

tion, in October, 1789, and does not differ essentially from that of the Church of England.

The services for Festivals and Fasts, which are provided in the Prayer Book, are happily adapted to the necessities of our spiritual nature, and are founded upon the authority of Holy Scripture. Festivals and Fasts were enjoined by God upon the Jews, and were observed by our Lord and His Apostles. Their necessity has been acknowledged by those bodies of Christians, who, in their haste to depart, apparently as far as possible from the Church, undertook to do without them. Thus our Puritan Fathers made it penal to observe Christmas, but ordained a Festival in the Autumn, in the form of a *Thanksgiving Day*. They would not keep the fast of Lent, but they set apart a day in the Spring, as a "day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer."

The Church has, from the early ages, observed a fast of forty days, wherein the ordinary means of grace were used, after an extraordinary manner. Those bodies of Christians who discard this practice, have felt the necessity of such a season, and have virtually confessed it, in that species of substitute found in their "four days' meetings" or "protracted meetings," and other extraordinary services, connected, commonly, with what are known as modern "revivals." We think their own experience is proving that the "*old paths*" are the better way.

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The office of "the Church of the Living God, as the pillar and ground of the truth," is not only to spread that truth, but to *conserve* it. This, the Protestant Episcopal Church does, not only by retaining an Apostolic ministry, but by embodying the great principles of the Gospel, in an *Evangelical Liturgy*. If the minister go astray and become heretical, he cannot easily carry the people with him. Nor can he continue to preach after he ceases to believe in the Divinity of Christ. He must quit the Church at *once* when he quits the faith, since he cannot preach without using the Liturgy, and he cannot do that, after he ceases to believe that Christ is a Divine Being.