

Q. On what is our own Litany founded ?

A. It is compiled from authentic records of the Liturgies used in the Christian Church from a very early age.

Q. What great division took place in the Christian Church ?

A. What is termed the great schism, resulting in the organization of the Eastern or Greek, and the Western or Latin church of which the Pope of Rome is head.

Q. What is observable in the Liturgy of the Church of England ?

A. That wherever it deviates from the general practice of the Church, it follows, not the practice of the Roman, but the Eastern Liturgy.

Q. What is noticeable in the records of the early Liturgies ?

A. First, that they had forms for Morning and for Evening Prayer. Secondly that they read the Scriptures, by a settled order, Thirdly, that they used the Psalms of David responsively, and Fourthly that they had a special form of service for Divine Worship, when they celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Q. What further ?

A. That many of their prayers were of a responsive character, to be joined in by the people, also that Litanies or prayers of this character were in frequent use.

Q. Upon what do we found our practice of using habits for celebrating Divine Service ?

A. Its general propriety and fitness, and also its general sanction by Scripture,—“fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”

Q. What is allowed to be used by the Law of the Church of England, by the officiating Ministers in her churches ?

A. “A decent and comely surplice with sleeves.”

Q. What are the robes of ministration assigned to the Bishops of our Church ?

A. A white robe called a Rochet, and over it another of black called a Chemire, with white sleeves.

Q. Are any other vestments than these authorized by the church ?