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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

January 31st.—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Morning.—Job 27. Mat. 17, v. 14.
Evening.—Job 28; or 29. Acts 18, v. 24 to 19, v. 21.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for Fourth and Fifth Sundays after Epiphany, compiled by Mr. F. Gattward, organist and choir-master of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, N. S. The numbers are taken from H. A. & M., but many of which are found in other hymnals:

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 194, 319, 322, 558.
Processional: 78, 219, 391, 478.
Offertory: 173, 293, 303, 367.
Children's Hymns: 79, 333, 340, 565.
General Hymns: 77, 218, 285, 308, 523, 547.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 177, 321, 324, 556.
Processional: 82, 274, 291, 532.
Offertory: 81, 225, 275, 304.
Children's Hymns: 297, 331, 338, 571.
General Hymns: 5, 19, 220, 248, 486, 537.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

We have seen how the light of God's grace preserves us from the dangers of our own hearts. To-day we learn how it can guide us safely in the dangers and troubles which surround us in the world. Most of the troubles and confusion which disturb mankind have their origin in the disobedience and rebellion of man. His natural pride and self-will incline him to be disobedient and rebellious to the authority which is set over him, and so to disturb his own and his neighbour's peace. The first step towards promoting peace and concord in the world is, to teach men the principles of submission and obedience. These two virtues are amongst the first which the light of Christ's gospel brought into the world; and they are, therefore, those which the epistle for this day specially enforces upon the children of light. We Christians are here taught to look upon our rulers as messengers sent from God to control

and direct us, and to consider disobedience to them as disobedience to Him Who set them over us. And this is the difference between our submission and that of the heathens. They were subject for "wrath"—we for "conscience sake;" their motive was a mere fear of man—ours springs from love and obedience to God. This duty of loyalty or submission to the higher powers is one which is binding upon every Christian in every age and station of life. God has set over our country a sovereign, and laws to administer justice "for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well." The sovereign sends magistrates and rulers to maintain peace and discipline amongst those over whom they are appointed to rule. Over the Church, God has set pastors and teachers whom we are to "obey as those that have the rule over us." Whosoever, therefore, resisteth those powers, speaking lightly of their authority, or opposing their commands, "resisteth the ordinance of God." Again, masters of families and parents are also amongst the higher powers, to which every soul placed under them is to be subject. Christian servants are commanded to serve their masters, not with eye service, as men pleasers, but as those that serve the Lord Christ; and children are to obey their parents, or their teachers to whom their parents entrust them, "because it is right and well-pleasing unto the Lord." Thus do we find ourselves placed in that position which the collect of this day describes. We are "set in the midst of many and great dangers, against which the frailty of our nature could not stand," and so we pray that the divine grace and protection may "support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations." That this divine strength will be granted in answer to our prayers, the lessons for this day, as well as the gospel, encourage us to hope. Let us then "cast away these stumbling blocks" out of our hearts, and, "preparing the way" by penitence and humility, put our trust in the "High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity." He came to bring peace to all contrite hearts; and while the wicked are tossed about on the troubled sea of their own unrestrained passions, He will bring the faithful and penitent to inherit His holy mountain. We learn, then, on this day, that the children of light have to pass through this world as through the waves of a troubled sea; nevertheless, One is walking with them to save and defend them, even the Son of God. He knows better than we do the dangers in which we are set; "He has seen our ways, and will heal us." He is in the midst of us, therefore shall we not be removed; God shall help us, and that right early. "He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able, but will with the temptation make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it."

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