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THE SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER.

Palm Sunday begins the week of many names: "The Great Week," because great things were wrought in it for man; "The Holy Week," because on Calvary the Holiness of the Law of God was magnified, and because its reverend memories have sanctified it to faithful hearts beyond all other measures of time; "The Still Week," because earthly work and pleasure must cease in the presence of the Infinite Sacrifice, and because of the unspeakable peace which that sacrifice sheds out on souls sorely troubled by sin.

This is the day when the meek Prophet of Nazareth claimed the crown of David. The people knew what He meant when, in exact conformity with the prophecy of Zechariah, He mounted an ass and rode up to the gates of the holy city. The waving palms, the garments carpeting the path, the sounding alleluias, were all significant of the coming of the King. But most wonderful of all the wonders of the day, was the Heavenly Voice that answered the Royal Son's appeal: Father, magnify My Name!

"I have both magnified it and will magnify it again."

Thus, for the third time, and the eternal Father clearly attest, with His own voice, the person of His Son. When that Holy One entered upon His priestly work, through the significant consecration of Baptism, then that Fatherly voice was heard, say-

ing: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." When the time had come to make Him known as greater than all prophets, the very Word of God then, on the Mount of Transfiguration, in the presence of Moses and Elias, that wondrous voice proclaimed: "This is My beloved Son, Hear ye Him!" Priest, Prophet, King! So declared and acknowledged God, the Father Almighty.

It was a strange throne that was sought so boldly by our dear Lord to-day: a cross of wood, with nothing more restful on it than the sharp nails! It was a strange crown that He claimed the right, to-day, to set upon His brow: the crown of thorns, jewelled only with the drops of His own blood! It was a strange mantle that He chose for His regal vesting: the cold sweat of death!

Yet the words that He uttered to-day, we know are verified: "And I, when I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

True, dear Lord, King of glory, because King of shame! King of love, because King of woe! King of life, because King of Death!

SLEEPY TIME.

Good-night, little baby:
The day's gone away;
The big, tired darkness
Doesn't know how to play.
Good-night, little baby:
My arms are the bed,
My heart is the pillow,
My love is the spread.

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