

Epistle, 2d Colossians—beginning at the 10th verse.—" Put on the armor,"
Ac. to verse 18.

Gospel, 4th Chapter St. Matthew—beginning at verse 18, to the end.—
" Lay not up," &c.

1. Then shall follow the NICENE CREED, and after that the Sermon.

2. After the Prayer for " the whole state of Christ's Church Militant here in Earth."—The following shall be read.

ALmighty and ever merciful God, who, in Thy gracious goodness, dost listen to the petitions of those who with humble and devout hearts call upon Thee, through Thy Blessed Son,—Vouchsafe to accept with Thy favor, the Supplications and Thanksgivings, with which we, Thy unworthy Servants, have this day presumed to approach Thy Throne. Continue we beseech Thee the blessing of Thy Special Providence to the people of this land, and to the whole Empire, of which we form a part. Unite us, by the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, in uniform obedience to Thy will, and in ardent zeal for Thy honor and service; knit our hearts together in brotherly affection; in attachment to our religion and laws; in dutiful obedience to our Sovereign; and to those who bear authority under him.—Endue us with a spirit of piety and devotion towards Thee; of unshaken reliance on the merits and sufferings of Thy Beloved Son; of justice and temperance; of humility and charity; and of all other graces which adorn the Christian character.—Unworthy, as we are, of the comforts of our holy faith, remember our infirmities, in Thine abundant pity; but remember our sins no more.—Lift us up, when we are fallen, by Thy hand; support us with Thy staff; refresh us with Thy gracious eye—and if, in Thy righteous Government, Thou shalt see fit to encircle Thy Church and people with a cloud of temporal sorrow and distress, open unto us the window of Heaven, that with an eye of faith and hope we may see beyond the cloud, looking upon those mercies, which, in Thy secret providence, and admirable wisdom, Thou designest to all Thy servants, from such unlikely and sad beginnings—teach us diligently to do all our duty, and cheerfully to submit to all Thy will; and at last, O Lord, be gracious to Thy people who call upon Thee, who put their trust in Thee, who have laid up all their hopes in the bosom of their God; who besides Thee have no other helper—Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, the only and prevailing Mediator.—Amen,