spiritus suo infavit." [Comm. in Epist. i. ad Timoth. c. iv. 14, tom. vii. p. 455.]

All sacerdotal power is derived from the Holy Ghost; the Church, therefore, holds that the reception of the Holy Ghost is necessary to constitute a Christian Priest, and that this gift can be conferred only through the hands of a Bishop. The priesthood is a grace of the Holy Spirit. "The Holy Ghost," says Bishop Cosin, "is then given to them, partly to direct and strengthen them in their ways, and partly to assume itself for the more assurance and authority these actions which belong to their place and calling." [Serm. vi.] Being the very words employed by our Lord when He ordained His Apostles, they are the original Charter of the institution of the Ministry, from which alone the limits and extent of its authority are to be known. In the office of Holy Baptism, the Priest says, acting in the Name and person of Christ: "I baptize thee in the Name." [In the Holy Eucharist he repeats the very words of the Lord, and applies them to the sacred elements. In Absolution of the Sick, he says, "By His authority committed to me, I absolve thee;" and in the office of Matrimony, "I pronounce that they be man and wife together in the Name," &c. So here, because He gives a portion of His Spirit to those whom He sends, the Bishop, in His Name, says, "Receive the Holy Ghost;" that is, the enabling gift, the power, the qualifying grace (χάρις συνεργίας) for the ministration of Divine things. [Epp. iii. 8. 2 Tim. i. 6. Eph. iv. 11, 12.] As St. Cyril says: "Intelligimus non ul... Dominica ordinatio

R E C E I V E the holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained. And be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then the Bishop shall deliver to every one of them kneeling, the Bible into his hand, saying,
1 Cor. iv. 1, 2. 
2 Cor. x. 13—16.
Tit. ii. 15.

TAKE thou Authority to preach 
the Word of God, and to minis-
ter the holy Sacraments in the Congre-
gation, where thou shalt be lawfully 
appointed thereunto.

When this is done, the Nicene Creed shall be 
sworn or said; and the Bishop shall after 
that go on in the Service of the Commu-
nation, which all they that receive Orders shall 
take together, and remain in the same place 
where hands were laid upon them, until 
such time as they have received the 
Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last 
Collect, and immediately before the Bene-
diction, shall be said these Collects.

Most merciful Father, we beseech 
thee to send upon these thy serv-
ants thy heavenly blessing; that they 
may be clothed with righteousness, and 
that thy Word spoken by their mouths 
may have such success, that it may 
never be spoken in vain. Grant also, 
that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee,
THE ORDERING OF PRIESTS.

we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

And if on the same day the Order of Deacons be given to some, and the Order of Priesthood to others; the Deacons shall be first presented, and then the Priests; and it shall suffice that the Litany be once said for both. The Collects shall both be used; first, that for Deacons, then that for Priests. The Epistle shall be Ephes. iv. 7—13, as before in this Office. Immediately after which, they that are to be made Deacons shall take the Oath of Supremacy, be examined, and Ordained, as is above prescribed. Then one of them having read the Gospel (which shall be either out of S. Matt. ix. 36—38, as before in this Office; or else S. Luke xii. 35—38, as before in the Form for the Ordering of Deacons,) they that are to be made Priests shall likewise take the Oath of Supremacy, be examined, and Ordained, as is in this Office before appointed.

And if on the same day] Lacy's Pontifical (p. 84), has the following rubric—"Aliqui praestant simul vocare eos qui ordinandi sunt Diaconi et Sacerdotes, quiibus sigillatim vocatis et introductis, Episcopus cum ministris preternatur se ante altare dam Letania a choro cantatur. Aliqui vero dicon Letaniam solum in ordinacione Presbyterorum. Finita Letania redcant Sacerdotes electi ad loca suas, remanentibus Levitibus ad consocrinum."
THE FORM OF ORDAINING OR CONSECRATING OF AN ARCH-BISHOP, OR BISHOP;
Which is always to be performed upon some Sunday or Holy-day.

¶ When all things are duly prepared in the Church, and set in Order, after Morning Prayer is ended, the Arch-Bishop (or some other Bishop appointed) shall begin the Communion Service; in which this shall be performed by both, so in regard of the government of the Church, common to both [Prim. Gov. of Churches, ch. vii. vol. i. P. i. p. 38. Comp. Bp. Taylor’s Episc. Asserted, § 28]. Bellarmine says, “Septimus ordus Sacerdotum est: at Ecclesiae Catholicae distinctionem agnoscit, ac ducet jure divino Episcopatum Presbyterio majorem esse, tum ordinis potestate, tum etiam jurisdic. tione. Sic enim liturgia Concord. Trident. [Sess. xxiiii. c. iv. can. vii.].” Randem sententiam docent et defendunt Theologii doctors apud Magistrum in libro iv. Sent. dist. xxiv. et S. Thom. in ii. 2, qu. cixxiv. art. vi. de clericis.” [Cap. iv. col. 265, A. C. Colon. 1620.] As Doxwell observes, “Philos sometimes reclaims the High Priest in the same order with the common Priests, sometimes he makes him a distinct order by himself.” [One Priest, etc., ch. xliii. § 6, p. 348. Lond. 1688.] Fulke timidly says, “The Orders of Bishops, Elders, and, as they be commonly called, Priests and Ministers, is all one in authority of ministering the Word and Sacraments. The degree of Bishops, as they are to be taken for a superior order unto Elders or Priests, is for government and discipline specially committed unto them, not in authority of handling the Word and Sacraments.” [Defence, etc., ch. xv. § 26, p. 461, Ed. Camb. 1848.] The Anglo-Saxon Church distinctly held that there were three orders [Soames, Hist. p. 271, ed. Lond. 1844. Bp. Lloyd, Anc. Gov. of Brit. Church, ch. iii. § 3. Comp. Becon, Cathch. P. vii. p. 319, Ed. Camb. 1814.]. So Bishop Jewel says, that the doctrine of the English Church is that there are three orders [Apol. Ecles. Ang. pp. 10, 11, ed. Camb. 1847, comp. pp. 271–274. Def. of Apol. P. i. p. 271, vol. iii. Camb. 1848.]. Isidore calls the Episcopate an order [Etymol. l. vii. c. xii. p. 62, H. col. 1617. Comp. Hallier, de Sac. Ord. P. ii. cap. i. § 1. 14, tom. ii. p. 14], and Estius agrees that it is so truly and properly [l. iv. dist. xxiv. § 28, col. 37, B.]. The distinction between the Episcopate and Priesthood lies in the special function of the former, the power of giving Ordination and administering of Confirmation: the Priest’s authority to minister is derived from the Bishop who ordains him thereunto [Bp. Cosin, Serm. vi. vol. i. p. 100. Hooker, Ecles. Pol. b. viii. c. 6, § 3. Bp. Taylor, Episc. Asserted, § 31, 3. 5, § 37, § 28. Prideaux, Val. of Orders, p. 46, Ed. Lond. 1716.]. Besides, the Bishop receives an ordination by laying on of hands of Bishops, in order to receive his consecration to the Episcopate, having already received ordination to the Priesthood by the laying on of hands of a Bishop and Priests [Bp. Pearson, Det. i. vol. i. p. 277].
The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts to feed thy flock; Give grace, we beseech thee, to all Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, that they may diligently preach thy Word, and duly administer the godly Discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Western Church, it immediately joined with the Canon in the Liturgy [Martene, p. 329].

the Aréb-bishop] A Bishop ought to be consecrated by his Metropolitan, or by the licence of the latter. That Metropolitans existed in the early centuries of the Church is shown by the Apostolical Canons, xxvi., P. Clement I. Ep. i., P. Stephen, Epist. iii., and, P. Anacletus, Ep. i., who says,—“Requii comprovinciales Episcopi, si necesse fuerit, ceteris consentiens, a tribus, jussu Archiepiscopi, consecrasi possunt Episcopos; sed medicus est, si ipsa cum omnibus cum elegatis, et concedi pariter sacravit est: etaticum.” The Metropolitan was at first designated primus episcopus, ubi fraternum, et pater filiorum [Cost. l. i. iv.].

The metropolitan cities are defined by Terrullian [De Præsc. c. xx.], to be, “Ecclesias apud unanumquemque civitatem, a quibus traducem fidem et semina doctrinae, ceteras exinde Ecclesie mutata sunt; et quoties mutuatur et Ecclesiae sient.” Hallier [P. iii. c. v. c. iv.], traces through successive centuries the indefensible right of the Metropolitan to consecrate his suffragans. The Bishops of the same province were to assist at consecrations, as Anacletus says [Epist. ii. dist. ixi. c. Ordin.]


or some other Bishops.] The rubric immediately following the Gospel is more explicit: it says, “some other Bishop appointed by lawful commission.” In the absence of the Archbishop the Bishop senior, according to consecration or in point of rank [Hallier, u. s. § viii.,] was consecrator. A Metropolitan was consecrated by (1), Bishops of his province, or (2), the nearest Metropolitan, or (3), by the patriarch or primate [Lind. art. ii. § 1. 11. Counc. Orleans, c. vii. 11. Orleans, c. iii.]

In case of two Bishops only acting at a consecration, they and the Bishop elect were deposed [Morinus, P. iii. Exerc. iv. § ii. v.]

The Collect] This Collect is identical with that for St. Peter’s Day, omitting the Apostle’s name, and with some slight verbal differences, and the insertion of the clause, “and duly administer the godly discipline thereof.”

And another Bishop] Three Bishops are thus required, the Consecrator, the Epistoler, and Gospeller. In a Greek ritual of the fifteenth century, three Bishops present the Bishop elect [Asennomai, iii. 160].

The Epistle and Gospel] The Epistle [1 Tim. iii. 1] is given by Moria [P. ii. 264], from a MS. wroe than 700 years old in
Most Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well-learned man to be Ordained and Consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Archbishop demand the Queen's Mandate for the Consecration, and cause it to be read. And the Oath touching the acknowledgment of the Queen's Supremacy,
shall be ministered to the persons elected, as it is set down before in the Form for the Ordering of Deacons. And then shall also be ministered unto them the Oath of due obedience to the Archbishop, as followeth.

The Oath of due Obedience to the Archbishop.

In the Name of God. Amen. I. Ven. chosen Bishop of the Church and See of N. do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop, and to the Metropolitical Church of N. and to their successors: So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

This Oath shall not be made at the Consecration of an Archbishop.

Then the Archbishop shall move the Congregation present to pray, saying thus to them:

BRETHREN, it is written in the Gospel of S. Luke, That our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, before he did choose and send forth his twelve Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles, That the Disciples who were at Antioch did fast and pray, before they laid hands on Paul and Barnabas,

AD ESTO supplicationibus nostris, omnipotens Deus, ut quod nostrae humilitatis gerendum est ministerio, tuæ virtutis impleatur effectu.

that he only took this step until the storm being past (he alludes to the rival Pope at Avignon), full security in elections could be secured to churches. In 1449, by concordat between P. Nicholas V. and the Emperor Frederick III., elections were to be made in cathedrals and abbey churches; and by concordat between P. Leo X. and Francis I. at Bologna in 1516, it was agreed that elections should no longer take place in metropolitan or cathedral churches of the kingdom, Dauphiny, or the provinces of Die and Valence, but that on a vacancy the king should nominate a Doctor or Licentiate in Divinity or Law, of the age of twenty-seven years, within six months after such a vacancy, and the Pope should issue his bull. In Spain, by concordat between Charles V. and P. Adrian VI., it was agreed that the nomination of all Bishops and Abbots should be vested in the Crown [Mariana, liv. c. v.]; and in Naples Clement VII. gave to Charles V. the right of nomination to twenty-four sees [See also Thomasin, de Vet. et Nov. Eccles. Disc. lib. ii. c. xxxv. Catalani, de Cons. Elect. i. tit. xiii.]. In some instances the king sent a precept signed by his own hand, or an indissolute without the privy seal, nominating a Bishop; and in Spain [XII. Toledo, c. vi.], the Archbishop of Toledo acted as the king's delegate [Hallier, P. vii. s. v. § vii.]. Thomasin [P. iii. liv. ii. chap. 34. § 8], shows that in the sixth and seventh centuries the kings of France issued mandates for consecration.

Oath of due Obedience] In the Greek Church, the oath of allegiance to the Emperor is required [King's Rites of Greek Church, pp. 285—289]. By the XI. Council of Toledo, A.D. 675, an oath of obedience to his superior was exacted from a Bishop elect [Thomasin, P. ii. liv. ii. ch. 41]; and in the ninth century, Gaulish Bishops made professions of obedience to their Metropolitans [Ib. P. iii. ii. ch. 36]. An ancient form was as follows:—"Ego ille Sanctæ N. Ecclesìæ nunc ordinandus Episcopus subjectionem et reverentiam a sanctis Petribus constitutam secundum precepta Canonum, S. sedis N. Ecclesie rectoribus ejus in presentia domini Archiepiscopi perpetuo me exhibiturum promitto et super sanctum altare propria manu firmo." [Ex. Pont. Turon., ann. dcc. stf. superane, Martene, II. 415.] In the Roman Pontifical, the oath of obedience to the Pope is here made by the Elect [Catal. l. 178—179].

In the Sarum Pontifical the profession given above is preceded by the question, "Vis sanctæ Cantuariæ Ecclesie et mihii, melius successoribus subjectionem, et oblationem per omnia exhibere, secundum canonicam austoritatem, et decreta sanctorum pontifii? Resp. Volo." The same question occurs with slight variations in the Winton and Bangor Pontificals. In that of Exeter is this remarkable addition, "Via beato Petro Apostolo, cui a Deo data est potestas ligandi atque solvendi, ejusque vicaris, Romanis pontificibus, atque sancto ecclesiæ Cant. &c. All three Pontificals omit the form in which the profession itself is to be made. [Bredren, it is written] In the Gallican Liturgy is an "Exhortatio ad populum cum Episcopus ordinatur." It ends, "Nunc
and sent them forth. Let us therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ, and his Apostles, first fall to prayer, before we admit and send forth this person presented unto us, to the work whereunto we trust the Holy Ghost hath called him.

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Oremus, dilectissimi nobis, ut huic vire ad utilitatem ecclesie provechendo, benignitas omnipotentis Dei grattia sue tribuat largitatem. Per Dominum.

Et statim a duobus episcopis incipiatur: Kyrie eleison, Cm litania . . . . et dicatur litania sicut in ordinibus, et cum ventum fuerit ad versum qui pro domino episcope cantatur, surgat consecrator, et dicat convertus ad electum sic:

**U** T hunc electum bene dicere digneris.  
**Resp.** Te rogamus.  
Ut hunc electum bene dicere et sanctificare digneris.  
**Resp.** Te rogamus.  
Ut hunc electum bene dicere, sanctificare et consecrare digneris.  
**Resp.** Te rogamus.

... Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aterne Deus: Honor omnium dignitatum, que glories tuae sacris fumantur ordinibus . . . . Et idcirco huic famulo tuo: quem ad summam sacerdotii ministerium elegisti, hane, quesumus Domine, gratiam largiaris, ut quiequid illa velamina in fulgore  

... ipso metropolitano sedente in loco examinationis . . . . Tune dicit metropolitanus:

igitur, dilectissimi fratres, testimoni boni operis electum, dignissimum sacerdotum consanctue ludibus clamat cum dicite dignus est.” [Migne, l. xvii, p. 325.] The elect was at this part of the service recommended in some old forms to say in private or secretly the penitential Psalms, and Ps. cxv., “Crede!” Ps. lxxiv., “Benedisci!” Ps. lxxvi., “Fandumens!” Ps. lxxxv., “Inclina!” Ps. cxxxi., “Memento!” Ps. lxxvi., “Domine!” Ps. lxxiii., “Quam dilecta.”


**Resp.**
BROTHER, forasmuch as the holy Scripture and the ancient Canons command, that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting any person to government in the Church of Christ, which he hath purchased with no less price than the effusion of his own blood; before I admit you to this Administration, I will examine you in certain Articles, to the end that the Congregation present may have a trial, and bear witness, how you be minded to behave yourself in the Church of God.

ARE you persuaded that you be truly called to this Ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Order of this Realm?

Answer.

I am so persuaded.

The Archbishop.

ARE you persuaded that the holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity to eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach or maintain nothing as required of necessity to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the same?

Answer.

I am so persuaded, and determined, by God's grace.

THE EXAMINATION.

An examination was appointed by the IV. Council of Carthage, c. i., and by II. Niccum, c. xi. See also Martene, de Ant. Rit. lib. i. c. viii., Art. X. n. viii. The following form is from an Italian Pontifical, and one of the eighth century:—"Sedecat dominus Papa in sua sede, facto lì silencio fiat examinatio talis. Antiqua S. Patrum institutio docet et precipit, ut is qui ad ordinem Episcopatus eligatur, maxime, ut legimus in Canone Carthaginensi, antea diligentissime examinetur cum omni caritate de sìde SS. Trinitatis, et interrogetur de diversis causis vel moribus quæ huic regimini congruunt, et necessaria sunt retineri, secundum Apostolici dictum 'Manus cito nemini impo
sueris,' et ut etiam is qui ordinandus est ante erudiatur, qualler sub hoc regimine constitutum oporteat conversari in Ecclesia Dei . . . eadem itaque auctoritate et praeseplo interrogumus te, dilectissime fratere." [Pont. of Bari, Catalani, i. tit. xiii. App. pp. 228, 229. Morin, p. 268, ex cod. dccv. ann. Martene, & cod. dcccc. ann., ii. p. 386.] In the Vatican MS. of Gregory's Sacramentary, the rubric runs, "Examinatio in ordinacione Episco
pus ante Litiam facienda." [Migne, lxxviii. 223.] In the Sarum Pontifical the Examination is much longer than in the Prayer Book, and includes a series of questions on the Creed and articles of the faith. In the Greek Church the Bishop elect is also examined in the Creed and articles of the faith [Assemanni, P. iv. 233, &c.]

In the very ancient "Ord. Romanus" [Mabillon, Mus. Ital. i. p. 87], the Bishop of Rome, sitting in his chair, calls to him Bishops or Priests and bids them sit with him. The whole Clergy standing, he bids his chaplains desire the people of the city to enter. While he goes to bring them in, the Bishop chooses one of the Priests to answer his questions. When they are brought in, they are inquired of by the Bishop, "Quid est, fratres, quod vos fatigatis?" They answer, "Ut nobis concedas patronum. Habetis vestrum? R. Habemus. Quo honore fun
gitur? R. Diaconus," Presbyter, or what he is. "Quantos numes habet in Diaconatu aut Presbyteratu? R. — De ipsa Ecclesia est an de alia? De ipso," (but if of any other Church)
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The Archbishop.

WILL you then faithfully exercise your self in the same holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer, for the true understanding of the same; so as ye may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and convince the gain-sayers?

Answer.

I will so do, by the help of God.

The Archbishop.

BE you ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange Doctrine contrary to God’s Word; and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to the same?

Answer.

I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

WILL you deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; that you may shew your self in all things an example of good works unto others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to say against you?

“Dimissoriam habet de Episcopo suo? R. Habet.” They produce the letter. “Conjunctum habuit? Disponuit de domo sua? R. Disponuit. Quid vos conspexit de eo? R. Et casitas, hospitalitas, benignitas, et omnia bona que de eo sunt prolesta. Videste, fratre, ne affirmet promissionem fecisset voida. Selitia good simonianum et contra Canones est. R. Absit a nobis. Vos videritis. Habetis decreatum? R. Habemus.” It is then read by the chaplain, and when it has been read the Elect is brought in. The Bishop says, “May God protect us” and then says to the Elect, “What seekest thou, brother?” to which he replies, “That of which I am not worthy; my fellow-servants led me on.” “What honour have you fulfilled? R. Deacon or Priest,” &c. “How long have you been in the Diaconate?” &c. He states the time. He is then asked, “Had you a wife,” and “Have you disposed of your household?” whether he has made a simoniacal covenant, “What books are read in your church?” “Do you know the Canons?” to the last the Elect replies, “Teach us, sir,” to which the answer is, “Ordain at the proper seasons, January, April, September, December.” The petition from the people is then read, and the consecration deferred to the morrow, Sunday. On that day the Bishop, with Bishops, and Priests, and deacons enter the church, and, after the Introit, follow a prayer and the Epistle from 1 Timothy, “Fidelis sermo.” While the gradual is sung, the Elect is vested by the Archdeacons, sub-Deacons, and acolytes, with dalmatic, chasuble, and stole, and brought in: the Bishop says, “The Clergy and people of... have chosen... to be consecrated Bishop; let us pray that our Lord God Jesus Christ may grant unto him the episcopal chair, to rule the Church and all the people.” The Litany follows, and the Elect receives the benediction. After the Alleluia, follow the Gospel and Mass, and the newly-consecrated Bishop communicates the people. In another “Ordo” of St. Gall (p. 91), at night, after the Introit, the Bishop of Rome says, “Gloria in excelsis!” and there is a prayer; then one Priest and one Deacon, going from the altar, lead in the Elect, having clothed him with alb (lines) and girdle, “analogium,” the little dalmatic, brachia, stole, and great dalmatic, whilst the choir sing “Innola Deo,” the tract “Qui seminat,” and the Gospel, “Missit illos hosinos ante faciun sumam.” He is then led up by a Priest on the right, and Deacon on the left. They then take off his chasuble, and the Bishop reads the brief, “Our citizens have chosen this man as their pastor, let us pray that Almighty God will pour down on him the Spirit of His grace, and that he may be worthy to govern in the episcopal chair.” The choir sing the Kyrie and Litany. The Elect bows his head before the altar, and the Bishop, laying his hand upon him, says a prayer like a collect, and sings another as the Preface (contestata) is chanted. The newly-ordained Bishop kisses the Bishop’s feet, and receives the kiss of peace.

Will you then faithfully exercise, &c.] The study of Holy Scriptures is required by the Council of Tours, S13, c. ii., iii., iv.

Interrogatio. Vis ea quae ex divinis Salisburn Use. Scripturis intelligis, plebem cui ordinandas es, et verbis docere et exemplis?

Resp. Volo.
I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

WILL you maintain and set forward, as much as shall lie in you, quietness, love, and peace among all men; and such as be unquiet, disobedient, and criminal, within your Diocese, correct and punish, according to such authority as you have by God's word, and as to you shall be committed by the Ordinance of this Realm?

Answer.

I will so do, by the help of God.

The Archbishop.

WILL you be faithful in Ordaining, sending, or laying hands upon others?

Answer.

I will so be, by the help of God.

The Archbishop.

WILL you shew yourself gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

Answer.

I will so shew myself, by God's help.

Then the Archbishop standing up shall say,

A Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good will to do all these things, Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that, he accomplishing in you the good work which he hath begun, you may be found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop elect put on the rest of the Episcopal habit; and kneeling down, [Veni, Creator Spiritus] shall be sung or said to him, the Archbishop beginning, and the

Interrogatio. Vis semper esse divinis Salisbury Use. negotiis mancipatus, et a terrenis negotiis vel lucris turbilus esse alienus, quantum te humana fragilitas conceperit posse?

Resp. Volo.

Interrogatio. Vis humilitatem, et patientiam, in temetipso custodire, et alios similiter docere?

Resp. Volo.

Tunc dicat ei pontifex:


...et dicat ordinarius: Veni, Creator ut supra in ordinibus.
Bishops, with others that are present, answering by verses, as followeth.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One.
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

† Or this:

COME, Holy Ghost, eternal God,

† That ended, the Archbishop shall say,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer.

And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, who of thine infinite goodness hast given thine only and dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author

...
of everlasting life; who, after that he had made perfect our Redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, poured down his gifts abundantly upon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Doctors, to the edifying and making perfect his Church; Grant, we beseech thee, to this thy servant such grace, that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee; and use the authority given him, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help: so that as a wise and faithful servant, giving to thy family their portion in due season, he may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then the Archbishop and Bishops present shall lay their hands upon the head of the elected Bishop kneeling before them upon his knees, the Archbishop saying,

RECEIVE the Holy Ghost, for the Office and Work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. And remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is given thee by this Imposition of our hands: for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and soberness.

that in certain churches a Mass of the Holy Ghost was sung, and in others that this hymn was used. In the Exegeticum of Alarius after the profession of faith by the Elect, the consecrator said,—"Gratia Spiritus Sancti sit tecum" [§ xxii. tom. i. p. 203].

By the Pontifical of Mayence, about the twelfth century, the Mass of the Holy Ghost was ordered to be sung, and also by the Pontifical of Lyons, written in the fourteenth century [Catalani, § xiv. p. 191]. Thomasin has printed this hymn in his collection of very ancient hymns of the ancient Church [Op. tom. ii. p. 375]. See also Brev. Sarisb. Pars hiemalis, fol. 97, MS. Sarisb.

... Sint speciosi, munere tuo, podos Salisbury Use. ejus ad evangelizandum pacem, ad evangelizandum bona tua. Da eí, Domine, ministerium reconciliationis, in verbis et in factis, in virtute signorum et prodigiorum. Sit sermo ejus, et praedicatio, non in persuabilibus humane sapientie verbis, sed in ostensione spiritus et virtutis. Da eí, Domine, claves regni celorum, ut utatur, non glorietur, potestate quam tribuis in edificationem, non in destructionem ... Sint fidelis servus et prudens, quem constituas tu, Domine, super familiar tuam; ut det illis cibum in tempore opportuno ...

Terminando secreto: Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus. Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

Et respondeant omnes: Amen.
GIVE heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men. Take heed unto thyself, and to doctrine, and be diligent in doing them: for by so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them, devour them not. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the out-casts, seek the lost. Be so merciful, that you be not too remiss; so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy: that when the chief Shepherd shall appear you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop shall proceed in the Communion-Service; with whom the new consecrated Bishop (with others) shall also communicate.

The IV. Council of Carthage, c. ii., directs, "Episcopum cum ordinatur, duo Episcopi ponant et teneant Evangelorum codicem super caput et corvicem ejus: et uno super capum fundente benedictionem, reliqui annos Episcopi, qui audent, manibus suis capet ejus taurant." In the first Prayer Book of Edward VI., 1549, this old tradition was observed, for the Archbishop was required to "lay the Bible upon his (the elected Bishop's) neck."

The Roman Pontifical requires the open Gospels to be laid without a word on the neck of the Elect, and Catalani says, that with this agrees the Greek and Syrian rituals, a Pontifical of Mayence, and Roger Wodover, a. d. 1089.

A MS. of Arles quoted by Martene [De Ant. Eccles. Rit., l. i. c. viii. Art. X. n. x. v.], leaves it indifferently whether open or closed, and so do Latin rituals, except the "Ordo Romanus" and that of C. Cajetan, which prescribe it to be closed; but the Apost. Constit. [lib. viii. c. iv.], Symeon of Thessalonica [c. viii.], and the Greek Marcove and Jacobite rites prescribe it to be open. Two old Pontificals require the Gospels to be laid between the shoulders and on the neck, the Greek rituals and Symeon of Thessalonica say it was to be laid on the back of the hand and neck (ὑπὸ κεφαλάς καὶ τριχάτος) and the Nestorians, on the back. Three Deacons hold the book [Const. Apost., lib. viii. c. iv.]; but the "Ordo Romanus" [IV. Conc. Carth., c. ii.], the Sacramentary of Gregory, and other rituals, appoint Bishops for the set. From the words of the Gospel which chance to open, the superstitious of the Middle Ages drew auguries, and this custom seems to have led to the direction that the book should be shut. Amalarius

Fortunatus [De Off. Eccles., l. ii. cit.] says of this ceremony, "Neque vetae auctoritas latinitae, neque Apostolica traditio, neque Canonica auctoritas;" Alcinus [De Div. Offic.], agrees with Amalaris. This statement must be somewhat corrected, as we find the rite enjoined in the Pontifical of Egbert, the Sacramentary of St. Gregory, and the IV. Council of Carthage. Hallier makes this, with the laying on of hands, two forms, as he notes two matters of consecration, "Receive the Holy Ghost," and, "Take the Gospel." [P. iii. s. ix. c. Art. 3.]. Probably the custom of the delivery of the Bible was derived from the old English custom of giving the Gospel to the Deacons, mentioned 900 years ago as Martene shows [tom. ii. p. 314].


"Cum baculus datur.—Accipe baculum sacri regiminis signum, ut iucnecillos consolides, tibitantibus confirmes, parvus corriges, rectos dirigites in viam salutis eorum." [Morin, P. ii. 216, ex cod. ann. Doc. estat superante]. In the Greek ritual occurs, και ταύτην την βαθμίαν της της ζητηθέντων θεματών την παλινδρομιαν ιηυ αρνητον της θεις εν ημων χρησιν. [Assemani, P. iv. p. 231.]

"Pacifice gregem Dei, qui creditus est manibus vestris, et visitate illum spiritualliter, non violenter sed sponte, non propser lucrura turpis. . . . ut sitis bonum exemplar, ut illum apparaist Princeps Pastorum, accipiat ab eo coronam que non mercedeit." [Morin, Ord. Syr. Maron. P. ii. p. 355].
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Ps. lxxii. 1. 2 Tim. i. 3. iv. 3-8. 1 7 Tim. iv. 11, 12. 14, 15. 1 Tim. vi. 13-16.

And for the last Collect, immediately before the Benediction, shall be said these Prayers.

MOST merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down upon this thy servant thy heavenly blessing; and so endue him with thy holy Spirit, that he, preaching thy Word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine; but also may be to such as believe a wholesome example, in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth one God with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

PREFERENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Most merciful Father] This Prayer is an adaptation of the "Benediction super populum," by the newly-ordained Bishop, in the Salisbury Pontifical:

"Deus, qui me indigaram et peccatorem ad Pontificale officium dignatus est promoveris, sus vos illustris atque sanctissimae benedictionis. Amen.

"Donec mihi per gratiam suam bene operandi facultatem: et voluisti sui famulatus promptissimam obedientiam. Amen.

"Sicque vos doctrinis spiritualibus et operibus bonis regleri in praesenti vita concead: ut ad pacea vitae aeterna cum castis oribus susi vos pariter introducant. Amen."

A somewhat similar prayer is to be found in Assemani's collection [P. i. iii. pp. 55. 88, 89], at the delivery of the Episcopal ornaments, and in the Prayer of Consecration [P. iv. 165]. Poem of the Pontificale "Universalis Poenitentiae, depremuntur, filii, tunc est, scatet, parvula faciebat, fuseda in horam, ita, castitatis aquis emixtae athen Theodi oderit, theis paroecis, etec, parastet, theo theo theo theo, kai toon megisthi lypogetai to etw mou

FINIS.
GENERAL APPENDIX.

I.

THE "STATE SERVICES."

Until the year 1859 modern editions of the Book of Common Prayer contained four services for special days of the year, which were commonly called "State Services," because they commemorated certain public events connected with the political history of the country; and because the use of them was enjoined by the State alone rather than by the Church and State together. These formed no part of the Book put forth by authority of Crown, Convocation, and the Houses of Lords and Commons in 1661, and therefore no part of the Book alone sanctioned by the Act of Uniformity 1. The authority for the three which have been discontinued was of a mixed character, partly civil and partly ecclesiastical; the authority for that which is still enjoined by the State is to this day solely that of the State, and of one branch of the State alone. In giving a short summary of the history and obligation of the several forms, it will be convenient to mention the particulars of each case separately.

§ The Form of Prayer for the Fifth of November.

The Act of Parliament 3 Jac. I., cap. 1, provided for the annual observance of this day in commemoration of the discovery of the Powder Plot, and ordered that all ministers in every Cathedral and Parish Church should say Morning Prayer, and "give thanks to Almighty God for this most happy deliverance," and that all "persons inhabiting within this realm of England and dominions of the same" should resort to some Church and be present during such service. No particular form, however, was prescribed, and none was prepared by Convocation; but a form drawn up by the Bishops was issued by Royal authority in 1666. In April, 1662, this form was revised by Bishop Cosin, and adopted by Convocation on the 26th of that month, together with those for January 30, and May 29, and was attached to the Prayer Book by virtue of a Royal Proclamation, enjoining the use of all three, of May 2, 1662. The form remained unaltered until the accession of William III., when, as he happened to have landed in England upon that day, and was regarded as the means of a similar deliverance to that then commemorated, various interpolations relating to his accession, as well as some alterations (e. g. the substitution of Luke ix. 51—57 as the Gospel, instead of Matt. xxvii. 1—10, the account of Judas's betrayal of his Master, "which for some good reasons, I suppose," says Whetstey, significantly, "was then thought proper to be discontinued") were made by Bishops Patrick and Sprat without the sanction of either Convocation or Parliament. This service was then re-issued by Proclamation of October 18, 1690, and was the form which continued to be enjoined until its recent removal.

§ The Form of Prayer for the Thirtieth of January.

This day was appointed to be observed "as an anniversary day of fasting and humiliation, to implore the mercy of God," by Act of Parliament 12 Car. II., cap. 30. The form of Prayer was prepared by a Committee of Convocation appointed May 16, 1661, which consisted of Bishops Warner of Rochester, King of Chichester, Morley of Worcester, and Reynolds of Norwich, together with eight representatives of the Lower House; it was approved April 28, 1662, and enjoined, with the preceding service, by Proclamation of May 2, 1662 2. Upon the accession of James II., however, certain alterations were made by royal authority alone, which were not improvements, intensifying in some degree the tone and language of the earlier service, and, especially, enlarging the introductory Hymn by the addition of various passages of Holy Scripture prophetic of our Blessed Lord's Sufferings and Death. This form (the order for the use of which was dated December 23, 1665) was not altered during the reign of William III., and was the one which remained in use subsequently.

§ The Form of Prayer for the Twenty-ninth of May.

The Act 12 Car. II., cap. 14, appointed May 29 to be observed with public thanksgivings for a double reason, as being the birthday of Charles II. as well as the day of his Restoration.

1 At the end of the Printed Scaled Copies, the following is found in manuscript:
"The Formes of Prayer for the V. of November, the XXX of January, & for the XXIX of May are to be printed at the end of this Book."
This notice was probably written by the Commissioners appointed to revise the standard copies (see p. xliii.), but it is not found in the one manuscript of the Prayer Book which remains, that kept at Dublin, and it may be safely asserted that it had not the authority of the Crown, of Convocation, or of the House of Lords and Commons.

The history of the State Services themselves is fully given, from the two opposite points of view, in Rev. A. P. Percival's "Original Services for the State Holidays," Lond. 1839, in which the original and altered Forms are exhibited in parallel columns, and in a pamphlet by Rev. T. Lathbury, "The Authority of the Services... considered," Lond. 1843.

2 It has not, we believe, been previously distinctly noticed that two editions and versions of a Form were issued "by His Majesty's direction," before that which was prepared by Convocation. One of these appeared in 1661, in which the Introductory Hymn was longer than that in the subsequent service, some of the proper Psalms different, and a very long prayer, full of the strongest expressions, occupied the place of the first Collect, which, together with some portions of the other prayers, was taken from "Private forms of prayer, fitted for the late sad times; particularly a form of prayer for the thirtieth of January," a book in which Bishop Brian Duppa had a share, printed at London in 1660. By a singular oversight, the Collect for the Royal Family was copied without alteration from a Prayer Book of the reign of Charles I., and consequently petitions were offered in it for "Queen Mary, Prince Charles, and the rest of the royal progeny," when that Prince had become the reigning monarch. A second edition, corrected in this respect, appeared, with a proclamation for its use, dated January 7, 1662; it was somewhat curtailed, but was still longer than the Form finally adopted by Convocation. Burnet says that Bancroft drew for the three days "some Offices of a very high strain. Yet others of a more moderate strain were preferred to them. But he, coming to be advanced to the See of Canterbury, got his Offices to be published by the King's authority" (Own Times, i. 333). Probably these were the alterations introduced on James's accession.
The service was prepared, as in the preceding case, by a committee of Convocation, consisting of Bishops Wren of Ely, Skinner of Oxford, Laney of Peterborough, and Houchman of Sarum, together with eight members of the Lower House; its approval by the two Houses and issue under the authority of the Crown were simultaneous with those of the form for January 30. Since, however, various portions herein referred to the birth of Charles II., the use of which after his death would have been out of place, the form was revised upon the accession of James, who upon its re-publication issued an order for its observance, dated April 29, 1685, which mentioned the reason for its alteration, and stated that it was "now, by our special command to the Bishops, altered and settled to our satisfaction." From this time the form continued without any further change.

§ The Form of Prayer for the Accession of the Sovereign.

This is the only one for which there was never any degree of parliamentary authority, formerly or at present. The other services, although not specially prescribed, were recognized by the enactments which ordered that their several days should be observed with particular thanksgivings; but even this modified authority is wanting to the service for the Accession. In principle, however, it is the oldest of all the State Services. The first form was issued in 1578, to be used on November 17, the day of the accession of Queen Elizabeth; but during the reign of James I., the observance of the day appeared to have been laid aside, his reign being sufficiently marked by the form for November 5, and that for August 5, the day of his escape from the conspiracy of the Gowries. A form, however, was issued in 1626 for the accession of Charles I., the history of the preparation of which is not known, but which appeared only under the King's authority. Among the Canons passed by Convocation in 1640 was one which recognized this form and enjoined the observance of the day; but an Act passed in 1661 (33 Car. II. cap. 12), expressly forbade the enforcement of these Canons, and the day and form alike remained unsanctioned, and were thus disused, the King's accession being more fitly commemorated on May 28. But on the accession of James II., both were revisited, and was prepared, which retained but one of the prayers in the previous form (that which commences, "O Lord our God, Who upholdest and governest"). It appeared with a proclamation for its use dated December 23, 1685, which sets out with stating, "Whereas not only the pious Christian emperors in ancient times, but also of late our own most religious predecessors, kings of this realm, did cause the days on which they began their several reigns to be publickly celebrated every year (so long as they reigned) by all their subjects with solemn prayers and thanksgiving to Almighty God; this pious custom received lately a long and doleful interruption upon occasion of the barbarous murder of our most dear Father of blessed memory, which claimed the day on which our late most dear brother succeeded to the Crown into a day of sorrow and fasting. But now we thinking fit to revive the former laudable and religious practice, and having caused a form of prayer and thanksgiving to be composed by our Bishops for that purpose, our will and pleasure is," &c. During the reign of William III. the day and form were not observed, his accession being added to the service for November 5; but with Anne they returned into use, King James's service being revised and altered, and re-issued under the authority of a Proclamation of February 7, 1703-4. This remains the form still enjoined for use on June 20, the anniversary of the accession of Her present Majesty, except that during the reign of George I., part of the first lesson appointed in James's book (Josh. i. 1-9) was restored in place of the lesson substituted by Queen Anne (Prov. viii. 18-36). From this brief statement it is evident that the three earlier forms had in their original condition sufficient authority; the days were appointed by Parliament for special services, such services were prepared by Convocation, and then ratified by the Crown. The subsequent alterations lacked both parliamentary and ecclesiastical sanction, except in so far as the former was afforded by the recognition of the days and their services through the incorporation of the whole Prayer Book Calendar, in the Act for the regulation of the Calendar, 21 Geo. ii. cap. 23. Considerable difficulty was in consequence felt by many Clergy as to the legality of the forms, the reconciliability of their use with the terms of the Act of Uniformity, and the right of the State to impose them; added to which, the tone of portions of them jarred painfully in their bitterness and vehemence with that of the ordinary devotions of the Church, "Popish tracyery," "hellish malice," "bloodthirsty enemies," and the like expressions, which were chiefly found in the form for November 5, were felt by most to be out of place in a service of solemn thanksgiving and intercession. In consequence, the observance of the several days gradually fell into comparative disuse, and was kept of late years only in Cathedrals, College Chapels, and in some (and some only) of the Churches where Daily Prayer was offered. The subject was considered in the Lower House of Convocation in 1857, and a Report from a Committee appointed to examine it (presented July 10), stated that the services as they then stood, with the alterations which had from time to time been made, rested on the sole power of the Crown. The mind of Clergy and Laity was therefore prepared to some extent for the debates in Parliament in June 1858 (in which special reference was made to the Report of Convocation) on the expediency of abolishing the observance of the three days, which resulted, in the first place, in Addresses to the Queen from both Houses, praying for the discontinuance of the Forms of Prayer. Upon these Addresses, followed on January 17, 1859, the issue of the "Warrant" by Her Majesty, which ordered that the use of these forms "be henceforth discontinued," and that they "be not henceforth printed and published with, or annexed to, the Book of Common Prayer." The repeal of the several Acts enjoining the observance of the anniversaries (including also the Act of the Parliament of Ireland, 14 & 15 Car. ii., cap. 23, for the observance in Ireland of the 23rd October in commemoration of the Rebellion of 1641) was then in the last place enacted by Stat. 22 Vict. cap. 2, which received the royal assent on March 25, 1859. It is, however, a matter for regret that the history of great national mercies and sins should by this total repeal have altogether lost its public religious aspect, in connexion with the teaching of the Church of the land; well would it have been if but one Collect for each day had been left by proper authority to preserve the memory and lessons of events which were of the highest national moment. But if any doubt rested on the degree of obligation attaching to these three earlier forms, much more must it be a question how far the remaining service, that for the Accession, can still bind the Clergy to its use, when it rests simply and entirely upon the authority of Proclamation alone, without sanction from either Parliament or Convocation. Every true Christian Englishman who has a real sense of the dignity, greatness and responsibility of the Sovereign set over him by God, and a real interest in the welfare of the nation, must desire that the day which annually commemorates the perpetuity of our Constitution should be marked with a special offering of praise and prayer; praise for the great mercies vouchsafed to our land, and prayer that Prince and People may alike, from the consideration of those mercies, continually learn and practice better their own mutual duties. Greatly therefore is it to be wished that a form were prepared by Convocation and duly sanctioned by Parliament, in which all could gladly and without scruple take part; a form which would be indeed at once the annual solemn confession by the Church on behalf of the People that by God alone "Kings reign and Princes decree justices," and the annual witness to the old loyalty that jealously guards alike the Altar and the Throne.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES.

§ Service in Commemoration of the Fire of London.

A Form of Prayer appointed to be used annually on September 2, in commemoration of the Fire of London (which commenced on that day), appears in some Oxford Prayer Books printed between 1681 and 1683. It was first issued for use, "by his Majesty's special command," on October 10, 1666, and contained, like other special forms, a hymn instead of the Venite, proper Psalms and
Lessons, &c.; but was without any special mention of the Fire or of the City of London. In 1606 it was revised and re-issued under Archbishop Tenison's authority, with a different hymn, and other changes, and with a Collect added which prayed for the preservation of the City from fire. The service was reprinted in a separate shape by the king's printers from time to time, even as lately as the year 1821: and a Latin version of it is included in the Latin Prayer Book published by Thomas Parsell, of which the last edition appeared in 1744. Its use was continued in St. Paul's Cathedral until the year 1859, when the observance of the day ceased, together with that of the state holydays abrogated by Parliament.

§ The Office used at the Healing.

Prayer Books printed in the earlier part of the last century, and particularly during the reign of Queen Anne, frequently contain the prayers used on the occasion of the touching by the sovereign for the cure of the king's evil. The earliest edition in which the office has as yet been found is of the date of 1707, and the latest is that printed by Baskett in Oxford in 1792 (Bodl. Libr.). A Latin version, however, continued to appear in the later editions of the Latin Prayer Book published by Thomas Parsell, of Merchant Taylors' School, to the year 1744. But as the service possessed no liturgical authority, and had no rightful place in the English Service Book, it is not necessary to notice it here in any detail. It was first, as it seems, compiled in a regular form in the reign of Henry VII., whose Office was printed by Henry Hills, the king's printer, in 1686, in quarto, and is to be found reprinted in Pegge's "Curiali Miscellanies" (Lond. 1818), and in vol. iii. of Maskell's "Monumenta Ritualia." The order of the service appears to have varied with each sovereign, and the ceremonial used by Queen Anne was considerably shorter than that adopted by her predecessors.

Although the service appears in Prayer Books of the Georgian era, it is said that it was never used by a sovereign of the house of Hanover. The power of touching was exercised by the son of James II. as James III. in the hospitals at Paris, and by Prince Charles Edward at Edinburgh; but it is not known whether the last representative of the house of Stuart, the Cardinal of York, ever claimed to use it, although two silver touch-pieces for distribution at the healing were struck by him as Henry IX.

An English form from a Prayer Book of 1710 is given, as well as the earlier Latin form, in Pegge's "Curiali Miscellanies," and from a Prayer Book of 1715 (also with the Latin form) in the Notes to A. J. Stephens' edition of the Prayer Book, vol. ii. pp. 900—1005; but the fullest historical account of the whole subject is to be found in a pamphlet by Edw. Law Hussey, Esq., M.R.C.S., of Oxford, reprinted in 1853 from the Archaeological Journal, and entitled, "On the Cure of Serofous Diseases attributed to the Royal Touch."

The Form of Consecrating Cram-ripen on Good Friday, as a remedy against contraction of the nerves and the falling-sickness,—a practice used by Henry VIII. and Queen Mary, in the assertion of a similar power to that claimed to be exercised in the preceding rite, was never printed in the Prayer Book, as it was never used by any sovereign since the Reformation, although apparently revised and prepared for use in the reign of James II. It is printed in English (from a MS. of the latter date) in Pegge's "Curiali Miscellanies," and in vol. iii. of Maskell's "Monumenta," a Latin form, prepared for Queen Mary in 1554, is to be found in Burnet, and in Wilkins.

§ The Form used at the Meeting of Convocation.

This Latin form was first printed in 1700 by the king's printer, and again in 1702, with the title, " formas, præcum in utraque domo Convocationis, sive Synodi Praebendarum et catери Claris, seu Provincialibus et Nationalibus, in ipso statim cujuslibet sessionibus initio solemniter recitandi." It is found in Parsell's Latin Prayer Book, of which the fourth edition appeared in 1727, and a later one in 1744; and, from thence, in Bagster's "Liturgia Anglicana Polyglotta," published in 1825. It consists of the Litany (which is said in the Upper House by the junior Bishop, and in the Lower by the Prolocutor) with a special supplication inserted after that for the Clergy, a prayer after that for the Parliament, and the following four Collects before the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, viz. that for St. Simon and St. Jude, the second for Good Friday, and those for St. Peter and for the fifth Sunday after Trinity. The form is reprinted in the "Appendix to Pereov's Original Services for the State Holy Days," pp. 102, 103.

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II.

THE SCOTTISH PRAYER BOOK OF 1637.

The Scottish "Service Book," as it was called at the time of its introduction, is alike interesting from the great names with which it is associated, from the calamitous circumstances of its first appearance, from its relation to the first Book of Edward, and from the influence which, in spite of its failure in Scotland, it exercised on the final revision of the English Book. A brief description of this Prayer Book—popularly, but incorrectly, called Abp. Laud's—is now presented to the reader.

To begin with its historic antecedents. A real Episcopacy—as distinct from what is known in Scottish history as the "Tulchan Prayacy"—was provided for Scotland by the consecration, in 1610, of Abp. Spottiswood, Bp. Laud, and Bp. Hamilton, for the sees of Glasgow, Brechin, and Galloway. Spottiswood became Abp. of St. Andrew's in 1615; and in the same year he seems to have drawn up a list of the wants of the Scottish Church, among which was included the lack of a form of Divine Service [Grub's Ecl. Hist. of Scotland, iii. 305]. At that time Knox's "Book of Common Order" was used, along with extemporary prayer. In 1616, the General Assembly at St. Andrew's, under Spottiswood's presidency, agreed to the proposal (which King James had expressly supported), that an uniform order of Liturgy should be framed, "to be read in all kirks on the ordinary days of prayer, and every Sabbath-day before sermon." "The King," says Mr. Grub, "certainly intended to pave the way for the introduction of the English Prayer Book," while many of the Ministers of the Assembly merely contemplated a book on the model of the "Common Order" [Grub, ii. 375]. James determined to accustom the inhabitants of Edinburgh to the presence of the English ritual (which he had once rudely and ignorantly satirized), by establishing it in the Chapel Royal at Holyrood, where, on Saturday May 17, 1617, it was for the first time performed with "singing of choristers, playing on organs, and surplices," in the King's own presence. A Celebration followed on Whitsunday, when Bp. Andrews preached. The Dean of the chapel, Bp. Cowper, at first declined to communicate kneeling; Land, who was in attendance on the Court, gave offence by performing a funeral in a surplice; and it was evident that the example of the Chapel Royal would not be willingly followed by the Scottish kirks. One other public step was taken in James's reign—the promulgation, in 1620, of an Ordinal for Scotland—a very unsatisfactory rite, which ignored the Order of Deacons. But the King received from Abp. Spottiswood the draft of a Liturgy,
which he caused to be revised by Dean Young of Winchester, and then returned, with marks of his own, to Spottiswood [Lawson, Hist. Episc. Ch. i. 487].

Charles I., at his accession, projected the reformation of a Scottish Liturgy, and carefully considered the book which his father had received. Rather more than a year after Laud's translation to the see of London—that is, in September, 1629—the Bishop (then just able to sit up after a severe illness) was visited by Dr. John Maxwell, one of the Edinburgh Clergy, who told him in the King's name that he was desired to communicate with some Scottish Bishops, including Abb. Spottiswood, concerning a Liturgy for that Church. "I told him," says Laud [Works, iii. 427], "I was clear of opinion that if the Majesties would have a Liturgy settled there, it were best to take the English Liturgy without any variation..." He replied that he was of a contrary opinion; and that not he only, but the Bishops of that kingdom, thought their countrymen would be much better satisfied if a Liturgy were framed by their own Clergy, than to have the English Liturgy put upon them; yet, he added, that it might be according to the form of the English Service Book." Laud replied, that if this were so, he would take no further step until he was able to see the King. This he did in October; Charles "awoke the seeding of Dr. Maxwell, and the message he brought as much as his Litaut's opinion. And in this condition," says Laud, "I hold the matter for two or not three years at least." Maxwell, meantime, was the bearer of a Royal Letter to Archbishop Spottiswood, "pressing greater conformity to the Church of England!" [Lawson, i. 440].

In June, 1633, King Charles was crowned at Holyrood; and Maxwell appeared among the prelates as Bishop-elect of Ross. A few days later, Laud preached in the Chapel Royal on the benefits of ecclesiastical conformity; and some thought that this would have been a favourable time for proposing the reception of the English Liturgy in Scotland. But it appears that in this summer—otherwise memorable for Laud's translation to Canterbury—Charles gave way to the urgency of some of the Scottish Bishops for a Liturgy of their own. They used not only the argument from national feeling, but another which would have great weight with the King and Laud: "that, if they did not then make the book as perfect as they could, they should never be able to get it perfected after" [Laud, iii. 345]. The King ordered an Episcopal committee in Scotland to prepare a Liturgy, and to communicate with Laud, who was commanded to give his "best assistance in this way, and work." "I delayed as much as I could," he says, "with my obedience, and, when nothing would serve but it must go on, I confess I was very serious, and gave them the best help I could" [Laud, ii. 428]. Bishops Juxon and Wren were to assist Laud. Charles, in the meantime, determined to make his own revision of the Liturgy. He was impatient for the due performance of the English ritual at Holyrood: in October, 1633, he sent orders for that purpose, one of which was, "that there be prayers twice a day with the quire, according to the English Liturgy, till some course be taken for making one that may fit the customs and constitutions of that Church." Laud also wrote repeatedly to Bishop Bellenden, Dean of the Chapel, exhorting him to preach "in his white." He was to do this "in Sundays, and otherwise to see to the due order of the worship.

The compilation of the Scottish Liturgy appears to have occupied between two and three years. Of the Scottish prelates, some, as the Archbishop of Glasgow, were more or less indisposed towards the undertaking, others were decidedly favourable, as Lindsay of Edinburgh, who was afterwards denounced at the Assembly of Glasgow, as "a bowser to the altar, a storer of the altar, a teacher of the church, and even an elevator at consecration!" Bellenden of Aberdeen, Whiteford of Brechin, and Syderick of Galloway, who was pelted in 1637 by female fanatics, and accused of Arminianism and Popery, and driven into exile, where, alone of Scottish Bishops, he survived until the Restoration. But the two chief compilers were Maxwell, Bishop of Ross, and Welldenburn, of Dunblane. In fact, if the book were to be called after any one man, it should be known as "Maxwell's Liturgy." He was a person of much practical energy, and very obnoxious to the Scottish Puritans. As early as 1636, or earlier, he established the English ritual in his Cathedral of Forres, where he afterwards, for some time, upheld the Scottish; he was denounced in 1638, as "a bowser at the altar, a weaver of cope and rochet," and as having "consecrated" Deacons. Welldenburn was a Scotman educated at Oxford, had been intimate with Casaubon, and held prebends at Wells and Ely; Laud knew him personally, "wished him very well for his worth sake," and thought that although "a mere scholar and a book-man," he was certain to do good service, if "his heart" could be kept up. The Presbyterian denounced him as having, by lectures at St. Andrews, "corrupted divers with Arminianism," and left evidence for all the notoriety of this, of his errors and perversiones of the Church's forms, and "being often scandalous, preacher, usurper of one book and all.

As an orthodox theologian, he had objected to the inadequacy of the Ordinal of 1629, and he felt very strongly the desirableness of making the new Service Book more perfect, by conforming it in certain important points to Edward VI.'s first Liturgy; for Laud cites a note of his, to the effect that if the forms of administering the Sacrament be left as they stood in that Liturgy, "the action will be much the shorter; besides, the words which are added since, 'Take, eat, in remembrance,' &c., may seem to relish somewhat of the Zuinglian tenet" [Laud, iii. 367].

Archbishop Laud himself disclaims, and with perfect justice, the authorship of the Scottish Liturgy; but allows that he took a deep interest in, and prayed heartily for, its success. Again, he writes, "I like the book exceeding well, and hope I shall be able to maintain any thing that is in it, and wish with all my heart that it had been entertained there" [Laud, iii. 355]. We find him urging on the English printers, revising proofs, encouraging Maxwell, receiving his queries as to certain suggestions, and "noton" from Bishop Welldenburn, as to which he takes the King's pleasure, "sits down seriously" with Bishop Wren to consider them, remits them to Charles with remarks, receives back from him those which he has approved, and sends them to Welldenburn written in an English Prayer Book, April 30, 1636 [Laud, vi. 456]. One or two of the points which he takes, may illustrate the minute carefulness of his criticism. The Psalms cannot be well sung without a colon in the middle of each verse. As to the Offertory sentences, "we admit of all years," but some others from the English Book are recommended in addition.—"God be thanked," he concludes; "this will do very well, and, I hope, breed up a great deal of devout and religious piety in that kingdom." He asks Welldenburn to send him a list of desideranda which would make the Liturgy still more perfect, whether the times will bear them or not: he may find some use for them. The King himself was eager and painstaking; having sanctioned a first draft of the Book in December, 1635, he desired that it should be brought to the form of the English Liturgy as given in the revised form sent by Laud to Welldenburn; and most of Laud's alterations were written down in his presence. As early as September 30, 1638, Laud had urged Spottiswood to proceed strictly according to law, "because His Majesty had no intention to do any thing but that which was according to honour and justice, and the laws of that kingdom" [Laud, ii. 429]. And he tells us that he ever advised the Scottish Bishops", both in the King's presence and at other times, both by word and writing, "to do nothing in this particular but by warrant of law," protesting that, as he knew not the Scottish laws, he must leave the manner of introducing the Liturgy wholly to them. "And, I am sure, they told me they would adventure it no way but that which was legal" [Laud, iii. 386].

The misfortune was, that some of the Scottish Bishops, as well as Charles I. himself, appear to have regarded as legal what to the Scottish nation seemed an intolerable excess of power. Spottiswood, if we may trust the report of his conversation with the Earl of Rothes, relied on royal prerogative as sufficient to warrant the introduction of the Liturgy, or indeed of any other ecclesiastical change [Lawson, vi. 519]. But Maxwell took a higher line, to the effect that the Bishops, who "had the authority to govern the Church, and were the presentative Church of the kingdom," had as such concurred with the King...
in introducing the Liturgy [Lawson, i. 511]. Maxwell on this occasion spoke of General Assemblies, as "consisting of a multitude;" whereas it is remarkable that Laud in his History expresses an opinion that "the Bishops trusted with this business went not the right way, by a General Assembly and other legal councils of that kingdom" [Laud, vi. 278]; and in letters to Sir Roger and Sir Philip Hopton, he speaks of the Bishops' "improvidence" in being too desirous to "do all in a quiet way," in not "taking the whole Council into consideration," "engaging" the lay lords, and "dealing with" the ministers. "The King," he writes, "ought to have dealt more thoroughly with the lords of the Council, and sifted their judgments" [Laud, vi. 555]; and he proceeds to impugn treachery to one whom he had trusted, the Earl of Traquair: an imputation which Collier in his History repeats [viii. 114]. The gross mistake of publishing the Canons, which commanded the use of the Liturgy, before the Liturgy itself appeared, has often excited astonishment. The Canons were promulgated by letters patent, on the ground of royal prerogative in causes ecclesiastical, May 25, 1635, and published early in 1636. The Service Book was authorized by a royal warrant of October 18, 1636, and by an Act of the Scottish Privy Council, December 20, 1636. But although a new Ordinal, of which no copy is now supposed to exist, but which appears to have recognized the Order of Deacons, and to have had the form "Receive the Holy Ghost," appeared at the close of 1636 [Grub, ii. 398], the Service Book was not actually published until Lent 1637.

We may lay all due stress on the various instances of mismanagement in this memorable transaction; but if Charles I. had taken a moderate course, avoiding the display of high-handed authority and the appearance of English dictation, and laying the proposed book before the General Assembly and the Parliament, its chance of acceptance could not have been materially improved; although there might have been fewer outbreaks of fanatical wrath, fewer outrages in the name of religion. The book—although, as we shall see, not faultless—was, in fact, too good to be appreciated by a people so deeply alienated, as Mr. Urquhart observes [i. 399], "from what had been the common heritage of Christendom for fifteen centuries." Bramhall, then Bishop of Derry, wrote to Spottiswood that the book was "to be executed, perhaps, in some things, if one owned all," and agreed with Dr. Duppa, afterwards Bishop of Winchester, that there in the first six centuries there had been no such Liturgy; and Maxwell declared it to be "one of the most orthodox and perfect Liturgies in the Christian Church." But this, the Scots, was no recommendation.

Passing by the disasters which followed the attempt to introduce it at Edinburgh, July 23, 1637, we proceed to take a survey of its contents:—

1 In the "Remains" of Dean Granville, of Durham, published by the Socinian Society (Part ii. p. 117), he states that on Holy Thursday, 1633, he had a conversation with Bishop Burnet, Archbishop of St. Andrews, who, "sadly bewailed" the want of liturgical worship in Scotland, "as also that they had not at first, after the King's restoration, attempted to introduce the Liturgy of the Church of England, together with the Bishops: which he and the Bishops of Scotland were now convinced they might have done with as little trouble as they did the other."
and "great need there was," said David Mitchell, afterwards for a few months Bishop of Aberdeen, "to return to it, proper Sacramentaries" [Lawson, i. 517]. Bishop Horsley's expressed admiration of the Scottish Communion Office, which is a revised form of the Office of 1637, is well known; he considered that it was decidedly better than the English Office of 1662, although the latter was "very good."

The introductory rubric ordered that the Holy Table (which was never spoken of in the Office simply as the Table) should have "a cover, and a fair white linen cloth upon it, and other decent furniture, meet for the high mysteries there to be celebrated," and should "stand at the uppermost end of the chancel or church." The Presbyter was to begin "at the north side or end thereof;" our book has nothing about "end." He was to turn to the people when reciting the Commandments; a direction not given in England until 1632. An anti-Sabbatarian feeling expressed itself in the words, that the people were to ask God's mercy for their transgression of the Law, "either according to the letter, or to the mystical importance of the said Commandment:" and it is remarkable that the difficulty felt as to the prayer referring to the Fourth Commandment not only suggested this qualifying clause, but afterwards led many of the nonjurors to substitute the Evangelical summary of the Law, commonly called "the Short Law," for the Ten Commandments.

Instead of "Have mercy upon the whole Church," the reading was, "Have mercy upon Thy Holy Catholic Church, and in the particular Church in which we live, so rule," &c. It was expressly provided that the people should say, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord," at the announcement of the Gospel, and also "Thanks be to Thee, O Lord," at its end. The Nicene Creed was to be said or sung: this alternative was given in England in 1632, but the Officeary began with the account, in Genesis iv. 3, of Cain and Abel. The thanksgiving of David [1 Chr. xxi. 10, sq.] was one of the sentences; the Scottish Office, since the revision of 1755, has ordered it to be said at the moment of presenting the alms. There were no sentences from the Apocalypse. The alms were loosely called oblations (in the present English book a distinction is observed); and they were to be "humbly presented on the Holy Table," an order which our present book has adopted. There was another order for the "offering up and placing" of the elements upon the Lord's Table; and our present book has substantially adopted this also, and has a reference to the elements as "oblations" in the prayer, whereas the Scottish book had no such reference. The words "consecration, &c." were well retained. Where we read, "all Bishops and Curates," the Scottish reads, "all Bishops, Presbytes, and Curates." At a Celebration these words were added: "And we commend especially unto Thy merciful goodness and the congregation which is here assembled in Thy name, to celebrate the commemoration of the most precious Death and Passion of Thy Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ." The Liturgy of 1549 was not followed in its mention of the Blessed Virgin, the Patriarchs, Prophets, &c., nor in its commendation of the departed faithful to God's mercy; but other parts of the language of 1549 were adopted, the Prayer, after "any other adversity," proceeding, as now the Scottish form does: "And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have finishing their course in faith do now rest from their labours. And we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy Saints, who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of the world, in their several generations; most humbly beseeching Thee that we may have grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in Thy faith, and obedience to Thy holy commandments; that at the day of the general resurrection, we, and all they which are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this," &c. It is easy to see that the Caroline revisers had this before them when they framed the commemoration of the departed servants of God for the book of 1662. The service then proceeded as it was settled in the Second Book of Edward, until the Preface: the word "blessed" being inserted before "Virgin" in the Christmas Preface. The Invocation, Confession, Absolution, Sentences, Preface, and Tersactus were kept in the place which they held in the English rite, by Laud's desire; but the Prayer of Access was deferred until just before Communion. The rubric before consecration was:—

"Then the Presbyter, standing up, shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth. But then during the time of consecration, he shall stand at such a part of the Holy Table, where he may with the more ease and decency use both his hands."

On this it is to be observed: (1) that Laud had expressly required that "every prayer or other action in the Communion should be named in the rubric, that it might be known what it was,—The Prayer of Consecration, the Memorial or Prayer of Oblation." And until 1662 the English book had no such words as "the prayer of consecration." (2) That from Laud's own words [Land, iii. 347], and from the obvious sense of the passage, it is plain that the celebrant was intended to perform the consecration standing in front of the Holy Table. This was objected to in "Rome's Master-piece," as "smelling very strongly of Popery" [Land, iv. 465]. In reference to such changes, Laud argues that "the north end of the table in most places is too narrow, and wants room, to lay the Service Book open before him that officiates, and to place the bread and wine within his reach." [Here again Land allows the word "end" to "stand for "side." And (3) that this throws light on the present English rubric, which was clearly framed with the Scottish rubric in view; and discourages that interpretation of it which would have the Priest stand before the Table only while ordering, not while consecrating, the elements.

The actual Prayer is like our own until "Hear us," except that it reads "which" for "who" after "Father," and also inserts "and Sacrifice" after "precious death"—an insertion not taken from the Liturgy of 1549; then after the words, "beseech Thee," comes the Invocation, a passage of which Land says [iii. 354]: "'Tis true, this passage is not in the Prayer of Consecration in the Service Book of England; but I wish with all my heart it were. For though the consecration of the elements may be without it, yet it is much more solemn and full by that invocation." The form may be compared with those of Edward's First Liturgy and the present Scottish office.

First Book.

And with Thy Holy Spirit and word vouchsafe to bless and sanctify those thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ: Who in the same night. . . .

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And of Thy Almighty goodness vouchsafe so to bless and sanctify with Thy word and Holy Spirit these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of Thy most dearly beloved Son: so that we receiving them according to Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of the same His most precious Body and Blood: Who in the night. . . .

It seems certain that by "word" is meant the words of institution.
It is remarkable that early in the eighteenth century, Bishop Rose of Edinburgh was accustomed, when using the English Office of 1662, to insert his Invocation in it and it became one of the famous Usages. The present Scottish rite, since 1755, has placed the Invocation after the Oblation, and, since 1764, has omitted the Western phrase "to us," and the sentence, "so that we receiving," &c.

The English Office until 1662 had no directions for any "manual rites" in consecration. But the practice, as we infer from Land’s letter to Wedderburn, and from Cosin [Works, v. 340], was for the Priest to take the paten and chalice into his hands. But the Scottish Book prescribed all the four manual rites, just as the Book of 1663, evidently borrowing from it, has prescribed them. This is one of the most important instances of the beneficial effects of the Scottish Book on the Caroline revision.

After the words of institution came, "Immediately after this shall be said the Memorial, or Prayer of Oblation, as followeth:" "Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts," [here the present Scottish Office, since 1748, has added "which we now offer unto Thee," an express olation in this place being one of the greater "Usages," and ranking as such with the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, the mixed cup, and the non-exclusion, to say the least, of prayer for the departed], the memorial which Thy Son hath willed us to make; having in remembrance His blessed Passion," [the present Scottish adds, "and precious Death,"] "mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same." [Here the present Scottish inserts the Invocation.

"And we entirely desire Thy Fatherly goodness," &c., as in our present book down to "humbly beseeching Thee," when following the book of 1549, it proceeded, "that whatsoever shall be partakers of this Holy Communion may worthy receive the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in them, and they in Him. And although we be unworthy," &c., as in the present English. Then came the Lord’s Prayer; Land, it may be added, having thoroughly approved the placing of it and of the Prayer of Oblation before the Communion. Then the Prayer of Access; and then the Communion, the Bishop or the Celebrant being ordered first to receive, and then to administer to the other clergy, "that they may help him that celebrateth" (as it stood in the English Book, "that they may help the chief Minister") "all humbly kneeling:" the English Book then had no such advice; "meekly" was added in 1662. The benediction, "the Body of our Lord," &c. (which was much objected to by the Puritans, as suggestive of transubstantiation!) was to be said by the Celebrant himself when receiving, and to be followed by Amen; and the "Take and eat this," "Drink this," which had been first inserted in 1552, were, according to Wedderburn’s request, omitted. Laud writes, "I see no hurt in the omission of those latter words, none at all. And if there be any, it proceeded not from me." [Land, iii. 367.]

After the administration, the Celebrant was to cover the remains of the Sacrament with "a fair lined cloth or corporal," no such rule them existed in the English Book, but it was adopted — excepting the word "corporal," and with the addition of the word "reverently" — in 1662. The Collect, "Almighty and everliving God," then followed, as in the English Book; the strange error which from the First Book downwards had made this prayer, while addressing the Father, speak of "Thy mystical Body," was not corrected. The Office was concluded by the Gloria in Excelsis and the Blessing. Among the rubries after it there was a direction that after service what had been collected from the people should be divided in the presence of the Presbyter and churchwardens; half was to be for the Presbyter’s use, "to furnish him with books of holy scripture," half for purposes of piety and charity within the parish. There was also a careful provision,—which did not then exist in the English Book, but was adopted in 1662,—for the prevention of irreverent use of the consecrated remnants. To this was added: "And to the end there may be little lea, that officiates is required to consecrate with the least; and then if there be want, the words of consecration may be repeated again, over more either bread or wine; the Presbyter beginning at these words in the Prayer of Consecration: "Our Saviour, in the night that he was betrayed, took..." &c. This provision was also adopted, and made somewhat more definite, in 1662. The last rubric provided that every parishioner shall come to celebrate at the least once: the year, "of which Pasch or Easter shall be one; and shall also receive the Sacraments and other rites according to the order in this Book appointed." This, excepting the word Pasch, which was a peculiarly Scottish term for Easter, was then the language of the English Book; but the Scottish omitted the rule about parishioners reckoning at Easter with the parson, vicar, or curate, &c., and paying all ecclesiastical dues.

The only features in the Occasional Offices worthy of special notice are the following. In the first prayer at Public Baptism, before the entreaty that God would mercifully look upon these children, came the sentence, "Sanctify this fountain of Baptism, Thou which art the Sanctifier of all things." The First Book of 1552, Edinburgh, and the Collect following, had joined "Sanctify this water," and so the Scottish Office has followed. After the second of the two prayers at the first administration of Holy Communion, the Collect in the Scottish Book is "O most merciful God, our Saviour Jesus Christ," which, with other prayers, was to be said after the water in the font had been changed, and before any child was baptized therein. Bucer had objected to this; "his fear was, lest it should engender the idea, that into the elements themselves, there was infused some magical efficacy" [Wither- force on Holy Bapt., p. 247]. His objection, however unreasonable, had led to the omission of the benediction of the water in the Second Book; and the compilers of the Scottish Service Book resolved to return to the precedent of 1549, and to borrow from its elaborate benedictory office one sentence which should represent the idea, and might be inserted in the actual Order of Baptism. This was one of the points which gave great offence; it was a "consecration of holy water." And in the prayer before administration, "Almighty everliving God," which had stood at the end of the benedictory form of 1549, the reading was, "this water, which we here bless and dedicate in Thy Name to this spiritual washing." The Caroline revises substantially imitated this, when they inserted the clause, "Sanctify this water," &c., into the latter of these two prayers.

The Communion address was to be heard by the people, "sitting and attending with reverence:" a direction not found in the English Book.

Such was the Service Book of 1637. Its history, to the thoughtful Churchman, is suggestive of much hope and comfort. After all the learned labour and devout solicitude bestowed upon it, after all the prayers made for its success, it comes forth associated with all that could most deeply prejudice the people of Scotland in its disfavour; it is made the occasion of sacrilegious outcries; it is spurned and denounced, with prayers that God would "confound" it; and it virtually kindles the first flame of civil war. Those who have been most heartily interested in it, have to mourn, as Land did, over the failure of their hopes, and to prophesy that Scotland "will one day have more cause" than themselves for sorrow [Land, iii. 385]. Bishop Wedderburn, driven, like most of the Scottish prelates, to seek a refuge out of Scotland, dies at or near Canterbury, in 1658 [Lawson, 611]. Bishop Maxwell, appointed by the King to Irish sees, plundered and wounded by Romanist insurgents, dies Archbishop of Tuam, February 14, 1646—being found lifeless on his knees; an end, surely, not unfitting for one who had so laboured to promote God’s worship. Years pass away; the Restoration arrives, and the Church of England has to re-settle her Prayer Book. In this work, the ill-fated Scottish Prayer Book is unexpectedly and manifoldly influential; it assists the orthodox Caroline revisers to

1 Of these four usages the book of 1637 sanctioned only one, the Invocation.
III.

THE IRISH PRAYER BOOK.

The introduction of the Revised English Prayer Book into Ireland after the Restoration was effected not merely by Royal authority, or on account of service imitation and compliance, but as the result of deliberate and careful consideration on the part of the Convocation and Parliament of that kingdom. Among the MSS. of Archbishop King preserved in Trinity College, Dublin, is a volume containing the journals of the Irish Convocation in 1661—1665, from which it appears that in August and September the English book was examined by both Houses separately, and approved, the Lower House recommending the addition of Forms of Prayer for the Lord Lieutenant and for October 23. In November they resolved that an Act of Parliament should be asked for, enjoining the use of the Book on the Irish Church; but, from some unknown causes, the procuring such an Act was delayed for nearly four years. At length, on January 19, 1665, an Act of the Irish Parliament was passed (14 and 15 Car. II. cap. xxii.), which ordered that October 23 be yearly kept as a day of thanksgiving for the discovery of the conspiracy to seize Dublin Castle and murder all the Protestants in 1641, which was revealed, as the Act states, not many hours before the time appointed for its execution, by Owen O'Connell, "as a meer Irishman," who had been brought up as a Protestant. This Act ordered that Morning Prayer should be offered in all churches, without prescribing any particular form of thanksgiving; but on November 11 in the same year the Irish Convocation, in a declaration of acceptance of the revised English Liturgy, ordered that a new service be prepared for this day, as well as a Prayer for the Lord Lieutenant.

Considerable delay occurred in the preparation of the form, and the execution of the necessary formalities for giving it legal

sanction, as well as in the extension of the Act of Uniformity to Ireland. In a letter from the Marquis of Ormonde, as Lord Lieutenant, to the Earl of Arlington, dated at Dublin, July 7, 1666 (preserved amongst Carte's MSS. in the Bodleian Library, vol. ii. p. 129) we read, "The Lord Primate [Magdalen] brought me the enclosed draught of a warrant for the King to sign, whereby certain prayers fitted for this kingdom are ordered to be added to the Book of Common Prayer, which cannot be printed till his Majestie shall please to send the warrant signed." These prayers are consequently not found in the MS. Book of Common Prayer attached to the Irish Act of Uniformity, that Act having received the Royal assent on June 18, 1666, nor is October 23 mentioned there in the Calendar, in the list of "Certain solemn days." The warrant, however, for which the Primate asked was issued on August 15; and the service for October 23 consequently appears in the first Irish edition of the revised Common Prayer, which was published in the same year (1666), printed by John Crook at Dublin, in quarto; although the service seems to have been added here after the rest of the volume (which was printed at different times) had been finished.

On the accession of George I., all the State Services were revised by the Irish Bishops, for the sake of bringing them into accordance with the English altered versions of those which were in joint use, and the five (together with the prayers for the Lord Lieutenant) were then re-issued by a warrant from the King in Council, dated November 3, 1715.

This form retained its place in the Prayer Books in use in Ireland, (although since the Union it was not mentioned in the Order in Council prefixed to the State Services), until the discontinuance of the State Services in England, when the observance of the day was abrogated by the same statute which abolished three of the English State holidays, viz. 22 Vict. cap. 2, which received the Royal Assent, March 25, 1859. The abrogation, however, was not conducted according to the constitutional course which was followed with reference to the English offices. No Irish Convocation was summoned to consider the matter; and a Service which possessed the authority of the Church as well as of the State was abolished by being included in a bill which originally was contemplated only with regard to the three days, the diocese of the offices for which had been recommended by the English Convocation, and enjoined by Royal Warrant of 17th January, 1859, pursuant to previous addresses from the Houses of Parliament.

II. The Prayer for the Lord Lieutenant still used in the Daily Service, after that for the Royal Family, appears in the MS. Book of Common Prayer, but, strange to say, is omitted in the first printed edition. This appears to show that the earlier portion of that book was printed before the passing of the Irish Act of Uniformity to which the MS. was annexed. The prayer thus authorized by the three estates of the realm is the second of the two prayers which are printed in the present Irish editions, the first of these having been added (without any apparent reason).
by the authority only of an Order of the King in Council, dated November 3, 1715. The following words, which originally formed part of the commencement of the other prayer, "by Whose will, providence, and Spirit powers are ordained, governments established, and diversities of administrations are dispensed," are found omitted in Prayer Books printed in 1700 and 1710, as well as in all later editions; an omission which probably commenced at the accession of William III.

A "prayer for the Lord Depute" is found in the earliest Irish Prayer Book, printed at Dublin in 1551, and is said to have continued in use, but with several variations, until the passing of the Act of Uniformity in 1666.

III. Another form peculiar to the Irish book is that "For the Visitatio of Prisoners," consisting of three offices, one to be used when "a prisoner is confined for some great or capital crime," another when "a criminal is under sentence of death," and a third "for imprisoned debtors." These were prepared in the Convocation held in Dublin in 1711, and were printed and annexed to the Prayer Book, "pursuant to Her Majesty's directions," by a warrant of the Lord Lieutenant and Council, dated April 18, 1714.

IV. "A Form of Consecration, or Dedication of Churches and Chapels, according to the use of the Church of Ireland," followed

By an unfortunate oversight there is no reference at page xcix to a valuable Latin Version of our present Prayer Book, which was made by the learned and orthodox Dean Durel shortly after its settlement in 1662. The title-page of this Latin Prayer Book is as follows: "Liturgia, seu Liber Precum Communium, et administrationis Sacramentorum, alteriusque Rituum alaeque Ceremoniarum Ecclesiae, juxta Usum Ecclesiæ Anglicannæ: unà cum Psalterio seu Psalmis Davidis, em punctatione distinctis, qua Cantati nunt Recitari debent in Ecclesia. Itemque Forma et Modus Faciendi, Ordinarii et Consecrandi Episcopos, Presbyteros, Diaconos. Londini, exediti Rogerus Nortonus, Regius in Latinis, Graecis et Hebraicis typographus; vaneuntique apud Sam. Mearne, Regium Bibliopolarium in vicu vulgariter dicto Little-Britaine, 1670." There is some reason for supposing that this version was intended to be authorized as the standard Latin Book of Common Prayer, although no record remains of its being placed before the Convocation. Durel was Canon of Durham when he published it, having been appointed to his stall by Cosin, the principal Reviser of the Prayer Book, who had probably made his acquaintance during their exile when both were living at Paris. But for some years after the Restoration, Durel was Chaplain of the Savoy 1 and Dean of Windsor, the one post

 seeming to associate him officially with the proceedings connected with the Restoration of the Church, and the other (as Confessor to the Sovereign) with King Charles II. Among Archbishop Sancroft's papers in the Bodleian Library there is also a letter from Durel submitting a specimen of his Latin version to the Privy Council for approval, and it is dedicated to the King in a very similar tone to that adopted by the last translators of the Holy Bible in their dedication of it to James I. These circumstances do not prove that Durel's Version had any actual authority given to it, but they seem to indicate that it was undertaken at the suggestion of men in high office and having great influence in ecclesiastical affairs; and it is not unlikely that further evidence may be discovered on the subject.

Dean Durel's Latin Version is a most excellent one, whether it is viewed as to scholarship, theology, or loyalty to the Church of England. The Psalms, Canticles, Epistles, and Gospels, are all printed from the ancient Salisbury Use; and the expressions of the latter are often followed, and even retained, in the Prayers, although most of these have been re-translated from the English.

1 It was probably his connexion with the French chapel of the Savoy which led Durel to translate the Prayer Book into French. This version has been used ever since in the Channel Islands, though others of a Protestant character have also been introduced in modern times. The following is its title: "La Liturgie, c'est à dire, Le Formulaire des Prières Publiques, de l'Administration des Sacrements, et des autres Cérémonies et Coutumes de l'Eglise, selon l'usage de l'Eglise Anglaise, avec le Psaumeur ou les Psalmodies de David, Poëtuses selon qu'ils doivent être ou chantés ou lues dans les Eglises. A Londres: Pour Jean Dummore et Octavien Pullley le Jeune à l'Enseigne du Roy en la petite Bretagne, 1667." Durel wrote several learned works, explaining the position, doctrines, and worship of the Church of England.

V.

ADDITIONAL NOTE ON THE LITANY.

At page 80, a suggestion is mentioned that "Son of David" was substituted for "Son of the Living God," in the latter part of the Litany, through some misunderstanding of the contracted form in which "Fili Dei vivi" was written. It has since been observed by Mr. Bright that "Jesu Fili David, misericors . . . ." was a not uncommon expression in mediæval devotion.

In the book of records of University College, Oxford, it is as an entry to the following effect. "A composition twist K. Henry VII, and yr College concerning Dame Anne late Countess of Warwick, 8 H. 7 . . . and that the said Master, or any other Fellows of the said place that so shall sing the said high Mass in his stede that day, shall devoutly remember in his Masse these words in his second Memento: 'Jesu Fili David misericors annua Fami'te tuo Anne nuper Countesse Warwick' . . . and that
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An interesting authority for the expression "all our sins, negligences, and ignorances," has also been discovered in an edition of the Salisbury Hours of the Blessed Virgin, published at Paris in 1530. The following Suffrage is there directed to be used at the elevation of the Blessed Sacramento. "Sanguis tuus, Domine Jesu Christe, pro nobis efferus sit mibi in remissionem omnium pecatorum, negligentiarum et ignorantiarum mercurum." For this and one or two other additional illustrations of the Litany which are printed in the second edition of Part I, the Editor is indebted to the Rev. Henry Philipps, of Cheltenham, who has also contributed several valuable suggestions respecting the originals in some of the Occasional Offices.

VI.

ECCLASIASTICAL VESTMENTS.

In the Ritual Introduction to this Volume, Section III, a description is given of the Material and Colour of the "Ornaments of the Ministers" as anecdotally used by the Church of England in common, for the most part, with the Eastern and Western Communions. A few observations are here added as to their Form, in order to give a more distinct idea of their character than is conveyed by the mere names which designated them in the various documents there referred to, and to furnish an explanation of the illustrations given in the accompanying Plates. As also, the restoration of those Ornaments in many churches is constantly giving rise to inquiries about their significance, it is desirable to state the symbolical meaning involved in their use. The latter was done by authority so late as the year 1641-2 (only seven years before the publication of the First Prayer Book of K. Edward VI), and at the very time when the Convocation of Canterbury was revising the old Service Books) when there was drawn up, by Archbishop Cranmer or under his direction, a "Rationale" of the "Ceremonies to be used in the Church of England, together with an Explanation of the Meaning and Significance of them." [Collier, Ecc. Hist. vol. v. pp. 105—122, ed. 1852.] The descriptions given of the Vestments in this document are limited to those worn by the Célébrant himself, but they sufficiently indicate the importance attached to the Ministerial Ornaments; for, in the Rationale says that "The Priest . . . puts upon him clean and hallowed Vestments, partly representing the Mysteries which were done at the Passion; party representing the Virtues which he himself ought to have that canes the Mass."

The Vestments mentioned in the Rationale are the following:—

1. The Amice; 2. the Alba; 3. the Girdle; 4. the Stole; 5. the Phanerion, i.e. the Maniple or Sudarium as it was also called; 6. the Chasuble. The Rubric in the Prayer Book of 1549 specifies only, 1. the Alba; 2. the Vestment or Cope; 3. the Tunicle; but, of course, it does not exclude the others named in the Rationale, and in fact the whole were in use under the First Prayer Book. These two lists, then, comprise eight Ornaments which are now to be described.

1. The AMICE, Amicetus (the Armenian Vakoss and, perhaps, the Eastern Omophórium seem to correspond to this, especially the former).—This is a broad and oblong piece of Linen with two strings to fasten it: in its more ornate form it is embroidered on the outer edge with a rich fillet or otherwise adorned. When used it is first placed on the head, then slipped down to and worn or the shoulders beneath the Albe; so that, when left somewhat loose, it has the appearance of an ornamental collar as shown in the drawing, Plate II.

The Rationale says—"He putteth on the Amice, which, as touching the Mystery, signifies the veil with which the which the Jews covered the face of Christ, when they buffeted Him in the time of His Passion. And as touching the Minister, it signifies faith, which is the head, ground, and foundation of all virtues; and therefore, he puts that upon his head first."

2. The ALBA, Alba (the Eastern Stoicharion and the Russian Podovits).—This is a loose and long garment coming down to the feet and having close-fitting sleeves reaching to the hands. Anciently it appears to have been made usually of Linen, though in later times rich silks of different colours were frequently used, while in the Russian Church velvet is often employed. It was very commonly ornamented with square or oblong pieces of Embroidery called Apparels; these were stitched on or otherwise fastened to various parts of it, especially just above the feet and near the hands, where they had somewhat the appearance of cuffs. The Rubric of 1549 directs the use of "a white Albe plain;" this may have meant a Linen Albe without Apparels, yet Silk or similar material seems not to be forbidden provided it be white: Embroidery, such as shown in the sketch; Plate I, appears sufficiently "plain" to be consistent with the language and intention of the Rubric. Old-fashionedSURplices are always thus ornamented about the shoulders, a tradition of ancient custom. The Rationale says of the Minister that "he puts upon him the Albe, which, as touching the Mystery, signifieth the white garment wherewith Herod clothed Christ in mockery when he sent Him to Pilate. And as touching the Minister, it signifieth the pureness of conscience, and innocence he ought to have, especially when he brings the Blessed Sacrament." The STUPELLIX, Superpellicium, Plate II. (whether with or without Sleeves) and the ROCKET, Rocketum, being both of them only modifications of the Alba, this language of the Rationale respecting it appears to apply equally to them.

3. The GIRDLE, Cingulum (the Eastern Pýgas).—This is a Cord or narrow Band of Silk or other material (usually white) with Tassels attached; or, as in the Eastern Church, a broad Belt (often of rich material) with a clasp, hooks, or strings. It is used for fastening the Albe round the Waist. The Rationale thus explains it:—"The Girdle, as touching the Mystery, signifies the scourge with which Christ was scourged. And as touching the Minister, it signifies the continent and chaste living, or else the close mind which he ought to have at prayer, when he celebrates."

4. The STOLE, Stola (the Eastern Epitrachelion of the Priest, the Orration of the Deacon, the Lentio of the Sub-deacon).—This is a strip of Silk about three inches wide, and about eight and a half feet long; it may be plain or richly ornamented; especially at the ends, of which examples are given in Plate II. The Priest wears it hanging over his neck, and when he celebrates it is usually crossed on the breast and passed under the Girdle: the Deacon wears it suspended over the left shoulder; but, when assisting at the Celebration, he often has it brought across his back and breast and fastened at his right side. As used by the Greek Priest it has the appearance of two Stoles joined together, the upper end having a hole through which the head is put, and thus it hangs down in front.

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The Rationale says thus of it:—"The Stole, as touching the Mystery, signifies the ropes or bands that Christ was bound with to the pillar, when He was scourged. And as touching the Minister, it signifies the yoke of patience, which he must bear as the servant of God."

5. The Maniple, Musculus, sometimes called Phanion or Pha- non and Sudarium (the Eastern Panamikia and the Russian Pirotski; each of these are, however, a kind of Cuffs worn on both hands).—Originally it appears to have been a narrow strip of Linen, usually as wide as a Stole and about two and a half feet long [see Plate II.], and seems to have been employed as a kind of Sudarium for wiping the hands and for other cleanly purposes, whence it probably took one of its names. Subsequently, how- ever, it became a mere ornament, being made of rich materials and often embroidered, or even enriched with jewels. It hangs over the left arm of the Celebrant and his assistants; it should be fastened near the wrist, in a loop, to prevent its falling off.

The Rationale describes its meaning together with the Stole in these words: "in token whereof" (i.e. of patience) "he puts also the Pha non on his arm, which admoniseth him of ghostly strength and godly patience that he ought to have, to vanquish and overcome all carnal infirmity."

6. The Casule or Vestment, Casula (the Eastern Phelo- wion and the Russian Phelone or Phelonion)—This vesture is worn over the Albe; originally it was nearly or entirely a circular garment, having an opening in the centre through which the head of the wearer passed; and thus it fell gracefully over the shoulders and arms, covering the entire person in its ample folds and reaching nearly to the feet both before and behind; at a later period it was made narrower at the back and front by reducing its circular form, and so it frequently terminated like a reversed pointed arch; the sleeve part also became shorter, reaching only to the hands and avoiding the need of gathering it up on the arms. Ultimately, whether from economy, or bad taste, or sup- posed convenience, the sleeve parts were cut away to the shoulders and often embroidered, or even enriched with jewels. It hangs over the left arm of the Celebrant and his assistants; it should be fastened near the wrist, in a loop, to prevent its falling off.

7. The Cope, Cappa (the Armenian Phelonion is a similar Vestment and is used instead of the Chasuble).—It is a kind of full, long Cloke, of a semicircular shape, reaching to the heels, and open in front, thus leaving the arms free below the elbows. Most commonly it has a Hood, as shown in the drawing, Plate II.; where also is represented the Orphrey and an illustration of the mode of enriching the material by embroidery. The mode of fastening it, by a Band, to which is often attached a rich ornament, called the Morse is there also exhibited. It is worn over either the Albe or the Surplice.

The Rationale does not mention it; probably because it was not one of the Eucharistic Vestments then or previously in use. But that it might be used at the Altar (though probably not by the Celebrant when consecrating the Oblations) is plain from the fact that the Rubric of 1549 in naming "Vestment or Cope," apparently allows a choice between it and the Chasuble; but it may only have been intended that, in a place where both are pro- vided, the Chasuble alone should be worn where the whole Eucha- ristic Service was used; for a Rubric at the end of the Service specifies the Cope as the Vestment to be employed at those times when only the earlier portion of the Service is intended to be said, no Orphreys being designed because of its being known that there would "be none to communicate with the Priest." The 24th Canon of 1603 does indeed recognize the Cope as the Celebrant's Vestment to be used in Cathedrals; but the Rubric of 1662, having later and larger authority, seems to point to the Chasuble of the Book of 1549 as the Vestment in which to con- secrate.

8. The Tunicle, Tunica; also called, as worn by the Deacon or Gospeller, Dalmatic, Dalmatica (the Eastern Slochiarion or Success of the Deacon).—This is a kind of loose coat or frock, reaching below the knees, open partially at the lower part of the sides; it has full, though not large, sleeves; in material and colour it should correspond with the Chasuble. Examples of its Orphreys and of the mode of embroidering it are shown in the two illustrations on Plate I. The Deacon's Dalmatic was usually somewhat more ornamented in the Western Church than was the Tunicle worn by the Sub-deacon or Epistoler.

This Ornament, like the Cope, is not mentioned in the Rationale, probably because, as was observed above, only the Vestments of the Celebrant are there specified.
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