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Holy Week and Easter.

Before the end of this month we shall have entered upon the greatest week of the whole Christian Year. We commend to our Readers the following brief hints as to the observance of Holy Week, written for his Parishioners by the Rev. James Macarthur, who succeeded our Bishop as Vicar of All Saints', South Acton, England:

Holy Week begins this year on Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday, and it ends at midnight on Saturday, April 4th, (Easter Eve). To keep it sacred is a *debt of love*, which every Christian owes to his Saviour. All through the centuries the return of this week has been regarded with awe and solemnity. It has been called by various names, each denoting its sacred character—the "Great Week," the "Holy Week," the "Still Week."

It is well called the "Great Week," for surely the events were great—Christ suffering, dying, preaching to departed spirits, conquering death, opening Paradise, rising again from the dead, uniting earth and Heaven. And that beautiful name, the "Still Week," suggests quiet communings in the depths of our hearts on the dear Lord's sufferings.

However busy we may be, we should try to feel that it is a "Great Week," and to keep it "Holy" and "Still."

(1) We should try to come, if we have the opportunity, to *one Service* each day in Holy Week.

(2) When Good Friday comes, we should not permit ourselves, on any excuse whatever, to spend it in enjoyment. It is really heartless and miserable to do so. How can any one bear to seek pleasure on the day on which Christ agonized for us on the Cross? We should make a great effort to be present at whatever services may be arranged for us in our Church.

(3) We should prepare ourselves to make a happy Communion on Easter Day, and let nothing interfere with that sacred duty which, according to the rule of our Church, is solemnly binding on *all her members*. Everyone should try to communicate in his own Church, so that each Congregation may be a united family on that Great Day, and for this reason we should all make an effort to be at home on Easter Sunday.

In this way the blessings of Christ's Passion will be brought to our souls, and Easter will bring us His Joy and Peace.