

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *After the Prayer for the Queen, Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting, &c., instead of the Collect for the Day, shall this which followeth be used.*

O GOD, at whose bidding the earth, which sustaineth the life of man, hath withholden in parts of these islands the wonted provision of food, and turned abundance into scarcity; Withdraw, we beseech Thee, the judgement with which Thou hast visited us, that the poor perish not by famine. We acknowledge, O Lord, that by our strifes and divisions, our misuse of Thy gifts, and forgetfulness of Thy manifold mercies, we have justly deserved punishment. We have sinned, we have grievously sinned against Thee: yet knowing that Thou art full of compassion, we beseech Thee to pardon the offences of thy people, to relieve the poor and the needy in their present necessities, and to give, and preserve to our use, the fruits of the earth in their seasons. But whatsoever may be Thy pleasure concerning us, give us grace to receive Thy dispensations, whether of judgement or mercy, with entire submission to Thy will, endeavouring to abate Thy displeasure by repentance, and showing forth our sense of Thy goodness by faithfully keeping Thy commandments. Of ourselves we are unable either to will or to do that which is acceptable in Thy sight. We therefore pray Thee so to open our hearts