

## The Communion Service.

*The Gospel. St. Matthew, VI. 16.*

**W**HEN ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance : for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast : but thou, when thou fastest, annoint thine head, and wash thy face ; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret : and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

¶ *Then the Nicene Creed, and after that the Sermon.*

¶ *Then shall be read the following Sentences :*

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven ; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy : the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

¶ *After the Prayer for the whole State of Christ's Church the following shall be used.*

*A Prayer for the Church and Nation.*

**O** GRACIOUS God, who art kind to the unthankful and the evil, we humbly acknowledge that we have not manifested a due sense of the numberless blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which we and our fathers have received at Thy hands, and of the mighty deliverances which Thy power hath wrought for our Church and Nation. Through our neglect of Thy ordinances, and misuse of Thy bounties, offences have been multiplied in the land ; and Thy holy Name hath been profaned among the heathen by our transgressions. Yet forsake us not utterly, O Lord, our Redeemer, but continue Thy loving kindness to Thy servants as in the days of old. Send Thy heavenly blessing on our Sovereign Lord the King, and all that are in authority under him, and direct their proceedings to the advancement of true religion and piety, and to the peace and prosperity of the Realm. Pour fourth the gifts of thy Spirit on all Pastors and Teachers of Thy Flock, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Support and comfort all those who are in distress or adversity, and especially those whom Thou visitest with any dangerous sickness. And to all orders and degrees of men amongst us vouchsafe such a measure of Thy grace, that righteousness may flourish in our land, with abundance of