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PREFACE

THIS list requires some explanation. In the revision of 1928 a new Calendar was provided: but it was understood to be of an interim character, for by then time had not allowed for the discussion of some of the difficult problems concerning the Calendar. However, a new form of Calendar was issued; and it stands at the head of that book. Considerable attention was paid to the drawing up of the list of Black-Letter Saints' Days. But only a small amount of attention was then available for the provision of Collects, Epistles and Gospels for those days. The result is that there is made only a very general and a very meagre provision for most of them. A single specimen is given for use according to the different class of Saints in question; but beyond this small "Common of Saints," there is nothing for the Black Letter Days other than those few which could not be brought in under any of the ordinary "Common" headings.

The keeping of Saints' Days, however, implies rather more than this. The Saints in the Calendar are people of marked individuality. It is desirable that their lives and qualifications for their place in the Calendar should be well known to the people who go to the Service on their Days. This result is not easily attained unless the festivals are provided with appropriate lessons of Scripture and an appropriate Collect. On other grounds it seems also desirable that the amount of Scripture read at the Holy Eucharist should be largely increased; and that those great passages which in old days served for the commemoration of the Saints (but have now disappeared in that capacity), should begin to be restored again to serve their old purpose, as Epistle (or Lesson) and Gospel of a Saint's-day.

A list that was devised originally in view of the revision of 1927 is, with some addition and modification, now issued in order to meet this need, which has grown greater rather than less in the ten years of interval.

It has no authority, but will be available where any diocesan Bishop gives his sanction for its provisional use until further

and more authoritative provision is made for these days. It is understood, of course, that this plan is not intended to displace any other provision which there may be made (on any Saint's Day) in the Prayer Book itself. However, an alternative is suggested for May 6, which in 1928 merely repeats December 27.

The Collects are to a large extent new and untried. It is only by constant use that a Collect gets its polish; or at any rate becomes so familiar to our ears that any defect which it has does not jar upon the worshipper. It is inconceivable, therefore, that this series of Collects should not meet with criticism and even condemnation. Some parts of the series, however, are already familiar. It owes a good deal to two books with which some of our Bishops have been connected throughout their history—namely, to a little book called *Prime and Hours*, and the Altar Book entitled *The English Liturgy*. Another great influence on the Collects is traceable to the remarkable book called *Collects for the Black Letter Days*, published by the Rev. A. Campbell Fraser, Vicar of Bedlington, in 1917. Its full title is *An Aid to a Devout Use of the Minor Holy Days of the Book of Common Prayer: containing Collects for each of the Black Letter Days*.

The aim of the scheme is that every Black Letter Day of the 1928 Calendar should have its Proper; Commons are only provided for those who are not individually "canonised" on that roll.

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The following Collects have already appeared in print:

June 5; November 16 and 23: authorised for use in the Diocese of Salisbury.

January 27; March 2, 12 and 20; April 3, 4 and 11; May 27; June 22; July 15; August 31; October 6; November 11: *Collects for the Black Letter Days*.

January 22; March 17; July 26; October 13; November 6 and 22; December 4: *The English Liturgy* (published by Rivington and Co., Ltd.).

January 20; March 21; April 19 and 30; May 26; October 4; Commons of a Confessor, a Virgin, and the B.V.M.: *Prime and Hours* (A. R. Mowbray and Co., Ltd.). The last is also printed in the 1928 Prayer Book.

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NOTES

THE ancient rules for adding a full ending to principal collects are embodied in the following guide, taken from the Alternative Calendar and Offices of the Church of the Province of South Africa.

1. If the prayer is addressed to the First Person of the Blessed Trinity, the words "who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end" are added after "through Jesus Christ our Lord."
2. If the name of our Lord has been mentioned in the body of the Collect, the words "the same" are inserted before the words "Jesus Christ."
3. If the name of the Holy Ghost has been mentioned in the body of the Collect, the words "in the unity of the same Spirit" are substituted for the words "in the unity of the Holy Ghost."
4. If the prayer is addressed to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the ending is "who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end."

ERRATA

- Page 29, Collect of May 4: *for* conversation *read* conversion.
Page 30, Collect of May 6: *for* revelation *read* a revelation.
Page 47, Collect of September 16: *for* Inspire our schools
read Inspire within our schools.

January 13. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers and Doctor

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who gavest to thy servant Hilary great gifts of learning and teaching, and faithfulness in bearing witness to thy truth: Grant to thy Church a continuance of such gifts, with grace to use the same to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Wisdom 5. 1-5.

THEN shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labours. When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, This was he, whom we had sometimes in derision, and a proverb of reproach: we fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour: how is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints!

The Gospel. Saint Luke 12. 8-12.

JESUS said, whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven. And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: for the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

January 17. Antony of Egypt, Abbot

The Collect.

O GOD, at whose call the blessed Abbot Antony left the haunts of men to enter on the solitary way: Grant to us in our day the grace of perseverance; that neither faltering, nor stumbling, nor looking back, we may press toward the goal for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 2. 1-3.

MY son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 19. 16-21.

BEHOLD, one came to Jesus and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

January 19. Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester

The Collect.

BLESSED Lord, who through days of change and turmoil didst preserve Saint Wulfstan strong in his simplicity, humanity and piety: Multiply in thy Church rulers and leaders of like character, faithful to themselves, to their brethren, and to thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Nehemiah 5. 4-8.

MANY among them said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards. Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards. And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the

heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 13. 9-11.

TAKE heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

January 20. Fabian, Bishop of Rome and Martyr

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to grant us after the example of Saint Fabian, thy martyr, constancy in thy faith and truth; that, being grounded in divine love, we may be moved from its perfection by no temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Hebrews 11. 33-40.

THROUGH faith the saints subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 24. 42-47.

WATCH therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come,

he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

January 21. Agnes, Roman Virgin and Martyr

The Collect.

O GOD, who as on this day didst cause thy blessed Virgin Agnes to attain unto the heavenly palm of martyrdom: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to follow her example that we may be accounted worthy to be admitted into thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 51. 1-3.

I WILL thank thee, O Lord and King, and praise thee, O God my Saviour: I do give praise unto thy name: for thou art my defender and helper, and hast preserved my body from destruction, and from the snare of the slanderous tongue, and from the lips that forge lies, and hast been mine helper against mine adversaries: and hast delivered me, according to the multitude of thy mercies and greatness of thy name, from the teeth of them that were ready to devour me, and out of the hands of such as sought after my life, and from the manifold afflictions which I had.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 5. 8-12.

BLESSED are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.

January 22. Vincent, Spanish Deacon and Martyr

The Collect.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who didst strengthen thy blessed Martyr Vincent with the virtue of constancy in faith and truth: Grant us in like manner for love of thee to

despise the prosperity of this world, and to fear none of its adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Romans 8. 18-21.

I RECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same, in hope, that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 10. 24-28.

THE disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

January 26. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna and Martyr

The Collect.

FULFIL our petitions, O Lord, we beseech thee, and receive us as a whole-burnt-offering acceptable unto thee, together with the blessed Polycarp thy Martyr and Bishop, whose passion this day we commemorate; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Timothy 2. 8-14.

REMEMBER that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall

also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

The Gospel. Saint John 17. 11-17.

JESUS said, Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

January 27. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople and Doctor

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, to all that minister in holy things the spirit of wisdom and courage wherewith Saint John Chrysostom ceased not to preach thy word, to reason with sinners, and to overcome manifold afflictions for the love of thy name; in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Jeremiah 1. 6-9.

THEN said Jeremiah, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 5. 14-19.

YE are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father

which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

February 3. Anskar of Sweden, Bishop

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace on all who go to other lands, publishing the word of salvation: That, following the patient labours of thy servant Anskar, who carried the message of thy Gospel beyond the sea, they may gather many believers into the fold of thy holy Church; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Hebrews 10. 35-39.

CAST not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 16. 15-18.

JESUS said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

March 1. David, Bishop of Menevia

The Collect.

OGOD, who didst grant long life to thy servant David, and reward his rich sowing in Wales with an abundant harvest: Let his last words still call us to perseverance, and stir us to unwearied devotion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Ephesians 2. 3-10.

WE were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love where-with he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 9. 35-38.

JESUS went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

March 2. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who from the first-fruits of the English nation unto Christ didst call Saint Chad to be an evangelist and bishop of his own people: Give us grace so to follow his peaceable temper, humble spirit, and prayerful life, that we may truly commend unto others the religion which we ourselves profess; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 9. 11, 12.

IF we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 10. 42-45.

YE know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you:

but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

March 7. Perpetua and her Companions, Carthaginian Martyrs

The Collect.

O GOD, who didst give a splendid courage to the Martyrs Perpetua and Felicitas, when, leaving their babes, they went with bright and flashing eyes into the arena, and thus, with their companions, most nobly met their death: Grant that we may be worthy to climb the ladder of their sacrifice, and to be received into the garden of peace; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, who reigneth over the white host of martyrs, with thee and thy Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Revelation 7. 13-17.

ONE of the elders said unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The Gospel. Saint John 16. 20-22.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

March 12. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome and Doctor

The Collect.

O GOD, who didst call Saint Gregory to the office of a bishop, that he might rule in thy Church with pastoral care: Grant that after his example we may burn with a love of souls, and labour that the praises of Jesus may be sung in heathen lands; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 47. 8-11.

IN all his works he praised the Holy One most high with words of glory: with his whole heart he sung songs, and loved him that made him. He set singers also before the altar, that by their voices they might make sweet melody, and daily sing praises in their songs. He beautified their feasts, and set in order the solemn times until the end, that they might praise his holy name, and that the temple might sound from morning. The Lord took away his sins, and exalted his horn for ever.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 12. 35-40.

LET your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

March 17. Patrick, of Ireland, Bishop

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who in thy providence didst choose thy servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, that he might bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of thee: Grant us faithfully to walk in that light, and shew forth thy glory before the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 9. 16-23.

THOUGH I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 5. 43-48.

WE have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

March 20. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst call Saint Cuthbert from following the flock to be a shepherd of thy people: Mercifully grant that, as he sought out the erring, even in remote places, so we, caring for the careless and the lost, may, after his example, win souls unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ezekiel 34. 11-14.

THUS saith the Lord God; Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that

are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 18. 11-14.

THE Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

March 21. Benedict, Abbot of Monte Cassino

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who on this day didst deliver blessed Benedict from the burden of the flesh: Hereafter grant unto us thine unworthy servants to have our share in the company of the blessed: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 44. 10-15.

THESE were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 12. 32-34.

FEAR not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

April 3. Richard, Bishop of Chichester

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who pourest thy grace richly upon Saint Richard, and madest him a true overseer of thy Church in this land: Grant unto the clergy, after his example, not seeking their own advancement, to spend themselves for their people's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Philippians 2. 12-18.

WHEREFORE, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world: holding forth the word of life: that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 6. 20-23.

AND he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed are ye that are poor: for your's is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven.

April 4. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan and Doctor

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Ambrose from the governor's chair to the episcopal throne, and madest him the intrepid champion of thy faithful people: Mercifully grant that, as he feared not to rebuke princes, so we with like courage may avow the faith which we believe; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 2. 7-18.

YE that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and go not aside, lest ye fall. Ye that fear the Lord, believe him; and your reward shall not fail. Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy. Look at the generations of old, and see; did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise, that called upon him? For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, longsuffering, and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction. Woe be to fearful hearts, and faint hands, and the sinner that goeth two ways! Woe unto him that is fainthearted! for he believeth not; therefore shall he not be defended. Woe unto you that have lost patience! and what will ye do when the Lord shall visit you? They that fear the Lord will not disobey his word; and they that love him will keep his ways. They that fear the Lord will seek that which is wellpleasing unto him; and they that love him shall be filled with the law. They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and humble their souls in his sight, saying, We will fall into the hands of the Lord, and not into the hands of men: for as his majesty is, so is his mercy.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 12. 42-44.

WHO is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

April 11. Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome and Doctor

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest Saint Leo to be both the refuge of the State, and also the bulwark of the Catholic Faith: Grant that the courage wherewith thou didst enable him to be steadfast in the evil day may be ours also in upholding the Christian standards which thou hast given us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Timothy 1. 12-14.

IKNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou

hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

The Gospel. Saint John 12. 44-50.

JESUS cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

April 19. Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury
and Martyr

The Collect.

O GOD, who crownedst Saint Alphege with the glory of martyrdom: Grant unto his successors, and the people under them, to serve thee faithfully in their generation, that they may with him rejoice in thy eternal service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Daniel 12. 1-3.

AT that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 8. 34-38.

JESUS said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose

his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

April 21. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Doctor

The Collect.

ACCEPT, O Lord, our thanksgiving for thy servant Anselm, who in his life bore faithful witness to the truth; and humbly we beseech thee to raise up in every generation wise and holy teachers able to bring forth out of their treasure things both old and new: in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Wisdom 10. 10-12.

THE Lord guided the righteous in right paths, shewed him the kingdom of God, and gave him knowledge of holy things, made him rich in his travels, and multiplied the fruit of his labours. In the covetousness of such as oppressed him she stood by him, and made him rich. She defended him from his enemies, and kept him safe from those that lay in wait, and in a sore conflict she gave him the victory; that he might know that godliness is stronger than all.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 21. 9-13.

WHEN ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

April 23. George, Martyr

The Collect.

OLORD, who hast called us to fight under the banner of thy Cross against the evil of the world, the flesh, and the devil: Give grace to our countrymen, that, clothed in purity

and equipped with thine armour, they may follow thee as thou goest forth conquering and to conquer; and by faithfulness in the warfare of well-doing may share thy final triumph, and hail thee as King of kings and Lord of lords, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Revelation 19. 11-21.

I SAW heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain, with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 11. 20-23.

JESUS said, If I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

April 30. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

The Collect.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O God of our salvation, that, as we rejoice in the feast of thy servant Catherine, so of thy mercy we may be taught the spirit of loving devotion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7.

BLESSED be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 13. 44-46.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

May 2. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and Doctor

The Collect.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that, like as Saint Athanasius contended with constancy for the integrity of the faith: So we may both believe in our hearts and confess with our lips the true nature of thy Consubstantial and Incarnate Word, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 4. 8-18.

WE are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus

might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 5. 13-16.

YE are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

May 4. Monnica, Matron

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee that, as thy faithful servant Monnica, continuing in love and abounding in prayer, was heard of thee, and answered by the conversation of her son Augustine: So we in our intercession may never falter in love or weary in asking; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Timothy 5. 3-5.

HONOUR widows that are widows indeed. But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 7. 7-11.

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

May 6. St. John Evangelist, ante Portam Latinam

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, that, like thy Holy Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, we may by thee be delivered unharmed from all the malice of the enemy: and also be made ready to receive from thee revelation of that divine glory wherein thou with thy Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Song of the Three Children 16-18.

IN a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted. Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day: and grant that we may wholly go after thee: for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee. And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face.

The Gospel. Saint John 17. 24-26.

FATHER, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

[Or as in 1928.]

May 19. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst raise up Saint Dunstan to be a true ruler of thy flock, a restorer of monastic life, and a faithful counsellor of kings: Mercifully grant that thy Church may never lack gifted rulers, nor this people leaders fearing thee and working righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 5. 1-11.

WE know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men: but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 19. 23-26.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

May 25. Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast made man's lips to extol thee, and acceptest the art of his hand and voice: We praise thee for the example of thy servant Aldhelm as a leader of the minds of men and a sweet singer of the divine praises; beseeching thee to continue to the Church in this land a full supply of saintly men, skilled as in Christian learning, so also in works of beauty and sacred song; to the glory of thy holy name in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Ephesians 5. 18-20.

BE filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord: giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 24. 45-47.

WHAT then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

May 26. Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury

The Collect:

ALMIGHTY God, who of thy tender mercy didst send thy servant Augustine to preach the Gospel to our fathers: Grant to us their children both to follow the holy doctrine which he taught, and with courage and love to declare thy name unto the heathen; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Philippians 2. 12-16.

WORK out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 10. 1-9

THE Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

May 27. Venerable Bede, of Jarrow, Presbyter and Doctor

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that, as the Venerable Bede, living his whole life in retirement from the world, never ceased his diligence in prayer and study: So we, laying aside all discontent and idleness, may cheerfully perform the work which thou givest us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Isaiah 63. 7-9.

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness towards the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

The Gospel. Saint John 20. 30, 31.

MANY other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

June 5. Boniface, Bishop of Mainz and Martyr

The Collect.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who callest to thee whom thou willest, and sendest them whither thou dost choose: We thank thee for calling thy servant Boniface from our land to be the apostle of Germany and to lay down his life for the faith; and we humbly pray thee to raise up among us men to go forth to destroy the strongholds of idolatry, and to build up thy Church in heathen lands; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 4. 5-10.

WE preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 10. 17-23.

BEWARE of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

June 9. Columba, Abbot of Iona

The Collect.

UPLIFT us, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit to glorify thee in thy Saints with a thankful remembrance of Saint Columba, Apostle of Scotland: That we, who have received from our fathers the age-long tradition of faith and piety, may continue firm in our loyalty to thee, and be carried along the heavenly way to the promised home of the blessed, where thou livest and reignest with our Saviour and the same Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Timothy 4. 1-5.

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 6. 30-34.

THE Apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

June 14. Basil, Bishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia
and Doctor

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, that as through thy servant Basil thou hast enabled thy Church to grow in the knowledge of thy Holy Spirit: So we may learn the hidden mysteries which through the selfsame Spirit thou revealest, and speak them forth to others with his holy wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 2. 6-13.

WE seek the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 10. 23-31.

JESUS looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

June 22. Alban, Martyr

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that as at the beginning of the conversion of this land Saint Alban did gloriously confirm the faith by winning a martyr's crown: So in these latter days there may never be lacking those who for Christ's sake love not their lives unto the death; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Peter 1. 3-9.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 10. 19-22.

WHEN they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

June 28. Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons and Doctor

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who of old through thy servant Irenæus didst hand on the faith and extend thy Church: Keep it true to the apostolical tradition and fervent to win new peoples for thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Malachi 2. 5-7.

MY covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 13. 47-52.

A GAIN, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good unto vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

[July 2. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: as in 1928.]

July 15. Swithun, Bishop of Winchester

The Collect.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as Saint Swithun served thee and his generation with the devotion of his whole heart: So there may never be lacking in thy Church faithful intercessors, labouring fervently in prayer, that thy just judgments fall not on us, and that our land may yield her increase; through the merits of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Epistle. James 5. 16-18.

THE effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 5. 44-45.

I SAY unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

July 20. Margaret, Virgin and Martyr at Antioch
in Pisidia

The Collect.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of thy saints: Grant to our minds the same faith and power of love: that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Romans 8. 15-18.

YE have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 13. 16, 17.

BLESSED are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

July 26. Anne, Mother to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Collect.

A LMIGHTY God, who didst confer such grace on Saint Anne that of her should be born the mother of thine only-begotten Son: Purify and illuminate all whom thou hast made parents, that they may bring up their children in the knowledge of thy truth, and dwell with them in honour and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Peter 1. 9-12.

RECEIVE ye the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 1. 68-72.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant.

August 1 (Lammas Day). St. Peter ad Vincula

The Collect.

OLORD, who by thy mercy hast brought us to the beginning of harvest and to the memory of Saint Peter's deliverance: Let his counsel prevail among us; that, girding up the loins of our minds as of our bodies, we set our hope perfectly on the grace that is brought to us by the revelation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Proverbs 3. 5-10.

TRUST in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 13. 24-30.

ANOTHER parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and

sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time for harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

August 5. Oswald, King of Northumbria and Martyr

Collect.

HEAR us, Almighty and everlasting God, as we keep festival this day in honour of the victorious death of thy servant Oswald beneath the shadow of the holy Cross: Enlarge our hearts with like love towards thee, and grant us the courage that can triumph over every foe; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Wisdom 5. 15-20.

THE righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them. He shall take to him his jealousy for complete armour, and make the creature his weapon for the revenge of his enemies. He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate, and true judgment instead of an helmet. He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with him against the unwise.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 16. 24-27.

IF any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

[August 7. Name of Jesus: as in 1928.]

August 10. Laurence, Deacon at Rome and Martyr

The Collect.

O GOD, who gavest grace to thy servant Laurence to be a wise guardian of the treasures of the Church, a faithful attendant upon his chief, and a bold witness in his martyrdom to the Christian faith: Stir us by his example to whole-hearted devotion, and by thy refining fire prepare us for the judgment that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 9. 6-10.

HE which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.)

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 10. 37-39.

HE that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

August 20. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot

The Collect.

O GOD, by whose grace the blessed abbot Bernard, enkindled with the fire of thy love, became a burning and a shining light in thy Church: Grant that we may be inflamed with the same spirit of love, and ever walk before thee as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 39. 1-7.

HE that giveth his mind to the law of the most High, and is occupied in the meditation thereof, will seek out the wisdom of all the ancient, and be occupied in prophecies. He will keep the sayings of the renowned men: and where subtil parables are, he will be there also. He will seek out the secrets of grave sentences, and be conversant in dark parables. He shall serve among great men, and appear before princes: he will travel through strange countries; for he hath tried the good and the evil among men. He will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him, and will pray before the most High, and will open his mouth in prayer, and make supplication for his sins. When the great Lord will, he shall be filled with the spirit of understanding: he shall pour out wise sentences, and give thanks unto the Lord in his prayer. He shall direct his counsel and knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate.

The Gospel. Saint John 15. 7-15.

IF ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

August 28. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in Africa and Doctor

The Collect.

O GOD, who gavest the blessed Augustine to be a Doctor of thy Church and an exponent of the mysteries of Holy Scripture: Grant that we, being instructed by his faithful teaching, may be strengthened to hold fast the catholic faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Wisdom 8. 2-10.

I desired to make wisdom my spouse, and I was a lover of her beauty. In that she is conversant with God, she magnifieth her nobility: yea, the Lord of all things himself loved her. For she is privy to the mysteries of the knowledge of God, and a lover of his works. If riches be a possession to be desired in this life; what is richer than wisdom, that worketh all things? And if prudence work; who of all that are is a more cunning workman than she? And if a man love righteousness, her labours are virtues; for she teacheth temperance and prudence, justice and fortitude: which are such things, as men can have nothing more profitable in their life. If a man desire much experience, she knoweth things of old, and conjureth aright what is to come: she knoweth the subtilties of speeches, and can expound dark sentences: she foreseeth signs and wonders, and the events of seasons and times. Therefore I purposed to take her to me to live with me, knowing that she would be a counsellor of good things, and a comfort in cares and grief. For her sake I shall have estimation among the multitude, and honour with the elders.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 7. 24-27.

WHOSOEVER heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

[August 29. Beheading of St. John Baptist: as in 1928.]

August 31. Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne

The Collect.

O GOD, who of old time sentest thy servant Aidan to preach to the English thy saving Word: Grant unto all ministers of thy Word and Sacraments such simplicity of purpose and love for the souls of men, that they may truly follow him, even as he followed Christ; through the same thy Son, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 9. 16-23.

THOUGH I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law: to them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak because I am weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 6. 33, 34.

SEEK ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

September 1. Giles of Provence, Abbot

The Collect.

O GOD, who revealest the hidden life of the soul, and guidest thy chosen along the pilgrim roads to seek it where they may find it: Grant that we may still be inspired by the example of the Hermit Saint Giles to count all things but loss for the knowledge of thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Tobit 13. 10-14.

GIVE praise to the Lord, for he is good: and praise the everlasting King, that his tabernacle may be builded in thee again with joy, and let him make joyful there in thee those that are captives, and love in thee for ever those that are miserable. Many nations shall come from far to the name of the Lord God with gifts in their hands, even gifts to the King of heaven; all generations shall praise thee with great joy. Cursed are all they which hate thee, and blessed shall all be which love thee for ever. Rejoice and be glad for the children of the just: for they shall be gathered together, and shall bless the Lord of the just. O blessed are they which love thee, for they shall

rejoice in thy peace: blessed are they which have been sorrowful for all thy scourges; for they shall rejoice for thee, when they have seen all thy glory, and shall be glad for ever.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 6. 1-6.

TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father, which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

[September 8. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
as in 1928.]

September 13. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage and Martyr
The Collect.

O GOD, who gavest grace to thy bishop Cyprian to guard thy Church in Africa through troublous times: Grant to all those who bear rule in thy household to labour for its steadfastness and to maintain its unity and order: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 12. 12-26.

AS the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptised into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God

set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head of the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

The Gospel. Saint John 21. 15-19.

JESUS saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God.

[September 14. Holy Cross Day: as in 1928.]

September 16. Ninian, Bishop in Galloway

The Collect.

O GOD, the Light of the world, who of old didst build up many a fortress of the faith to serve as a stronghold in the gloom of heathenism, and a light-house diffusing learning and piety: Inspire our schools and colleges a challenge to the false and a witness to the true; and in our time send forth judgment unto victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 2. 9-12.

YE remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: as ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 1. 35-39.

IN the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

September 19. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of
Canterbury

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst inspire and enable thy servant Theodore, of Tarsus, regardless of self, to accept thy call to rule and reform our land in its day of need: Preserve for us those blessings of orthodox faith and catholic discipline which through him thou didst bestow; and grant to his successors a double portion of his spirit; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 Thessalonians 1. 3-5.

WE are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.

The Gospel. Saint John 15. 1-7.

IAM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

September 30. Jerome, Presbyter and Doctor

The Collect.

OLORD, who hast given us thy holy word for a light to shine upon the path of life: Grant us after the example of thy servant Jerome so to meditate upon the law and rule ourselves according to thy word, that we may find in it the light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Nehemiah 8. 8-12.

THEY read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength. So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 18. 28-30.

PPETER said unto Jesus, Lo, we have all left all, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or

children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

October 1. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims

The Collect.

O GOD, who cholest thy servant Remigius to be the har-binger of salvation to the King and whole nation of the Franks: Hasten, we pray thee, the almighty working of thy providence, whereby the kings and chiefs of untaught lands bring in their glory and honour, to take their destined place within the Holy City of thy perfected Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Habakkuk 2. 1-3.

I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it: because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 28. 18-20.

AND Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. *Amen.*

October 4. Francis of Assisi

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast not disdained to reveal thyself to the child-like and lowly of heart: Grant that, like Saint Francis, we may learn to count the wisdom of this world as foolishness, and determine to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Timothy 6. 6-11.

GODLINESS with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be there-

with content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 10. 7-13.

AS ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it.

October 6. Faith of Aquitaine, Virgin and Martyr

The Collect.

O GOD, by whose strength Saint Faith laid down her life in simple trust and marvellous constancy: Mercifully grant that, as she was true to her name, so we may ever be constant in our Christian profession; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Romans 8. 9-13.

BUT ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 10. 13-16.

THEY brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeas'd, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid

them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

October 9. Denys, Bishop and Martyr

The Collect.

O GOD, who dost build up thy Church upon the tombs of thy martyrs, and sendest leaders who inspire men to die for thee: Preserve, we beseech thee, for these latter days in our bishops and people the sacrificial flame of loyalty to thee; and reward their faithfulness with the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Revelation 2. 10, 11.

FEAR none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; he that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

The Gospel. Saint John 3. 16-21.

GOD so loveth the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

October 13. Edward the King and Confessor

The Collect.

O GOD, who didst call Saint Edward the Confessor from the tottering eminence of an earthly realm, to rest in the secure glory of thy heavenly kingdom: Keep us safe along the road

upon which he went, and bring us also unscathed before the throne of the King of kings, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Saint John 2. 15-17.

LOVE not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 21. 34-36.

TAKE heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

October 17. Etheldreda, Queen and Abbess of Ely

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst enkindle the flame of love in the heart of Saint Etheldreda, thy servant, so that, at thy call, she gave up the old life for the new: Grant us the same faith and power of love that, as we rejoice in her triumph, we may learn her obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Philippians 3. 7-12.

WHAT things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 6. 36-38.

BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

October 25. Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs

The Collect.

O GOD, who dost inspire us to confess thy holy name by the witness of thy Martyrs Crispin and Crispinian: Grant that thy Church, encouraged by their example, may be ready to suffer fearlessly for thy cause, and to strive for the reward of thy heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Timothy 6. 11-16.

FOLLOW after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords: who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 5. 11-12.

BLESSED are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

October 26. Alfred, King of the West Saxons

The Collect.

O GOD, who madest Alfred our King to be the saviour and enlightener of his people in this land: Stablish that which thou hast wrought in us, and make us more worthy of thine unending mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Wisdom 4. 7-10.

THOUGH the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest. For honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was beloved of him: so that living among sinners he was translated.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 12. 1-5.

BEWARE ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

[November 2. Commemoration of All Souls: as in 1928]

November 6. Leonard, Abbot

The Collect.

O LORD, the source of all our good, who didst endue Saint Leonard with the grace of holiness: Make us so to abound in every good work that we may be counted worthy to obtain of thee all such excellent things as are needful for us; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 15. 57-58.

THANKS be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 13. 10-12.

THE disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance.

[November 8. Saints, Martyrs and Doctors of the Church of England: as in 1928]

November 11. Martin, Bishop of Tours

The Collect.

O GOD, who calledst Martin from military service to be a leader in the army of Christ: Give us grace to follow his faith, his compassion, and his apostolic zeal, that others may be won by us into the ranks of righteousness: through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 5. 5-11.

YE are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 25. 34-40.

THEN shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

November 16. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln

The Collect.

OMERCIFUL Father, who didst endow thy servant Hugh of Lincoln with a wise and cheerful boldness, and didst teach him to commend the discipline of holy life to kings and

princes: Give us grace like him not only to be bold, but to have just cause for boldness, even the fear and love of thyself alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Timothy 4. 12-16.

BE thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

The Gospel. Saint Mark 9. 35-37.

JESUS said unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

November 17. Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

The Collect.

OMERCIFUL Saviour, who from the early days didst enlist and consecrate the devotion of women; and through whose grace Saint Hilda in her convent became a nursing mother to the church of the North: Prosper the seed that she sowed without and the leaven that she hid within the souls of her household, and bring still to good effect among us what she by thy mercy began; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Hebrews 13. 14-17.

HERE have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 13. 31-33.

ANOTHER parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least

of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

November 20. Edmund, King of East Anglia and Martyr
The Collect.

O GOD, in whose strength Saint Edmund the King stood firm against the heathen, and at the cost of his own life was the saving of his people: Let him be a leader to encourage us to vanquish every assault of the enemy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Wisdom 3. 1-8.

THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded; for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

The Gospel. Saint John 12. 24-26.

EXCEPT a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me: and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

November 22. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr at Rome
The Collect.

O GOD, who as on this day didst cause thy blessed Virgin Saint Cecilia to attain unto the heavenly palm of martyrdom: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to follow her example that we may be accounted worthy to be admitted into thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Romans 13. 12-14.

THE night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 10. 26-32.

THERE is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

November 23. Clement, Bishop of Rome and Martyr

The Collect.

O LORD, who in every age dost write names in thy Book of Life, and dost lead the meek of the earth to be followers of the Lamb of God: Raise up to us teachers like thy servant Clement, the disciple of thy first Apostles, who by their writings may instruct the Church without thought of self, and open unto us healing fountains of repentance, peace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Peter 5. 2-4.

FEED the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

The Gospel. Saint Matthew 25. 14-23.

THE kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several

ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

November 25. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr at
Alexandria

The Collect.

LORD, give thine angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways; and bear us safe in their hands through life and death to meet the Lord and be ever with him, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 4. 15-18.

WE which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 21. 12-19.

THEY shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in

your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls.

December 4. Clement of Alexandria, Doctor

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast enlightened thy Church by the teaching of thy Confessor and Doctor, Saint Clement of Alexandria: Enrich it evermore, we beseech thee, with thy heavenly grace, and raise up teachers therein who may set forth thy truth as well by sound doctrine as by holiness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Proverbs 3. 13-18.

HAPPY is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand: and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 18. 22-27.

JESUS said unto the ruler, Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

December 6. Nicolas, Bishop of Myra in Lycia

The Collect.

O GOD, who art ever glorified in the miracles wrought through thy saints: Give us a true devotion to those, both known and unknown, who have been the channels of thy grace in word and power to us thine unworthy servants; that we may praise thee for all the signs and wonders done in the name of thy holy Servant Jesus Christ our Lord and God. *Amen.*

The Epistle. I Corinthians 12. 7-11.

THE manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

The Gospel. Saint John 14. 12-14.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

[December 8. Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
as in 1928]

December 17. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch and Martyr
in Rome

The Collect.

RENEW in thy Church, we beseech thee, O Lord, the courage of Ignatius the Martyr, the fervour of his letters and the faithfulness of his teaching: That men may so burn with love towards thee, as to care for naught else but to do thy will, whatever be the cost in life, in suffering, or in death itself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Romans 8. 35-39.

WHO shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 12. 4-8.

BE not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs on your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.

FOR OTHER SAINTS

Of Martyrs

The Collect.

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Of a Confessor

The Collect.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the festival of Saint *N.*, thy confessor: Mercifully grant that, as we celebrate his joyful entrance into rest, so may we imitate his holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Wisdom 4. 7-10.

THOUGH the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest. For honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was beloved of him: so that living among sinners he was translated.

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Of a Virgin, not a Martyr

The Collect.

O GOD of mercy, enlighten the hearts of thy faithful people; and grant us after the example of thy servant *N.* to despise things earthly and love things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 1. 26-31.

YE see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

The Gospel. Saint Luke 10. 21, 22.

IN that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Collect.

O MERCIFUL God, hear the prayers of thy servants who commemorate the nativity (conception) of the Mother of the Lord; and grant that by the incarnation of thy dear Son we may indeed be made nigh unto him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lesson. Ecclesiasticus 24. 8-11.

THE Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and he that made me caused my tabernacle to rest, and said, Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thine inheritance in Israel. He created me from the beginning before the world, and I shall never fail. In the holy tabernacle I served before him; and so was I established in Sion. Likewise in the beloved city he gave me rest, and in Jerusalem was my authority.

The Gospel. St. Luke 11. 27, 28.

AS Jesus spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Of a Patron Saint

The Collect.

UPLIFT us, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit to glorify thee in thy Saints with a thankful remembrance of St. our Patron: That we, who have received from our fathers the age-long tradition of faith and piety, may continue firm in our loyalty

to thee, and be carried along the heavenly way to the promised home of the blessed, where thou livest and reignest with our Saviour and the same Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Hebrews 13. 7-9.

REMEMBER them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.

The Gospel. Saint John 4. 35-38.

LIFT up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Of any Saint

The Collect.

LET the glory of thy Saints, O Lord, illumine the dulness of our hearts: That, following the example of their lives on earth, we may shine with them in the everlasting light of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*