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XLL-EASTER DAY. P. M.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened to us the gate of evenlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Let Heav'n, and Earth, and Sea rejoice ! a Ye Works of God; with one "loud voice" Adore your King ;- with joy adore ! "The Lamb of God," for sinners slain, As "Lord and Christ," b is "ris'n rgsin ;" He lives-He reigns-He dies no more ! c

Triumphant Lamb! Salvation's King! Our PASCHAL PRAISE d to Thee we bring, First ris'n of all the sleeping Dead ! e Thy RISING UP a Pledge doth give That "sons of God" shall wake and live,-Shall rise and reign with Christ, their Head !f III.

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Vouchsafe the boon we humbly ask :---Be present now in Holy Pasch 1g Ob, help us, Lord, from Sin to flee! Dear Saviour, Thine the arm that broke The Bond of EGYPT-SIN's hard Yoke; Oh, lead us, Lord, to " REST" with Thee! h

IV. "Thy special grace," good Lord, inspires With just intent, and "good Lord, inspires With just intent, and "good desires;"--Lord, help Thy saints to Doi the right! Thus, "dead to sin," through THEE we'll rise; Thus, find "OUR LIFE" j beyond the Skies, And laud Thy Love with "saints in light."

a Rev. v. 12, 13. b Acts II. 36. c Rev. i. 18. d Anthem for Easter Day-(1 Cor. v. 6). e 1 Cor. v. 20, 23; Rev. i. 5. Cor. xv. 20, 23; Rev. i. 5.
 The Epistie-(Col. iii. 4), and i. 18; Ephes i. 22, 23.
 The Christian Passover is called the Pasch, because (as the Church testilies of "Christ our Passover" in the "proper pre-face" in the holy Communion. "upon Easter Day and seven days after, ") Jesus Christ our Lord "is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us, and but below areas the size of the test."

which was offered for us, and hath Laster Day and seven which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world." The First Morning Lesson (Exodus xii.) describes the institution of the Hebrew Passover The Authem. * Proper Lessons of Evening-(Exodus xiv. a. d. Heb. iv). ; The Collect.

XLII .-- MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK. As PSALM CXLIX. The same Collect.

> Hehold, 'tis THE FEAST! A Feast of the Lord ."-a All Glory ascribe To Jesu's dear Name ! b Our Saviour "is risen ;"- c Fulfill'd is His Word! The Lord's RESURRECTION We gladly d proclaim.

II. With MANNAe from heaven The faithful are fed : By streams from THE ROCK f Their thirst is allay'd : The crucified Jesus, "Alive from the dead," Their hung'ring and thirsting For ever hath stay'd!g

III. In Newness of life Through grace we'll stand fast,— A "Stand fast in the Lord," "Stand fast in the Faith ;" For Christ-the Redeem The first and the last," Hath broken the bondage "Of hell and of dearh !" i

ш. Thy Banner-Cross, O Lord, is Love : Thy ransom'd ones, it floats above ; And guards, beneath its folds unfurl'd, "The holy Church, throughout the world." e IV.

The Royal Standard now doth wave Triumphant o'er the vanquish'd grave :---The Grave is spoil'd by Thee, our King, And Death, disarm'd, hath lost his sting.

When living water laved the brow, The CRoss did mark our early Vow May God's baptized, may heirs of light, Maintain till death a faithful f fight !

O God, we know no god but Thee; To THEE ALONE we how the knee! g Do THOU, Whose sword in faith we draw, "Incline our hearts to keep Thy Law !" h

VI.

e Te Deum Laudamus. f 1 Tim. vi. 12. g First Evening Lesson-(Exodus xxxii.) The sin of the golden

call. A First Morning Lesson—(Exodus xx.) The Ten Commandment given. See also the short petition offered up by the people after each of the first nine Commandments in The Communion

PRASCA LOUPOULOFF.

We are indebted to the "Church of England Magazine" for the following pleasing and touching tale. "In it," to quote the words of the Magazine above named, "we have an example of truth's being stranger and more interesting than fiction; for this little history—every portion of which is literal fact—is infinitely more affecting than the tale which Madame Cottin has grafted upon it in her well known "Elizabeth, or the Exiles of Sibe-

CHAPTER L.

SIBERIA. Prasca Loupouloff was born in Russia, and at three try on many occasions. The cause of his punishment thing to rights for us at Petersburgh. Come, and was never known : possibly he may have done nothing hear how she has been planning out her journey; to deserve it. In Russia there is no law to protect and he laughed again. either life or liberty; and a man who is unfortunate

than himself, may at any time be sent to death or wanting her this last half-hour to clear the table for banishment, without being allowed to say a word in dinner. Come Prasca," she added, in a kinder tone; his own defence.

thinly inhabited, except by the miserable exiles who ner is over, you shall set out : the walk is nothing at are from time to time sent there, without the slightest all; and the days are long enough.' hope of ever returning. It has one considerable town Prasca felt sadly mortified. Had her parents spohome and the society of his friends.

happy as those of a more genial climate. Accustomed to the cold from their infancy, they wrap themthe frost and snow, to hunt in the forest. Knowing lot, and never think of wishing for bright sunshine, ferent. They pine after these things; and, as they lie awake through the long winter nights, listening to the howling of the wind, and thinking of their hard fate, their hearts must indeed sink within them.

Had Loupouloff been a truly religious man, he by his flippant way of talking on serious subjects: she

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ther sob convulsively.

The long, sad night passed away; and Prasca, who again begged their blessing on her journey, her father of grief. She felt afraid to speak to her parents of she had often before enjoyed hours of meditation and tains, and rivers, and wildernesses?" prayer. As she fervently implored the Lord to look "And the emperor," continued her mother, "you ter all, is but a man-and ask him to let my parents stranger of being admitted to his presence ?" return to their country?" Again she prayed, and with more earnestness than before; and it is remarka- journey. Loupouloff, however, took the passport, difficulty and danger, her purpose was accomplished | safety. and her father restored-never did a single doubt

confidence that strength would be given her from hea- go, he would have torn it to pieces." ven for her pious undertaking.

had to say; and then, in a serious manner and ear- should be said. This promise was enough. The nest tone of voice, opened to him her plan of going to winter was long and severe; but like all other winters Petersburgh, anxiously entreating him to consent to it came at last to an end; and Prasca's firm trust in it, and let her set out as soon as possible. Loupou-loff listened in silence; smiled half in kindness, half delay. in bitterness; and, turning from his child, called loudly to her mother, who was busy in doors.

"Wife," he said, with a laugh that was any thing years old was carried by her father and mother into but mirthful, "we will send no more letters to the Siberia; to which place they were banished for life governor. Here is a friend who offers to take our by the emperor. Her father was an officer in the message to the emperor. Prasca is going to walk Russian service, and had fought bravely for his coun- across the country this very afternoon, and set every

"I wish she would plan out her work," said the enough to have enemies at court, in greater favour mother, instead of talking nonsense. I have been for the poor little girl's eyes were full of tears, "come, Siberia is a large province in the north of Asia, dear child: I cannot spare you just yet. When din-

called Tobolsk ; where a governor resides, and sol- ken angrily, she would not have been half so much diers are stationed to prevent all chance of escape. disheartened; for, in a frame of mind like hers, no-Several large rivers run through the country; and the thing is so hard to bear as ridicule. Her resolution, winters are so long and severe, that for nine months however, remained unshaken, and she hoped soon to in the year their waters are generally frozen. Vast find another and a better opportunity of speaking to tracts of open, barren land, without path or trace of her father, and showing him she was really in earnest. man; dark and gloomy forests of pine and larch, In the mean time, the journey was continually in her mixed with a few stunted birches; here and there a mind. She knew there would be many difficulties in miserable hut, built under a rock to shelter it from the the way, though she knew not all, or half of them : storms : such is the appearance of this dreary country. above all, she knew that she must first get a passport ; A sad change to Loupouloff from the comforts of and how was this to be done? She wished for a friend to advise and direct her, and, for want of a bet-The native inhabitants of Siberia are, no doubt, as | ter, determined to open her mind to one of their companions in exile, whose name was Neiler.

This Neiler was a German by birth, and a tailor by selves in fur, and make their way cheerfully through trade. For what offence he had been sent to Siberia remained a secret. He had once lived a year at nothing of civilized life, they are contented with their Moscow, in the service of one of the professors of the university, and had there picked up a little learning, and green fields. But the case of the exiles is far dif- of which he made a great show ; so that he was looked up to as a sort of oracle by his neighbours; though, in truth, a more shallow, conceited man was hardly to be met with in the whole Russian empire. Prasca had often seen him at her father's, and been distressed

would, as the Christian well knows, have found com- thought, however, that one so clever as Neiler was fort even in Siberia; but, alas, this was not the case. considered by all those around him might very likely His conduct had been upright and honourable, and be able to tell her what she wished to know. Some

She heard him pace up and down the narrow room, not themselves aware : they consulted her on all occarefusing to be comforted; and she also heard her mo- sions, and spoke openly in her presence of their past happiness and present sorrow. When therefore, she

had never closed her eyes, arose in the morning full of grief. She felt afraid to speak to her parents of "My poor child," he said, "you do not know what what she had heard; and, uncertain what to do, she it is to travel 800 leagues! How will you find your went into the forest, and there knelt down under the way from one town to another? What will become shade of some old birchtrees, a favourite spot, where of you in the deep snow? How will you cross moun-

with merciful compassion on her father, the thought talk of the emperor, as if it were as easy to speak to came suddenly into her mind, "why should not I go him at Petersburgh as to master Neiler in Siberia .-to the emperor, and kneel to him as I am now kneel- You know nothing of the imperial palace, the guards, ing to God? Why cannot I speak to him-who, af- and the officers. Alas! what chance has a friendless And so they went on with the difficulties of the

ble that from that instant-till, after three years of and, folding it in a handkerchief, put it into a place of "Thank heaven," said Prasca, "that at least is a cross her mind, never did she feel less than perfect good sign. If he had been determined not to let me

A few days after she renewed her request, and When Prasea returned to the hut, she saw her fa- again it was refused, though less resolutely than ther sitting at the door smoking a long pipe, with a before. Again and again she returned to the subject; the premises. calmer and more composed look than usual. She and at last her entreaties prevailed. With many thought the opportunity a good one; and, seating tears her parents bade her wait till the summer-only herself at his feet, begged him to listen to what she wait till the frost broke up, and not another word

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XLIII .- TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK. As PSALM CXLVIII. The same Collect.

> "The Stone" is "roll'd away !" a The glorious Meed is won ! riumphant o'er the Grave Is Christ, the "HOLY ONE !"b O Christ, our King, Once crown'd with thorns, The Victor's wreath Thy brow adorns!

Thy stricken side, O LORD. Thy pierced hands and feet, Thy blessed Wounds declare The work of Love complete!e Full well may men Accept our Praise.

O Lord, we lift on high The Banner-cross of Love 1d Its blood red Glory e floats Thy ransom'd saints above! The holy Rood, With folds unfurl'd. Doth cheer the Church " Throughout the world !"

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IV.f The pow'rs of Death are crush'd By Zion's conquering King! The Treasure-house is spoil'd; And drawn the venom'd Sting! Henceforth, O Death, The Cross shall wave, For aye, above The vanquish'd grave!

Good Lord! that holy Sign Did seal our early Vow, Where Heav'n's adopting love In mercy laved our brow : g Beneath the Cross May sons of Light Maintain till death Their hallow'd fight ! A

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11. A "King of kings," c O Christ, art Thou ! The kingly crown becomes Thy brow! THE LAMB IS WORTHY!d Him we praise, And high His blood-red Cross we raise

a Heb. ii. 10. b For The Epistle-(Acts xiii. 37, and 35). c Rev. xix. 16. d ev. v. 12.

his heart had never been devoted to God: no wonder, tunity of seeing him alone. then, if the supports of heavenly grace were now | It was now the middle of summer; for there is a

softening, became restless and violent.

thing to be done-and activity and good management are absolutely necessary to provide a husband and child with food and clothing-little time is left for tember, and all is again ice and snow.

painful reflections and unavailing regrets.

wish but that of pleasing them, and no idea of any cal smile on his countenance. happiness that was not to be found in the hut that

posite banks of which three or four equally unfortu- miracle." nate exiles had settled themselves. Prasca sometimes found employment amongst these families; and, kopeks, sometimes only an egg or a handful of vegetables, but with a light heart and cheerful spirits, such as no money can purchase, and such as she might never have enjoyed amidst the riches and splendour of her own country.

They had no books to teach her, and no heart to set towards your house." about what appeared a hopeless and unnecessary work. She had never learned to read or write; and yet igno-At an age when few children would think of such at the door of her father's house, things, she would go alone into a solitary part of the "I am sure," she said, "I have this day had great

more and more filled with peace and joy.

nances, especially in that of her father. It is true Exiles' letters, however, are not apt to be answered alone with his wife, he broke out into violent com- better hands than her own. plaints, talked of death as a less dreadful punishment The appointed time came. The messenger at last

soothe him; and her own name was mentioned.

his character stood high in the eyes of the world; but time, however, passed away before she had any oppor-

withheld from him. He became every day more summer even in Siberia, though a very short one .-gloomy and discontented; and his temper, instead of About the last week in May the frost generally breaks up, and a sudden change takes place. At the end of The wife of Loupouloff, happily for herself, had al- two or three days the ice and snow are gone; the ways been piously and seriously inclined : her dispo- birch-trees are covered with leaves, which come out sition was mild and gentle; and she submitted pa- so fast, that those who walk in the forest may hear tiently, if not cheerfully, to the will of heaven. The the bursting of the buds; the larches are of a bright pension allowed by the emperor to the exiles was so green, and their pink blossoms hang from every bough; small as barely to suffice for their daily wants; and reeds spring up by the sides of the streams; and this very circumstance, perhaps, by calling forth her flocks of white cranes and wild geese are seen flying energies, and obliging her to exert herself for her fa- over the ponds, building their nests, and rearing their mily, was much in her favour. Where there is every young. The Siberian squirrel leaps from tree to tree, and plays merrily among the branches. All nature seems to rejoice, till the north wind returns in Sep-

It happened that, one day during this pleasant sea-Such were the parents of Prasca. It need hardly son, Prasca was sent by her mother to wash some linbe said that at three years old exile was no punish- en in a particular part of the lake at a little distance ment to her. She came to Siberia a happy child, too from the hut. Having finished what she had to do, young to perceive any difference between one home she packed her linen in a basket, and sat down for an and another; and, as she grew up, all recollections of instant to rest herself. Alone, as she supposed, and the place of her birth passed from her mind. Her with her usual pions thoughts in her mind, she looked father and mother were her play-fellows in her infan- up to heaven, and clasped her hands in an attitude of cy: all her affections centred upon them; and at 14 devotion. Suddenly a footstep startled her; and, she was their friend and companion, with no other looking up, she saw Neiler close behind, with an ironi-

"Well," he said, "and what next, I wonder? Is had sheltered them from the storm of eleven winters. the basket to get up and walk home of its own accord It was built near the edge of a small lake; on the op- after all these prayers? I shall wait and see the

"I wish," said Prasca, "you would not talk in this way about miracles. God is able, whatever you may after a hard day's labour, she would return with a few think, to make the basket walk if he pleases: but, if he gives me strength to carry it, it is as much as I can expect, and more than I deserve." Neiler looked a little ashamed.

"You are a good girl," said he, "and I, unbeliever as I am, am not so bad as you would make me out .---In happy ignorance the child of the exiles grew up. Come, let me carry the basket for you: I am going

Prasca thanked him, and as they walked along took courage, and mentioned the passport. Neiler listenrant in one sense she was not, for she had learned ed with great good nature; and, in reply to her inquiwhat was far better—she had learned to pray. From her mother, it would seem, she received the first prin-ciples of religion; but it was God himself who, in a neguliar manner, blocked the rest of the block to get a letter written in her name, stating the case, and peculiar manner, blessed the good seed sown in her promised to send it to Tobolsk by the first opportuniheart, so that it ripened and brought forth much fruit. ty. Her gratitude was extreme; and, as they parted

forest, and there, kneeling down, would pray in secret encouragement to pray. God has indeed worked a to her heavenly Father. No wonder, then, if every day she increased in holiness, and her mind became to so much kindness. My basket has got home without giving me any more fatigue than if it had walked; One thing alone prevented Prasca from feeling al- and my mind is relieved from a great anxiety." ways happy, and this was the melancholy she could Neiler was as good as his word. The letter was not help remarking at times in her parents' counte- written, and given to a soldier to carry to Tobolsk .--

that a word was never spoken in her presence of their very speedily, week after week, month after month altered circumstances; but many things made her passed away, and no passport arrived. Every mornsuspect that some secret grief pressed heavily on their ing and every evening Prasca looked towards Tobolsk minds; and her suspicions were soon changed into Seldom a day passed that she did not walk along the certainty. One night, she overheard from her bed, road, in hopes of meeting the messenger; but all in through a hole in the partition of their hut, the loud vain. Had her purpose been of man-had it not, as and despairing lamentations of Loupouloff. He had she always affirmed, been suggested by God himself all that day been unusually dejected, in consequence her heart must have failed her: as it was, she felt of the failure of an attempt he had made to interest each day more and more persuaded of success, more the governor of Tobolsk in his favour; and, when and more convinced that the appointed time was in

than exile, and with many bitter words accused the emperor of cruelty and injustice. Prasca listened at-tentively, and presently heard her mother attempt to tentively, and presently heard her mother attempt to before, a matter of jest. The last few months had "Do not talk of my child," exclaimed Loupouloff her, and she was become less their child than their wildly: "the very sight of her breaks my heart. The friend. Her remarkable strength of mind, the upidea of her spending her life in this dismal place is rightness of her character, and the holiness of her life, had made an impression on them, of which they were Kingston, August 28, 1845.

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