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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

April 19.—Easter Day.

Morning—Exod. 12, 10 to 29; Rev. 1, 10 to 19.
Evening—Exod. 12, 29; or 14; John 20, 11 to 19 or Rev. 5.

April 26.—First Sunday after Easter

Morning—Num. 16 to 33; 1 Cor. 15, 10 to 29.
Evening—Num. 16, 36; or 17, 10 to 12; John 20, 24 to 30.

May 3.—Second Sunday after Easter.

Morning—Num. 20, 10 to 14; Luke 22, 31 to 54.
Evening—Num. 20, 14—21, 10; or 21, 10; Col. 4, 7.

May 10.—Third Sunday after Easter.

Morning—Num. 22; John 1, 29.
Evening—Num. 23 or 24; 2 Thess. 2.

Appropriate hymns for Easter Day and First Sunday after Easter, 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.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion: 126, 127, 315, 316.
Processional: 130, 131, 134, 137.
Offertory: 132, 135, 136, 504.
Children's Hymns: 125, 330, 499, 566.
General Hymns: 129, 138, 140, 141.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Holy Communion: 130, 134, 136, 302.
Processional: 127, 321, 323, 555.
Offertory: 135, 138, 503, 504.
Children's Hymns: 197, 329, 340, 561.
General Hymns: 132, 498, 500, 502.

EASTER DAY.

"O Day of days! Shall hearts set free
No minstrel rapture find for thee?
Thou art the Sun of other days,
They shine by giving back thy rays.

Enthroned in thy sovereign sphere
Thou shedd'st the light on all the year;
Sundays by thee more glorious break,
An Easter Day in every week.

And week-days, following in their train,
The fulness of thy blessing gain,
Till all, both resting and employ,
Be one Lord's Day of holy joy."
(John Keble, Easter Day.)

Easter Day, the happiest, brightest day in the Christian year! We have left the Sepulchre with the angelic message ringing in our ears, "He is Risen!" Ours to-day the joy that thrilled the bosom of St. Mary Magdalene when she heard His tender voice call "Mary!" We rejoice in the peace and the certain hope resulting from His Victory. In life He triumphed over sin; in death He triumphed o'er the grave; in His Resurrection He takes away the sting of death. We rejoice because the victory of Jesus is our victory. The Son of Man died on the Cross, was buried in St. Joseph's tomb, and rose again on the third day. The Son of Man gained a victory for the sons of men. For to believe in Jesus is to lose fear of sin and death, "I can do all things in Christ which strengtheneth me." To die is to be with Christ. A victorious general or admiral has the confidence of his countrymen. We soldiers of Christ step boldly to battle, we fight courageously, we press on hopefully. We have confidence in Christ, who is with us all the days. And to Him hath been given, "All power in Heaven and earth." Easter's joy gives us confidence in Jesus. It gives us confidence in ourselves as the soldiers of Jesus Christ. The services for Easter Day reveal the character of our Lord's triumph, and impel us to move nearer to Him, Who is the source of all moral power, and spiritual might, Who freely bestows His grace upon men. We are taught to pray that "We may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us." Therefore heed His invitation, "Come unto Me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." On Easter Day draw near to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and "feed on Him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving." There are two reasons why Holy Church emphasises the Easter Eucharist. The element of joy enters into all our worship this day. Hear the note of joy resounding all through the Holy Eucharist, the Service of Command! It is the joy of the redeemed who appreciate the gracious power of the Risen Redeemer, who said, "This do in remembrance of Me." The element of thanksgiving enters into our worship to-day. Our souls are filled with gratitude to Christ for the victory He has won for us. How shall we manifest our gratitude to the Lord for all the benefits that He hath conferred upon us? We will receive the Bread of Heaven, the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

"O risen Lord, in Thee we live,
To Thee our ransom'd souls we give,
To Thee our bodies trust."—Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Paterson Smyth's Sermons.

The sermon on the "Creation," announced to appear this week, will not appear until next week.

Good Friday.

A custom that cannot too strongly be condemned is the custom practised by some secret societies of diverting Good Friday from its proper purpose as a day of worship and using it as a day when they may assemble large numbers of their members for the peculiar work of their Order. We have known many Churchmen, who are Oddfellows, called by their lodges to such gatherings on Good Friday, and so prevented from attending worship. If this meets the eye of any Churchmen who are Oddfellows, we desire to remind them that the call of the Church is a higher call than that of any lodge, however good, and the clear duty of every Christian is to go, if he or she can, to the Lord's house on that day and commemorate His sufferings and death.

Easter.

Again we are in touch with Easter. To-day is Maundy Thursday. To-morrow will commemorate

that solemn and fateful day, Good Friday. Then, after a pause, the pall of Lent will pass from the scene and glad and joyous Easter will be ushered in. We do not wonder at the deep attachment felt by staunch Church people for the various seasons of the Church's year. They are no mere historic events to be regarded from a political or patriotic standpoint. They are, indeed, to those who profit by them strong, spiritual helps—instructing, edifying, uplifting. Spiritual birthdays one may not inaptly call them. And to many the brightest, most memorable of them all is Easter.

Pan-Anglican Thank Offering.

We wish to remind our readers in the most earnest way that in each Canadian diocese the special contribution of Church people towards this great object must be made before the end of April. It should be clearly understood that the contributions towards the special Diocesan Thank Offerings for this purpose have nothing whatever to do with the Laymen's Missionary contributions. They are distinct and separate ways of giving to missionary objects. We hope for the credit of the Church that lay men, women, and children, too, will zealously bend their energies towards the completion of the subscriptions to this great fund, and that Canada will in this self-denying, intensely practical way, prove to the Church at large that she takes her religion very seriously.

Bible Circulation.

Time was, and perhaps is yet, when distinguished religious teachers averred it was quite useless to circulate the Scriptures without establishing a church or sending a living missionary with them. But a great change has come over the minds of many who thought so. Archbishop Alexander has described his own changed viewpoint in these words: "The days were once for me when I thought the Bible without the living voice of a missionary in the case of heathens or of an existing, interpreting Church in the case of Christian lands might be looked upon as almost waste. I have lived to hear of a whole body of people in Korea Christianized by the Gospel of St. Mark alone in their own language." Bishop Popham Blyth evidently holds the same view, for he has said: "I do take a very great interest in the British and Foreign Bible Society. It is probably the most powerful missionary in the Bible lands."

"Doers of the Word."

President Roosevelt has publicly declared that his favourite text is James 1:22: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only," and his lips touched this text when he took his presidential oath. Remembering that St. James' epistle is one of the very earliest writings in the New Testament, we see the practical character of early Christianity. Just as "The Acts of the Apostles" follow after the four lives of the Christ, St. James, Bishop of the Mother Church, was telling his readers to go to work. It is a lamentable reflection on present day Christianity that a Christian congregation is often called so many "hearers." "Hearers only" must have been the bane of the Church at first, and so they are still. Multitudes of people make a profession of Christianity and go to church, but do nothing. If the Lenten season is the time for "lamenting our sins (as the Ash Wednesday Collect would teach us)" then here is a sin that is prevalent everywhere and paralyzing the efforts of God's Church at every turn.

Infant Mortality.

In England there is a society of really great value called the National Conference on Infant Mortality. Investigations, tabulated and published by such a society must bear good fruit; the