

for awhile and pray and meditate. Your priest is and will be ever ready to give ghostly counsel, advice and absolution. Your opportunities for gathering together for the Blessed Sacrament—penitential acts—and to hear messages from God through His ambassador will be as follows:

Sundays—Services as usual.

Litany of Penitence at Evensong.

Wednesdays, 10 A. M.—Matins and Litany.

Thursdays, 8 A. M.—The Holy Communion.

Fridays, 10 A. M.—Matins and Litany.

7 P. M.—Shortened evensong with "Story of the Cross" and address.

The addresses on Fridays will be on the subject, "Some Aspects of Sin."

We trust that the parish as a whole, grasps the fact that the services, which may seem local, are not really so. For those who are absent, whether through distance, or duties, or sickness, those who are present speak. Christianity is not a selfish religion. Blessings and forgiveness pleaded for by a few before the altar in St. Paul's are not tied down by the Almighty to those few, but embrace the whole parish—even those who are unmindful of Him. Most certainly does the priest bear one and all of his people on his heart continually before his God.

We must add a word about the multiplying of sermons and addresses at this and other special seasons. Such should always be done with caution and according to the circumstances of the parish. Sermons have been exalted to such a pitch that one would fancy that it was for them that our churches were built. A study of the Prayer Book will show that the only occasion in the usual offices where a sermon is contemplated is at The Celebration. The mind of the Church is thus clearly seen. We are right in adding other times; but we should one and all unhesitatingly assert that churches were and are built first and foremost for the worship of God. We go to church not to hear the sermon, but to pray and give thanks—to give and not to get. Yet how many of our own communion would feel it to be no service unless they had the sermon. This is why the week day services are usually so scantily attended. We remember one of the greatest of living preachers once saying—and we echo every word with all our heart—once a soul realizes its true position of man to God, prayers and sacraments become, spiritually speaking, of much greater importance than preaching, because holding communion with the Infinite and Eternal, whether by prayer or sacraments, is a much more momentous act than when we are only listening to a fellow creature telling of what he knows about God.