

# SERMON.

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“And the Angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God.”—*Luke i. 30.*

WE not unfrequently point out from this place,—for, of course, it is one of our standing duties to assist the members of the flock in the intelligent appreciation and spiritual improvement of the course of our services, as they proceed,—that the cycle of our ecclesiastical observances teaches in itself, by their digested series, the great doctrinal truths, and practical lessons of the Christian religion, and constitutes, in a manner, an epitome of the Gospel. We may pass over, upon the present occasion, the *examples* of the power of faith afforded in those among the minor festivals in which we commemorate the holy Apostles, Evangelists and Martyrs for the truth of