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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

Mar. 24.—Sixth Sunday in Lent.  
Morning—Exod. 9; Matt. 26.  
Evening—Exod. 10 or 11; Luke 19, 28, or 29, 9 to 21.  
Mar. 31.—Easter Day.  
Morning—Exod. 12, 19 to 29; Rev. 1, 10 to 19.  
Evening—Exod. 12, 29 or 14; John 20, 11 to 19, or Rev. 1.  
April 7.—First Sunday After Easter.  
Morning—Num. 19, 10 to 35; 1 Cor. 28, 10 to 29.  
Evening—Num. 19, 36, or 17 to 12 or John 20, 24 to 30.  
April 14.—Second Sunday after Easter.  
Morning—Num. 20, 10 to 14; Luke 12, 10 to 35.  
Evening—Num. 20, 14 to 21, 19, or 21, 10; Gal. 4, 21 to 5, 13.

Appropriate Hymns for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, compiled by Dr. Albert Ham, F.R.C.O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from Hymns Ancient and Modern, many of which may be found in other hymnals.

### PALM SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 193, 197, 321, 322.  
Processional: 36, 98, 280, 547.  
General Hymns: 31, 91, 250, 253.  
Offertory: 88, 251, 252, 255.  
Children's Hymns: 280, 331, 332, 334.

### EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion: 126, 127, 315, 316.  
Processional: 130, 131, 134, 137.  
General Hymns: 129, 138, 140, 141.  
Offertory: 132, 135, 139, 504.  
Children's Hymns: 125, 330, 499, 506.

## SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER.

Sunday next, March 24th, is called Palm Sunday. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem is typical of the final entry of the blessed ones into the Heavenly Jerusalem. During next week, called Holy Week, we shall follow the footsteps of the Saviour through His Passion, Death and Burial. Emphasizing the truth of the Incarnation, passing at Easter into the Resurrection from the dead again emphasizing the truth of the Incarnation. The chief note struck in this Sunday's Collect, Epistle and Gospel is the close connection of the doctrines of the Incarnation and the Resurrection. The two doctrines are inseparably connected. Belief in one demands an acknowledgment of the other. The Incarnation! God becomes man for a special purpose. He, Jesus the Son of God, took human flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and became man; lived with men as Example and Strength, and died for our redemption, a Sacrifice for sin,

and became the Way, the Truth and the Life. The Resurrection! The necessary restoration to life. God cannot eternally perish. Man cannot. The Resurrection is the overthrow of death and the grave. Because He lives we shall live also. The Christian religion is a complete religion. A help and support in life. A triumph over death. By the life and teaching of the Incarnate Son of God we have guidance and assistance here on earth by His resurrection, hope and joy in the life to come. The Church demands every communicant to receive the Blessed Sacrament at Easter, and to pay all ecclesiastical duties. It is a solemn duty resting upon all who love the Church to take an appreciative interest in the Easter Vestry meetings. It is to be hoped that this Easter may see our churches crowded with faithful worshippers, and the altar rail filled with devout communicants, and that the Vestry meeting may be well attended by zealous Churchmen.

## Our Hymns.

We have received a notice in the "Guardian" of the second draft of our proposed Hymn Book, written in such an admirable tone that we regret we have not space to insert it in full, but can only shortly take up the leading points. First, the proposed number, 717, and possibly others is thought to be too great. Hymns Ancient and Modern have 638 and the present favourite Church Hymns 658, so the difference in numbers is not so striking. The critic instances as undesirable omissions "Captains of the saintly band," "Every morning the red sun," "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep," and "O Lord, how happy should we be." We have reread them in cold blood and quite agree with the determination to exclude, very seldom, indeed, is one of them used. But we agree in the "Guardian's" condemnation of "O Paradise," and "Peace, perfect peace," the first especially ought to be excluded. We copy the concluding sentences. Referring to the need of avoiding the garbling, now so common, the writer says: "A conspicuous instance of this is the hymn here given in the form adopted by the Ancient and Modern and The English Hymnal, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing,' which is a cruelly mangled version of Charles Wesley's noble hymn, beginning:

"Come let us join our friends above,  
Who have obtained the prize,  
And on the eagle-wings of love,  
To joys celestial rise!  
Let all the saints terrestrial sing,  
With those to glory gone;  
For all the servants of our King,  
In earth and heaven are one."

It has always been a puzzle to us how any compiler has had the hardihood to tamper with this flawless gem of hymnody; and it is a disagreeable surprise to find that our brethren in Canada propose, as it would seem, to repeat the offence. It is the office of a critic to find faults as well as excellencies, and it may seem that we have laid too much stress upon the former function. We hasten to assure the compilers of our sympathy in their troublesome and thankless task, in the execution of which they will find it difficult to avoid offending as many people as they can please. But we feel strongly the necessity for the utmost care before poor hymns and inferior work, even when endeared to the community by long usage and tender associations, are set up by the Church as fitting expressions of its devotion, though falling far short of the poetic and literary tests exacted from secular writing. To admit such standards is to debase the currency where we should tolerate nothing but the best; and this cannot be done without injury to the Church and its life."

## Honour the Flag.

An influential deputation from the Chamberlain Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire waited on the Premier of Ontario on the 13th instant and by petition advocated the passing of official regulations respecting the use and abuse of our country's flag. It is time that the requisite steps were taken to have the youth of Canada taught in the schools to honour the flag. Instruction should be given them as to the true meaning of the flag, as the emblem of national honour; its origin, and the part it has played in history; its use in peace and war and the patriotic spirit which it stimulates and sustains. A stop should be put to the degradation of the flag for the purposes of barter and trade, and a stop should also be put to the offensive and unauthorized flaunting of foreign flags in our cities, towns and summer resorts. All praise to the Chamberlain Chapter for their timely and patriotic action—may success attend their efforts to honour the flag of our Empire.

## Hot and Cold Justice.

We have a story from London which is a great disappointment to those of us who rejoiced that in England, whatever political antagonism might exist, the civil service administration was scrupulously fair and free from political pressure. The story is that the proper department had imposed a tax on Easter gifts to Church clergy, and also one on the studies or libraries of Nonconformist clergy. The Government was defeated in actions on both cases, and has appealed from the judge's decisions, therefore the position was exactly the same in each case. But a circular has been issued stating that the Government will not recognize the judgment in the case of Easter offerings to our clergy, but on the other hand does recognize the finding in favour of the dissenting clergy. The one to call attention to the wrong was a Nonconformist, who had a conscience and a sense of moral right. He wrote an indignant letter to the "Standard" against the cowardly favouritism of Bannerman, Birrell and Company, and has thus made their conduct public.

## Gather Up the Fragments.

A word as to closing days of Lent. How well the old school boy remembers the never-to-be-forgotten lesson of the last lap of the race. Now is the time for truly testing the honesty of the intention and faithfulness of performance of reform purposed at the outset of Lent. It matters not now what the moral or religious task was that we set ourselves. The real question is what have we done about it? Have we really and sincerely begun it, or are we still hesitating and dallying with the thought of it. There is yet time to prove our spiritual manhood. With quick decision and prompt action and never letting up till the end, much, very much, can be done. Though the race may not be won, honour can be saved, character strengthened, good, real good can be achieved. Many a loiterer has made a splendid showing by a sharp and sustained effort as the last lap was neared. Who dare say that a strong determined effort in the right direction, even now, to get rid of one bad habit before Lent is over, may not change for the better one's whole course of life?

## Practical Religion.

Men like General Booth and Dr. Grenfell command attention and rouse enthusiasm in a marked degree, not merely from the fact that their sincerity is intense, and their energy extraordinary, these attributes they possess in common with the fanatical advocates of an almost infinite variety of so-called religious beliefs, but in the

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