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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—*From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.*

EASTER.

THOUGH the Great Sacrifice has been consummated for us; though the Glory and Joy of Easter have given us assurance of the blessed and eternal fruits of that Sacrifice, yet it depends wholly upon ourselves whether in our case the Death and Passion, and the Resurrection of our LORD, shall have been in vain.

"O Thou for Sinners slain,
Let it not be in vain,
That Thou hast died."

Faith must make these things real to our souls, and thus bear fruit in our lives. Therefore in the beautiful Collect for the First Sunday after Easter, we pray for grace "so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve Him in pureness of living and truth." There can be no Faith without works, no living Faith, and therefore, when we pray for grace to live a Christlike life, we ask for the living Faith which God requires from us, that He may bestow upon us the priceless benefit of His Son's Sacrifice. How easy a condition, one would think, upon which to obtain Divine Favor and Eternal

Life,—but, alas! in our hardened and impenitent hearts Faith, active Faith, cannot spring up, unless we seek it earnestly with tears. If we so seek it God, in his infinite Love, that Love which first loved us, and gave His only Begotten Son to be our Sacrifice, will soften the stony ground, and life-giving Faith will spring up like a tender plant, which will be blessed and nourished with the dews from heaven.

LITURGICAL WORSHIP.

HAVING lately noticed in the *New York Churchman* the following admirable remarks of the Rev. Geo. D. Boardman, D.D., (not a Churchman), on the benefits of liturgical forms, allow me the privilege of sending them to you for insertion in your admirable little monthly, *CHURCH WORK*, which is doing a vast deal of good wherever it is taken.

I also send you some statistics which you feel a pleasure in scattering wherever your little paper goes. They may tend to encourage some of our desponding brethren. They were furnished by a leading