

Easter Day (APRIL 25).

'The Third Day He Rose again from the Dead.'—*The Resurrection*.—S. Matthew xxviii. 1-11; 1 Cor. xv. 20.

A. The Nature of the Resurrection:—

I. A Truth.

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| 1st. In Prophecy | { Psalm ii. 1, 2, 6, 7; xvi. 11.
Isaiah lv. 3.
S. Matthew xii. 39, 40; xvi. 21; xvii. 9; xx. 19. |
| 2nd. In Type | { Isaac restored to life after his sacrifice.
Joseph raised up from the dungeon. |
| 3rd. In Witness | { Acts i. 3, 22; ii. 32. |
- [N.B.—Eleven separate appearances to separate witnesses are recorded.]

II. A Fact.

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| a. Time | { 1. 'Third Day' from Good Friday.
2. 'First Day of the week.'
3. 'Early, while it was yet dark.' |
| b. Place | { 1. Sealed sepulchre.
2. Stone rolled away <i>after</i> He had risen.
3. Linen clothes and napkin found separate. |
| c. Agents | { 1. GOD THE FATHER.—Acts ii. 24; 1 Corinthians xv. 15.
2. GOD THE SON.—S. John ii. 19; x. 18.
3. GOD THE HOLY GHOST.—Romans viii. 11. |

III. A Power—at work:—

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| 1. Long before the Incarnation.—1 Kings xvii. 22;
2 Kings iv. 34, 35; xiii. 21. | 4. In the miracles of the early Church.—
Acts ix. 40; xx. 12. |
| 2. In the Days of His Flesh.—S. Luke vii. 22. | 5. At the General Resurrection.—1 Cor-
inthians xv. 22. |
| 3. Immediately after His Resurrection.—S. Matt. xxvii. 53. | |

B. Graces of Eastertide—gathered from the Collect and Epistle:—

First. Good desires and good effect (Collect).

Third. Hidden Life (verse 3).

Second. Heavenly mindedness (Epistle, verses 1, 2).

Fourth. Mortification of the flesh (verse 5).

- C. 1. Why is Easter Day the Queen of Festivals? Because on that Day Christ rose from the dead.
 2. Who was it rose again? It was THE SON OF GOD in the same Body and Soul with Which He lived and died.
 3. What will become of your body when you die? It will go to the dust from which it was made.
 4. What will become of it when we rise again? It will be made up again into a spiritual body.
 5. Why is it to be a spiritual body? Because it is not to die again, or live upon this earth, but to exist for ever in Heaven or hell.
 6. Why should we keep our bodies from sin? Because they are the same bodies that will belong to us for ever after the Resurrection.
 7. What are your temptations to sin during these Easter holidays?

Low Sunday (MAY 2).

'He Ascended into Heaven, and Sitteth on the Right Hand of
GOD THE FATHER Almighty.' } The Ascension and Session.
S. Luke xxiv. 50-53; Psalm cx. 1.

A. Consider the words of this article:—

- 'He'—in His Human Body and Soul, for as GOD He is ever there.—S. John iii. 13.
 'Ascended'—by the Will of His FATHER.—S. John xvii. 1.
 'into Heaven'—not any lower heaven.—2 Corinthians xii. 2.
 but the highest Heaven.—Hebrews iv. 14; vii. 26.
 'and Sitteth'—in the attitude of *calm Majesty*.—Revelations iii. 21. [He once appeared 'standing' in the attitude of *active Intercession*.—Acts vii. 55.]
 'on [or 'at'] the Right Hand'—the Place of highest power, honour, pleasure for evermore.
 'of GOD THE FATHER Almighty'—The Omnipotence of the FATHER specified here, since He is the Source of all Power and Might.

B. Two great Lessons from our Exalted Lord:—

First—from His Ascension—*Heavenly mindedness*.—S. John xvii. 11.

Second—from His Session—*Patience*.—Hebrews x. 13.

C. 1. Describe the Ascension of our Blessed Lord.

2. Why has Christ Ascended into Heaven? To enter into His Glory as King.
 3. What is He doing there?—He is acting as our High Priest.
 4. How is He doing this?
 1st. He has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
 2nd. He will prepare a Place for us.
 3rd. He is ever making Intercession for us.
 4th. He is always ready to offer our own prayers.
 5th. He continually lifts His Hands to bless.
 5. Whom will our Saviour take to Heaven?—Those who believe in Him and follow Him.
 6. Why should we long to go to Heaven?—Because it is the Home of our Father.
 7. How should we be preparing ourselves for it?

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