

THE BOOK OF
COMMON PRAYER
and Administration of the Sacraments
and Other Rites and Ceremonies
of the Church

ACCORDING TO THE USE OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Together with The Psalter
or Psalms of David

The Book of Common Prayer, Standard Edition, printed for the Commission on the Revision of the Prayer Book of 1928. A folio volume of 656 pages, bound in full crimson pigskin, printed from a fount of XVII century, large, old-style type, in red and black, on English hand-made paper, by D. B. Updike, The Merrymount Press, Boston. Edition limited to 500 copies, of which 250 are for sale.

THE first American Prayer Book was set forth in 1789 and no revisions of consequence were made until the edition of 1892. Since then a more thorough revision has been made, and the result is the present Prayer Book according to the changes of 1928.

The chief points about this new revision are the substitution of the new Lectionary, arrangements for the greater flexibility in the performance of the Divine Service, the addition of new Canticles and Psalms in Morning and Evening Prayer, the addition of Prayers for special objects and occasions, some new Proper Prefaces for the Holy Communion, new Collects, Epistles, and Gospels for the Ember and Rogation days, for some days in Holy Week and for Marriages, Burials, etc., the revision of the Baptismal Service, with provision for lay and hypothetical baptism, a service for Unction, Prayers for the Dying, for the Dead, and in the Burial Office, new Psalms, alternative Lessons, a service for the Burial of a Child, etc. It will thus be evident that the new book entirely supersedes the revision of 1892.

THIS present revision of the Book of Common Prayer was begun some years since, but was not completed and ratified until October, 1928, and the printing of the edition of the revised book, begun in the following month, was completed in October, 1930. Though "Printed for the Commission" appears upon the title-page, the work has been undertaken at the expense of a layman, whose de-

sire was that the book should be brought out in a manner in every way befitting its importance and purpose.

AT each successive revision of the Prayer Book the canons of the Episcopal Church provide that one copy, duly attested, be placed in the keeping of the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer as the official copy of the liturgy; and at the same time a number of like copies are distributed to the various Dioceses of the Episcopal Church in the United States and Missionary Districts here and abroad, to members of the commission on revision, and to dignitaries of Churches in communion with the Episcopal Church, as well as to libraries, institutions, and colleges in this country and abroad. In addition two hundred and fifty copies of this Standard Edition have been placed on sale.

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The 1st Sunday in Lent

out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

The Gospel. St. Matthew vi. 16.

WHEN ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

¶ The same Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall serve for every day after, unto the next Sunday, except upon the Feast of St. Matthias.

The First Sunday in Lent.

The Collect.

OLORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
Amen.