

*and distinct song so used in all parts of the common prayers of the Church, that the same may be as plainly understood as if it were read without singing.*" This is what is meant in the directions of the Prayer Book by the word "say," for it is quite evident from the injunction, that the service was never intended to be "read," as one would read a sermon or a book ; but to be "said" in such a manner as to admit of many persons joining together without discord or confusion. It is for this cause that Evening Prayer in the calendar is called "Even-song."

It might be objected here that this injunction and these observations are all very well as regards *cathedrals*, but that they cannot be meant for ordinary congregations in parish churches. But this is not so ; the injunction is based on a broad and general principle, and relates to all kinds of *public* worship. Not that the modest parish church will vie with the cathedral in the decorations of its song any more than of its architecture. Yet as one principle may well be observed in the *architecture* of both places, so, unless we love dulness and weariness, must one principle be