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INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

THE Council of the SPENSER SOCIETY regret that, owing to unavoidable hindrances, the issues for the year 1878-9 have been delayed beyond the usual period, a disappointment which they trust will not again occur. Wither's Hallelujah, now issued, was the work of that author which their late colleague the Rev. Thomas Corser, thoroughly versed in all his writings, was most anxious to see reproduced in the Spenser series, both on account of the poetical merits of its Hymns and Songs, which is universally allowed to be very considerable, and the excessive rarity of the diminutive original edition, which Wither's best biographer, the Rev. Aris Wilmott, was never able to obtain a sight of. Four copies only are known to exist of it, namely, that in the British Museum, which was Herbert and Dalrymple's; the one possessed by Mr. Gaisford, which previously belonged to Mr. Heber and Mr. Wrightson; Mr. Huth's, the Bridgewater copy, which had been Mr. Pulham's, and was purchased for 351. 10s.; and Mr. Corser's, which sold at his sale for 181. 5s., and was afterwards obtained for the purpose of this reprint for 211.

The only remaining poetical works of Wither which are yet wanting to complete this series are *Hymns and Songs of the Church* (1623), *The Psalms of David* (1632), *Britain's Remembrancer* (1628), and his *Emblems* (1635). It is proposed that the third, *Britain's Remembrancer*, a poem of great interest, and affording a most graphic picture of London and the country at the period of the great plague of 1625, shall be selected as the Spenser Society's issue for 1879-80.

> JAS. CROSSLEY, PRESIDENT.

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HALELVIAH or, BRITANS Second REMEMBRANCER, bringing to REMEMBRANCE (in praifefull and Pœnitentiall Hymns, Spirituall Songs, and Morall Odes) Meditations, advancing the glory of GOD, in the practife of Pietie and Vertue; and applyed to eafie Tunes, to be Sung in Families, &c. Compofed in a three-fold Volume, by GEORGE WITHER.

The first, contains Hymns-Occasional. The fecond, Hymns-Temporary. The third, Hymns-Perfonall.

That all *Perfons*, according to their Degrees, and Qualities, may at all Times, and upon all eminent *Occasions*, be remembred to praife GOD; and to be mindfull of their Duties.

> One woe is paft, the *fecond*, paffing on ; Beware the *third*, if this, in vain be gone.

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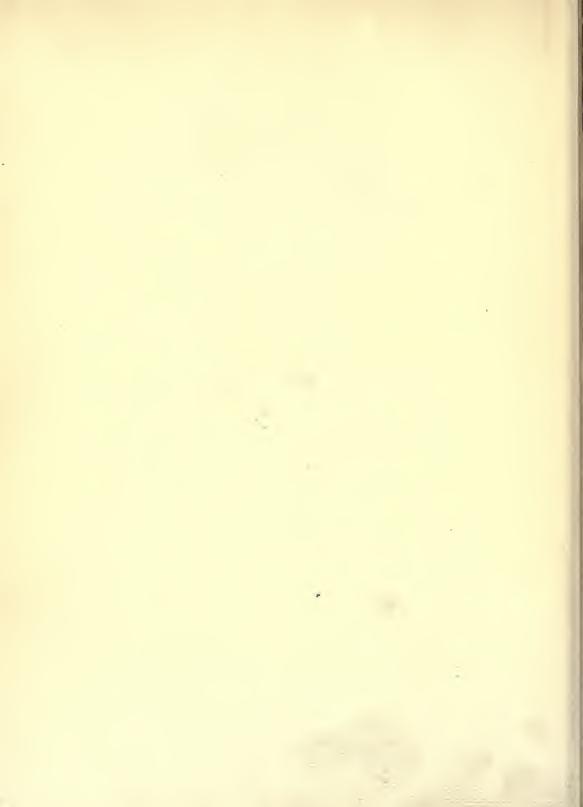
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Halelviah or Britans fecond Remembrancer.



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The thrice Honorable, the high Courts of Parliament, now affembled, in the Triple-Empire of the BRITISH-JLES:

GEO. WITHER, humbly tenders, this his HALELVIAH OR Second REMEMBRANCER.



Iveteen yeers, now paft, I was in fome things of moment, a Remembrancer to

thefe *Ilands*; which have in many Particulars, fo punctually, and fo evidently fuc-A 2 ceeded,

ceeded, according to my Predictions ; that, not a few, have acknowledged, they were not published fo long before they came to paffe, without the fpeciall Providence, and Mercie of GOD, to thefe Kingdomes : And, fome, who fcornfully jeared, and malicioufly perfecuted me for that Book (almost to my utter undoing) have lived, to fee much of that fulfilled which they derided; and to *feel*, that, which they would not beleeve; to the verifying of a conditionall Impre-

Imprecation, expressed at the later end of my eightth Canto, in thefe words:

And, if by thee, I was appointed, LORD! Thy Judgements, and thy Mercies, to record (As here I do) fet thou thy mark, on those Who fhall, defpightfully, the fame oppofe. And, let it, publikely, be feen, of all, Till, of their malice, they repent them shall.

Of which, I do not here make mention, that notice may be taken of it for mine own repute (becaufe I know the vanitie of fuch Aymes, and how eafily, they may be turned to my difgrace) neither is it mentioned to add to

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to their dishonour or affliction, who are now found guiltie, afwell of publike as of private Oppressions : For, GOD fo comfort me, as I have compassionated them, as they are men: But, I do, rather, thus offer those Events to confideration; that my Former, and thefe Remembrances, may be the more effectually observed, to ftir up thankfulneffe, and heedfulneffe of GODS dealing, both with my felf, and others.

For, though it were but a Bush,

Bufh, which burned; GOD, was the inflamer of that Shrub: and (as it now feemeth) it was a Beacon warrantably fired, to give true Alarums to prevent those Dangers, and Innovations, which, then, to me, appeared neere at hand. Yea, though my First, and these my Second Remembrances, may have fome paffages, and exprefsions in them, favouring fo much of my naturall Infirmities, as may make them distastfull to a proud-knowledge; and perhaps exercife A 4 the

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the humilitie of a Sanctified Wifdome: yet, I am confident, that, GOD hath been pleafed to accompany my Imperfect-Mufings, with fome Notions pertinent to thefe Times; and proceeding from himfelf: which I defire may be confidered of, as they fhall deferve, and no otherwife.

I Arrogate no more, then Balaams-Affe might have done. GOD, opened mine eyes to fee Dangers, which neither my most Prudent Mafters (nor men as Cunning

ning as Balaam) feemed to behold. GOD, opened my mouth, alfo; and compelled me (beyond my naturall Abilities) to fpeak of that which I forefaw would come to paffe: And, mens eyes are now fo cleard (excepting theirs who are wilfully blind) that most of us behold the Angel of the LORD which ftood in our way, with a drawn Sword. And we have lately obtained alfo, (partly, in hope; and partly, in poffefsion) fuch publike, and private Deliverances; A 5 that

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that both private *Oblations* of *Thankfgiving*; and generall *Sacrifices* of *Praife*, are, now, and everlaftingly, due from thefe *Ilands*.

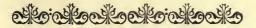
For the better performance, of which dutie, I do now execute the Office of a *Remembrancer* in another manner, then heretofore: and, have directed uuto You, themosthonourable Representative Bodies of these Kingdomes, the fweet Perfume of Pious-praises, compounded according to the Art of the Spirituall-Apothecarie, to further ther the performance of thankful *Devotions*: hoping, that,by your Authorities they fhall (if they fo merit) be recommended unto them, for whofe ufe they are prepared. And, there will be need both of GODS extraordinary blefsing, and of your grave afsiftance herein.

For, fo innumerable are the foolifh and prophane *Songs* now delighted in (to the difhonour of our Language, and Religion) that HALELVIAHS, and pious Meditations are almost out of

of use and fashion : yea, not in private only; but, at our publike Feasts, and civil meetings alfo, Scurrilous and obfcæne Songs are impudently fung, without refpecting the reverend Prefence of Matrons, Virgins, Magistrates or Divines. Nay, fometime, in their defpight, they are called for, Sung, and Acted, with fuch abominable gefticulations, as are very offenfive to all modeft hearers, and beholders: and fitting only to be exhibited, at the Diabolicall Solemnities of Bacchus, Ve-For nus, or Priapus.

For, Prevention whereof, I am an humble Petitioner, that fome order may be provided, by the Wifdome and Pietie, of your Assemblies; Seeing upon due examination of this Abufe, it may foone be difcovered, that, afwell Cenfores Canticorum, as Librorum will be neceffary in these Times; and I am confident your Zeal & Prudence, will provide as you fee caufe; and accept thefe endeavours of your humble Suppliant and Servant; who fubmitting himfelf and his Re*Remembrances* to your grave Cenfures, fubmifsively takes his leave; and befeecheth GODS blefsing upon your honourable Defignes and Confultations.

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Was wont to faine my felf a *Shepherd*: but, now I have really a *Flock* and many other fuch like Rurall negotiations to overfee;

among which, I do now and then, intermingle employments of this nature, that I might not muddle, altogether, in dirt and dung; but leave behind me fome teftimonials, that, while I laboured for the maintenance of my *Body*, I was not without *Meditations* pertinent to the well being of my *Soul*: though the Affaires which neceffitie compels me to follow, are no little hinderances to the *Mufes* which I affect.

I have obferved three forts of *Poëfie*, now in fashion: One, confisteth meerely of *Rhymes*, *Clinches*, *Anagrammicall Fancies*, or fuch like verball, or literall Conceits

ceits as delight Schoolboyes and Pedanticall wits; having nothing in them either to better the understanding, or firre up good Affections.

Thefe *Rattles* of the *Brain*, are much admired by thofe, who (being men in yeers) continue children in underflanding: and thofe *Chats of wit*, may well be refembled to the fantafticall Suits, made of *Taffaties* and *Sarcenets*, cut out, in flafhes; which are neither comely nor commodious, for fober men to weare; nor very ufefull for any thing (being out of fafhion) but to be caft on the dunghill.

Another fort of *Poefle*, is the Delivery of neceffary Truths, and wholefome documents, couched in fignificant *Parables*; and illuftrated by fuch flowres of Rhetorick, as are helpfull to work upon the Affections, and to infinuate into Apprehenfive Readers, a liking of thofe Truths, and Inftructions, which they expressed

Thefe Inventions, are most acceptable to those who have ascended the middle-Region of Knowledge; For, though the wifeft

wifeft men make ufe of them in their writings; yet, they are not the wifeft men for whofe fake they are ufed. This Poefie is frequently varyed, according to the feverall Growths, Ages, and Alterations of that Language, wherein it is worded: and, that, which this day is approved of as an elegancy, may feeme leffe facetious in another Age. For which caufe, fuch Compositions, may be refembled to Garments of whole Silke, adorned with gold lace : For while the Stuffe, fhape and trimming, are in fashion, they are a fit wearing for Princes; and (the Materials being unmangled) may continue ufefull to fome purpofes, for fome other perfons.

A third *Poefie* there is, which delivers commodious Truths, and things Really neceffary, in as plain, and in as univerfall tearmes, as it can poffibly devife; fo contriving alfo, what is intended, that the *uvifefl* (having no caufe to contemn it) may be profitably remembred of what they know; and the *Ignorant* become informed of what is convenient to be known.

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This, is not fo plaufible among the Wittie, as acceptable to the Wife; becaufe it regardeth not fo much to feeme Elegant, as to be usefull for all perfons, in all times: which it endeavoureth, by using a phrafe and method, neither unpleasing to the time prefent, nor likely to grow altogether out of use, in future Ages; And if it make use of Ænigmaticall expressions, it is to prevent the prophanation of fome Truths; or the oppreffing of their pro-The commendation of this feffors. Poëfie is not improperly fet forth by a Mantle (or fuch like upper Garment) of the beft English-Cloth: for, that, continueth indifferently ferviceable for all feafons;and,may be ufefully and commendably worn, by men of every degree.

To this plaine and profitable *Poëfie* I have humbly afpired, (and efpecially in this Book) imitating therein (though coming infinitely behind them) no worfe Patterns then the most holy *Prophets*: And by this means, I hope, the memoriall of GODS mercies, shall be the better pre-

preferved in our hearts; and things pertinent to our happineffe be the more frequently preferted to a due confideration.

Songs, were adjudged (even by the wifdome of the holy Ghoft) the fitteft means to convey to many perfons, and through many Generations, those Caveats, Counfels; and Confiderations, which ought feriously to be minded; as appeares by the Song of Moses, and many other desperfed in both Testaments; as alfo, by the Pfalmes of David. Yea, our own experience affures us, that, by Song, matters of moment may not only be committed to memory with more ease, but be more delightfully preferved unforgotten, then by my other means.

Songs and Hymns, are the moft ancient writings of the World, and the moft efteemed in pious Ages. In them, divine Myfteries were firft recorded; and doubtleffe, to celebrate the honour of GOD, and to ftir up mens affections to the love and practife of Holineffe and Vertue, was the prime Subject and Scope of ancient Song and

and *Muficke*; though at this time they are otherwayes, overmuch, employed. But, indeed, the abufe of them is no new thing; for,the devill perceiving how Devotion,and honeft affections were by thefe means, affifted and ftirred up, he, long fince,taught his *Prophets* to magnifie alfo their falfe *Gods*, in *Hymns* dedicated to their honour; and to provoke uncleane Defires by prophane and immodeft *Songs* and *Ballads*, fitted to uncleane *pafsions*; of which later fort we have now fuch varietie, that there is hardly Roome (fure I am) no encouragement for a devout *Mufe*.

Childhood and youth, are almoft generally fo feduced and bewitched, with vain (if not wicked) Songs and Poems, that, holy and Pious Meditations, are tedious and unwelcome to moft men, all their life long. Nay Poefie hath bin fo prophaned by unhallowed Suggestions, (Infpirations I will not call them) and by having been long time the Baud to Luft; and abufed to other improper ends; that fome good men

men(though therein, not very wife men) have affirmed *Poëfie*, to be the Language, and invention of the Devill.

To prevent thefe Errors and Offences, Mr. Sandys, Mr. Harbert, Mr. Quarles, and fome others, have lately, to their great commendations, ferioufly endeavoured, by tuning their Mules to divine Strains. and by employing them in their proper work. For the like prevention, I have alfo laboured according to my Talent; and am defirous both to helpe reftore the Mufes to their ancient honour, and to become a means, by the pleafingneffe of Song, to feafon Childhood and young perfons, with more Vertue and Pietie. To that end, I composed these Hymns and Songs; taking the advantage of Times, Perfons, and Occafions, in hope that by ufing various means, I shall at fome Time, upon some Occasion, in some Persons, prevent or diffolve the Devils Inchantments; by thefe lawfull Charmes; which may be read or Sung, to that purpofe, as occafion is offred ; and as my Readers are affected. in

In my *Perfonall Hymns*, I arrogate not to inftruct men of all Qualities or degrees, in each point of their duties; neither to dictate all meditations pertinent to them in the exercife of their devotion; bnt, I rather offer fome principall duties, and occafions of thankfulneffe, to the Remembrance of thofe who know them; and the knowledge of them, to fuch as are altogether ignorant; in hope, the one or the other, (if not both) may be be benefited thereby.

The like I profeffe in my Hymns, appropriated to Times, and Occafions. And, perhaps, they who need Inftruction, fhall finde, here, and there, difperfed, most of those duties, which are pertinent to Chriftian men and women, of every degree, and condition: peradventure also, the publishing of these Helps, and Remembrances, may by GODS bleffing, encrease necessary knowledge, in those who most want it; and, that Honessary, which is lately decayed.

As in the Language, fo in the forts of verfe

To the Reader.

verfe, I have affected plainneffe, that I might the more profit them, who need fuch *helps*: This I have done alfo, that they may be fung to the common Tunes of the *Pfalmes*, and fuch other, as are wel known; to which, I have directed my Reader, not to confine him to fuch Tunes; but, that he may have thofe, untill he be provided of fuch as may be more proper: which, per-chance, may by fome devout *Mufician*, be hereafter prepared.

In all thefe *Compositions*, I have made use of no mans method or Meditations, but mine own. Not that I defpifed good helps: but, partly, because my Fortunes & my employments, compelled me to spin them out of my own Bowels, as occasions were presented unto me; and chiefly, because I thought, by fearching mine own heart, I should the better sinde out, those musings, and expressions, which would flow with least hardhnesse; and be most stuable to their capacities, whom I defire to profit.

All thefe things confidered, I hope, I fhall

To the Reader.

fhall be judged excufable though I attained not to perfection, in my pious Endeavours; and I am hopefull alfo, (confidering, how many *Songs* I have now prepaed to advan ce a *Chriftian Rejoycing*) that it will not be thought altogether my fault, if there follow not a *merry-Time*.

Without more words; I commit thefe my humble *Devotions*, to their ufe who fhall approve and accept of them; and the event of my Studies and defires, to GODS gracious providence; whom I befeech, to fanctifie them, to his Glory.

Iune 1. 1641.

Part. I,

HALELVIAH

BRITAN'S fecond REMEM-BRANCER, bringing to *Remembrance* (in praifefull and Pœnitentiall *Hymnes*, Spirituall *Songs*, and Morall *Odes*) Meditations advancing the glorie of GOD, and the Practife of *Pietie* and *Vertue*.

The first part confisting of *Hymns* Occasional.

HYMNE. J.

A generall Invitation to praise GOD.

This Hymn flirreth up to the praife of God, by a Poeticall Invitation of the Creatures to the performance of that Dutie according to their feverall Faculties and Dignities. And, it is a preamble to the following Hymns.

Come, oh come in pious *Laies*, Sound we *God-Almighti's* praife. Hither bring in one Confent, Heart, and Voice, and Inftrument.

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Mufick adde of ev'ry kinde ; Sound the Trump, the Cornet winde. Strike the Violl, touch the Lute. Let nor Tongue, nor String be mute :

Hymne. I.

Nor a Creature dumb be found,

That hath either Voice or Sound. 2 Let those Things which do not live In Still-Mussick, praises give. Lowly pipe, ye Wormes that creep, On the Earth, or in the Deep. Loud-alost, your Voices strain, Beass, and Monssers of the Main. Birds, your warbling Treble sing. Clouds, your Peales of Thunders ring. Sun and Moon, exalted higher,

And bright Stars, augment this Quire.

3 Come ye Sons of Humane-Race,
In this Chorus take a place;
And, amid the mortall-Throng,
Be you Mafters of the Song.
Angels, and fupernall Powr's,
Be the nobleft Tenor yours.
Let in praife of God, the found
Run a never-ending Round;
That our Song of praife may be Everlafting as is HE.

4 From *Earths* vaft and hollow wombe, *Muficks* deepeft *Bafe* may come. *Seas* and *Flouds*, from fhore to fhoare, Shall their *Counter-Tenors* roare.

To

Part. I. Hymne. I I.

To this *Confort*, (when we fing) Whiftling *Winds* your *Defcants* bring. That our *Song* may over clime, All the Bounds of *Place* and *Time*,

And afcend from *Sphere* to *Sphere*, To the great *All-mightie's* eare.

5 So, from Heaven, on Earth, he fhall Let his gracious Bleffings fall : And this huge wide *Orbe*, we fee Shall one *Quire*, one *Temple* be; Where, in fuch a *Praife*, full Tone We will fing, what he hath done, That the curfed *Fiends* below, Shall thereat impatient grow.

Then, oh Come, in pious Laies, Sound we God-Almighties praife.

HYMNE. II.

When we first awake.

It is Gods mercy that our Sleep is not to Death : and, therefore whenfoever we awake, it becometh us to lift up our hearts to God in this, or in the like Meditation.

Sing this as the 25. or 67. Pfalmes.

DEar God! that watch doft keep Round all that honour Thee. Vouchfafing thy *Beloved* fleep, When Reft fhall needfull be : B 2

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My Soul returns thee praife, That thus refresh'd I am; And that my tongue a voice can raife, To praife thee for the fame. 2 As now my Soul doth fhake Dull Sleep, out of her eies; So let thy Spirit me awake, That I from fin may rife. The Night, is past away, Which fill'd us full of fears; And we enjoy the glorious Day, Wherein thy grace appears. 3 Oh! let me, therefore, fhun All Errors of the Night. Thy Righteousnesse let me put on, An walk as in the Light. And guard me from his powre, (Since I on thee relie) Who walks in darkneffe to devour When our Long-fleep draws nigh. 4 Yea, when the Trump shall found Our Summons from the Grave, Let this my Body from the ground, A bleffed Rifing have. That (whatfoe're the Dreames, Of my Corruption be) The Vision of thy Glorie's Beames, May bring full Joyes to me.

Hymne II.

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HYMNE III.

When Day-light appears.

When we first behold the renewed light, our thoughts should be listed up to the Father of Lights, by whose mercy we escape the perils of Darknelle: And it would become us, otherwhile to 'praise him, and instruct our selves, in this, or the like Meditation.

Sing this as the 51 Pfal. or the Lamentation, Sec.

L Ook forth mine eye; look up and view How bright the Day-lightfhines on me. And as the Morning doth renew, Mark how renew'd Gods mercies be.

Behold, the Splendors of the Day, Difperfe the fhadows of the Night; And, they who late in Darkneffe lay, Have now the comforts of the Light. 2 Nor Twilight-Plagues, nor Midnight-Fears, Nor mortall, nor immortall Foes, Had powre to take us in their fnares; But fafe we flept, and fafe arofe.

And to those Daies which we have had, He that is *Lord* of Day and Night, Another Day vouchfafes to add, That our loft houres redeeme we might. 3 It is too much to have made voide So many daies already paft :

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Let this, therefore, be fo employ'd, As if we knew it were our laft.

Moft *Creatures*, now, themfelves advance, Their *Morning-Sacrifice* to bring; The *Heards* do skip, the *Flocks* do dance, The windes do pipe, the Birds do fing. 4 LORD, why fhould thefe, who were decreed, To ferve thee in a lower-place, In thankfull-Duties, us exceed, Who have obtain'd the higheft grace ?

We are oblig'd much more then those Our voice in thankfull Sounds to raife: Therefore oh *God* ! our lips unclofe; And teach our Tongues to fing thy praife. 5 Let heart, and hand, and voice accord, This Day, to magnifie thy Name : And let us ev'ry Day, oh LORD ! Continue to performe the fame.

So when that *Morning* doth appear, In which thou fhalt all Flefh deftroy; We fhall not be *awak'd* with fear, But, rife and meet thy *Son* with Joy.

HYMNE IIII.

When we put on our Apparell The putting on of our Apparell, may occasion many

con'iderations, helpfull to keep us mindfull of our Frailties; of our Wants; and of fome Caveats preventing errors and fnares, whereinto we may, els, faller'e the Day be pafl. Sing

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Sing this as the Magnificat, or Te Deum. What fhould have been unknown; Ord, had not man fought out by fin, His nakedneffe unfelt had bin, And, wifer he had grown. But, in the flead, of what he thought By lawleffe means, to know, The knowledge of that want, was taught, Which brings the fenfe of woe. Had he as forward ftriv'd to be, 2 The Fruit of Life, to tafte, As on the Death-procuring-Tree, A luftfull Eye to caft ; The Bliffe which was for him prepar'd, In Soul, he had obtain'd : And in his Body, alfo fhar'd The *Bleffing*, preordain'd. 3 But, fince the *Flefh*, did preffe to fee Her *wants* before the time; Both Soul and Flesh afflicted be For that prefumptuous Crime : And, cumbred fo, with pains and care, To purchase Cloth and Food; That little their endeavours are, To feek their chiefest-Good. Lord! with a Robe of Innocence, 4 Thy Servant fo aray, That, it may take the painfull fenfe, Of outward wants away.

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Yea,

Yea, let thy Juffice cloth me so, That I incurre no blame;
Nor through my fin fo naked grow, As to augment my fhame.
5 And let the Garments which I weare, My tender Flefh to hide,
Be neither made a luftfull-fnare, Nor Enfignes of my pride.
But, rather be a means to fhow The folly of that Deed,
By which man fell; and fell fo low, As thefe poore Toyes to need.

Hymne V.

HYMNE V.

A morning Hymne.

Many dangers hang over us all the Day. Therefore, before we adventure forth to follow our Affaires we might be the more fafe, if we were first charmed by fuch Invocations as these.

Sing this as the Pater-nofter.

S Ince thou haft added, now, ô G O D! Vnto my life, another Day; And giv'ft me leave to walk abroad, And labour in my lawfull way: My Walks and Works, with me begin;

Conduct me forth, and bring me, in.

2 In ev'ry powre my Soul injoyes Internall Vertues to improve ;

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In ev'ry Senfe that fhee employes, In her externall Works to move,

Bleffe her ô *God*! and keep me found, From outward harme, and inward wound.

3 Let Sin nor Sathans fraud prevaile, To make mine eye of *Reafon* blind, Or Faith, or Hope, or Love to faile, Or any Vertues of the Minde;

But, more and more, let them encreafe ; And bring me to mine end, in peace.

4 Lewd Courfes, let my *Feet* forbeare ; Keep thou my *Hands* from doing wrong : Let nor Ill-Counfels pierce mine *Eare*, NorWicked-words defile my *Tongue*.

And keep the windows of each Eye

That no ftrange Luft climbe in thereby. 5 But, guard thou fafe my *Heart*, in chief, That neither Hate, Revenge, nor Feare ; Nor vain-Defire, vain-Joy, or Grief, Obtain Command or Dwelling, there :

And LORD, with ev'ry faving-Grace,

Still, true to thee, maintain that *Place*. 6 From open-wrongs, from fecret-hates, Preferveme, likewife LORD this Day: Fromflandrous'Tongues, from wicked Mates, From ev'ry Danger in my Way:

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My Goods to me, fecure thou, too;

And profper all the Works I do. So, till the Evening of this Morn, My Time fhall then fo well befpent,

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That, when the Twi-light fhall return, I may enjoy it with content; And to thy praife, and honour fay,

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That this hath prov'd a happy-Day.

HYMNE VI.

A Hymne whilft we are wafhing.

Though Water be a common Bleffing ; yet we receive many great Benefits thereby, and cannot live conveniently without it. If, therefore, we fometimes remember to be thankfull in the use of it, and to fanctifie it with fuch like Meditations, as thefe, it will become Holy-water unto us.

Sing this as the 1. 4. or 30. Pfalmes.

A S we by Water wash away Vncleannesse from our flesh, And, fometimes, often in a day, Our felves are faine to wash: So, ev'ry Day, Thoughts, Words, or Deeds, The Soul do fully, fo, That often, ev'ry day, fhe needs Vnto her *Cleanfer* go. Our Sins purgation doth require, 2 Sometime, a Flood of Teares; Sometime the painfull *purging-Fire*, Of Torments, Griefs, or Fears : And all this Cleanfing will be loft, (When we our beft fhall do) Vnleffe Part. 1. Hymne VII.

Vnleffe we by the *Holy-Ghoft*, May be baptized too.

3 LORD, by thy Sanctifying-Spirit, And, through my Faith in thee,

(Made acceptable by thy Merit)

Purge, Wafh and Cleanfe thou mee. And, as this *Water* purifies

My Bodies outward blots, So, cleanfe thou, by thy Blood, likewife,

My Souls internall fpots.

4 And, fince this ufefull *Element*, Thou freely doft afford,

(In ufing it) let me prefent Due thanks to thee ô LORD!

And, then, accept that Sacrifice, (Though cheap, and mean it be.)

And, do not those Requests despise,

Which I preferre to thee.

HYMNE VII.

When we enjoy the benefit of the Fire. Fire is a Creature, both beneficiall and harmfull, (according too ur heedfulneffe, and Gods bleffing.) Therefore, this Hymne ferves both to remember us to be thankfull for the good received; and to befeech Gods protection from the dangers of it.

Sing this as the 2. 6. or 7. Pfalmes.

B^{Vt} that, no *wonders*, Things appear, Which ev'ry Day we fee,

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Hymne VIII. Part. I. 12 This Fire, whofe warmth our flefh doth chear, A wondrous-thing would be : For, while by Fewell it is fed, (Which we therefore provide) Arayd in fhining White and Red, It will with us abide. But, when the fame we do neglect, 2 It quickly flies away ; And fometime (for our difrespect) Vpon our Goods, doth prey. If guided well, it is a Friend : If not; it proves a Foe, Which bringeth Cities to an end, And Realmes may overthrow. LORD, fince this Creature, much we need, 3 And harm'd thereby may be, (Vnleffe we take thereof good heed) From harmes, preferve us free. Yea, thankfull make, for that which warms, And which we now enjoy : And keep us ever from the harms, Of that which doth deftroy.

HYMNE VIII.

Before we begin our Work. When we are preparing towards our daily employments, their Beginnings, would finde the better fucceffefull endings, if we did otherwile, Sing, Say, or Think fomewhat to this purpose.

Sing

Part. 1.

Hymne I X.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

S Ince thou haft LORD, appointed fo, That Man by labour muft be fed; Loe, with a chearefull mind I go To labour for my daily-bread.

I doe not at my Lot repine, (Though others live much more at eafe) But, I fubject my Will to thine; And thy Good-pleafure me fhall pleafe. 2 Let what I purpofenow to doe, Be fully pleafing unto Thee; And give a good fucceffe thereto, That profit thence may fpring to mee.

Be thou the Author of each Deed, VVhich now by me fhall be begun : VVith me throughout my works proceed ; And perfect them, when I have done.

HYMNE IX.

VVhen we are at our Labour.

Many use to mitigate the tedious/neffe of their Lobours by singing. Therefore (to encourage labouring men at their Works) some Priviledges of a laborious life; and some Petitions, besitting such as live by Labour, are the subject of this Hymn.

Sing this as the 14.0r 15. Pfalmes.

V Withould I grieve that I was made (VVhil'ft others take no paine) To To labour at a toylefome Trade, My body to maintaine? And,that to compaffe Cloth and Meat, My Lotno meanes doth grant, Vntill my Browes or Braines do fweat To get me what I want? 2 Or, wherefore, by a murm'ring Tongue,

Hymne IX.

2 Of, wherefore, by a murin ring Tongue Should I augment my Care, Becaufe I am not rang'd among

Those *Drones* that Idlers are ? For, *Labour* yeelds me true content,

(Though few the fame doe fee) And, when my toyling houres are fpent,

My Sleeps the fweeter be.

3 Though *Labour* was enjoin'd at first, To be a Curfe for Sin,

Yet Man,by being fo accurft, May skrew a *Bleffing* in.

And, He that with a patient minde, This pennance doth fuftaine,

Shall by his paines true pleafures finde, And many comforts gaine.

4 Whilft honeft Labours are applide, We vexe our *Ghofly Foe*;

And in our hearts, he is denide, His harmfull Tares, to fowe.

A thoufand mifchiefes we avoyd, When he would us entrap :

Which they, who are not fo imployd, But rarely do efcape. Part. I.

It makes our Bread more fweet then theirs 5 Who idly fpend their wealth : We feldome have fo many Cares, And live in better health. If we, at Night, begin to tire, Next Morning, fresh we grow; And for our Meat, or for our hire, To worke againe we go. 6 Men feldome heare us crying out (As Idler Folk have done) By reafon of the lazie Gout, The *Collick*, or the *Stone*: But, when our ftrength confum'd we have, That Ripenes doth increase, Which makes us ready for the Grave, And there, we reft in peace. LORD grant me health, and ftrength to 7 The Labours laid on me; (beare And in those Works to perfevere, Whereto I call'd fhall be. And letme finde, by what thy Grace Hath for my Soul prepar'd, That, he who works in meanest Place, May gaine the best Reward.

HYMNE. X.

After our Worke is done. Left (when we have accomplifhed our intended Works) we lofe the benefit of our Labours, by Jmprovidence,

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Hymne XI.

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providence or Vnthankfulneffe; We are hereby put in remembrance to befeech of God that we forfeit not the comfort of them, by our fins.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

That I unthankfull may not be, Now this my worke is fully done, VVith Praifes LORD, I come to thee, In whomit was at first begun :

For if my Painshath compaft ought, From whence, a profit may redound; Thy *Grace*, the fame in me hath wrought: Elfe, fruitleffe, had my deeds been found. 2 Let not my Folly, nor my Foe, Nor *paft*, nor *future fins*, deftroy The Labours, which I did beftow An honeft profit to enjoy.

But,make my Paines, and their Effect, To me,ftill,profp'roufly fucceed; And let me never LORD, neglect To praife thee, both in *Will* and *Deed*.

HYMNE. XI.

VVhen we depart from home. When we depart from home, every step is attended with some Hazzard, or Temptation, whereby we may be endangered, if GOD prevent not. To him therefore, we should list upour hearts to this effect.

Sing this as the 16.or 18. Pfalmes, &c.

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Part.I.

7 Hoknows, when he to go from home Departeth from his dore, Or when, or how, he back shall come ? Or, whether never more? For, fome, who walk abroad in health, In fickneffe, back are brought : And, fome, who forth have gone with wealth, Have back-return'd with nought. LORD, therefore now I goe abroad, 2 My Guard, I thee confeffe; And humbly beg of thee ô G o D! My going-forth to bleffe. Go with me, whether I would go; Stay with me, where I ftay : Do for me, what I ought to do; Speake Thou, what I fhould fay. From taking wrong, from doing harme, 3 From Thoughts and Speeches ill; From Paffions rage, from pleafures charme, Vouchfafe to keep me ftill. Let me abroad, fome *Eleffing* finde ; And let no curfe the while, Befall to that I leave behinde, My honeft Hopes to fpoile. But let my Going-out and Jn, My Thoughts, my Words, and Waies, Be alway fafe ; Still, free from Sin, And,ever to thy praife. And, when my pains effect fhall take;

Or, Times of ftay are fpent ;

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Part.I.

Hymne XII. 18 With Health, and Credit, bring me backe, With Comfort and Content.

HYMNE. XII.

When we returne Home.

Though our Affaires may not permit us to fing upon all fuch occasions, yet we ought at all times to be thankfull : and we have, at least, leifure enough to Meditate to this purpofe, when we returne home.

Sing this as the former Hymne.

SInce, LORD thou haft well pleafed bin, (As now it may appeare) To beare me forth, to bring me in, And fet me fafely here; I, who deferved not this Grace, Should far leffe worthy be, If I repay not in this place, The thanks I owe to thee. 2 My Tongue therfore, Oh LORD (my King) Now foundeth out thy praife : My *heart* the felf fame ftrain doth fing; And, thus to thee it fayes : Thou art my GOD; and never fhall Another God be mine ; And Kingdomes, Powers, and Glories, all For ever shall be thine.

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HYMNE. XIII.

At Noone-tide.

We have ufually some refreshings as well at Noonetide, as in the Mornings and Evenings. Therefore, the finging of a Meridian-Hymne, to this, or the like purpose is not impertinent.

Sing this as the former Hymne.

N Ow the Sun is at his height, And brighteft Beames difplaies; We to the Father of this Light Will fing a fong of praife : For fince that Lampe can fhine fo cleare, And guild fo large a Skye, VVhat Splendor doth in him appeare, VVho made that glorious Eye! 2 How happy in the Light, we be VVhich from this *Planet* flowes, Inform'd we are (in fome degree) VVhen from our view he goes : For, Bleffings, at the full, receiv'd, Appear not fo, at beft, As when we are, awhile, depriv'd Of that which was poffeft. Both for this meanes of outward fight, 3 VVe praife thee LORD, therefore, And, for those Beames of Inward Light,

> VVhich make that Bleffing, more. Vouch-

Hymne XIIII. Part.1.

Vouchfafe, that whilft this happy-Day Of *double-grace* doth laft,

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My feet may travell in the way Which thou commanded haft.

4 Those Works of Darkneffe make me shun, Which my chiefe practife were :

Those Armes of Light, let me put on, Which I am bound to beare.

That when the Night of Death fhall clofe The Daylight of mine Eies,

I may without affrights repofe; And with true Joyes arife.

HYMNE. XIIII.

At Sun-fetting.

The finging or meditating to fuch purposes as are intimated in this Hymne(when we see the Sun declining) may perhaps expell unprositable musings, and arme agains the Terrors of approaching darknesse.

Sing this as the former.

B Ehold, the Sun that feem'd, but now, Enthroned over-head, Beginneth to decline below This Globe, whereon we tread : And, he whom, yet, we looke upon VVith comfort and delight ; VVill quite depart from hence, anon, And leave us to the Night.

2 Thus

Part.1. Hymne XV.

Thus Time (unheeded) fteales away 2 The life which Nature gave. Thus, are our Bodies ev'ry Day Declining to the Grave. Thus, from us all those Pleafures flie, VVhereon we fet our hart: And, when the Night of death draws nigh, Thus will they all depart. LORD! though the Sun forfake our fight, 3 And mortall hopes are vain, Let, ftill, thine Everlasting Light, VVithin our Soules remain. And in the Nights of our Diftreffe Vouchfafe those Raies-divine

VVhich from the Sun of Righteoufneffe, For ever brightly fhine.

HYMNE XV.

In cleare Starry Night.

By contemplating the beauty of the Stars (which were created for the fervice of Man) we are taught to confider the fpeciall and unfpeakable Mercies of GOD, vouchfafed in CHRISTIESV.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

LORD / when those glorious *Lights* I fee VVith which thou hastadorn'd the Skies; (Observing how they moved bee, And how their Splendor fils mine Eies)

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Hymne XV Me thinks it is too large a Grace, (But that thy Love ordain'd it fo)

That Creatures in fo high a Place, Should fervants be to MAN below. The meanest Lampe, now shining there, 2 In fize, and lufter doth exceed The nobleft of thy Creatures, here; And of our friendship hath no need.

Yet, Thefe, upon Mankinde attend, For fecret Ayde, or publike Light : And, from the Worlds extremest end, Repaire unto us, ev'ry Night. Oh ! had that Stampe been undefac'd VVhich, first, on us thy hand had fet, How highly fhould we have been grac'd ! Since, we are fo much honour'd, yet? Good G o D / for what, but for the fake Of thy Belov'd, and Only-Sonne, (VVho did on him, our nature take) VVere thefe exceeding Favours done? 4 As we by Him, have honour'd bin, Let us to *Him*, due honours give : Let *His* uprightneffe hide our Sin ; And let us Worth from Him receive.

Yea, fo let us by Grace improve VVhat thou by Nature doth beftow; That, to thy Dwelling place above, VVe may be raifed from below.

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HYMNE XVI.

In a darke Night.

Darknes is uncomfortable to all, and very dreadfull to many: Therefore, we prepared this Hymne, that Juch as are fearefull, may have where with to comfort their hearts against the terrors of Darknes.

Sing this as the 19, 20, or 21. Pfalmes.

7 Hatthough the comforts of the Light, This gloomy Night denies? Though me to trouble, and affright, Vnwelcome Darknes tries. VVhat fhould I doubt? whom fhould I feare ? Or why difheartned be, Since thou ô G o D! art ev'ry where, And prefent, ftill, with me? 2 VVhat mifchiefe shath a Midnight howre. My Terror to procure? VVhat warrant hath a Noone-tide powre My fafety to affure? I find no comforts in the Day, If thou thy prefence hid'ft ; Nor can the Darknes me difmay If near me, thou abid'ft. Indeed, the Feind that hates the light, 3 Doth oft occafion take,

Amid

24 Hymne XVII. Part.1.

Amid the darkneffe of the Night, This Bugge-beare flowes, to make :

Yet, fure, the *Darkneffe* of our *Minds* Is that, whereby this *Foe*,

Most frequently, occasions finds, The greatest harmes to doe.

4 Me, from that Darkneffe to defend Thy Grace, ô L O R D afford.

So me th' enlightening Spirit lend, And Lanthorne of thy Word.

For then, though *Egypts* Darkneffe had Inclos'd me round about ;

(Yea, though I fate in *Death's* blacke *Shade*) That *Light* fhould guide me out.

HYMNE XVII.

An Evening Hymne.

Left Bruit-creatures rife in judgement against us for neglect of thankfulnesse. This Hymne of Praise is tendred to be a Remembrancer, and a Help for the better performance of that Duty.

Sing this as the Prayer after the Commandements.

ORD, fhould we oft forget to fing A thankfull *Evening-Song* of praife; This Duty, they to mind might bring, VVho chirpe among the bufhy-fpraies.

For, to their Pearches they retire, VVhen first the twilight waxeth dim ;

And,

Part.I.

Hymne XVII

And, ev'ry night that fweet-voic'd Quire,
Shuts up the Day-light with a Hymn.
2 Ten thoufand fold more caufe have we,
To clofe each Day with praifefull voice ;
To offer thankfull hearts to thee ;
And in thy Mercies, to rejoice.

For, from thy *Ward-robe* cloth'd we are : Our *Health* we do by thee retaine : Our *Dayly-bread* thou do'ft prepare ; And giveft *Eafe*, when we have paine. 3 Thou mak'ft us *Glad*, when we are greev'd: When we are tir'd, thou bringeft *Reft*: In wants we are by the *Releev'd* ; And *Succour'd* when we are oppreft.

Thefe favours, LORD, and many moe, (Ev'n moe then here we can recite) Thou ev'ry *Morning* do'ft beflowe; And them reneweft ev'ry *Night*.

4 Therefore, for all thy Mercies paft; For those this Evening doth afford; And which for times to come, thou haft; We give thee hearty thanks, ô L O R D!

Continu'd let thy Bounties be ; And,from our Ghoftly Foes defpight, (Though we deferve it not from thee) Defend us this enfuing-night.

5 When we flut up, in darkneffe, lie, Let not the guilt of any Sin, Appeare, our Soules to terrifie With Frights, which bring *Defpairings* in.

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26 Hymne XVIII. Part.1

But free from harmes and flavifh Feare, Let us a Peacefull Reft obtaine ; That when the *Morning* fhall appeare We may renew thy Praife againe.

HYMNE XVIII.

Another Evening Hymn. In this Hymne, G O D is praifed, and his protecting and preventing Grace implored, to fecure us from the dangers and Temptations of the Night, and it is intended for an Evening-Hymn. N Ow the cheerfull Day is paft, And the Beauties of the Light, Are with fhadowes, overcaft, By the Mantle of the Night. Thanks to thee, ô L O R D! I pay For each Bleffing of this Day; Asking Grace for ev'ry Sin, Whereby err'd I have therein.

2 Though the Sun hath left us now, And withholds his Light from me; LORD, From hence depart not thou, Nor in Darkneffe, let me be.

But the Raies of grace divine,

Caufe thou round me ftill to fhine ; And,with *Mercy* overfpred Both my Perfon,and my Bed. 3 Chafe all wicked *Fiends*,from hence, That they doe me no defpight, By deluding of the Senfe, Through the Darkneffe of the Night. Part.I.

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But, ô L O R D, from all my Foes, Let thine Angels me enclofe; And protect me in my fleep, When my felfe I cannot keep. 4 Whil'It my Body taketh reft, Let my Soule attend on thee. Let no dreame to me fuggeft Fancies that unchafte may be.

Whether I fhall wake or fleep, Me in Mind and Body keep, Not from Acts of Sin alone, But,from dreaming they are done. 5 And fince *Death* and *Sleep* are faid, Some refemblances to have; In my *Bed* ere I am laid So prepare me for my *Grave*; That with comfort wake I may,

To enjoy the following day, Or, (if *Death* clofe up mine eies) Reft in *Hope*, till all fhall rife.

HYMNE XIX.

When we put off our Apparell.

Whileft we are putting off our Apparell, the finging of this briefe Hymne, will be neither tedious nor unprofitable; feeing we may thereby prepare as well our Minds as our Bodies for the better enjoying of a comfortable Reft.

Sing this as the 33, or 34. Pfalmes.

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A^S e're I downe am couched there, Where,now I hope to reft; I, first, from what I daily weare, Begin to be undreft. So, in my Grave, e're I shall be In bleft repofure layd, Of many Rags, yet worne by me, I must be difarayd. My fruitleffe Hopes, my foolish Feares, 2 My Lust, my lofty Pride, My fleshly-Joyes, my needleffe-Cares, Must quite be laid afide. Yea that Selfe-Love, which yet I weare More neare me then my skin, Muft off be pluck'd, e're I fhall dare My last-long-fleep begin. Of Thefe, and all fuch Rags as thefe, 3 When I am difarayd My Soule and Body fhall have eafe, Where ever I am layd: For Feares of Death, nor Cares of Life, Shall then difquiet me; Nor dreaming-Joyes, nor waking Griefe My Sleeps diffurbance be. Therefore, inftruct thou me ô GOD! 4 And give me grace, to heed With what vaine things, our felves we lode; And what we rather need.

Oh ! help me teare those Clouts away, And let them fo be loth'd, Part.I.

That, I, on my laft-rifing-Day, With Glory may be cloth'd.
And, now, when I am naked layd, Vouchfafe me fo to arme;
That nothing make my heart afrayd, Or doe my Body harme.
And guard me fo when downe I lie, And when I rife againe;
That (fleep, or wake, or live, or die) I, ftill, may fafe remaine.

HYMNE XX.

When we cannot fleep. When we cannot fleep at feafonable times, vaine muzings, and want of right meditating on God is frequently chiefe eaufe of unrefl. Therefore this Meditation directeth to the remedy of fuch untimely watchfulneffe.

Sing this as the former Hymne. VVHat ayles my Heart, that in my breft It thus unquiet lies? And that it, now, of needfull Reft

Deprives my tired eies? Let not vaine Hopes,griefs,doubts,or feares

Diftemper fo my mind;

But, caft on GOD, thy thoughtfull cares, And comfort thou fhalt find.

2 In vaine that Soul attempteth ought, (And fpends her thoughts in vaine)

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Who

Hymne XXI. Who by, or in her felfe, hath fought Defired peace to gain.

In vain, as rifing in the morne, Before the Day appeare :

In vain, to Bed we late returne, And lye unquiet, there:

For, when of Reft, our Sin deprives, 3 When Cares do waking keep,

Tis GOD (and he alone) that gives To his *Beloved*, fleep.

On thee, ô LORD, on thee, therefore, My mufings, now I place:

Thy free remiffion, I implore, And thy refreshing grace.

Forgive thou me, that when my mind 4 Opprest begun to be,

I fought elfewhere, my peace to find, Before I came to thee.

And, gracious GOD, vouchfafe to grant, (Vnworthy though I am)

The needfull reft which now I want. That I may praife thy Name.

XXI. HYMNE

A generall thanksgiving.

Becaufe the particular Benefits which we receive of God, are fo many, that we cannot fing particular Hymns for every Mercy, this general Thanksgiving is provided for those who need such helps.

Sing

Sing this as the 100. Plalme.

OLORDI faine would fing thy praife, But,know not where I fhould begin; So often,and fo many waies, Thy Favours have conferred bin.

No bleffing needfull to be had, Are we, by thee debarred from Whereby we happy may be made, On earth ; or, in the world to come. 2 I,for my *Being*, thanke thee firft, And,that when I the fame poffeft, I was no Creature of the worft ; But, had Endowments of the beft.

And thy eternall-Providence, I praife, with all the pow'rs in mee, For ev'ry grace vouchfaf'd me fince I first receiv'd my life from thee. 3 For ev'ry Senfe, for all my Limbs; And, for each gift, I praise returne, Which outwardly my body trims; Or, me doth inwardly adorne. I praife thee, for my Strength, my Health, My Shape; and also for that share Which I have had of worldly-Wealth, And, of fome honest-Pleasures here. 4 I praife thee for my Friends and Foes : (For, both have usefull been to mee) Yea, for thy just-correcting blowes, I render hearty thanks to thee.

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I likewife magnifie ô G O D ! Thy wifedome, for that goodly Frame, Which over us thou fpread'ft abroad ; And, for this Globe on which I am. 5 For all things of this lower-World ; For ev'ry Star, in ev'ry Sphere, Which round about this Orbe is whirld, I praife thee with a heart fincere.

But, most of all, I praife thee, LORD, For pardoning what is done amisses And, for the means thou dost afford To bring me to *Eternall Bliffe*. 6 For *chusing* me, e're time was made; For thy *Creating* me, in Time; For my *Redemption*, when I had *Well-being* lost, by *Adams* crime.

For me inlightning, by those Rayes, Whereby the Paths of *Truth* I fee; For bringing me from Errors wayes; For these things, LORD, I honour thee. 7 I bleffe thy *Name*, that by thy Grace I freely *juflified* am; And, that, when I *polluted* was, I thereby *fanctifide* became.

I praife thee too, that I abide Preferved in the *State of Bliffe*; And, that, of being *Glorifide*, My wofull Soule, kept hopefull is. 8 Oh LORD, to fum up *all*, in *One*, (In *One*, which ev'ry Bliffe containes)

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Part.I. Hymne XXII. 33

I give thee thanks for CHRIST thy Son, Who all these gracious Favours daignes.

To *Him*, for whatfoever H E E Hath fuffred, faid, or done, be praife. And, to that Spirit, who to mee, The meanes of all this Grace convayes.

HYMNE XXII.

When we ride for Pleafure.

We make use of GOD'S Creatures, aswell for pleafure, as for necessity. Therefore when we ride forth for pleasure, it will become us to mix, now and then fuch thankfull Meditations with our lawfull Pleafures, as are in this Hymne.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements. Y G O D, how kind? how good art thou?

M Of Man, how great is thy regard? Who do'ft all needfull things allow, And, fome for Pleafure, haft prepar'd?

With what great Speed? with how much eafe? On this thy Creature, am I borne, Which at my will, and when I pleafe Doth forward goe, and backe returne ? 2 Why fhould not I, ô gracious GOD! More plyant be to thy command, When I am guided by thy word, And gently reined by thy hand.

Afham'd I may become to fee The Beaft (which knowes nor good, nor ill) C 5 More

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Hymne XXIII.

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More faithfull in obeying me, Then I have been,to do thy will. 3 From him therefore, LORD, let me learn

To ferve thee, better then I do; And minde how much it may concern My welfare to endeavour fo. And,though I know,this Creature lent Afwell for Pleafure,as for need; That I the wrong thereof prevent, Let me,ftill,carefully take heed. 4 For,he that, wilfully fhall dare That Creature, to oppreffe or grieve, Which G o D to ferve him doth prepare, Himfelfe of mercy doth deprive.

And *He*, or *His* (unleffe in time They doe repent of that abufe) Shall one day fuffer for his Crime; And want fuch *Creatures*, for their ufe.

HYMNE XXIII.

For him that undertakes a long-voyage. Many are the Cafualities and Hazzards of longvoyages. Therefore, this Hymn puts Travellers in minde of fome things pertinent to their fafety; and remembers them, whofe Protection they ought to feeke.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme, &.e. He that a Voyage undertakes, Had need be well prepar'd;

And,

And(when his Countrey he forfakes) Procure an able Gard: For, perils are fo rife become, That (e're we be aware) They often ceaze on us at home, When we most watchfull are. My Journey, therefore, in thy Name, 2 I,now ô Lord, begin; That thou maift guide me through the fame, And profper me therein. Be thou my Pilot and my Guide, My Guard, my Staffe, my Stay; And, ev'ry thing for me provide, That's needfull in my way. To Pilgrims, thou, in Ages paft, 3 Approv'dft thy felfe a Friend; And, to their Pilgrimages, haft Vouchfaf'd a bleffed end. The Father of the Faithfull Race, His Son, and Grand-childe too, Removed oft from place to place, And, Thou didft with them goe. The Patriarchs in Marchantwife, For Food, to *Egypt* went; Endev'ring their neceffities, By Travell, to prevent. Thy bleft Apofles (whom the Spheres, Did, therefore figure out) Were univerfall Travellers, To preach thy Truth about.

5 Yea

36 Hymne XXIII. Part.1. Yea, when thy bleffed Son, ô G o D! 5 Did in our flefh appeare, (And made amongft us his abode) His Travels, many were. To Egypt, he a voyage made, Ev'n in his tendreft age ; And other painfull Journeyes had, To fcape the Peoples rage. LORD, make a voyage now with me; 6 Conduct, and guide me, fo, As *ffr'el* guided was, by thee, In Ages long agoe. Like Iacobs Voyage, make thou mine, With me thine Angell fend ; And let thy face upon me fhine, Vntill my Journies end. Twixt me and ev'ry perill ftand, 7 That fhall my life affaile Vpon the Water or the Land, And let them not prevaile. Protect from Poyfon, Fire, and Sword, From theeves and beafts of prey : From unexpcted Sickneffe, LORD, And Stormes upon the way. 8 From all extreames of Cold and Heat; From all Infectious Aires; From Wants or Torments overgreat; From Bondage, and Defpaires : From their Defpight that Goodneffe hate, And mifchiefes doe intend :

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From Flattrers, and a Faithleffe-mate, Thy Servant, LORD, defend.

9 Preferve me fober, and Difcreet, Juft, humble, meek and kind;

That, fuch as would enfnare my feet, No powre thereto may finde.

Make cleane my heart, and keep my Tongue, That I nor think, nor fay,

What may be to anothers wrong; Or mine own life betray.

10 Throughout my *Travels* give me grace Difcreetly to avoyd,

The Sins, and Errors of the *Place*, wherein, I am employed.

And, let me those things only learn, Which to thy praise may be,

My Countrys good, fomeway, concern, Or truly profit me.

11 To thefe intents, thine Ayd afford; Thy daily bleffing, daign,

And, bring me in due time, ô LORD, In fafetie back again.

That, I may joyfull praifes give Vnto thy holy *Name*;

And others, (who thy love perceive) Affift me in the fame.

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HYMNE XXIIII.

For fafe return, from a Voyage.

Men that are in want and danger (farre from their homes) have many longings for a fafe return; But, being arived where they would be, a vain Jollitie, or negligence, puts(oftentimes) out of minde all remembrance of due thankfulnefse; which we defired to prevent by this Hymn.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

H Ow great! how gracious have I found Thy Favours, LORD my *God*, to mee! How, for thy mercies, I am bound, With all my Powr's, to honour thee?

For, that where to my wifh afpir'd, To me thou, timely, granted haft, (As fully as my heart defir'd) And, all my Fears are gone and paft. Me, thou haft hither, from a far, Through many Streights and perils brought; And, now, in prefence, those things are, Whofe Abfence, overlong I thought.

How often ! hath my heart been fad, Whilft *Hope* did fuffer by delay? And, ô ! how faine would I have had A fight of what I view this day. 3 The place defir'd, the Friends belov'd, And,many wifhed pleafures more,

From

Part.I.

From which I lately was remov'd, Thy Mercie doth to me reftore.

Nor didft thou,only,thus preferve And bleffe me, LORD, beyond defart ; But, when disfavour I deferve, My kinde, and conftant Friend thou art. 4 Permit not, ô permit thou not Thefe overflowings of thy grace, To be abufed or forgot, In any future Time, or Place.

But, let me all my life time-long, My Will, my Wits, and Strength befow As well in Action, as in Song, Thy Wifdome, Powre, and Love to flow. 5 And, when thofe Travels have an end, Which for mine own advantage, here, (Or for thy fervice) I attend, Make my laft Voyage without fear. Yea, when my Iourney I fhall take Vnto my laft, and longeft-Home; A Joyfull Paffage, let me make, And, bleffed in thy Reft, become.

HYMNE XXV.

When we are upon the Seas.

Death is alwaies within a few ynches of thofe who continue on Ship-bord : yet, moft men, in their Seapaffages, are vainly employed, & infenfible of their perils. This Hymn, therefore, offers their Condition, and Dutie, to confideration.

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Sing this as the 48. Pfalme &c.

N those Great Waters now I am Of which I have bin told, That whofoever thither came, Should Wonders there behold. In this unfteadie place of feare Be prefent Lord with mee, For, in these Depths of Water here, I depths of Danger fee. A flirring-Courfer now I fit; A head strong-Steed I ride, That champs and fomes upon the Bit, Which curbs his loftie pride. The fofteft whiftling of the winds, Doth make him gallop faft, And, as their breath increaf'd he finds The more he maketh haft. Take thou ô LORD, the Reines in hand ; 3 Affume our Masters roome : Vouchfafe thou at our Healme to fland; And *Pilot* to become. Trim thou the Sailes, and let good-fpeed Accompany our haft : Sound thou the Channells at our need, And anchor for us caft. A fit and favourable wind 4 To further us, provide; And, let it waite on us behind, Or lacky by our fide.

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Part.I.

Part.I. Hymne-XXVI. 41

FromSudden Gufts, from Stormes, from Sands; And from the raging-wave,

From Shallowes, Rockes, and Pirates hands, Men, Goods, and Veffel, fave.

5 Preferve us from the wants, the feare, And Sickneffe of the Seas;

But, chiefly from our *Sins*, which are A Danger worfe then thefe.

LORD, let us, alfo fafe arive

Where we defire to be; And, for thy Mercies, let us give Due thanks,and praife to thee.

HYMNE XXVI.

In a Storme at Sea.

Paffionate expressions of Fear, intermixt with reasonable confiderations do help mitigate our paffions in great Extreames; and Lamentations are as properly express in Song, as mirth: Therefore this Hymne may prostably, be said or Sung, in a terrible Tempess to beget Courage, and strengthen our Faith.

ORD, how dreadfull is this howre? And how fad is ev'ry Eie? Clouds diffolve, the Skies do lowre, Waves are fierce, and windes are high: Wrath, above us frowning fits, Danger, hath enclos'd us round ;

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Fear, of us, poffession gets,

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And, beneath us, Death is found. LORD, awake ! awake we pray; Chafe this raging Storme away: Els, we perifh all to Day.

2 LORD, we know that thou art nigh, Though, as yet, thou feem not near; And are fure thou hear'ft our cry, Though afleep, thou doft appear.

Let, ô let not any Crime, (Paft or prefent) come in place, To condemn us, in a time,

When, fo much, we need thy grace : But, ô fend us,now,thine ayde; Let not Mercy be delayd : For, thy Servants are afraid.

3 If our *Veffell* bear ô LORD! Wicked *Fraught*, or *Crying Sin*; Help to heave it over-boord, That, *Salvation* may come in.

Bid the *Seas*, more calme become ; Bid the *Waves* more lowly grow ; Check the *Winds*, and call them home : That, the *Deeps* they ftir not fo.

> Hear, whilf call on thee we may: For, if Thou the Word but fay, Winds and Waves will thee obay.

4 More this *Tempefl* doth not rage, Then when *Ionah* fhunn'd thy Face : But, that Storme thou didft affwage,

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Part.I.

When the Scamen fought thy grace. When in Dangers, like to thefe, Thy Difciples, grew afraid; Thou didft Then the Winds appeafe, And, the Tempeft was alayd.

They for help, invoked Thee. LORD! they Cryde; and fo do we: Therefore, faved let us be.

5 Though our *Lives*, we value dear, And our *Goods*,too highly rate : *Death* is not our chiefeft Fear, Nor the loffe of our eftate.

More we fear to loofe thy Love ; More we fear thy wrathfull Frown : For, our *Conficience* doth reprove ; And, to us, our Guilt have flown.

Senfe, and Confcience, of our Sin, Is more terrible, within ;

Then the Storme, without, hath bin. 6 Thefe internall Stormes controul: And, (how er'e our Bodies fare) Speak thou kindly to the Soul, Thy fweet Calmes, vouchfafing there.

Then, the *Tempefl* rais'd *without*, Shall, to us, no Danger bring : But, (repreev'd from *Fear*, and *Doubt*) We thy praife, ô LORD! will fing.

Yea, though WindsandWaters roare, (Rend the Rocks, and tear the Shore)

We will fing thy Praife the more.

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HYMNE XXVII.

When a Storme is paft, at Sea.

Fear compells most men, in times of Danger, to call upon GOD, whom they feldom remember before they are troubled; and when the perills are past, few return thanks for their Deliverances. Therefore, this Hymne offers it felfe, to remedy that Forgetfulness.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

S Ee, fee, the *Skie* from flormes is clear; More fmoothly, now the *Waves* do flow: The *Billows*, that above us were, Contented feeme, to lie below.

The furious Winds are much alayd; More fober, now, the Ship appears; And, we, who lately were afrayd, To Hopes, have changed all our Fears. 2 Our Vowes, our Prayers, and our Crie, With G o D, have good acceptance had. He faw our danger, from on hie And, fpeed to fave us, he hath made.

Come, let us therefore to his praife, (With joyfull hearts, and hands upheav'd) In thankfull Songs, our Voices raife; And fing of what we have receiv'd. 3 The Fears of Death, inclos'd us round; The Sins of Life, increast that Fear:

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No means of fafetie could be found ; Nor did in us, much hope appear.

Above our heads, the *waves* did roul : The *Winds* did make our Tacklings crack. The *Deeps* had nigh o'rewhelm'd our Soul ; Both Skill and Courage we did lack. 4 Some did the loffe of *Goods*, deplore, (Of which depriv'd they thought to be) Some griev'd, through fear, left they no more, Should their lov'd Friends, or Country fee.

Some feeming nigh Deftructions brink, (And feeing Danger gape fo wide) Oppreft with fear, began to think, In how ill-ftate, they might have dide. 5 There was no Soul among us, here, But, feared more then did befall : For, G o D, in mercy, doth appeare ; And fhows compaffion to us all.

Therefore, let us (now fear is paft) Confider what fmall Joy or eafe, Thofe things, whereon our hearts were plaft, Afford, in dangers, like to thefe. 6 And, let us purchafe, whilft we may, That *Grace*, whereby we may be fraught With Courage, in a *Dreadfull-Day*, To fet the *Worldlings* Fears at naught.

And, as we joyntly do partake The Mercy, which we now poffeffe; So, let us joynt-Confeffion make And thus to thee, our God, confeffe.

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Hymne XXVIII. Part. 1.

7 O LORD! our fafetie is of Thee. It was thy Powre and love, alone, By which we now fecured be; And other *Helper*, we have none.

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To Thee, from whom we did receive This Grace (and thousands heretofore) Our Tongues,ourHands,andHearts we give, To ferve and praise thee evermore.

HYMNE XXVIII.

When we come a Shore.

It is a Mercy worth acknowledging, when GOD hath brought us to fixe our feet on firm land again; and that the Winds and Tides have been made ferviceable unto us: Therefore, in this Hymn GOD is praifed for that Benefit.

Sing this as the former Hymn.

Thank thee LORD, I thee adore, With humbled heart, and bended knee, That,thus upon the Stable Shore My Feet in fafetie fixed be.

I praife thee, that the fickle Seas, For me a Pathway, have been made, Through which unharmed, and at eafe, A Paffage, hither, I have had. I thank thee that thou didft provide, And ferviceable make to mee,

The motions both of *Winde* and *Tide*; Though I am flack in ferving thee.

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Part. 1. Hymn XXIX. 47

I praife thee, that, no Swall'wing-Sands, No Splitting-Rock, no Gulph, or Bar, No Storme, or Bloody Pyrats hands, To ruine me permitted were. 3 For this, and ev'ry other thing, Which by thy Favour I poffeffe, I thank thee LORD; Thy praife I fing; And thy abounding love confeffe.

O let thy *Grace* (which fixed hath My feet in fafetie on the Land) Preferve me conftant in thy Path And, ever true, to thy Command.

HYMNE XXIX.

When we Journey by Boat or Barge.

Some who Travell in Boats or Barges, are delighted to employ the time of their Paffage in flirring up good Affections in themfelves and other Paffengers by Hymns, and Spirituall Songs; we have therefore prepared a proper Hymn for that Occafion.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme.

H Ow are ô G O D ! we Sinners bound To give thee thanks and praife? Who to prevent our pains, haft found And fhown us, many waies.

By Horfe and Coach we at our eafe, Ore Hils and Dales may ride;

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Hymne XXIX. Part. I.

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Through Lakes, through Rivers, and through In Boates, and Ships, we glide. (Seas, 2 The *Waters* which unruly are, To ferve us, may be won; And forc'd our Burthens home to bear, Which way fo e're they run. The Windes, to give our Courfer breath, From ev'ry Quarter blow; And, we, within a foot of Death, In eafe and fafetiego. Vpon the Water, now we paffe, 3 And, fafe we hope to be, By thy Protection, and thy Grace, Becaufe we truft in Thee. Continue with us, all the way : (Though we are full of Sin) Preferve us, and our Boat, we pray, With ev'ry thing therein. Guide thou this Veffell, trim our Sails ; 4 In Danger hear our Cry: And, when our skill, or Courage fails, Those failings LORD, supply. No Paffengers, Orefights, or Crime, LORD, (whether great or fmall) Within this Veffell, at this Time, To question, do thou call. 5 The foolifh Tales, the Lies, and Oathes, That paffe among us, here ; (And, which the well affected loathes) To mark, be not fevere :

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Nor let the *Civill-pafsenger*, The more ufafely paffe,

Becaufe this *Boat*, perhaps, doth bear Defpifers of thy *Grace*.

6 And, when that Key or Port, we gain, Whereat we would arive ;

Hymne XXX.

- To Thee, (that fafe we may remain) Due Praifes let us give.
- And, while in progreffe, thitherward, We are in motion, here,

Let us, (if we expect Regard) Continue in thy Fear.

HYMNE XXX.

When we are Walking in a Garden.

The Garden is a Place of Delight; and we may take Many Occafions, whilf we are there walking, to meditate things pertinent to God's glorie, and our own Instruction, both to the prevention of Sin, (which may els be committed) and to the fanclifying of our honest pleasures, there : which is intimated by this Hymn.

Sing this as the former Hymn.

TO yeeld us profit with Delights, The *Garden* was ordain'd: To many Pleafures it invites, Not ev'ry-where obtain'd.

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And, if we be not well aware, How we converfe therein, The Serpent, still, is lurking there, To tempt us unto Sin. Within a Garden, he began 2 His Engines first to lay. There, first he brought a Curfe on man; There, he did *Chrift* betray. And, in our Gardens, many times, (Whilft Pleafure we purfue) We are allured to those Crimes, Which afterward we rue. LORD, therefore, fanctifie to me, 3 The Pleafures of this Place; That they may raife my heart to thee, And, minde me of thy Grace. Whilft, here I feek Delights to take, Let me in thought retain, What in a *Garden*, for my fake, My Saviour did fuftain. 4 His Agony, and Bloody-fweat, Shall, then, prevent my pain; His Grief, my Pleafure shall beget, And, eafe for me obtain : Of those *Requests* I shall partake, By which he fought thy grace.

And, thou fhalt fweet, and harmleffe, make The Pleafures of this *Place*.

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HYMN XXXI.

When we are walking in the Fields.

The Fields are oft frequented both for Pleasure and Profit ; and, many times, Idle musings make those things dangerous, which might, els, bring a double Advantage. This Hymn, therefore, offers thefe profitable Meditations, which become the leifure of that Place.

Sing this as the former Hymn.

"He Fields, for prayer, Ifa'ck chofe :

And, they who trie, fhall finde,

That for Devotion, they difpofe A well-devoted minde.

The Bleffings which we there efpie, Occasions are of praise:

The loftie Profpects of the Skie, Are helps our Hearts to raife.

2 When I ô GOD! behold this Frame, Which is above me plaft;

How richly thou doft deck the fame, How ordred it thou haft:

And therewith call to minde, for whom,

This Work, by thee, was wrought ; Amaz'd it makes me to become,

And, thus it moves my thought.

3 LORD, can it be that thou fhould rear For fuch poore Wormes as we, D 2

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Hymn XXXII. Part. 1.

A Structure, wherein do appear, Such Glories, as I fee ?

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And that there be, (as I have heard) Above that Spatious-Round,

Things, far more excellent, prepar'd, Then, here by Sight are found.

If fo it be, (as without doubt) I do beleeve it fo;

Why are my Thoughts employ'd about, My vain *Defignes* below?

Why do I Fear? why do I love, Or Covet, ought but Thee?

And hazard things, in heav'n above, For those that earthly be?

5 O! from the fe Dung-hils, raife my minde, And, teach it fo to mount,

That I may beft Contentments finde, In things of beft Account.

Yea, teach me fo to raife my Thought, That I may, by Degrees,

And, in due time, be thither brought, Where *Faith* my place forefees.

HYMN XXXII.

Before, or at a Feaft.

Feafts are usefull to cheere our mindes, by a plentifull enjoying of the Creatures, in a Neighbourly Societie, when Times, and good Occasions allow the same. And Hymn XXXII.

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And, this Hymn offers to Remembrance fome Cautions, to fanctifie, and keep harmes from fuch Refreshings.

Sing this as the former Hymn. **7**Hat Plenties(ô thrice gracious LORD!) Before us, now, appear ? How haft thou furnish'd out this Boord, For us, thy Servants here? Thy Fruits are pull'd, Thy Flocks are kill'd, Thy Foules difplum'd we fee : And by thy bountie, over-fill'd ; Our Bowles and Difhes be. LORD, let this meeting now be bleft, 2 And, what prepar'd thou haft. In ev'ry morfell of this Feaft, Let us thy fweetneffe taft. Grant alfo, left our health it marr, That we exceffe may fhun : And, let among us, neither Jarr, Nor difcord be begun. Chafe all prophane Difcourfe away; 3 Let honeft Mirth appear : Let none of us, an evill fay, Of those that are not here. But, let each Word, and ev'ry Deed, That shall be faid, or done, Be meant, true Mirth and love to breed ; And grieve, or injure none. Yea, let us all, fo heed those ends, 4 For which good Feasts are made; That

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54 Hymn XXXIII. Part.1. That, they may keep us loving Friends, And make us, wifely, glad. And, (being filled) let us cheer, The hungry, with fupplies : So, fhall this *Feafl*, be (as it were) A holy Sacrifice.

HYMN XXXIII.

A Hymn after a Feaft.

We are here remembred to be thankfull for our Refre/hments; to acknowledge GOD'S Bountie in giving his Creatures as well for Delight as Necessitie; and to u/e his good bleffings with Temperance.

Sing this as the former Hymn.

VV Hen is it fitter to begin The Sung intended, now,
Then when our Table fpread hath bin And Cups, did overflow?
For, lo; thofe things which God prepar'd The hearts of men to chear;
Have thofe effects on us declar'd For which, ordain'd they were.
2 Our Wants we now remember not; No Cares opprefie the minde:
Our Sorrows, all are quite forgot, No Feares in us we finde.
And, if we ftay in this Degree Of good and fober mirth,

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We are ô God! allow'd by thee, Thefe Bleffings of the Earth. As well for Pleafure, as for need, 3 Thy Creatures are beftown ; As, heretofore, by his own Deed, Thy bleffed Son hath fhown: For, at a Wedding, where each Gueft, Of wine, had drunk, before; It pleas'd him, to inlarge the Feaft; And, adde a great deal more. The more thy Bounties we fhall fee, 4 The more we fhould beware, That, neither they abufed be ; Nor we unthankfull are. And, therefore, left our Appetites, Our Iudgements may confound; To that, in which our Flesh delights, We now impose a Bound. For all Refreshments of this Day, 5 We praife thy bleffed Name; We honour it, in all we may, We Sanctifie the fame : And, that we may depart in peace, Of thee we humbly crave That, what was *done* or *faid* amiffe, This Day, may pardon have.

HYMN XXXIIII.

A Hymn before Meat.

God is praifed for furnishing our Table : he is also pray'd that his good Creatures may be received of us to the enabling of us in performing our Chriflian duties ; and that when we are full, we may be mindfull of the Poore.

Sing this as the Magnificat.

Cor fpreading LORD, our Table, thus,

To thee we thankfull are :

O! let it not be unto us, A mifchiefe, or a Snare.

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But, thefe thy Creatures bleffe thou fo (Whereon we hope to feed)

That we our Duties well may do And gain the Strength we need.

2 Let not thy Plenties make us dull, Or wantonly inclinde :

And, LORD, when we ourfelves are full, The emptie, let us minde.

Preferve thy *Church*, protect our King, And, all his Kingdomes bleffe :

That, at our *Tables*, we may fing, And, eat our Bread in Peace.

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HYMN XXXV.

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A Hymn after Meat.

God-Almightie having fed our Bodies; is here befought to feed our Soules alfo; and defired that whether we Feed or Fast, he may be glorified thereby.

Sing this as the former Hymn.

X/E praise ô God! we honour Thee. By whom we now are fed ! And, we acknowledge, that from Thee, We have our Daily-bread. As with externall Food, ô LORD! Thou fedd'ft our Bodies, now ; Ev'n fo, thy Bleft Incarnate-word, Vpon our Souls beftow. And, whilft the *Flefh* her nourifhment, 2 From thy good Creatures takes ; Let not, into our Souls, be fent, What, there, a leanneffe makes. But, whether want, or thrive we shall, Or Fast, or take our Food; Vnto thy praife, convert it all : And all things to our Good. 3 With Health and Plentie, bleffe this place; From *Error* keep us free : And, let thy Gofpel, and thy Grace Our Portion alwayes be. Preferve

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58 Hymne XXXVI. Part. 1.

Preferve thy *Church*; protect our *King*; And all his *Kingdomes* bleffe: That, we may at our Table fing, And eat our Bread in Peace.

HYMN XXXVI.

When we walke to the Church.

Such as dwell in the Countrey, a good diftance from the Church, may florten the way, by finging, otherwhile, this Hymn, to praife GOD for the free libertie of coming to his House; and to prepare their mindes for the Place and Service, toward which they walk.

Sing this as the 117. Pfalme.

H Ow bleft are we ! who may repaire In peace, and fafetie L O R D, Vnto thy bleffed *Houfe of Prayre*, And hear thy holy *Word* ? Such *Times*, thy SAINTS have lived in, That, thus they could not do; Vnleffe, it had with hazard bin; Of Goods, and Freedome too. 2 Continue, flill, through thefe our Dayes,

The Grace which, now, thou flow'ft ; And make us mindfull, thee to praife, For that, which thou beflow'ft.

Thy Voice fo let us hear to Day, And fo meek hearted be

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Part.1. Hymne XXXVII. 59

That thou mayft hear us, when we pray, And,give us Reft in thee. 3 When we into thy *Houfe* do come,

LORD, minde us, evermore, To leave our Wordly Thoughts, at home,

And, fend our hearts before.

Vnto our Footing, let us all

Take heed, when we come there, And; on the Pavement, humbly fall

Before thy Face, with Fear.

4 Our Sins, there, let us open lay, And, there, our State condole;

Till thou fhalt pleafed be to fay,

Your *Faith* hath made you whole. In Peace, then fend us back again,

And, give us powre to fee,

That, in thy prefence we remain, Where ere our Bodies be.

HYMN XXXVII.

When we walk from Church.

We are hereby put in Remembrance that we endeavour to become profitable, Hearers, by practifing in our lives that which we are taught; and to befeech God, to enable us thereto.

Sing this as the former Hymn, or as the 4 Pf.

LORD, let the *Words* we heare this day The Heart fo deeply peirce ;

That,

60 Hymn XXXVIII. Part.1.

That, in our lives we practife may Their meanings to reherfe Let not thy holy Seed, be found Difpers'd abroad in vain; By falling on a Stony-ground, That yeelds no lafting-gain. Permit thou not those Aiery-hopes, 2 Which Ill-fuggeftions breeds, To rob us of celeftiall crops, By ravining up the feeds: Nor, let the Thornes of Worldly Cares So choke them up, we pray, That, they produce unfruitfull eares, Or wither, quite away. But, teach us to receive thy Word, 3 Like fuch a fruitfull mold, As to the Sower doth afford, Sometime, a hundred fold. And, let us none of those become, Who formall Hearers are; But feldome practice that, at home, Which in the Church they hear.

HYMN XXXVIII.

When kindred meet together.

The love of kindred is grown cold; and many unkindneffes and neglects are among them. Therefore, when they visite each other, this Hymn being fung, may may remember them, to cherish that Amity which ought to be between them.

Sing this as the 133. Pfalme.

Ow happy is it, and how fweet, When *Kindred* kind appeare! And, when in *Vnity* we meet, As we obliged are? Each bleffing, which on One doth fall, Will multiplied be; And prove a bleffing to us All, As long as we agree. As from high Hils, a fhow'r of Raine 2 Along the vallies trils ; And, as they vapour up againe A moyftning for those Hils: So, *Kindred* (whether poore or rich) If truly kind they prove; Each other may advantage much, By interchange of Love. The flendreft Threds together wound, 3 Will make the ftrongeft Band; And, fmalleft Rods, if clofely bound, The Benders force withftand. But, if we those afunder take, Their ftrength departs away; And, what a Gyant could not breake; A little *Infant* may. So, if in Concord, we abide, (If true in heart we prove)

We

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We may the more be fortifide, By interchange of Love. Let us, therefore, who now have met, Obferve this Leffon, fo, That we do not the fame forget, When we apart fhall go. Let none of us delight to tell, 5 Or pleafure take to heare, Wherein his kinsman doth not well; Or, faulty may appeare : But, let each of us, our owne Crimes, With others Errors weigh; And, feek the fitteft means, and Times, To mend them what we may. 6 If Malice injure any One, To whom allide we are, Let us repute the wrong as done To ev'ry Perfon here. Yea, if a Grief, a Loffe, a fhame, To one of us befall. Let us be tender of the fame, As grievous to us all. So,we that are, but linked, yet, 7 In Bands of common kind; Shall, at the laft, be nearer knit, By Vertues of the Mind. And, when the *Ties* of *carnall-kin*, By death, shall be undone; We, that have fo allied bin, Shall be, for ever, One.

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HYMN XX XIX.

When Kindred depart from each other.

Kindred having visited each other, and being to returne to their severall habitations, doe in this Hymn praise G O D for their Meeting; and pray him to bleffe them in their separation.

Sing this as the former Hymn.

'o bid each other now adue Time, warnes us to prepare; And, that those Callings we purfue To which oblig'd we are. To thee therefore, by whom we came Each others weal to know: We render praife : And in thy Name, Afunder LORD, we go. Though us, ô LORD / to live apart, 2 Our Fortunes do compell; Keep us united, ftill, in hart, Where ever we fhall dwell. A Dweller, in our Dwellings be : Vs,there,depart not from. And let us meet againe, in Thee; When we together come. Alliances are feldome good ; 3 And, rarely kind they are, Who nothing have, but Flesh and Blood,

> To make, and keep them Deare. Therefore,

Therefore, let us endeavour fo, That we, by Grace, may be

More nearly knit, and thereby grow, Vnited all to thee.

4 Preferve among us honeft Mirth : At leaft, when we fhall mourne,

Make Sorrow midwife to the Birth, At which, true Joyes are borne.

And, of our Meetings, here below, If this the laft fhall prove ;

Our Conversation, forme Thou fo, That we may meet above.

HYMNE XL.

A Hymn at Seed-time.

Husbandmen when fowing-time is ended, have(in fome places) their feed-Cake, or fome other extraordinary Allowance to refresh them in their Labours, and it would not be without profit if they fanctified those Refreshings with this or the like Meditation.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme, &.c. NO Time, to trifle forth, in waft, For us, allow'd hath bin; But, alwaies, when one work is paft, Another doth begin. Each day, a daily labour brings, For us to work upon:

And

Part.I. Hymne XL. And ev'ry yeare, hath many things, That must be yearly done. Affoon as Harvest in is borne, 2 The Seed-time doth infue; And, they, in order, ftill, returne, Our Labour to renewe. That, with the Seafon doth befit, We, now (in hope) have fown : And LORD/we unto thee commit, What we abroad have thrown. When *Ifa'ck* tilled in that place, 3 Where, he a Stranger liv'd ; A hundred-fold, the profit was Which he from thee receiv'd. Then, fince it is as eafie, LORD, As pleafing let it be, A Benediction to afford Vpon my Pains and me. 4 To us,a Pow'r thou doft allow To water and to Plant; But, thou a Bleffing must beftow, Or, we our Hope fhall want. Vnto our Labour, therefore adde The Supplement, it needs; Left (miffing that) the Soile be made A Stepdame, to our Seeds. Command the Earth to wrap them clofe; 5 Let Moifture, Warmth and Aire, Their vertues into them difpofe; That, nothing them impaire.

And,

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Hymn XLI. And, when they forth to fight are fprung,

Them, likewife bleffe thou fo, That no difafters do them wrong ;

Till they to ripeneffe grow.

6 Then grant that we(or they to whom Our portion shall defcend)

May fetch their Crops, with gladneffe, home; And, them with comfort fpend.

Grant, alfo, that the feeds of Grace, (Sown in our hearts, by Thee)

Prove not leffe fruitfull in their place, Then Earthly Fruits maybe.

HYMN XLI.

When Harvest is come home.

When we have housed the fruits of the Earth, It becometh us (in stead of the rude jollities used in fome places) to praise God's mercy for vouch a fing to us the fruit of our Labours, to pray for continuance of his bleffing both on them; and on us, in the use of them; In which duties this Hymn affi-Steth.

Sing this as the former.

C Ome, have a Cultome, when they bring The laft of Harvest home, To make the fields with Ecchoes ring, And, joyfull to become.

Which

Part.1. Hymn XLI.

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Which was at first (though chang'd we have, This Joy, to brutifh mirth) A Triumph to his praife, that gave The Bleffings of the Earth. In flead of brutifh Clamors, then, 2 That Cuftome we renew; And(as becometh Chriftian men) Our felves would thankfull fhew. For, that which we, in hope have fown ; And, till'd with coftly pain, We, by Gods grace, have Reap'd and Mown; With likelihood of gain. The dangers of cold Winters blaft, 3 Of Springs offenfive hours, And, of that Summers drougth is paft, Which Corn and graffe devours. The Fruits, for which we delv'd and plough'd, And,toyled long, with care; In Barnes and Stacks, are hous'd and mow'd ; Of which right glad we are. 4 When Winds, & Frofts, & Rains, & Snows, Make barren Grove and Field ; When naught on hill, or valley grows, Which, food for man, doth yeeld : We, to relieve our wants, have hope, By thy free Bounty, LORD; And, means to raife a future Crop, By that we up have ftor'd. 5 As, when thy Manna downe did fall, So be it alfo now :

Let

Let them, whofe gath'rings are but fmall, Confeffe they have enow:

Bleffe thou our Basket, and our Store ; And,when refrefh't we be;

Let us diffribute to the poore, The portion due to thee.

6 But, let us chiefly mind their need, Whofe Labours were employ'd,

To *Till*, what *them* and *us* must feed ; And what is now injoy'd.

And,let it more our hearts affect, That we are in thy grace;

Then,great Abundance to collect, By *Corne*,or Wine's increafe.

HYMNE XLII.

For a Sheep-fhearing.

Sheep-fhearing, is a Time of rurall Merriment, in which good-cheare is afforded to neighbors and fervants; among whofe Refreshings, if this or the like Meditation were fometime fung; both Knowledge and Piety, might be increased thereby.

Sing this as the 23. Pfalme. VNworthy, though, ô L O R D, we are, Of that which thou doft give : Yet, we much more unworthy were, Of what we do receive :

If

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Part. I. Hymne XLII. 69 If any Bleffing we let flip, For which, we do not pay, Such cheap Oblations of the Lip, As we prefent this day. We, through thy favour now have had 2 The Fleeces of our Sheep; And, they are almost naked made, Our Rodies warme to keep. Before their fhearers, dumb they lay, Whil'ft from their backs were fhorne, Their fineft Wooll; and we now may Poffeffe what they have worne. 3 Deare LAMBE of God to thee be praife, Who doft refreshings give, So freely, and fo many waies, Thy Servants to relieve. O / let our thankfulneffe appeare, Not in bare *Words* alone; But, in those Works, which reall are And, needfull to be done : When any of thy *Members* lacks A Coat his flefh to gard ; Let us beftow, ev'n from our backs, As much as may be fpar'd. And, as our Sheep do skip, as glad, When they their Fleeces give ; So, let us joy that means we had Our Brethren to relieve. 5 Vs, let let their Meekneffe mindfull make, (By thinking thereupon)

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70 Hymn XLIII. Part. 1. How meekly, thou didft all things take, Which, were to Thee, mildone. That, all we *fuffer, fay*, or *do*, May grow, in fome Degree,

Reform'd,by thine Example,fo, That Blameleffe we may be.

HYMN XLIII.

A Hymn for a Houfe-warming.

The ancient and laudable use of House-warmings is here infinuated: For, in this Hymn, the Friends affembled, are taught to beseech GOD Almighty to make that habitation prosperous and comfortable to them, and theirs who are newly come thither to dwell.

A Mong those points of neighbourhood, Which our Forefathers did allow; That Custome in esteeme hath stood, Which we do put in practise now.

For, when their Friends*new-dwellings*had, Them, thus they welcome thither made : That, they the fooner might be free,
From *Strangeneffe*, where they *Strangers* be.
2 To this good End, we partly came ; And, partly, Friendfhip to augment. But, if we faile not in the fame, This is the prime of our intent :

We

Part.I.

Hymn XLIII.

We come, with holy *Charmes*, to bleffe The Houfe, our Friends, do now poffeffe.
In hope, that G o D, *Amen* will fay, To that, for which we now fhall pray.
2 L O R D, keep this place, we thee defire, To thefe *new-Commers* ever free From raging *Winds*; from harmfull *Fire*; From *Waters* that offenfive be.

From graceleffe-Childe, from Servants-ill; From Neighbours, bearing no good-will; And, from the chiefeft Plagues of Life, A Husband-falfe, a faithleffc-Wife. 3 Let neither Theeves, that Rove by Night, Nor thofe, that fneake about by Day, Have pow'r their perfons to affright; Or to purloine their Goods away:

Let nothing here, be feen or heard,

To make by Day or Night afeard : No fudden Cryes, no fearfull Noife ; No vifion grim, or dreadfull Voice. 5 Let on this *Houfe*, no Curfe remain, If any on the fame be laid. Let no *Impoflure* pow'r obtain To make the meaneft wit afraid.

Let here nor Zim, nor Jim be feen; The fabled Fai'rie King or Queen; Nor fuch Delufions, as are faid, To make the former Age afraid. 6 Keep, alfo, Lord, we pray, from hence, (As much as frailty will allow)

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Hymne XLIIII. The Guiltineffe of each Offence, Which to a Crying-Sin may grow.

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Let, no more Want, Wealth, Hope, or Feare, Nor greater Griefs or Joyes be here,

Then, may still keep them in thy grace, Who,fhall be dwellers, in this place. 7 But, that just measure let them have Of ev'ry means, which may acquire The Bleffedneffe, which they most crave, Who to the trueft Bliffe afpire.

And if Well-wishers absent be,

Who better wifh them can, then we, To make this Bleffing up intire, We thereto adde what they defire.

HYMNE XLIIII.

For a Contract.

This Hymn is tendred to those who purpose a Contract of Marriage; in hope it may fo remember them, to confider what they intend ; that it shall keep them from proceeding farther then they lawfull may; and from profeffing more then they mean.

Sing this as Te Deum.

ORD, in thy Name, and in thy Feare, L Our Faith we plighted have; And, that our meanings are fincere, Thy witneffe, now, we crave.

We

We come not, only to repeat Our Vowes, before thy face; But, that we may likewife intreat Thy Favour, and thy Grace. 2 For, mutuall helpers whil'ft we live, (According to our might) Our felves, we to each other give, So far, as we have right. And, we profeffe that free we are, (For ought that we do know) To be each others wedded Peer, If thou permit it fo. We fee no contradicting caufe, 3 But, that we may be join'd, Without infringment of the Laws, Whereby we are confin'd. Nor any fuch Infirmity In us do we fufpect, As that our Marriage-Band, thereby, Shall prove of no effect. We have no guilefull Dealings us'd, Our purpose to acquire : Nor one anothers Truft abus'd, To gaine what we defire. But, our Affections are fincere, And, as they have been true, Vpright those Courses likewife are, By which, we them purfue. If both have, now, ô L O R D / profeft What may not be denide;

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Hymn XLV. 74 Let our Affection fo be bleft, That, nothing us divide. Let nor by Beauty, Wit or Wealth, By high, or low Degree, By want of Riches, or of Health, Our Hearts estranged be. But if that either of us, now, 6 Hath trod a Faithleffe Way; Or, fhall infringe this holy Vow, Before our Wedding-day; LORD, let the party Innocent, From blame and guilt be free : For, Truth a Contract, never ment,

Where, nought but Falshoods be.

HYMN XLV.

For a Marriage.

GOD is hereby befought to bleffe the Marriage folemnized to all there prefent; and fo to profper the Bridegroome, and Bride, in their Defires and Affections, that the Waters of their Carnall Contentment, may be turned into Wine of fpiritual Delighis.

Sing this as the former Hymn. TO grace (ô Lord) a marriage-Feaft, (In Cana, long ago) It pleafed thee to be a Gueft, And there,thy pow'r to fhow.

For,

For, by a Miracle divine, (When they their Wine had fpent) Thou changedft Water into Wine, Which did their want prevent. LORD, let the brightneffe of thy Face 2 Among us now appeare : So let the Bounties of thy Grace, Be manifefted here ; That neither Bridegroome, Bride, nor Gueft, In body, or in mind, Of leffe content may be poffeft, Then they have hope to find. All Joyes which in a married-life, 3 Well-matched Couples know. On this new-wedded Man and Wife, Vouchfafe thou to beftow. Fulfill their Hopes, prevent their Feares, Grant them their just Defires : Increase that Love, which keeps off Cares, And warmes with lawfull Fires. To Wine, those hurtleffe Waters turn, 4 Within their Veffels be; To give them Comfort when they mourn; And make them glad in thee. And though the pleafures of their Love, Have yet a pleafing taft; Yet, let them daily fweeter prove,

And beft of all, at laft.

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HYMN XLVI.

When a Woman hath conceived.

We are all conceived in finne : yet fome have been fanctified in the wombe. Therefore, we cannot begin too early, to pray for the fanctification of the fruit of our Bodies ; and that it may be borne to Gods glory, to our comfort, and to a happy being in it felfe : which is defired in this Hymn.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

L ORD, if the Signes may trufted be, That Symptomes of Conception are; A living-Soul deriv'd from thee, Within my wombe, I now do bear.

Therefore by her example, taught Who was the *Mother* of thy *Son* It well befeeming me I thought, To magnifie what thou haft done. 2 If fo it be, as I beleeve; LORD, fanctify, I humbly pray, That, which in fin I did conceive: And, grant that grace obtain it may. Let not the *Part* which thou haft made, Subjected to pollution grow, By what it from the Parents had: But let it keep the flefh below.

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Part.I.

3 In ev'ry *Senfe*, in ev'ry *Part*, Perfection to this Creature give; And, fow those graces in the heart, By which the *Soul* doth truly live.

Whil'A I fhall bear it in my wombe, Let me likewife,my part fulfill : And,when it forth to light fhall come, Inftruct it how to do thy *Will*. 4 O/let me not a *Mother* be, To fructifie for *Hell* and *Sin*; But,let my *Fruit* be born to Thee, In whom *Well-beings* do begin.

So,whether it fhall be defign'd Short time,or long,on Earth to flay ; A happy portion it fhall finde, And give thee all the praife,it may.

HYMN XLVII.

When a Woman is fafe delivered.

God is hereby praifed for that Miracle in our Nature, which is wrought when a Woman is delivered fafely of her Childe; and the Continuance of his Mercy is defired in vouch/afing the Newbirth of Grace, to perfect and felicitate the life of Nature.

Sing this as the former Hymn.

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A Mong those wonders here on Earth, Which brought to passed by Nature be, (If rightly, we observe our birth) In this, her greatest marvels be.

Yea, they who fully can conceive, What paffe into this World we have, May find it eafie to beleeve The Bodies, rifing from the Grave. 2 A breathleffe Life, a *Living-Tombe*, Within our Mothers wombe we had. Through Gates of *Death*, to *Life* we come, And, *Strength*, is out of Weakneffe make.

She who in bitter Pangs remains, Difheartned is when they do ceafe; And they who moft bewayle her pains, Defirous are they fhould increafe. 3 Of this thy great Myfterious worke, Experienced,this Day,are we : And,will confeffe,that therein lurke More fecrets,then our eies can fee.

But this,ô L OR D / we fee and know: It was thy Mercy, and thy Pow'r, Which did the timely Ayd beftow, That help us, in the hoped hou'r. 4 To thee be praife, that now are paft The pangs which made us lately fad: To thee be praife, that fent thou haft, Thefe Comforts, which now make us glad.

LORD, perfect thou the Grace begun. Give Strength, where Weakneffe yet is found : And, Part.I. Hymn XLVIII. And, let the Race this Babe shall run. With Everlafting Life, be crown'd. The Life of Nature he hath had : But, let it be new-borne again ; The Life of Grace, to Nature adde, And, make him, in that flate remain.

So whether, here, an Age he flay, Or, whether Thou translate him, from This Life, within a fhorter day) In CHRIST, he perfect shall become.

HYMN XLVIII.

When a Childe is baptized.

GOD, is here praised for the great Priviledges vouch fafed by Baptisme : He is prayed allo, to enable the Childe Baptized to Do and Beleeve, according to the Conditions of the Covenant made; And he is likewise acknowledged the Author and Finisher of every Holy-Desire, and laudable Performance.

ear GOD! how great, how large a Grace. Vnto that Soul, this Day, is done, Who, in thy Church, admitted was, To be a *Member* of thy Son? For, he which was the Childe of wrath, And borne to nothing, but Defpaire ; The Comforts of thy Favour hath, And of thy Kingdome, is an Heire. E4

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2 Of that great *City*, where no Sum, A Freedome for him, could have bought, To be admitted, he is come; And, by meer favour thereto brought.

Of C HRIST'S moft holy Order, now, The faire, and famous Badge he beares; Which will right happy make him grow, If to the Grave, the fame he weares. LORD, bleffed be thy *holy-Name*, That thou this Mercy haft beftown: We praife, and love thee for the fame, As if the good were all our own.

In this eftate, preferve him faft, Vntill he fully underftands The *Covenant*, betwixt you paft, Thy *Promifes*, and thy *Commands*.

4 Then, alfo, leave him not, ô L O R D ! But grant him thy *Affifting-might* Thy loving-prefence, and thy *Word*, With ev'ry means to keep him right.

To make his *Happineffe* intire, Be pleafed to vouchfafe him too, A Renovation in Defire; And,chearfulneffe thy will,to do.

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HYMN XLIX.

Part.I.

When publike Thanks hath been given for fafe deliverance in Child-birth.

Though Thanksgivings are publikely exhibited for fuch Deliverances ; yet, the fame ought to be privately acknowledged alfo : and, perhaps, there may be some private Deliverances accompanying the former, which ought to be confidered, as this Hymn implyes.

Sing this as the IOI Pfalme.

A Lthough, my GOD! that Sacrifice, I tendred have to Thee,

Which to be made in publike wife, This Church enjoins to me.

Yet, if in fecret, I forget

My private Thanks to Day, A Duty (doubtleffe) I omit,

Which I am bound to pay.

Befides, the Mercies lately flown, 2 (And which confeft have been)

Thou, Favours haft on me beftown, Which others have not feen.

From Sins within my heart conceiv'd,

May greater mifchiefs come, Then can be, otherwife, deriv'd, From any Childing-wombe.

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LORD, therefore, by my Selfe alone,

To thee I now repaire,

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Thy

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Hymn L. Thy holy-Name, to call upon, In Praifes, and in Pray'r. I praife thee, that efcap'd I have The Danger, lately paft; And, that my Body from the Grave, Thou, yet, preferved haft. I praife thee, that my Tongue I find 4 Now founding of thy praife : And pray thee, that my heart may mind This Duty,all my Daies.

I pray thee too, that from all Sin, I may be purifide;

A ftricter Courfe of Life begin ; And, in thy Fear abide.

HYMN L.

A Rocking Hymn.

Nurfesufually fing their Children a fleep; and through want of pertinent matter, they oft make use of unprofitable (if not worfe) Songs. This was therefore prepared, that it might help acquaint them, and their Nurfe-Children, with the loving Care and Kindnesse of their heavenly Father.

C weet Baby fleep : what ailes my Dear? What ailes my Darling thus to cry? Be ftill,my Childe,and lend thine ear, To heare me fing thy Lullaby.

My

Part. I.

Hymn L.

My pretty lambe forbear to weepe : Be still my Dear; fweet Babie sleep. 2 Thou bleffed Soul, what canft thou fear? What thing, to thee, can mifchief do? Thy G o D, is now thy Father dear; His holy Spoufe, thy Mother too. Sweet Babe then, forbear to weepe; Be still my Babe; fweet Babie sleep. 3 Though thy Conception was in Sin, A facred Bathing thou haft had. And, though thy Birth, unclean hath bin, An blameleffe Babe, thou now art made. Sweet Babie then, forbeare to weep; Be still my Dear ; sweet Babie sleep. 4 Whil'ft thus, thy Lullabie, I fing, For thee, great Bleffings ripening be. Thine Eldeft Brother is a King; And hath a Kingdome bought for thee. Sweet Babie then, forbear to weep; Be still my Babe ; fweet Babie fleep. 5 Sweet *Babie* fleep; and nothing fear; For, whofoever thee offends, By thy *Protector* threatned are, And GOD, and Angels are thy Friends. Sweet Babie then, forbear to weep; Be still my Babe; fweet Babie sleep. 6 When God-with-us, was dwelling here, In little *Babes*, he took delight. Such Jnnocents, as Thou, my Dear !

Are ever precious in his fight.

Sweet

Sweet Babie, then forbeare to weep; Be still my Babe, fweet Babie sleep.

Hymn L.

7 A little Infant, once was *Hee*: And *Strength*, in *Weakneffe*, then was laid Vpon his *Virgin-Mothers* knee; That, Pow'r to thee, might be convai'd.

Sweet Babie, then, forbeare to weep; Be still my Babe; sweet Babie sleep.

8 In this thy frailty, and thy need, He friends and helpers doth prepare, Which thee fhall cherifh, clothe, and feed: For, of thy weal, they tender are.

Sweet Babie, then, forbeare to weep : Be still my Babe; sweet Babie sleep.

9 The King of Kings when he was born, Had not fo much for outward eafe: By *Him*, fuch Dreffings were not worn; Nor fuch like fwadling-clothes as thefe.

Sweet Babie, then, forbeare to weep; Be fill my Babe; fweet Babie fleep.

No Within a Manger lodg'd thy LORD, Where Oxen lay, and Affes fed. Warm rooms we do to thee afford, An eafie Cradle, or a Bed.

Sweet Babie, then forbeare to weep; Be still my Babe; sweet Babie sleep.

11 The wants that he did then fuftain, Have purchas'd Wealth,my Babe,for thee: And,by his Torments,and his pain, Thy Reft and Eafe,fecured be.

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Part.I.

My Babie,then, forbeare to weep; Be fill my Babe; fweet Babie fleep. 12 Thou haft (yet more) to perfect this, A promife and an earneft got, Of gaining everlafting Bliffe, Though thou my Babe perceiv'ft it not. Sweet Babie,then, forbeare to weep; Be fill my Babe; fweet Babie fleep.

HYMN LI.

Another Rocking Hymn.

The Nurfe is here taught a forme of Bleffing, wherby(/he may by faithfully finging, or faying the fame)call downe Gods Benediction, both upon her felfe, and her Infant, to the prevention of temporall and fpirituall mifchiefs.

Sing this as Te Deum, or the 1 Pfalme.

S Ince now,my Babe,of fleep poffeft, His lovely eies hath clos'd;
To praife the Author of his reft, My heart is well-difpos'd :
And,to implore,that G o D,who makes My Darling,thus to fleep;
Would prefent be,when he awakes, And,him in fleeping keep,
2 Thou,praifes from an Infants tongue, Disdaineft not to hear:

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Reject not then , my Bleffing-Song ; But, LORD, decline thine ear. For, though a fingle voice I raife, My Offrings, triple be. My Self, my Babie, and my praife, I offer up to Thee. 3 Dear Sonof GOD! who thoughtft no fcorn, (To leave thy Throne on high) Of lowly parents to be born, And, in a Crib to lie : On this my Babe, thy Grace reflect ; Infold him in thine Armes. From outward perils, him protect, And from internall Harmes. Let not that Feind which ev'ry howre, 4 Doth watch and hover here, To mifchiefe us, obtain the Powre ; Or caufe my Childe to fear. But, let an Angell-guard be nigh, To put that Foe to flight: And, round about his cradle flye, To keep him from defpight. As Time, his Body shall increase, 5 Increase his knowledge too; And caufe him, ev'ry day in grace With GoD, and Man, to grow. Preferve him ftreight in ev'ry Limbe, And found in ev'ry Senfe : Yea, all his life time, keep thou him,

From ev'ry groffe offence.

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Part. I. Hymn LII. 6 To thee, let him be alwayes true, And, ever kinde to thofe, Who kindneffes to him do fhew Er'e Good, or Ill, he knows. And, let not, (for thy paffion fake) This Babie (now, fo dear) Those vaine, or evill Courses take, Whofe end, we justly fear. O let not him, whofe meaneft pain, 7 We can with tears deplore, Be one of thofe, who fhall remain In torments, evermore. But, fo to live, and fo to die, Vouchfafe him grace, ô G o D ! That, he may rife to live on high, Where thou haft thine abode.

HYMN LII.

When we receive the Lords Supper.

God, is hereby magnified for the great honour, and favour vouch/afed, by the bleffed Sacrament of his Body and Blood; and humbly defired thereby to conferre and continue to us his efpeciall Grace.

Sing this as the 148. Plalme.

Ovr Voice how fhould we raife ! How fhould our *Songs* excell ! If *God-Almighties* praife Our Tongues could fully tell ?

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Sure, whilft we fing, The Starry-Round, of that glad found, Would loudly ring. That, at thy princely Boord, 2 This Day we feafted be, How great a favour, LORD? Have we obtain'd from thee? And who is able Himfelf to make fit to partake Of this thy Table? We, whom thy Bountie Feafts, 3 (And, who now fing thy praife) Were called to be Guefts, From hedges and high-wayes : And, till we came To tafte this chear, we wretched were, Poore, blind, and Lame. But, from our low eftates, Now, fo advanc'd are we, That, Princes are our Mates , And, Kings our Fellows be, One Cup we have, And, Angels eat no better meat, Then we receive. Perfection of Delights, 5 Is by this Feaft beftown. With Him, that us invites The Food, and Guefts are One : Faith works it thus, That, thereby, we are found in Thee; 6 And, And thou in us.

6 And, though our Natures are Vnequall and diffinct; By true beleeving, here, They really are linkt. And, while we bide In Faith, and Love, nought can remove, Or, us divide. Yea, fuch our Vnion is That, all our Sins are thine; And, ours, thy Righteoufnefse Is made by grace divine. Yet, from all flaines (Through our Offence) thine Excellence Still, free remaines. LORD, for this love to Man, 8 Pow'r, glory, praife, and Fame, (As fully, as we can) Afcribe we to thy Name. And, we emplore, That, this rich Grace, we may embrace For evermore.

HYMN LIII.

Another Hymn for the Lords Supper.

GODS unspeakable Favour vouchsafed in the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of CHRIST, is acknowledged: The unexpressibleness of that Mysterious Communion is confessed; and those blessed

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bleffed effects are hereby defired, also which ought to be endeavoured for, by every worthy partaker of the fame. Sing this as the Magnificat, or Te Deum. THe Favour LORD, which by thy grace, We have this day poffeft, Doth our best merits, far surpasse ; And, cannot be exprest. Becaufe we not alone obtain A common-grace from thee; But, thou thy Self doft, alfo, daign Our food of Life, to be. For which, we nothing have to give, 2 Whereof, thou doft approve So much, as when we do receive Thy kindneffes with love. Therefore, ô LORD! we, now do make This Offring for the fame : The Cup of Saving health we take; And, Magnifie thy NAME. O! teach us to receive aright, 3 What thou doft here, beftow. And, give us an Informing-light Of what we ought to know. And, when we cannot wade the Deep Of thy unfathom'd Word; Let us a Courfe, with fafetie keep, Along the shallow Foord.

This Mysterie we must confesse, 4 Our Compaffe to exceed ;

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Our little Faith, is also leffe Then grains of Muftard-feed Therefore, ô LORD! improve it fo, That, growth it may receive : And, that we modefly may know; And knowingly Beleeve. 5 Forgive to us our many crimes, Offenfive unto thee. Vouchfafe we may in future times More just, more pious be. Vs,render gracious in thy Sight; And, that, which now we do; That, thou maist therein take Delight, And, we have love thereto. 6 No new Oblation, we devife For Sin, preferr'd to be. Propitiatorie-Sacrifice Was made, at full, by thee. The Sacrifice of Thanks, is that (And all) which thou doft crave : And, we our felves, are part, of what We Sacrificed have. In this, no groffe Realities, 7 We carnally conceive; Or, that their proper Qualities, The Bread, or Wine do leave. But, in this holy Eucharift, (By Faith and Grace divine) We know, we feed on thee, ô Chrift! Receiving Bread and Wine.

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8 Thy Real-prefence, we avow : But, fo; that, we confelle Meere carnall-reafon knows not how That *Prefence* to expresses: Becaufe, thy Flesh we feed on, thus; (Though strange it may appear) That, we in *Thee*; and thou in Vs; At once, and truly, are. No marvell few can well agree, 9 How this, they fhould unfold : For, *Mysteries*, *Faiths* objects be; Not things at Pleafure told. And, he that would, by Reafon, found The Depths, which Faith perceives, May both himfelf, and those, confound ; To whom, his Rules he Gives. 10 Let us, therefore, our *Faith* erect, On what thy Word doth fay; And, hold their knowledge in fufpect, Who new Foundations lay. For, thereby fome a curfed Rent Within thy Church have left; And, by thy Peacefull Sacrament, The world of peace bereft, II Yea that, which thou to cherifh Love, Didft gracioufly ordain : Contention wrefts, debates to move; And Quarrels to maintain. Oh! let us not hereafter fo, About meere words contend ;

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Part.1. Hymn LIII.

The while our craftie Common Foe, Procures his curfed end. But, if in Effence, we agree, Let us, in Love affay To erring Souls, true *Guids* to be,

And to the weake, a Stay.

For, Love is that ftrong Cyment, LORD, Which us must reunite.

In bitter fpeeches, Fire, and Sword ; It never takes delight.

13 Meere carnall Inftruments, thefe are ; And, they are much beguild ;

Who dreame that thefe ordained were, Our Breaches to rebuild.

Therefore, we pray thee, by that *love* Which us together brought,

That thou all Chriftian-men wouldst move To love, as *Chriftians* ought.

14 Let not *Self-will* our hearts bewitch With pride, or private hate ;

Or cherifh those Contentions, which Difturbe a quiet State.

Nor fuffer Avaritious ends, Or ignorant defpight,

To hinder those from being Friends, Whom Love should fast unite.

15 Let those, who (heedlesse of thy word) Suppose, that *Flefhly-powre*,

Or, that the temporary Sword,

Can ghoftly Foes devoure :

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Let them perceive, thy weapons are, No fuch as they do fain; Or, that it is a carnall warre, Which must thy Truth maintain. 16 Confessors, Martyrs, Preachers, LORD, Thy Battailes, fight for thee. Thy Holy-Spirit, and thy Word, Their proper weapons be. Faith, Hope, Long-fuffering, Praife, and Love, For Bulworks are prepar'd; And, will their fitteft *Engines* prove, To Conquer, and to Guard. 17 For, Babel, doubtleffe, may as well Thereby, be overthrown, As those accurfed walls, which fell When Rams-horne-Trumps were blown. This, if we credit ; we fhall ceafe The worldlings parts to play, Or, to beleeve GODS bleffed peace, Shall come the Devils way. 18 LORD, let thy Flesh and Blood divine (Which now receiv'd hath bin) Our hearts, to Charitie incline : Our Souls refine from Sin. And by this holy Sacrament Make us in minde retain, What thou didft fuffer, to prevent Our everlasting-pain. 19 Moreover, let us for thy fake, With one another bear,

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(When we offences give or take) That, thine we may appear.
And, that, when hence we called be, We thither, may afcend.
(To live, and be belov'd, of thee) Where Love, nor Life, have end.

HYMN LIIII.

For Deliverance from Sickneffe.

God is hereby praifed for delivering us from those Distempers which deprived us of health; he is befought also, to give us grace to employ our future health to his glory, and to the health of our Souls.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme.

W Hilft we endeavour to obay Our bleffed Makers will;
All Creatures do the beft they may, Our pleafures to fulfill :
But, when we negligent become, In doing what we ought,
All things to us are troublefome, And, bring our hopes, to nought.
2 Ev'n that, which is a part of man, (Or, in his Bowels bred)
Makes infurrections, now and than, Which wound, or ftrike him dead.
Within my Self, experiment Of this, I lately found;

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For, inbred humours, had nigh fent My Body, to the ground. But Drougth, and Moisture, Heat and Cold, 3 Now reconciled be; And fuch an equall Temper hold, As, health reftores, to me. My fainting Spirits be releev'd ; My Taft regain'd I have : My weakned Body is repreev'd, And, ranfom'd from the grave. 4 For which, a Sacrifice of praife To thee, ô GOD! I bring; And unto thee, my voice I raife, A thankfull Hymn, to fing: Confeffing, that by thee, ô LORD! And by thy grace, alone, The health and vigour is reftor'd, Which I have now put on. 5 So long as here, I do enjoy The Being, I have got, Let me, my Health and Strength employ, Thine honour, to promote : And, when my Life hath reach'd that houre, Paft which, I muft not ftay, Through weakneffe, bring me to that powere,

Which, never will decay.

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HYMN LV.

A thankfgiving, for fetled Health.

It is a great temporall Benefit, to be delivered from Sickneffe, but, it is a greater (if we be not unthankfull) to have a continued Health, yet few men remember to praise God, particularly, for the fame. Therefore, to put us in minde of that Dutie this Hymn is tendred.

Sing this as the 22. Pfalme.

N times of Want, we feele what bliffe, Our yeers of *Plentie* be.

When War doth rage; the fweets of Peace, The meaneft wit can fee.

And, when with Sicknefse we are pain'd We know it juft, ô LORD!

To render Praife and Thanks unfain'd; When *Health* fhall be reftor'd.

Sure then, the many healthfull Daies, 2 And yeers, which I have had,

Deferve, that heartie Songs of Praife, Should for the fame be made :

And, that whilft health and Strength do laft, I fhould the fame employ

To memorize the Mercies paft, And those which I injoy.

Whilft others grone with aking bones 3 With wounds, or inward pains ; F

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VVith Gouts, or those Tormenting Stones VVhich fret and rend the Reines : Yea, while ten thousands feele the fmart, Which on the Sick doth ceafe : In Head, in Body, and in Heart, I am at perfect eafe. LORD / ever bleffed be thy name 4 For this externall-Grace. Preferve me thankfull for the fame, Whilft thou prolongft my Race. And, if to my immortall Bliffe, It shall not hindrance be ; (Nor thou thereby, due Glory miffe) Thus healthfull, keepe thou me. But, if my Patience must be tride, 5 By Sickneffe, and by Pain; Let Sin, thereby be mortifide ; And, Vertue strength obtain. Be pleas'd, likewife, that whatfoere Thy Wifdome fhall impofe, It be no more then I can bear; Though ftrong, and fharp it grows.

HYMN LVI.

A Hymn putting us in remembrance of *Death*.

The Remembrance of Death, is judged a good means to make us headfull fo to live in this world, that that we may live happily in the world to come; and to that purpo/e this Memento mori, is provided.

Remember Death: For, now my Tongue. To fing of Death, fhall tuned be. Remember Death, which els, ere long, Will to thy pain remember Thee.

Remember Death, whofe voice doth fay, This night a man, to morrow clay.

2 If *Lucre* thall thy heart intife, Thy needy neighbour to oppreffe : If *Pride* thall tempt thee to defpife, Or fleight thy Brother in diftreffe.

Remember Death : And, then, I know

More Juft, more humble thou wilt grow. 3 When Luft fhall woo thee to commit, What, Soul and Body may defile : VVhen Sloth fhall make thee lazie fit, (And let thy Talent ruft the while)

Remember Death, of old hath bin And is, the wages due to Sin.

4 VVhen *Envie* thall thy heart poffeffe; VVhen thou thalt *Cheat*, *curfe*, *fweare*, or *lye*, VVhen thou thalt wallow in *Exceffe*; Thy *Faith* abufe, or *God* deny:

Remember Death, and what attends, On wilfull Sinners latter-ends.

5 Remember, *Death* no truce hath made, A yeer, a moneth, or weeke to flay.

F 2 Remem-

Remember, how thy Flefh doth fade, And, how thy Time doth fleal away.

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Remember, Death, will neither fpare Wit, Wealth, nor those that lovely are.

6 Remember, *Death* foregoes the *Doomes* Which due to thy Defervings be. Remember *this*, before it comes.

And, (that, *Defpaire* oppreffe not thee.) Remembring *Death*, remember *Him*; Who doth from *Death*, and *Hell*, redeeme.

HYMN LVII.

A Hymn of Life eternall.

That we may not be deluded by the vain pleafures, or difcouraged by the afflictions of this life; The excellencies of Life-eternall are here illustrated, and the Defireableneffe thereof is in fome degree expressed by this Hymn.

Sing this as In fad and Afhy weeds. WWHy live I mudling here, Inbafe and fruitleffe works employ'd? As if I knew not where A better Life might be injoy'd? Since I have fought And have been taught, The nobleft things to know; Why fhould I ftill, Retain a Will, To fpend more time below?

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2 My Soul, that was not made, Of flitting Aire, or mouldring clay; Intelligence hath had, Of more, then words can well difplay. The things we fee, The fhaddows be, Of those, which will appear: Are nothing els But Tipes and Shells, Which Time away will weare. 3 There is a bleffed-Place, (If *Place*, eternall things contain) Whereto, I hope to paffe, When here I muft no more remain. There is a Life, In which no griefe, No pain, no Fear, is found ; And (more then this) It yeelds that Bliffe, Which doth admit no Bound. My Hope, and my Belief 4 That of this Life I shall partake, Cures all my prefent Grief, And, of my Pains, doth pleafures make. The thought of it, Makes me remit The Spights of those poore-things, Who Dominere On mole-hils, here Like foolifh Pettie-kings. F 3 5 When

5 VVhen, thither I am gone, The Love of Worldlings, or their Hate, VVill not be thought upon; Nor marr, nor better my estate. To miffe, or have, What most men crave, (Who love this lothed Place,) Will, there, to me No Pleafure be; No Honour, or Difgrace. 6 That Life, who ever lives, Not only, bleffed therein, is. But, thereby, alfo, gives Perfection to the Common-bliffe. It, open fets The Cabanets VVherein contained be Thofe Rarities, Which mortall eies, Shall never come to fee. In One, to fum up all, 7 Which of that life, we may declare; Him, there, behold we fhall, In, and By whom, all Creatures are : And, not alone, Then, look upon That, most-beloved Sight : But, gain by Grace, His free embrace ; With fulneffe, of Delight. 8 Oh !

Hymn LVII.

Part.I. Hymn LVIII. 103 8 Oh / thither; thither, LORD / And to this Life, my Soul convay ; From this, which is abhord, And, unto Death, a tedious way. I have gone wrong, From thee, too long; For which I grieved am : And, I fhall mourn, Till I return, To thee from whom I came.

HYMN LVIII.

A Thanksgiving after a dangerous Sickneffe; by one, who was unprepared for Death.

This Hymn ferves to bring to minde, how terrible Death will be to those who are not ready for it ; and perfonates, by exemplary expressions of Fear and Thankfulneffe, what may be the condition of others, who live unprepared ; and how thankfull they ought to be for mercy obtained.

ORD / from *Death's* forgetfull shade. Since I had By thy pow'r, my prefervation ; I will both with Heart and Tongue, Tune a Song, To thy mercies, exaltation. For, to Thankfulneffe inclinde, So I minde F 4

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Hymn LVIII. Part. I. 104 From what Sorrows, I was raifed ; That, thy Favour, shall of me, Ever be With my chiefeft cunning, praifed. 2 And, my Fellow-creatures, all, When you fhall Heare what grace, to me, he floweth; Daign, your Thankfulneffe, to joyn, Vnto mine, To difcharge the dues it oweth. And, ô LORD/enable mee Vnto Thee So to render *praifes-giving*; That, all may, who heare the fame Bleffe thy name, That I breath'd among the living. For, (as yet) me thinks, I fee 3 Life in mee, In Her powrs and Senfes failing : And my fhortned-panting Breath, Yeelding Death, All the Symptoms of prevailing. But, for Death, not well prepared, So I fared, That, much terrour I fustained : And, Vain-longings having, ftill, Thrall'd my Will; Thus, I fearefully complained. 4 VVhere is now; where is, alas? Time, that was?

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Hymn LVIII. Part.I. VVhere are all those hopes beftowed; And those pleasing Dayes, wherein, I have bin Youths beguiling Pleafure flowed? Muft I / muft I, now (thought I) Helpleffe Die? And, be careleffe left, to morrow ; In a dark, and lonely grave? VVhere none have Senfe of Comfort, Joy, or Sorrow? 5 VVill no mortall Wit, or Powre, From this Howre, My defpairing Soul, releafe? But must ev'ry earthly Thought, Come to nought, And my Hopes for ever ceafe? Shall I never / never-more, (As before) View the Daies approching Glory? But, must this black Night, nigh past, Be my laft? And conclude my mortall-Story? 6 Such, my foolifh fancies were, As you hear; And, thus fruitlefly I mourned. But, at last (by Terrors taught) Him I fought, Whofe *free Grace* my Death adjourned. LORD! faid I, obferve the grones, Hear the moanes,

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Of a Soul in depth of anguish : And, my humble fuit allow, Left I, now, In an endleffe terror languifh. 7 Sins, I have, which numberleffe Me oppreffe. And, fo ftrongly overlay me : That, if yet I should appear, Much I fear Down to Hell, their weight might weigh me. And, Alas ! can trembling Duft, So unjuft, Stand before the Lord of Thunder? Whilft that Guiltineffe abides, Which divides, Me, and Comforts, far afunder ? 8 LORD! I dare not to appear, Till I hear That I am to favour taken. Therefore, thy fad Servant, now, Comfort Thou, Whom all Comfort hath forfaken. Let not thy Compaffion, be Leffe to me, Then my Foes defpight hath proved. But, oh ! let my Fear, and Pain, Once again, Be abated, and removed. 9 Iefu, for thy paffion-fake, Daigne to take, From

Hymn LVIII. Part.1. 107 From my heart all vain Affections; That, my naturall eftate I may hate And delight in thy perfections. Spare ; ô bleft Redeemer, fpare ! Let my Fear To fo firm a Faith be turned, That it may true Joyes beget ; And.oh / let Death be, till that houre, adjourned. 10 LORD / if this, for which I pray, Gain I may; (If to health I may be raifed) Of thy Love, my Song fhall be : Thou, of me, Shalt, for evermore, be praifed. In deep fighs (that fpake aloud) Thus I vow'd; With a heart, at large diffreffed; And, the Spirit, help'd my mones, With fuch Grones, As may never be expressed. 11 Those Complaints my Saviour heard With regard : As I pray'd, right fo befell it : From those Fears, which on me ceas'd, I was eas'd. And, alive I am to tell it. For which Mercy, let no day Paffe away,

VVherein,

Part.I. Hymn LIX. 108 Wherein I forget thy pitty ; But till I in earth embra'ft, Sleep my laft, Let thy Goodneffe be my Ditty. And, although a Slave to Sin, 12 I have bin, Make me truly now abhor it. And, when Death next fummons me, Let me be Ev'ry way prepared for it. So, no falfe, no vain delight, No Affright, From her bliffe, my Soul shall fever : But, fo love, fo live fhall I, (Live or die) That, I bleft shall be for ever.

HYMN LIX.

A Hymn encouraging ficke perfons to be willing to dye.

Sicke-perfons are not ufually diffofed to fing; yet fome are fometime defirous to chear up their hearts, and firengthen themfelves against the feares of Death, by confidering the Priviledges of Life-eternall: And, perhaps they who want strength to fing this Hymn, shall receive comfort to heare these Meditations fung by others in their prefence. Sing this as the Pater-noster.

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I F by the Signes forefee we may, When our fhort leafe of Life is done; Now neer unto me feems the day, In which my Glaffc will quite be run:

And,I that here,yet lie,and grone,

Shall to my refling place be gone. 2 My moifture, and my vitall heat, In me, do now begin to ceafe. My pulfes out of Order beat ; Strength failes, and Weakneffe doth increafe.

Therefore, ere Death all fenfe bereave, Thus, of the World, I take my leave.

3 Firft, my Deare Friends, farewell to you, Live bleffed in a true belief. Difturbe you not my laft adieu, By fruitleffe Teares, or needleffe griefe :

For,from a prifon full of woe,

To Bowres of Joy, and Reft I goe. 4 For aye, adue my hopes of health ; Farewell to all my vain Defires. I have no pleafure now in wealth : My Soul to better things, afpires.

All earthly pleafures are untrue : I,therefore bid them all adue.

5 My *fle/h*, oh / be not thou afraid, To let my Soul depart from thee. Or,when thou all alone art laid, Where thou must quite corrupted be,

For fince my Saviour lodged there, He from the Grave hath banifh'd fear.

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Hymn LX.

6 What though within that lonely place, In darkneffe, and and in ftench thou lie, Where wormes thy feature fhall deface, And make thee lothfome to the eie?

Thou fhalt to life again arife ; Renewed in a glorious wife.

6 Thy *Soul* (of which thou art fo fain) Although from thee it fhall depart; Will come and find thee out again, However hid, or chang'd thou art.

You fhall be joined, as before; And.never be divided more.

8 What pleafure in thy life appears, As thou art now deform'd and pain'd? What get'ft thou but renewed cares, If Life with Health might be regain'd ?

This Life is nought but pain and grief : Yea, pain, fom time, without relief.

9 My Flesh then goe ; yea, gladly go

Of thy last Bed, to be posses.

O! wherefore doft thou linger fo,

In Torments, when thou may'A have refl? Know'A thou, what followes after Death, Thou could'A not love this aiërie Breath.

10 Thou fhalt in Beauty paffe the Stars; And no defect on thee fhall reft. Thou fhalt be fwifter then the Sphears; And wear perfections of the beft.

Death is a Gate (though fomwhat low) Through which to higheft Bliffe we go.

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11 In thee, now, Sins and Sicknes dwels, Vncertain hopes, and certain pain : And thou art fit for nothing els, But, thy Corruptions to retain.

Thy Mates by Death, fhall Angels be, And God himfelf, fhall dwell in Thee.

12 Since nothing more thou canft defire, Now give thy Soul,a free releafe.

To thy *Great-Grandames* wombe, retire; There, take thy reft, in *Hope* and *Peace*:

And, GOD (who formed thee of Clay) Grant thee a Ioyfull rifing-Day.

HYMN LX.

Another Hymn encouraging against the feare of Death.

The Sick, are here taught to encourage their Soules to be willing to leave this Life, and enjoy the perfections of the next world. And, to that end fome Jnconveniences of this Life; and fome of the Benefits, which the Faithfull enjoy by Immortality, are mentioned in this Hymn.

Sing this, as I loved once.

MY Soul, why doft thou linger fo, And in thy prifon, feeke to flay? Since 112

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Since thou art fummon'd hence to go, By *Sickneffe*, which prepares thy way?

VVhy would'ft thou loyter longer here Perplext with pains, and vext with Fear ?
G o D cals us hence, Come, come along, And let us meet him with a Song.
2 VVhy, on this Carkaffe doft thou dote, VVherewith, too long thou haft been cloth'd ?
VVhat have you by your Friendfhips got, But Sin and Sorrowes to be loth'd?

Since, thou haft Licence to be free, No longer now, in thralled be;

But, come away; come, come along, And meet thy *Maker* with a *Song*. 3 Thy wanton flefh (to thee fo Dear) By fearching where thy ftrength was laid; Hath oft (though friendly fhe appear) Vnto thy *Paffions*, thee betraid.

This *Troup*, with her, ftill watching lies, To put out *Faith's* and *Reafons* eies. Thefe Foes, then ftay thou not among; But, fly thou from them with a *Song*. 4 Confider this unhappie place, How full it is of difcontent. Remember well thy noble Race, And from whofe Bofome, thou waft fent.

There is a place referv'd for Thee, Where endleffe Joyes and Pleafures be : From thence thou tarrieft over-long, Fly,fly thou thither with a *Song* :

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5 Thine *Effence*, here, becomes impure : But, there, it fhall refined grow. Thy knowledge, here, is but obfcure : There, ev'ry Secret thou fhalt know.

Though poore thouart, and fleighted here; Thou fhalt be rich, and honor'd there. Therefore, thy Bliffe no more prolong: But, fly thou thither with a *Song*. 6 Here, fpightfull men, and wicked *Fiends*, To marre thy Quiet are inclin'd. There, for thy *Fellowes*, and thy Friends,

Both Saints and Angels thou fhalt find.

There, thou fhalt behold and know, Thy pious Friends dead long agoe; And *Hallelujah*, thofe among, Shall be, thine *Everlafting-Song*. 7 Moreover, there, thou fhalt behold, Thofe *Worthies*, whofe deferved praife, For vertuous Deeds, in times of old, Hath made them famous in thofe daies.

And, more then this; thou there that fee The Son of $G \circ D$, who dide for thee. Then, do not here thy flay prolong; But, goe, and praife him in a Song. 8 Go, view the glorie of his face; Go, kiffe his wounds for thee receiv'd;

Go, and his bleffed feet embrace : Go, and poffeffe what was beleev'd.

Go, and confeffe with Saba's Queen, That leffe is told, then may be feen :

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And fince Report his Fame doth wrong, Enlarge his Glory in thy Song. 9 Go, and in God, thofe Ioyes poffeffe And, that well-being (without end) Which language never could expresse, Nor Heart of mortall apprehend.

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There, praife the *Founder* of that Bliffe. And, when thy Body raifed is ;

(Which, G O D will bring to passe ere long) Praise *Him*, together in one *Song*.

HYMN LXI.

A Lamentation in times of exceffive Rain.

In this Hymn we lament the miferies like to befall us by exceffive Rains and Waters, confeffing that plague juftly inflicted for our fins; befeeching it may beget in us true penetency; that upon Repentance the plague may be removed; and, that the fame being removed, we may be thankfull.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

A Lthough Transgrefsors, LORD, we be, (And,thy Difpleafure juftly fear) To fing a *mournfull-Song* to thee, Before thy Prefence,we appear. Oh / mind thou not our follies paft; But,our Submiffion,daigne to heed.

And

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And(fince our hope on thee is plac't) Both hear, and help us at our need. 2 For, now ô G o D / that Aiery-Sphear, (Which is to bound the upper Deeps From those that underneath us are) Continuall vapours, on us, weeps.

The *Floods-beneath* do fwell more high Then their accuftom'd Limits goe; And they which are above the Skie, Do preffe, to meet the *Deeps* below. 3 Thy Servants, therefore, are afraid, That, if thou fend not thy Command, Whereby their daring may be flaid, Our whole undoing is at hand.

For, L O R D, by thefe exceffive rains, We lofe,not only Time and Coft, But,therewith our laborious pains, And,means of Life, is, likewife loft. 4 Thou wilt we know,permit no more, An univerfall *Over-flowing*; Nor fruftrate make,as heretofore, The Times of *Harvefl*, or of *Sowing*.

But, LORD / to us what profits it, That, fo it promis'd was by Thee; If now the *Waters* thou permit, The prefent Spoile of us to be ? 5 Or, what to live will it availe, If Raine and Moifture in exceffe, Shall make the means of Life to faile, And keep us lingring in diftreffe ?

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Except in bearing of that Croffe, Which this Affliction may procure, We gain Repentance by the loffe, And make fome Future *Bleffing* fure. 6 For thefe great *Rains*, perhaps are fent To make us heedfull of our Sin, And,with compunction to lament The waies which we have erred in.

O / teach us L O R D, if it be fo, Our groffe offences to bemone : And, let a pleafant *Seafon* fhow That, thy Difpleafure quite is gone. 7 Let not thine *Vniverfall-Grace* To us, in fpeciall be denide : For *fpeciall-Favour*, here is place : O! let that alfo be applide.

Dry up,or chafe the Clouds away, Whofe vapours breed corrupted Aire. Difperfe thofe Fogs,which dim the day, Make thou the Weather clear and faire. 8 To us, vouchfafe,likewife, ô G oD ! The *Drought-defired*,to prolong; That,we may change this *mournfull-Ode*, Into a praifefull, *foyfull-Song*.

And, when the Soile, fo dry fhall grow, That fhow'rs will needfull be again ; In feafon, LORD/ on us beflow The *Former*, and the latter-Rain.

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HYMN LXII.

A thanksgiving after exceffive Raines.

When we are delivered from the plague of excelfive Rains and Waters; they who defire to fing a Song of Thanksgiving for the fame, may mufically expresse their gratitude in this briefe Hymn.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

The flow'rs which wash'd away almost, The Comfort of our pains;

(And fruitleffe made our hopes and Coft) Thy mercy, L O R D / reftrains.

Thy Breath hath purg'd the foggie Aire : The Sun,doth bright appear.

The Fields waxe dry, The wayes grow faire ; The Skie, from clouds is clear.

2 We, therefore, turn out mournfull Songs, Into a thankfull *Ode*,

And, we confeffe, the praife belongt, To none, but thee, ô GOD!

Accept the fervice we professe,

And, give us grace, ô LORD! To manifeft our Thankfulneffe, As well in *Deed*, as *Word*.

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HYMN LXIII.

For time of extreme Drougth.

Many afflictions accompany exceffive Drougths, as may appear by this Lamention, whereby they who are unfenfible of fuch a Judgement, may be made more fenfible of Gods Visitation in that kinde; and fuch as have a true feeling thereof, may have words whereby to exprcife the fame to the flirring up of penitence in their hearts.

H Ear / oh great Almighty King / Who from Earth's extreament part, Lightnings, Winds, and Rains do'ft bring : And, commander of them, art.

Thou art he, who fends the *Rils*, To refresh the fruitfull plains; And bedewes the thirftie Hils, With fweet *Show'rs*, and wholfome *Rains*.

Hear, and heed thou from on high,

This our loud and wofull cry : For,from thee,we feek relief; Who,haft Cures,for ev'ry Grief. 2 By a waftfull fcortching *Drougth*, We,now L O R D, afflicted be; And,the Earth with gaping mouth, Makes a fad Complaint to Thee.

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Hils, and Dales, and Fields, and Downs, Robes of Sorrow have put on; And in mourning-Ruffet Gowns, Our Diftreffes do bemone.

For (unleffe thou gracious be)

Bird, and Beaft, and Herb, and Tree, And what e're doth Breathe or Spring, To decay; this Drougth will bring. 3 Lo, the Branch that leaved was, Is become a wither'd Spray. Medowes, lately cloth'd with graffe, Now, are fhort unmowed-hay.

Where much *Corne* did frefhly fprout, All is now confum'd with Heat. And,the *Flocks* that skipt about, Now do pine,for want of meat.

Pain'd by *Thirf*, the *Heards* do rore; Hunger makes our cattell poore: And, unleffe thou Mercy flow, They that owne them, poore will grow. 4 *Earth* (whofe ever teeming wombe, Many Births, at once could bear) Now, unfertile is become; And, her Fruits abortive are.

At her *Breft*, the late green plant, Starv'd, by lack of Sap, doth lie. *Moifture*, now her *Furrowes* want; And her *Clods* are flark and drie.

> Clouds of *Duft*, in flead of *Rain*, Overfpread both Hill and Plain :

> > From

From his Banks, the River fhrinks; And the flanding-water flinks. 5 LORD / with pitty now behold, How diftreft thy Creatures be. At fuch needs, in times of old, Help hath been vouchfaf'd by Thee

When the People thirfty was, Thou from Rocks didft water bring. In the Jaw-bone of an Affe, Thou for *Sampfon* mad'ft a Spring.

When Elias thee befought,

Needful Rain,was timely brought : And,thou mad'ft the water fweet, Which for ufage was unmeet. 6 In the Floods,thy Chambers are ; They with Clouds be roof'd and wall'd. To attend thy pleafure, there,

Dewes and fhow'rs are ftill exhal'd. When we ferve thee,they are fent, To refrefh us in our needs. When we merit to be fhent,

Thence Correction then proceeds.

When thou frown'fl, the weather low'rs; And, by *Stormes* or *Drougth* devours : When thou fmilefl, we obtain, Kindly Warmth, and timely Rain : 7 LORD, forgive us that offence VVhich hath flir'd thine Anger thus :

Take this wafting Drougth from hence;

VVith calme fhow'rs recomfort us.

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Let it plentifully Rain, That it may refresh the Aire. Drop thy fatnesse on the plain; And the parched Hils repaire.

Mark what mone the Fowles do make; On the beafts,compaffion take : Think upon the Widowes need; And,the wants of Orphanes,heed. 8 By the moifture of thy Dew, To the Plants new vigour give. The decayed Herbs renew; And the fcorched feeds revive.

That the graffe anew may grow, Wherewithall our Beafts are fed : That,there may be Corn enow, To fupply our daily bread.

That, to make us alfo glad, Wine,and oyle may ftill be had : And,that thefe Lamenting *Laies* May be chang'd to *Songs* of praife.

HYMN LXIIII.

A Thanksgiving after a Drougth. God is hereby praifed for vouchfafing to refresh the fcorched Fields with needfull dewes, and showers upon the humble petition of his Servants who had been afflicted by an excessive Drougth. Sing this as the 23.Pfalme.

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122 Hymn LXIIII. Part. 1.

S^O pow'rfull are the faithfull Cries, Which men afflicted raife;

That, to afcend the flarry Skies,

They find out fecret waies. And,thou haft LORD,an open ear

To ev'ry Soul diftreft,

Which with a due regard will hear The meaneft mans requeft.

2 The Clouds, oh GOD / at thy Commands, Did needfull fhow'rs diftill;

Whereby the dry and thirfty lands, Have fweetly drunk their fill.

That fcorching *Drougth* is now alayd, Which Graffe and Corne deftroyes;

And,that for which we humbly pray'd, Thine heritage injoyes.

3 Afwell as to the Juft,oh LORD/ To us,that wicked be.

Thou *Raine* and *Sun-fhine* doft afford When fuit is made to thee.

To thee, Love, Wifdome, Pow'r and Fame, Afcribed be therefore.

And bleffed be thy *holy-Name*, Both, now, and evermore.

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HYMN LXV.

A Thanksgiving for feafonable Weather in generall.

This is a Hymn of Praife for that feafonable Weather whereby we are inabled to receive the fruits of the earth,or continued hopefull of that bleffing. Sing this as Te Deum.

ORD/fhould the Sun, the Cloud, the Wind, The Aire and Seafons be To us as froward, and unkind, As we are falfe to thee; Our Labours would, by Winds or Storms, By Drougth or elfe by Rain; By Heat, or Cold, by Weeds, or Wormes, Prove Labours all in vain. But, from our Duties, though we fwerve, 2 Thou,ftill,do'ft Mercy fhow; And, us and ours from fpoile preferve, That we might thankfull grow. Yea, though from day to day we fin, And thy disfavour gain; Affoon as we to cry begin, Forgiveneffe, we obtain. The Weather now, thou changed haft, 3 Which lately made us fear : And, when our hopes were almost past, Sweet comforts did appear. G 2 The

Hymn LXVI. Part.I. 124 The Heavens, the Earth's complaints have heard : They reconciled be: And, thou fuch weather haft prepar'd, As we defir'd of thee. For which, with uprais'd hands and eies, 4 (As purely as we may) The due, and eafie Sacrifice Of Thanks, we now repay. And fince the Aire thou changeft thus, That we thereby are eas'd : We pray thee work that change in us, Whereby thou maift be pleas'd.

HYMN LXVI.

A Thanksgiving after Thunder and Lightning.

Thunder and Lightning are terrible in their owne nature; and have oft-times very dreadfull effects: Therefore, we ought to praife GOD, when we have heard and feene him, in those works of his without the destruction of our Goods & Perfons.

Sing this as the former.

N O earthly Terror, LORD, can make A Sinner more to fear Then when in Thunder thou do'ft fpeak, Loud threatnings in his ear. Thee, therefore, we did humbly pray, Thy Stormes afide to blow;

And,

Part. I. Hymn LXVII. 125 And, down thy Thunder-bolts to lay As is vouchfafed now. The dreadfull Sounds, and fiery darts, 2 Which lately us appal'd; And greatly terrifide our hearts, Thy Mercy hath recall'd. Yea, from the fcorching fulphurie Blaft, Which from those Engines came; Thou us, oh LORD / preferved haft, For which we praife thy Name. In Language, filling us with awe, 3 Thou neededft not to fpeak, If of thy Prophets, and thy Law, More notice we would take. Oh / give us grace, the loving voice Of *Mercy*, fo to hear; That *Justice* make not fuch a noife As fils with fervile Fear.

HYMN LXVII.

After a great Winde.

The Winde is a ferviceable Spirit, which being fet at liberty to punifhus for our Sins, produceth many terrible effects; Therefore, when the tempeftuous fury is alayed, whereby it fometimes threateneth us, we fhall do well to acknowledge Gods mercy for the fame.

> Sing this, as the former. G 3

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126 Hymn LXVIII. Part.1.

Hen hearty thanks we render not, For what we do obtain; We merit well to be forgot, When we fhall next complain. The bluft'ring Winds that fiercely rag'd, And Bowres, and Buildings tore; Are by thy Mercy, LORD, affwag'd, And ruffle now no more. Calmgales they breath; and make it plain, 2 (By thefe effects we fee) That, He who in the Aire doth raign, Subjected is to thee. We magnifie thy Name, therefore, And, will in thee repore Our Truft, and Hope, for evermore, What Winde foever blowes.

HYMN LXVIII.

After a great Froft or Snow.

Great Frosts and Snowes are fomtime made the executioners of Gods Juffice upon a finfull Land, that frozen Charity may be unthawed by Repentance: And this Hymn remembers us to be thankfull when God fhall remove fuch a Indgement from us.

Sing this as the former.

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Part.I. Hymn LXIX. 127 Rom Colds, late nipping Herbs and Trees, (Afflicting Man and Beaft) And making Lakes and Rivers freeze, Thou, LORD! haft us releaft. The Clods are thaw'd; The Ice doth melt; The Creatures, lately griev'd Are eafed of the pains they felt; And, from their Fears repriev'd. We praife thee, for this bleffed change ; 2 And thankfull are to thee, That thou thy help do'ft not eftrange, When we afflicted be. Let thy Compafion us difpofe, (Where we fhall need behold) To melt in pitty, towards those To whom our Love is cold.

HYMN LXIX.

In a Time of Famine.

Famine is one of the three great Plagues whereby God usually corrects a sinfull Nation ; and by this Hymn we are taught how to addreffe our complaints to God, in this Visitation, &.

Sing this as the 22. Pfalme.

BY Mercies and by Iudgements, LORD / We have bin often tride, G4 In

In difobeying of thy Word, How conftant we abide : For, when we gently are chaftif'd, We stubborn-hearted be; And, when our longings are fuffic'd, We kick, and fpurn at Thee. For, which thou quite might'ft us refule, 2 And, fay, as heretofore Thou fay'ft unto the flubborn Jewes : 7 will correct no more. But,ftill,thy Love to us is true; And,ev'ry means doth find By which thou maift compassion shew, And, be both Iuft and Kind. The *Plenties* which we lately had, 3 By us, abufed were. And, Thou a Scarceneffe now haft made, By which we pinched are. If thou hadft left us to our Sin, By feeding our Excesse; That Vengeance had the greater bin, Though it had feemed leffe. Thou,ftill, proceed'ft with Chastifement 4 In fuch a loving wife; That we may be the Punishment, Find where our Error lies. And, if we be not hardned quite, We by the Stripes may fee That, thou in *Mercy* haft delight; Though ftrokes inflicted be.

Hymn LXIX.

5 Yea

5 Yea, though this *Famine* pincheth fore, Good Symptomes we may find, That, thou in Anger evermore Remembreft to be kind, And,ftill,fome bleffings are injoy'd, By which we hope retain, That, quite we shall not be destroid, Though we in want, remain. 6 Where Milk and Hony overflow'd Lean Famine breaketh in, When *Plenty*, late her Bounty fhew'd, A Death doth now begin. And, they who had the fineft bread, The fatteft of thy Meat; And were with many dainties fed, Have little now to eat. But LORD, once more to us return; 7 Though we unworthie are : Confider how the poore do mourn, And what the Rich may fear. Forgive the Sins which have bereft, The Plenties which we had ; And, let the portion which is left, By thee, be larger made. 8 Oh / hear us, though we ftill offend, Augment our wafted ftore : Into this Land, that Plenty fend, Which fil'd it heretofore. Then, give us grace, to ufeit fo, That thou mai'ft pleafed be;

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130 Hymn LXX. F And,that_when fuller we fhall grow, We think not leffe on Thee.

HYMN. LXX.

A Thanksgiving for Plenty.

Plenty is the cure of Famine ; and a Bleffing, for which we much labour; yet when it is obtained, we many times become fo wanton thereby, that we not only abufe that Benefit, but many other Mercies accompanying the fame; to preventwhich unthank fulneffe, this Hymn was composed.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

- Ow oft, and by how many Crimes, Thee Jealous have we made? And, bleffed GOD / how many times, Have we forgivenes had? If we with teares, to bed, at night, For our Tranfgreffions go; To us, before the Morning light, Thou Comforts doft beftow. This pleafant Land, which for our Sin, 2 Was, lately, barren made, Her fruitfulneffe doth new begin, And we our Hopes have had. For which in praifefull Songs, to thee, We raife our voices LORD / And,

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Part.1. Hymn LXX.
And,thankfull,we defire to be For what,thou doft afford.
Vouchfafe we waft not by exceffe, Thy Bleffings like the fwine;
Or into graceleffe wantonnes, Convert this Grace of thine.
But,fo let us thy Gifts imploy; And,fo refresh the poore :
That,in this Land,we may enjoy Thefe Plenties,evermore.

HYMN LXXI.

In times of Peftilence, or other infectious Sickneffe.

This Hymn putteth us in mind (by profeffing our dependance upon GOD) that we make him our fole Refuge in times of danger. Confeffion, is here made alfo, that our Sins are the Caufe of Sickneffe or infectious difeafes : and God is humbly befought to be our protector in this danger

Sing this as the 51. Pfalme.

BY truffing unto thee, oh G o D / And, by repoing in thy fhade; A Shelter, and a fafe Abode, In many Dangers, we have had. And, good Affurances we have, That, while on thee we do depend,

Thou

Thou wilt from publike Danger fave ; And from all private harmes defend. 2 In thee, this truft we have repos'd: Thy Succour, therefore, we expect, Now perill hath our Souls inclos'd ; And, our Deftruction, feems to threat.

Hymn LXXI.

For, Sins Infections have bin fpred, By lewd Examples, now, fo far, That those Contagions they have bred, Whereby our lives endanger'd are. 3 LORD / let thy Spirit, from on high, On us, those healthfull Breathings blow, Which may our Climate purifie; And, wholfome Aire on us beftow.

And,let our Flefh and Blood, become So purged,by thy facred *Word*; That,we may be fecured from The ftrokes of this devouring *Sword*. 4 Oh / call thy flaughtring *Angell* home. And(though we merit not fuch grace) Compaffionate,and kind become To us,in this diftreffed Cafe.

Vouchfafe us hearts that may repent, Thofe Courfes,which do thee difpleafe: And,give us wifdome to prevent The violence of this Difeafe. 5 Let not the fhaft which flies by day, Nor that, which terrifies by night, To flaughter,wound,or to difmay Within our Dwellings, L O R D, alight.

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But,let thy *faving-Angell* bide About our Perfons,ev'ry how'r A fhelter,for us,to provide, Againft this plagues malignant pow'r. 6 Or,if this *Harbinger* of Death, Muft in our Flefh,prepare him Room ; Let not the loffe of Health,or Breath, A mifchief,or a plague become.

And,let both Death and Sicknes prove A means of everlafting Bliffe; And,from thefe Dangers,us remove To live where no corruption is.

HYMN LXXII.

For Deliverance from publike Sicknes.

When an infectious Pestilence breaketh in upon us, it is an extraordinary Mercy that we are not all rooted out. Therefore, when God removes the fame, we are hereby remembred to acknowledge it to his praife.

Sing this as the Pater-nofter.

LORD, when a Nation thee offends, And when thou would'ft correct their lads) An Army,ftill, on Thee attends, To execute thy juft Commands.

Yea, Famine, Sickneffe, Fire, and Sword; Stand ready to fulfill thy word.

2 And,

2 And,here,among us for our Sin, A ftrong Infection lately raign'd Whofe Rage hath fo malignant bin, As that it could not be reftrain'd

By any care, or Art of our,

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Or by a leffe, then heav'nly pow'r. 3 To thee, therefore, our Cries we fent, Thy wonted Clemency to prove : And, our misdoings did lament That Vifitation to remove.

And, thou thine *Angell* didft command, To ftay his Death-inflicting hand. 4 For which to thee, in humble wife, Both heart, and hand, oh LORD / we raife; And, have exchang'd our former Cries, To Joyfull Songs of thankfull praife :

Confeffing, that, by Thee, we have Efcap'd the Dungeon of the Grave.

HYMN LXXIII.

A Lamentation in time of *War*.

War, is the last and worst of those Temporall-Plagues, whereby GOD scourgeth a wicked Nation, and it include th all other misseries. Therefore, when that Iudgement is sent forth against us, we are warned hereby, so to confider what is fallen upon us; and to become so penitent, that God may be intreated to withdraw that Plague. Sing this as the 51. Pfalme.

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Part.1. Hymn LXXIII. 135

OF all those Judgements which thy Word For Sin, oh LORD / denounced hath, None are more dreadfull then the Sword; Or, more inform us of thy wrath.

Except it be, when men are, quite, To Sin, without Correction left; Expos'd to *Sathans* worft defpight; Or, of a quiet minde bereft. 2 For, when by other plagues we fmart, By thine own hand, chaftiz'd we be: And, L O R D! fo pitifull thou art, That, Mercy, ftill abounds in thee.

But, when our Faults thou doft correct, By tyranous and cruell men, A fad event, we may expect ; And, hope for little Mercy,then. 3 Oh G o D ! this dreadfull Plague of *War*, All other earthly Plagues includes : For *Dearths*, and all *Difeafes* are Attending where this *Feind* intrudes.

Oppreffions, and continuall Fears, Wounds Watchings, Dangers, and unreft, Inceffant Griefs, and endleffe cares, By warfare, Kingdomes do moleft. 4 *War*, from the Childe, his Parents takes; And robs the Father of his Childe : Of old, and young, it havoke makes; And, thereby Matrons are defilde.

War turns, the Freeman to a Slave : It bringeth Nobles to diftreffe :

And

136 Hymn LXXIII. Part. I.

And maketh Cutthroat villains brave, With what great Princes did poffeffe. 5 It goodly Temples overturns; And Acteth Ill, where Good was taught. The faireft Buildings, down it burns; And, fets both *God*, and *Man* at naught.

Yea, quite it ruins in one day, What many Ages could not rear; And bringeth Cities to decay, Which through the World, renowned were. 6 Chafe thou oh LORD! this Tyrant hence: Permit thou not, his hand of Blood, To beare the fcourge of our offence; But, take it to thy Self, oh GOD!

Though many wayes, we have mifdone, We none have wrong'd, fo much as Thee : Therefore, oh $L \circ R D$! by Thee alone, Corrected for it, let us be.

7 When but the founds of *War*, they hear, The hearts of many, fo are ftrook, That they are overcome with Fear. How, then, *Wars* prefence can they brook ?

Lord, let thy mercy fo provide That, from our Coafts he may be chas'd : That, *Peace*, may in our Borders bide ; And, keep our Dwellings undefac'd. 8 And,LORD!fince *War*,fuchTerrorsbrings; Such mifchieves, and fo much diftreffe ; And fince perpetually there Springs, Joy,wealth, and eafe, from bleffed *Peace*.

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Let us endeavour to regain This Peace,by what good means we may, And if the fame we reobtain Take heed, we fool it not away.

HYMN LXXIV.

A thankfgiving for *Peace*.

Peace is the nurfe of Plentie, and the means of fo many other bleffings that God cannot be fufficiently praifed for it. This therefore is composed, that we who have enjoyed this bleffing more then most other Nations might be more thankfull for it hereafter.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

S^O caufe us, LORD! to think upon The Bleffing we poffeffe,

That we may praife what thou haft done, And thy great love confeffe.

For, we whofe Fields in Ages paft, With bloodfhed were diftain'd,

Whilft Fire and Sword layd others wafte, In fafetie, have remain'd.

2 No armed Bands, the *Plough-man* fears, No Towr's are overturn'd ;

No Temple fhakes about our ears; No Townfhips now are burn'd.

No Father hears his little Childe, In vain, for fuccour cry :

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138 Hymn LXXV. Part. I.

No Husband fees his Wife defilde,

Whilft he doth wounded lye.

3 Dear GOD! vouchfafe to pittie those Who thus diftreffed be:

That, to defend them from their Foes They may have help from thee.

For, by thy Mercy we obtain'd

Thefe calme and peacefull Dayes; And for this *Peace*, with hearts unfain'd

We, now, do Sing thy Praife. Afwell for our internall *Peace*,

4 Alwell for our internall *Peace* As for that outward Reft,

Which by thy Favour we poffeffe Thy goodneffe, is confeft,

Oh take not, LORD! this grace away, But, let it ftill endure

And, grant thy mercies make us may, More thankfull, not fecure.

HYMN LXXV.

For Victorie.

All Victorie is of God, who is the LORD of Hoafts: therefore to him only belongs the glory of thofe victories which we shall obtain; and this Hymn remembers us to afcribe all our prevailings to his power and mercy.

Sing this as the X. Commandements.

Of

O H LORD / we magnify thy Might, By whofe prevailing grace and pow'r, We are preferv'd from their defpight Who fought, that they might us devour.

Thou art our Joyfull *Triumph-fong*; Thou art the Comfort of our heart: To thee all Victories belong; And, thou the G o D of *Armies* art. 2 It was, alone, thy Providence Which made us *Maflers of the Field*: Thou art our Caftle of defence; Our Fort, our Bulwark, and our Shield.

Thou taughtft our Hands & Arms to fight; By thee, undaunted we were made : By thee, our Foes were put to flight; By Thee the conqueft we have had. 3 For, on what hand foere we went, Great perils, us did round enclofe : Our little ftrength, was almost fpent, And fierce and bloody, were our Foes.

That, hadft not thou our Captain been, To lead us on, and off again; This happie day we had not feen, But in the Bed of Death had lain. 4 This *Humn*, we therefore Sing to Thee : And pray thee, that, as heretofore, Thou wouldft our gracious Refuge be, And our *Protector* evermore.

Yea, to our Foes let it be fhown, How to our Caufe thou doft incline;

And

140 Hymn LXXVI. Part.1. And make it unto them be known, That, fuch as are our Foes are thine.

HYMN LXXVI.

For Publike Deliverances.

God hath vouch fafed unto the fe kingdomes, many publike Deliverances, which ought never to be forgotten, especially those on the fift of November, and 1588. And this Hymn was intended, to bring those, and fuch like, oftner to remembrance.

Sing this as the Pater-nofter.

VVIth *Ifr'el*, we may truly fay If on our fide, G o D had not been; Of us, our Foes had made a prey, And, we this Light, had never feen

The Pit was dig'd, The Snare was laid ; And, we with eafe, had been betray'd.

2 But, our Oppofers, undertook What they did faile to bring to paffe. For, he that all things doth or'e look, Prevented what confpired was.

We found the *Pit*; we fcap'd the Gin, And faw their *Makers* caught therein. 3 By Favour undeferved fhown

From G o D, this means of fafetie came; And, by no wifdome of our own:

Oh! let us therefore, praife his *name*. Oh! praife his *Name* : for, it was *He*.

That broke the Net, and fet us free.

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Part. I. Hymn LXXVI.

4 With praifes let our *Temples* ring; Let on our Lips, thankfgivings dwell. Let us, unto his honour fing, And, Stories of his Mercies tell.

While Sun, and Moon, do rife, or fet;

His kindneffe, let us not forget. 5 Oh! let us now redeeme the Time : Let us begin to live anew. Let us repent of ev'ry crime,

Whereby, difpleafure may enfue : Left he that plagues from us hath took ;

Return them, with a doubled ftrook. 6 A true *Repentance* takes delight

To memorize what G o D hath done : When paffed Favours, we recite,

It adds more Grace, to grace begun. And, when fuch vertues do encreafe;

They promife everlafting peace. 7 But, where Ingratitude we fee; And, when fo wicked we are grown, That fleighted those protections be, Which *God* hath formerly beftown,

It fhall betoken, to this Land

That her Deftruction is at hand. 8 LORD! let us not be hardned fo: Nor let thine Anger fo return : But, grant we may our duties do; And for our finfull Follies mourn :

That from our Sorrows, joy may Spring; And we thy *praifes*, gladly Sing.

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HYMN LXXVII.

When we are merry-hearted.

Sometimes we are more then ordinarily inclined to cheerfulneffe, and what we should then doe, we are advised by the Aposlle Iames. And left our mirth corrupt into vanity, rather then invite us to sing Pfalmes, this Hymn offereth somewhat to confideration, which may preserve, and sanclifie our cheerfulneffe.

M Ethinks I feele more perfect Reft, Refreshing now,my mind;

And more contentment in my breaft,

Then ev'ry day I find. Such Notions there, Begotten are,

And forth fuch thoughts they bring : That though I would

My voice withhold,

I cannot chuse but sing.

2 Too oft vain musings do difpofe My heart, to fruitleffe Mirth.

And fill it with fuch fumes as thofe Which vapour from the earth. On fuch a Fit, Sometime, I hit,

I know nor how,nor why: And, as the fame Vnlook'd for came,

Ev'n

Ev'n fo away t'will fly. 3 Oh LORD / if this be fuch a Toy, Let fomewell-guided thought, Translate it to a better Joy; Or, bring the fame to nought. For, fuch Delights, Are like fome Sights, Which in the *dark* appear : At their first view, They comfort fhew, At laft, they make us fear. 4 Let those Delights which Fancie fains, To pleafe a crafed mind ; And, that which Folly entertains With me, no liking find. But, let in me, Increafed be, Those Comforts, and those Joyes, Which do not flow From things below: And, which no time deftroyes.

HYMN LXXVIII.

A Lamentation and Petition of the Soule, for and against her flesh.

By this Hymn, we are put in mind to be fo watchfull over the Infirmities and Corruptions of our Flefh, 144 Hymn LXXVIII. Part.I. Flefh; that we take heed, left our Senfualitie bring Soul and Body to deftruction; and that we befeech Gods affifting Grace, to help the Soule govern as the ought, and fo fubdue the Flefh, to the Law of Grace, and Reason.

Sing this as the 43. Pfalme. H me! where may I feek a Friend? Or, where have hopes to finde One that is Faithfull to the end : And never proves unkinde? Since mine own Flesh, (and for whofe fake, My Self I oft forget) Doth with my cruelft Foe partake; And, is againft me fet? She, in whofe Bofome, I have laid, 2 And, who hath flept in mine; She, with whom, I have often plaid, And, lov'd with *Love-divine* : She that made flow, as if my Grief, Her greatest Grief would be ; (And called me, her *Ioy*, her *Life*) Is careleffe, now, of me. The more I truft, the more I love, 3 The more my love I flow; The more unfaithfull She doth prove : The more fhe works my woe. Yet, ftill, my heart upon her dotes ; And (through her wanton wiles) My Reafon, still, she fo befots, That, ftill, She me beguiles.

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Part.I. Hymn LXXVIII. 145 Sometime, thefe wrongs I fo refolve, That, her I much condemn : And in my Iudgement, can refolve, Her Fawnings to contemn. I take her Pleafant-things away, Her Longings I reftrain ; I make her watch, and fast and pray, Vntill fhe Teares doth fain. To fee her grieve, then grieve I too, 5 And loving words apply ; Left to her felf, fhe wrongs may do, Or of the Sullens, dye. And, She no fooner feels my heart Her Freedome to reftore ; But, fhe begins to play her part, As falfly, as before. 6 Teach me, my G o D / teach me the way To make her more fincere; Left, She, her Selfe, and Me, betray To Him, whofe Hate I fear. For, fo I love (though plain I fee Of me, fhe careleffe is) That Heav'n would feem a Hell to me, If *Her*, I there fhould miffe. To be my *Darling*, the was born : 7 And Nature did provide That,t'wixt us, Friendship should be fworn, Which, nothing fhall divide; And, therefore, on each other, fo

Our welfare doth depend;

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That,

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That, if the One to ruine go, Such is the *Others* end. 8 Therefore, oh LORD / unleffe thy love Prevent what much I fear, We,to each other, Foes may prove, The worft that ever were. Becaufe, if they who love as we, Their Paffions guid not well: On *Earth* each others plagues they be, And greater plagues in Hell. 9 My GOD / therefore, thy help again, Thy help, I do implore, That I my *Flefhly-part*, to rein, May be inabled more. My Soul, inftruct thou fo to guid ; So make my flefh obey; That, we true-Lovers may abide, In Vertues harmles Way. 10 And, though all Vertues we had got (Where of the beft may boaft) Vnto our felves, LORD, leave us not: Left all, again, be loft. For,till the *Flefh* be mortifi'd, Her nature, will return ; Though the was partly fanctifi'd, When fhe, anew, was born.

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Of the vanity and infufficiency of temporall things.

That we may not be overmuch delighted with fuch Things as perifh, to the loffe of our portion in things of most Excellency. We are hereby remembred to confider the Vanitie and Infufficiency of Temporall Things.

Sing this as a Hermit-poore.

7Hat is there LORD Within this Lower Orbe, Which doth afford, A pleafure or content? But may difeafe, Difcomfort or difturbe, Vnleffe thou pleafe Their mifchiefs to prevent? No marvell, tho The worft do forrows bring ; Since there is woe, In ev'ry pleafant thing. Wealth bringeth Care 2 Sometimes, as much as Want. Our Honours are Attended with difgrace. When Hopes are beft, Our *Hearts* with *Fears* do pant, H 2

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Our daint'eft Feaft, Is marr'd with btiter fawce. Distrust, to lose The Pleafure, we poffeffe, Them overthrowes, Or makes their fweetnes leffe. Our Beauties fade, 3 Affoon as they are blown. We Weak are made, E're we are fully ftrong. We often dote, When wifeft we are grown. Youth, frees us not From Griefs, whil'ft we are yong. No Age, or State, Condition, or Degree, Can promife that, In which no Changes be. That, which we fought, 4 With all our pow'rs, to win As if we thought, Our chiefest Bliffe it were : That, which efteem'd Above our lives, hath hin ; And, which hath feem'd Beyond Salvation, dear. That is at laft, A thing unpleafing made; And leaves no taft, Of those Contents, it had.

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5 They,

They, who in me 5 Their chief Delights did place ; Now, fenfleffe be That e're fo fond they were. They, in whofe love, I,no leffe pleafed was; No liking, move ; And Strangers now they are. Yea, what with pain, I fought; I now do lothe, Oh GOD! how vain Was that, or I, or both. 6 What we defpife, Anon, is precious thought. What, we now prize, E're long, we much disdain. This Day we love, Whom, next we fet at nought. And fickle prove, Yet fhamelefly complain. Their Vanitie, Things mortall publish thus; And certaintie, Ther's none, in them, or Vs. Oh LORD/fince we, 7 And, all that here we love, Things changing be; Let us on Thee depend. From Things below,

(To reach the things above)

H 3

Thy

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Thy Servant flow, Which way he flould afcend. And, let me there, *Live, Love*, and *loved be*; Where Pleafures are, Whofe end I fhall not fee.

HYMN LXXX.

When a deare Freind is deceafed.

Some, are fo fensible of losing their dearly beloved Friends, that, they are almost fwallowed up with grief. Therefore this Hymn was prepared to mitigate their forrow, by directing them for confolation to Him, in whom they may find againe their deceafed friends, and better comforts then they lost.

Sing this as, In fad and Afhie weeds.

N Ow my Dear Friend is gon, Ah me/how faint my heart appears / How fad ! and how alone ! Howfwoln with fighs, how drown'd with tears/ Fain would I tell, What Griefs, what Hell, Is now within my breaft. But who doth live, That eafe can give ? Or bring me wifhed Reft ?

2 Thofe

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Those eares which I would fain, 2 Should once more hear what I would fay, Shall never, now again, Vnto their Heart, my Thoughts convay. Nor fhall that Tongue, Whofe Tones, were Song, And, muficke, ftill to me; To pleafe, or chear, My drouping ear; Hereafter turned be. Oh Dear / oh gracious God ! 3 If in our felves, we bliffe had fought; Of paffions, what a lode, Vpon my Soul, had now been brought ! How had I found, Within that Round, Wherein, I fhould have run? The joyfull end, Which doth befriend, Affections well, begun. 4 Had we our Love confin'd To that, which mortall proves to be : Or, had we been fo blind, That we death's pow'r could not forefee. Where had been found, When under ground, My Dear-companion lay,

A fit Relief,

To cure that Grief.

Which wounds my Heart, this Day? H 4

But,

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But, while we liv'd and lov'd, 5 In thee, each other up we ftor'd, My Friend(by Death remov'd) In thee, therefore, I feek, oh LORD / My Loffe, by none, But, Thee alone, Repaired, now, can be. What I endure, Admits nor Cure, Nor eafe, except by thee. 5 Be thou to my fad heart, A fweet Relief, now I am griev'd. Be to it as thou wert, When, here with me, my Deare ft liv'd. That which I lov'd, Is but remov'd, To thee, our Perfect Bliffe. And that I had Was but the fhade Of what my Darling is. 7 In Thee, Behold I fhall; In Thee, I fhall again enjoy; What thou away didft call, And what thou didft by Death deftroy. We, by thy Grace, Shall there, embrace, Where Friends do never part. Which, now I mind, Methinks.I find Sweet hope, relieve my heart.

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Hymn LXXXI. I feel it more, and more, 8 My Soul of Comfort to affure. And, now, for ev'ry fore, I know, and feel, thou haft a Cure. For which my Tongue, Shall change her Song, Thy Goodnes to commend. And, thou art he Who,ftill, fhalt be My best affected Friend.

Part. I.

HYMN LXXXI.

For Deliverance from Temptation.

To be delivered from Temptation, is one of the fix petitions in the LORD'S Prayer, which we daily repeat ; and therefore that God may deliver us from the evil thereof, we shall do well to invoke him by a speciall Invocation according as this Hymn putteth us in mind.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

Ow hard is it for Flefh and Blood, When Lufts the Heart affaile, To wifh that Vice, may be withflood ; And, Vertue, still prevaile ! How hard is it, when we do burn, With euill-kindled Fires, H 5

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Hymn LXXXI. Part. I. 154 Our Eies from Vanities to turn ! Or quench our loofe Defires? So hard oh LORD / fo' hard it is; 2 That few can truly fay, They for thy timely ayd (in this) With true Devotion pray. But, rather, many are afraid, (When they to pray are mov'd) Left by thy Grace, they fhould be flaid, From Sins, too well belov'd. Of this, if others have been free, 3 Thy Mercy, let them bleffe : For, that this fault hath been in me, I freely do confesse : And, (feeing better thoughts, I have) Occafion, thereupon, I, now, affume, thine and to crave, Before, this Mind be gon. Thy Grace, oh LORD, in me did breed 4 This motion, not in vain. Oh! let it be the bleffed Seed Of an immortall Gain. And,grant,that getting fomwhat loofe, From Sins imperious hand; My heart with willingnes, may chufe The wayes of thy *Command*. From Sathans Baits, from Follies Lures, 5 From ev'ry caufe of Ill, Preferve me clean, whil'ft life endures, In Action, and in Will.

At

Protect thy Servant fo, That, evill overcome not me; But, Victor let me grow. Vaile then mine *Eies*, till She be paft, 6 When Folly tempts my fight : Keep thou my Pallet, and my Taft, From Gluttonous Delight. Stop thou mine Ear, from Syrens Songs: My Tongue from Lies reftrain. Withhold my Hands, from doing wrongs; My Feet, from courfes vain. Teach, likewife, ev'ry other Senfe, 7 To Act an honeft part; But, chiefly fettle Fnnocence, And purenes in my *Heart*: So, nought without me, or within,

Shall work an ill effect ; By tempting me to act a Sin, Or, Vertues to neglect.

HYMN LXXXVII.

A Thanksgiving for the Gofpell.

The Gofpell of Ielus Chrift, is a meanes of the greatest Bleffing, which was ever conferred on Mankinde. Therefore, that we might be more thankfull for it, then we have been heretofore, we are moved thereunto, by this Hymn.

Sing

Sing this as the 10. Commandments.

COmtime, oh LORD! at leaft, in fhow, OA thankfull heart, we do professe, When thou fuch Bleffings doft beftow As outward Riches, Health, or Peace. But, for that *meanes* which may conduce Our Soules, to their true-Bliffe, to raife, We make, not verie frequent ufe Of thankfull words, or Hymns of praife. 2 When Meads are drown'd, or Hields are dry; When Sword, or Sickneffe, harme hath done, To thee for help, fometimes we cry; And thank thee, when those plagues are gone. But, for that Bleffed meanes of Grace, Which we have long, at full enjoy'd; (In publike, or in private place) Few Thankfull voices are employ'd. 3 How many foules, in *Errors* night, Sit fighing their fad hour's away ! Whilft we enjoy, the Gofpels light, And, therewithall, the wantons play ! How many Nations be at strife, For that which we enjoy, at will? How many want that Bread of life, Which we do furfet on and fpill? 4 Oh GOD! Forgive this crying Sin. More wife, more thankfull let us grow. To mend this fault, let us begin : , And, Grace obtain, more Grace to fhow.

For,

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For, Corne, and Wine, and Oyles increafe; A Body-found ; a wittie-braine ; A free Eftate; an outward Peace; Without this Bleffing, were in vaine. 5 They, who obferve the fame fhall fee, That, where thefe Tidings do not found ; (Or where they fhall abufed be) Inhumane cruelties abound : Yea, we, who often have been fchool'd, For hearing this bleft Voice, in vaine, Shall fee our hopes, and wifdomes fool'd ; If unrepentant we remaine. 6 Our feares therfore Deare GOD! prevent; Keep thou thy *Gofpell* in our Land : Our Thanklefneffe, let us repent ; And ftedfaft in thy worship, ftand. For, that thy bleffed Saving-word, Is purely preached in our Daies We confesse it a mercie, LORD, Which merits, endleffe Hymns of praife.

HYMN LXXXIII.

For deliverance from perfecution, and falfe Doctrine.

The blind and bloody Times, in which our Fathers lived, begin to be forgotten, at leaft to be fo little confidered on, that fome indeavour to make our deliverance from them, of little moment. To prevent Therfore

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therfore the curfe likely to follow fuch unthankfulneffe, this briefe Hymn calls to mind that mercie.

Sing this as the. 22. Pfalme.

Time fo curfed once was here, A That, Error bore the fway; And would not let the Truth appeare, Her falfhoods to gainfay. But whenfoever, fhe was view'd Her pureneffe to difclofe ; With Fire, and fword, fhe was purfu'd, By her malicious Foes. By cruell and ungodly men, 2 The Wells of Life, were hid; Or, by corruption poyfned, then, Or, at the beft forbid. And, they who took the greatest paine, To keep those Fountaines pure, Were either doomed to be flain Or thraldome to endure. 3 We praife thee, LORD, that freed thouhaft This Land, from fuch a curfe We praife thee that the dayes are paft, Which those things did inforce. And, humbly we, oh GoD, implore, Those plagues may not returne, Which vext this Nation heretofore, And made our Fathers mourne. 4 For Senflefnes of mercyes paft Vnheeded ufhers in,

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Part.I. Hymn LXXXIIII. 159

That *Thanklefneffe*, which brings, at laft, Obduratneffe in fin Then, doth Obdurateneffe beget That damned, fcornfull pride, Which will at naught, GODs *mercy* fet; And, *good-advife*, deride.

HYMN LXXXIIII.

A Coronation Hymn.

God is hereby glorified for the Kings exalation, and implored to perfect his temporall dignitie, by making it, a flep to his eternall Glory, and by keeping him a patron of Pietie and Vertue.

L OR D, let thy pow'r protect the *King*; Make him his Truft on thee to place : Of thy large Favours let him fing; And, build his *Glories*, on thy *Grace*.

Confirme him on the Royall-Seat, Whereto, advanced him thou haft; Let thy *Salvation* make him great; Vnto thy *Truth*, preferve him faft :

And, make oh G o D ! his earthly *Throne*, An earneft of a heavenly Crowne.

2 Him, over us, for Good, appoint; Ground all his Lawes, on *Truth-divine*: Let thy good *Spirit* him anoint; And, his *Commands*, conforme to Thine.

Of

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Of Soveraigntie, give him the Globe: Of Peace, let him the Scepter bear: Make Holineffe, his royall Robe: The wreathes of Iuffice, let him wear:

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And in upright, and pious waies,

Obferve, and ferve thee, all his dayes. 3 Him, honour fo; and him fo crown; Him, fo inveft; and him fo arme; Him, fo anoint, ; him, fo inthrone; And by thy *word*, him fo informe:

That to thy Glorie, he may Raigne; To his content, and for our peace : That *wickedneffe* he may reftraine, To virtuous *Pieties* encreafe :

And, that our *King*, oh LORD! and we May to each other, *Bleffings* be.

HYMN LXXXV.

A Funerall Song.

This Hymn is intended to comfort the living, (whofe Friends are deceased) by putting them in mind of the Refurrection, and of the happie Reft of those who die in the Faith of C H R I S T.

Sing this as the 10. Commandments

 F_{Or}^{Orbear} to fhed exceffive tears, Or mourne, as hopeleffeHeathens do: For though this *Body* loft appears, Affured be, it is not fo,

For,

For, that which now, corrupting lies, In incorruption, fhall arife.
2 I am the *Life* (our *Saviour* faith) The *Refurrection*, is through me;

And whofoer'e in me hath Faith,

Shall live againe, though dead he be: For, no man fhall, for ever die;

Who doth upon my word relie. 3 He that Redeemed me, doth live. (By Faith, I know that this is true) My G o D, this Body fhall revive; And in my Flefh, I fhall him view.

Ev'n thefe mine eyes ; thefe eyes of mine, Shall fee his glory brightly fhine.

4 We to the world do naked come, We back again unclothed go, And, it is G O D, alone, by whom We poore are made, or wealthy grow.

And, we afcribe unto his name,

Pow'r, praife, and glory, for the fame. 5 From Heav'n, a Voice came down to me,

And, this it will'd me to record;

From this time forward Bleffed be

The *Dead* departing in the LORD. For, (as the Spirit hath exprest) They, from their Labours, are at reft.

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HYMN LXXXVI.

When a Soul is newly departed.

This Hymn comforts us in the death of our friends by offering to confideration the Miferies of this Life, and the happineffe of the next. God is hereby praifed alfo, for calling the Soul departed from this wretched Being; and befought to haften the accompli/hment of our felicity by the generall Refurrection.

Sing this as the 23. Pfalme.

IF Joy be made, when men are born, To live on earth below, Why fhould we vainly weep and mourn, When up to Heav'n they go? To Pains and Griefs, they hither come; And when they hence are gone, Those Troubles they are eased from, Which here they did bemone. Impris'ned in a Living-Grave, 2 The Soul, departed, lay: And, eafe or quiet, could not have, Till call'd it was away. But, we, now, hope it is at reft, In *Him*, from whom it came; And, of eternall Joyes poffeft : For which we praife his Name. 3 We

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3 We praife thee, for that Being, LORD, And for that means of grace, Which to that Soul thou didft afford, In this inferiour place. And, we, more over, praife thee, now, That, thou hast fet it free, From those Afflictions which below, Avoided cannot be. 4 Oh $L \circ R D$ / be fpeedy to collect, And haften, full to make The number of the Souls Elect, That fhall of Bliffe partake. That we and they, who in thy *Fear*, And Faith, have liv'd and di'de; In Soul and Body, may appear

Where thou art Glorifi'd.

HYMN LXXXVII.

A Hymn of Instruction for Youth.

This is a pious Defcant upon the 12. Chap: of Ecclefiafles, and wherein the young man is put in mind to Remember his Creator, before decrepit Age difables him : It offers to confideration the vanity and Transitorineffe of the Beauty, Strength, and Pleasure, wherein youth delights.

T^O those that in Folly, Their youth do mispend,

And,

And mind not their Maker Till life shall have end, A Song Inftruction, We now have begun, To warn them, and learn them, Destruction to shun. LORD, fend them, to mend them, The gift of thy Grace; And Reafon, to feafon A Reafonleffe Race. Thou Yongling, whofe glories, 2 And Beauties, appear Like Sun fhine, or Bloffomes, In Spring of the year; Whofe vigorous Body, Whofe Courage, and Wit, Are Jolly, and wholly Vnperifhed, yet; Come neer me, and hear me Things future foretell; Then, learn thou, Difcern thou, The way to do well. Mifspend not a Morning 3 So lovely, fo faire, A moment may rareft Perfections impaire. The Noon-tide of Life-time, Yeelds little delight; And, Sorrow, on Sorrow, May follow ere Night.

Receive

Hymn LXXXVII. 165 Part. I. Receive then, Believe then, What now I declare; Attend me, and lend me A diligent ear. 4 Thy Beauties, and Features, That grace thee this day, To morrow, may perifh, And vanish away. Thy Riches, and Pleafures, Now precious to Thee, My leave thee, deceive thee, And comfortles be. Now come then ; oh, Come then / And learn to efchew Thofe Errors, and Terrors, Which elfe may enfue. Thy Joints are yet nimble, 5 Thy Sinewes unflack ; Thy Marrow unwafted, Yet, ftrengthens thy back. Youth / keepeth Difeafes From crazing thy Brain; Blood rilleth and fwelleth, In every vein.

Imploy then,enjoy then This vigour of thine, In willing,fulfilling, What God fhall injoin.

6 Believe me, it will not For ever be fo.

Thy

Thy flurdy Supporters, Will flaggering go. Thy Shoulders well shaped, And ftrong enough now, Vncomely, and homely, And weaker will grow. Then lengthen, and ftrengthen, Thy gifts by right ufe; Poffeffing each Bleffing, Still, free from abufe. Thy Beautifull Forehead 7 Whereon we may view, Neat fmoothnes and whitenes, Enamel'd with blew, Shall change that perfection Which youth yet maintains, To fallownes, hallownes, Wrinckles and Stains. Thy liking, and feeking Then, learn to beflow On Pleafures, and Treafures, That perifh not fo. Thine *Eares* are now lift'ning 8 For Heaven on Earth, And, nothing will pleafe them But Mufick and Mirth. And, to thy Corruption No Paffage, or Strain, Seems better, or fweeter, Then that which is vain.

Oh

Hymn LXXXVII. Part. I. 167 Oh ! borrow from forrow, Some penitent dew ; Left, after much laughter, More Sadnes enfue. 9 Thofe Treffes, whofe curling Thy Temples adornes, Will Haffocks refemble In winterly mornes. And, where fresh Vermilion Is mixed with Snow, A fallow, and yellow Complexion will flow. The fuller the Colour, The fouler the Stain. Then boaft not ; and truft not In things that are vain. 10 Thine Eies, whofe bright fparklings, Thy Lovers admire, (And, which with vain longings Set thousands on fire) Shall clofed in darknes Vnufefull remain ; And, never for ever, See day-light again. Then mind thou, oh mind thou Thy Maker above : Obferve him, and ferve him If fafety thou love. 11 Thy Mouth, whofe fair portall Both wears, and incloses

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The colour and fweetnes Of Rubies and Rofes, Shall fo be transformed, That no man will care, Perceive, or believe, What perfection was there. Vain Creature, thy feature Then value not fo, Take pleafure, in meafure, As wifdome will do. Thy Teeth, that ftand firmly 12 Like Pearles on a Row, Will rotten, and fcatter'd, Diforderly grow. Thy Lips, whofe neat motions, Great wonders have wrought; Shall flaver, and quaver, And, lothfome be thought. Then, ever endeavor Those things to eschew; Whence, nothing, but lothing, At laft, will enfue. Thy Fancie, that fings thee 13 Vain Dreams of delight; Hereafter, will bring thee A comfortleffe night : And, thou, who yet heedft not How Time, comes, or goes, (With care) wilt give ear,

To each Cockrell that crowes.

Thy

Thy leafure in pleafure, Then do not misspend; Foreflowing, well-doing, Till Time hath an end. 14 Then, Thou who to thousands Do'ft gracious appear, To no man shalt either Be welcome or dear: Which, when thou perceiveft, Thy Life, unto Thee Vnpeacefull, difeafefull, And lothfome will be. No pow'r of our, This Judgement can fhun; Till duly, and truly Our Duties be done. 15 Thy Lufts, and thy Pleafures, (Yet, hard to forgoe) Will leave thee, and leave thee, In forrow and woe. And, then, in what pleafure Content canft thou have? Of what Reft, be poffeft, But a defolate Grave? Youths Folly, unholy Learn, therefore, to fhun, And ever perfever In what fhould be done. 16 For, when this Lifes vapours Are breathed away,

Thy

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Thy Flefh, new fo cherifh'd Will rotinto clay. And, thy beft beloved Thy Body may throw, Where none, thereupon, Compassion beftow. Then, leaving, deceiving Contentments to taft, . Prevent and Repent What affected thou haft. A worfe thing remaineth, 17 Then, yet, hath been faid; If reall Amendment Too long be delai'd. The pains which hereafter, On Sinners attend, Laft ever, and ever, And, never have end. Then approving, and loving, The Truth, I have fung, Remember thy Maker, Ev'n whil'ft thou art yong.

HYMN LXXXVIII.

For our Benefactors.

We are hereby put in mind to confider why God is otherwhile pleased to make us beholding to the charity of other men for neceffary things ; and God is here

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here prayfed alfo for this providence, and prayed to reward our Benefactors.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

WWHen we have all things of our own, Whereby our Wants may be fuppli'd; Much carlefnes is often flown, And, far leffe thankfulnes then pride.

More humble, therefore, me to make; (And that I more difcreet may grow) Things needfull, I fomtimes do lack, Till others them on me beftow. 2 And when my temper, LORD, I heed, (Though Flefh and Blood thereat repine) I find that I did greatly need This loving providence of thine.

Yea, peradventure, if leffe poore, In outward things I had been made; I,other waies, had wanted more, And much leffe comfort might have had. 3 I thank thee, therefore, that my fhare, Thou haft committed to their Truft, Who fo good husbands of it are, And, in their *Steward/hip* fo juft.

Preferve them, LORD, for ever fuch; And,as my Comforters they be, So,when they need,be thou as much To them,as they have been to me. 4 Their liberality repay With fuch endowments of the mind,

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172 Hymn LXXXIX. Part.1.

And fuch Contentments, ev'ry way, That, they true Bleffednes may find.

And, L O R D, of thine efpeciall grace, This, pleafed be, likewife to grant; That, I in *Vertues*, may poffeffe, What, I in things-externall, want.

HYMN LXXXIX.

A Hymn against Pride.

Pride is one of the fpirituall-wickedneffes, which afpires to high-places; and is most dangerous, because it usually enters when the house is cleansed from the grosser corruptions that pollute the Flesh. If this Charme be not strong enough to expell it, use Prayer and Fasting.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

B Eware my Heart, thou cherifh not This high afpiring Sin, By which that *Devill* was begot, Who brought all mifchiefs in. For, firft by *Pride* those *Angels* fell, Who (not with Heav'n content) Inhabit, now the *Depths of Hell*, By Juffice, thither fent. 2 LORD, thou thy felf didft them oppose,

Who lofty-minded be.

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Hymn X C. Part.I. Profest thou art, a Foe to those, And, they are Foes to thee. Their Pride, therefore, thou do'ft abafe, Their Plumes thou pulleft down : And fet'ft the *humble* in that place From which their Pride is thrown. My God / pofferfion of my heart, 3 If this foul *Fiend* hath gain'd, (Which I much fear he hath in part, Through my default obtain'd) Difplace him thence, and let that Room, Be hallow'd fo by Thee, That, he no more may thither come, Nor any fuch as he.

HYMN XC.

Against Feare.

Feare, is a Passion, which being moderated, is very necessary : And if it exceed the meane, becomes a Plague depriving of many Comforts ; and beginning our miferies before their time. This Hymn therefore acquaints us with the nature of this Palfion, and imploreth affiftance against the same.

Sing this as the 25. Plalme.

Ve *Fear*, becomes us well; And God ordain'd the fame I 3

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Hymn XC. 174 To be a faithfull Sentinell, To watch what perils came. A Heart, that feels no Fear Lies ope to many harmes; And, they that over-fearfull are, Are kil'd by falfe Alarm's. 2 LORD, be thou pleas'd, therefore, My Heart to temper fo, That, I may fear, nor leffe, nor more, Then wife men ought to do. So being nor amaz'd, Nor dull, through want of Senfe) Nought fhall omitted be, or caus'd, To hinder my Defence. 3 By falfe, and fervile Fear, Afflictions we begin Before their time; and mifchiefs rear, Which elfe had never bin. Yea, what might wear away, Or, be with eafe endur'd; Growes thereby, more then beare we may, And,hardly to be cur'd. 4 For, when the heart of Man Is,once thereby poffeft, No mortall Pow'r expell it can, Or give that Party reft. Thy Pow'r, oh LORD, above, Can from this Tirant fave; That, me therefore, he ceaze not on, Thine Aid, alone, I crave. HYMN

HYMN XCI.

Against Despaire.

Sometime good Christians (though not overcome of fuch an evill) are strongly tempted unto Despaire. Therefore, that such as feel any motions, this way, may be warned and assisted and assisted to result the Devill in his first attempts, inclining to this hellish Passion; We prepared this Hymn.

Sing this as Te Deum.

7 Hat hellifh Doubt / what curfed Fear, V Is that which now begins, Vnto my Conficence to appear? And threats me for my Sins ? In me methinks I fomwhat feel, My heart, oppreffing fo, That *Faith* and *Hope* begin to reel, And faint my Spirits grow. Affift me, LORD / for I perceive 2 My Ghofly-Foe intends Of that Affurance to bereave, Whereon my Soul depends. He whifpers to my troubled mind, Suggestions of Despaire; And, fayes, I fhall no mercy find, Though I to thee repair. 3 But I 4

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3 But all untruth in him is found, And Truth it felfe doth fay; That, Thou in Mercy doft abound And hearest those that pray. Oh ! hear me, LORD! oh hear me now, And (fince my GOD, thou art) Against Defpaire, enable Thou, My much oppreffed heart. 4 Say to my Soul, thou art her Friend, Her Comfort, and her Aide. From those Diftreffes me defend, Which make me now afraid. For, weake, and fick, and faint, alas ! My *Faith* begins to be; And L O R D, without thy faving-grace, There is no hope for me. 5 My Sinns before my face appear, In their most lothfome Dreffe, My Conficience tells me when, and where, And how I did tranfgreffe. Thy Law declares, what for my fins, Thy Justice did foredoome; And, Sathan layes a thousand Gins, That fnar'd, I may become. 6 That Hell which in my foule I find, Is to my friends unknowne. The world her owne affaires doth mind And leaves me oft alone; And, but that I to Thee, as yet, Remember to repaire.

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My Paffions would in me beget A mercileffe Defpaire. 7 Preferve, oh L O R D ! preferve in me, (And all men,thus oppreft) A hopefull heart to feek from thee, Our much defired Reft. And,ftill,when Satan fnares doth lay, To work our overthrow, Still,fruftrate what he doth affay ; And,ftronger make us grow.

HYMN XCII.

VVhen Oppreffors and wickedmen flourish.

Many Godly men (as was David) are much troubled and offended to fee Tyrants and wicked perfons profper in the world, to the oppreffing of Innocents, S.c. Therefore this Hymn is provided to comfort fuch; and to preferve them patient in times of Oppreffion.

M Y heart, why art thou fad ? And wherefore art thou Joyleffe made, By caufeleffe *Fear* and *Sorrow*? Or why fhould'ft thou repine, (As helpleffe, and unbleffed) Becaufe in *Honours* Orbe, they fhine, By whom thou art oppreffed? I 5 2 VVhat

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2 What though thou haft perceiv'd That Ryot, Pride, and Folly, Have of their needfull dues bereav'd Endevours Good, and Holy? And, what though thou obferve Vnworthy men ennobled? When they which better things deferve, Are for well-doing troubled? 3 Thereat, repine thou not; Nor this vain Fancie cherifh; That *Righteoufnes*, is quite forgot, Becaufe the wicked flourifh. But, with a conftant mind, In *doing-well* perfever; And, profit, thou, e're long fhalt find In thy upright endeavour. 4 The Righteous for a fpace, By troubles are depreffed; That, fo, the precious Fruits of Grace, May be the more increafed. And, carnall men obtain, The Portions they have chufed; That, they, at laft, may know with pain, What Bleffings they refufed. 5 To feek, thou fhalt not need, By fearching Times preceding, Or gheffe what will on them fucceed, By hear-fay, or by Reading : For, if thou patient be, By Sight shall proof be gained,

Hymn XCII.

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Part. I.

In more, then One, or Two, or Three) What is for fuch ordain'd. 6 *Perdition*, they beftride; Yet can they not perceive it : Therefore, Good-Counfell they deride, And, injure them who give it. For which, ev'n in their height, Of Glories, and of Pow'r, They fee their Hope, deftroyed quite, And perifh't in one hou'r. 7 This day (like Phar'ohs Hoaft : (Poore harmles men purfuing) Of their large pow'rs they proudly boaft, No fign of terror flewing. Anon (with fear enough) They feel their kingdome falling. Their Plumes, and Charriot-Wheels fly off, And, they in mud, are fprawling. 8 Then, vexe no more my heart, Becaufe a Tyrant thriveth. And, that whil'ft thou oppreffed art, Thy Foe, in Honour liveth. But, thine own waies obferve ; And, fo let them be fram'd, That whatfoever fome deferve, We may remain unblam'd. 9 For what will it availe, In Courfes to perfever; Whereby men Joy but for a while, And then lament for ever?

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Or, why fhould he complaine Who, for a fcratch, procureth That health and faftie to obtaine, Which evermore eudureth?

Hymn XCIII.

HYMN XCIII.

For remiffion of a particular Sin.

This penitentiall-Ode expressed a hearty and passionate forrow, for a particular fin, with an humble, and earness define of pardon; and is offred to help stirre up those affections, when occasion is offred.

HLORD! in forrow and diffreffe, To thee, I now draw neer; My late offences to confesse, In humble hope, and fear. Mine Errors, That, to Thee With Terrors, Or,fro Thee, Perplexe, I know And vexe Not how Me fo To go. 2 But, having heard, and often found, That, thou art he, in whom

Compaffion, alwaies doth abound ; To fue for Grace, I come.

Nor chide thou,	But hear me,
Nor hide thou,	And clear me;
	Thy

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Patr. I. Hymn XCIII. 181 Thy Face Now I Or Grace Thus cry From me. To thee. 3 Till fully pleaf'd with me thou art; And till I may obtaine A Look to re-affure my heart, That, thou art pleaf'd again : Nor Treafure, But, double Nor pleafure, The Trouble Will eafe Which made Or pleafe Me fad Me more. Before. 4 What needft Thou LORD, prolong thy To barr me of my Reft? (wrath Enough, a guiltie confcience hath, My Torments to encreafe. Releeve me: It fmites me, It frights me, And, give me Thy peace, Oh LORD, To ceafe Afforde Releefe. My Griefe. 5 I have too often heretofore, Been many wayes to blame ; And, have obtained, evermore, Remiffion for the fame. When blamed, Yea, wholly, And fully, And fhamed, Thou haft I might Releaft (By right) Have bin. My Sin; 6 Yet

182 Hymn XCIIII. Part.1.

6 Yet LORD, Forgive ; forgive againe, Though I unworthy be:
For, Mercy doth to thee pertaine, As much as wrath to me.
Remit thou, The greater
Forget thou The debter
My crime, Thy praife
This time, Hee'l raife
Therfore. The more.

HYMN XCIIII.

For Remiffion of fin in generall.

This Hymn is a brief confession of sin, and a prayer for pardon for the same. And it was prepared, to assignt their devotion who need such helps; and to be a Remembrancer to those who need them not.

Sing this as the.22. Pfalme.

H Ow many LORD/how foule/how great! Do my offences grow? How have I multipli'd the debt, Which unto Thee I owe? Though ev'ry day, thou doft forgive, And wipe great Summs away, Yet, ev'ry day, I do perceive New Summs, new Scores to pay.

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2 A Debt my Parents left on me, Which (far)my Stock exceeds : And, though it pardned were by Thee, Much Trouble, ftill, it breeds. For, thence, my *flefh* occasion takes, That *Fancies* to admit ; Which, of those *Longings*, guiltie makes, That *Active-Sins*, beget. 3 And, when a *Sin* is once begun, That fin brings others on, The punifhments or fhame, to fhun, Which follow'd thereupon : Till fo encreaft Offences are, And, Grace defaced fo That we have neither Shame nor Fear, Nor fenfe, of what we do. 4 LORD, that my Sins may never come, To this accurfed height; And, at the laft, exclude me from Thy Grace, and Favour, quite I come to Thee (while Time I have, And *Leave*, and *heart* to pray) Difcharge, for all those faults to crave, Wherein I walke aftray. 5 By nature, fo unfound, and bafe, My State; my Tenures be; That, for a new eftate of Grace, I,now, petition Thee. Ev'n that which my Redeemer bought;

And fealed with his Blood.

For

Hymn XCIIII. 184 Part.I. For though my other *Deeds* be nought, This Deed, I know, is good. This Deed I plead ; and by this Deed, 6 Would that *Eftate* renew, Which through my Deeds, is forfeited, Vnleffe, Thou Favour fhew. LORD, now, and when foe're I shall Plead, what is mention'd now : With a Release of Errors, all, My *Plea*, do thou allow. I guilty am, of many Crimes, 7 Which I did fore-intend : And, twenty thousand, Thousand Times, I heedlefly offend: But, fince my felf I do condemn, And feek my Peace in Thee; Oh / let compaffion cover them, That, they condemn not me. 8 Blot all my Sins out of the *Book*, By my Accufers writ. Vpon my Follies do not look ; My youthfull Crimes remit. My publike Faults remember not : My Secret Failings, hide: And, let not Mercy be forgot, Thy Servant, though thou chide. Yea, though fmall-feeling of my Sins, 0 My *Flefhly-Nature* hath, Till fhe by fome event begins

To feel, or fear thy wrath :

Yet,

Hymn XCV. Yet, fince, in Spirit, I am ftill Lamenting for the fame, Impute not unto me that Ill, For which, I merit blame.

Part.I.

HYMN XCV.

Against the World, the Flefh, and the Devill,

This Hymn craveth affistance against the VVorld, the Flesh, and the Devill, our most pernitious Adversaries : And perhaps the devout use thereof may be a means to make us become fo heedfull of their Natures, that their Temptations may be the better avoided.

Sing this as Te Deum.

B Left Father, Son, and Holy Ghoft, One GOD, in Perfons-three, VVhat is there, whereof man can boaft? Except thy *Love* it be? And, fave this Anti-trinitie, The World, the Flefh, the Devill, VVhat Foe, on our Humanitie, Hath pow'r to bring an Evill ? 2 Those, though on them, three Names they (And, things Diftinct appear) (take Do but one Perfect-evill make, And, Fellow-workers are.

For,

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For, take but One of them away, And, then, the other two, Accomplifh not, what elfe, they may By their damn'd-Vnion, do. To curb the *Flefk*, and to controule 3 The World, and all things there, Was no great hardfhip to the Soul, Till Satan did appear. Yea, Salan, and the World had plaid Their pranks on Man, in vain; Had they not by his Flesh affaid, Their purpofe to obtain. Without that wanton Dalilah, 4 (Our nearest dearest kin) Their cunning is not worth a Straw, Their hoped prize to win. And, if fhe may, by Grace, be brought Her Falfhoods to repent, The other *two*, fhall harme us nought, What ever they invent. LORD, Arme us by thy Triple-powr; 5 So, charme us by thy *Grace*; So watch their practife ev'ry hou'r, (In ev'ry fecret place) That, they may no Advantage have To take us in their Gin; To fright, to mifchief, or deceive, By tempting us to Sin. The World reform, the Devill reftrain, 6 The *Flefh* fo mortifie;

Hymn XCV.

That,

Part. I. Hymn XCVI. 187 That, we the Bliffe may re-obtain, From which, they put us by. Let not our Frailties, or the Spight Of our malicious Foe, Act more against us, then thy Might, And Love, shall for us do. 7 But, fince that Grace from thee proceeds, Which doth renew our *Will*; LORD, ripen it, into those *Deeds*, Which thy Commands fulfill. At leaft, let this our Willingnes, Accepted be fo well; That, thy Imputed Righteoufnes, Our Failings may conceal.

HYMN XCVI.

Againft Sin, and the firft fuggestions thereunto.

This Hymn putteth us in mind to kill the Cocatrice in the Egge, and not to give willing way to the leaft appearances, or beginnings of evill, left, an unrefiftable Deluge of Sin, break in upon us.

Sing this as the former.

TAke heed, my Heart, how thou let in, (With approbation or Delight)

The

Hymn XCVI. The first Suggestions unto Sin. Or, count the fmalleft Error, fleight.

For, Entrance if that ever fhall Vnto those Vipers heads permit; (Without perchance) their Bodies all

Soon after, in, with eafe will get.

2 If Avarice begin to fprout, (Though first it crave but needfull things)

The Root and Branch it will put out, From whence all Sin, and mifchief fprings.

And, they who, at the first, had thought A Competence alone to crave ;

To vaft Defires, at laft are brought : And,know not when enough they have.

3 With wanton Thoughts, if thou shalt play, (Though thou as Good as David art) Adulteries, and Murthers, may

Obtain poffeffion of thy heart.

For, Lustfull-musings will proceed To words-unclean; and they do foon

Alure to ev'ry lothfome Deed,

Which by Vnchaftity is done. 4 If Sloth begin on us to ceaze,

At first, perhaps, it will pretend, But to defire, a needfull eafe,

The tired *Body* to befriend.

Yet, if unheedfull we fhall grow,

We peradventure, may e're long,

Or lofe, or hide, or misbeftow,

Our Talents, to our Masters wrong.

5 Moreover,

5 Moreover, if we take not care Aright, our *Liberties* to ufe; The *Creatures*, which our hearts may chear, We,to our mifchief fhall abufe. For, he whofe Robes are alwaies gay, Doth probably opprefie the more; And, He that feafteth ev'ry day, VVill give but little to the poore. 6 VVhen to be *Froward*, we begin, A flender fault we reckon that : Yet, Anger thereby, enters in ; And, fomtime Anger lets in Hate. From *Hate*, we quickly do commence, Malicioufly inclin'd to be; And, may become, by that offence, Offenders, in the high'ft Degree. 7 If we our Brethrens gifts envy, We may (as Josephs brethen did) Our own Indowments lofe thereby : And, from bad things, to worfe proceed. Yea, those Affections which restrain'd VVithin their Bounds Praife-worthy be, Let loofe, or overflackly rain'd May by degrees, our mifchief be. 8 Therefore, my Soul, fast, watch and pray, The Sins and Engines to avoid, VVhich to intrap thee, in the way

Thine Adverfary hath imploy'd. And take thou heed,thou let not in, VVith approbation,or delight,

The

190 Hymn XCVII. Part.1. The first Allurements unto Sin;

Or, count the fmalleft Error fleight.

HYMN XCVII.

When our Fancies affright us, with Illufions, or dreadfull Apparitions.

Though few are diffosed to fing, when they are terrified with fearfull Visions; yet, fome have that Chriftian Stoutneffe; and they who attain not to it, may perhaps be strengthened by meditating this Charme, either amidst their Terrors, or before they appeare.

BLeffe me,oh GOD/and be thou near To help me at this dreadfull hou'r. My Heart confirm againft my Fear, And, guard me by thy Saving pow'r.

I feel my *Flefh* begins to quake; But,thou my Spirit ftrengthned haft; My Heart in Thee doth Courage take; Vnto thy Grace,it cleaveth Faft.

Whereof, fince I affured am,

My Foe, thus charge I, in thy Name. 2 Foul Fiend avoid, and carry hence, Thofe vain Impofures, wherewithall Thou feekeft to delude my Senfe, And bring my Reafon into thrall.

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The Father, Son, and Holy-ghoft, (One bleffed GOD, in Perfons three) Whofe Favour, jufly, thou haft loft, Commands thy abfence, now by me.

Depart, and for thy frightfull flowes, Expresse his wrath unto his Foes.

3 By that great G O D, who did not form Our *Nature*; but the fame hath took : By *Him*,that of a *Maid* was born; By *Him*,whofe pow'r thy head hath broke :

By Him, that for my Ranfome di'de; By Him, that conquer'd Death, and Hell; By Him, who now is glorifi'd, Where all the bleffed Holies dwell:

By Him, I charge that thou forbear

To Harm, or put my Heart in Fear.

4 Depart with all thofe *Bug-bear Sighs*, Whereby thou doft abufe our Senfe, Depart,with all the curfed Sleights, Whereby thou giveft us offence. Depart,with all thofe craftie Gins, Whereby thy malice doth affay, To tempt us to thofe damned Sins, Which,to deftruction, are the way.

Depart thou to thy *Heards of Swine*; And,trouble thou,nor me,nor mine.

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HYMN XCVIII.

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For one that hears himfelf much praifed.

As Praife is a fpurre to Vertue; fo it may poyfon us with pride, and puffe us up with felfe-conceit, if it be not warily and modefuly entertained. Therefore, this Hymn, fleweth with what mulings, we fhould prevent fuch effects, when we are commended.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

Y Sins, and Follies, LORD, by thee, From others hidden are, That, fuch good words are fpoke of me, As, now and then I hear : For fure if others knew me fuch, Such as my Self, I know; I fhould have bin difprais'd as much As I am praifed, now. By me,fome Good, perhaps hath bin 2 Perform'd in publike view : But, what corruptions are within, Afham'd I am to fhew. My brutifh Lufts, my fecret Pride, My Follies, yet unfhown; (Which from thy fight, I cannot hide) To others, are unknown; The Praife, therefore, which I have heard 3 Delights not fo my mind,

As

Part.1. Hymn XCIX. As those things make my heart afeard,

Which in my felf I find. And, I had rather to be blam'd, So I were blameles made,

Then for much Vertue to be fam'd, When I no Vertues had.

4 Though Slanders to an Innocent, Sometimes do bitter grow,

Their bitternes procures content, If clear himfelf he know.

And when a vertuous man hath err'd; If prais'd himfelf,he hear,

It makes him grieve, and more affeard, Then if he flandred were.

5 LORD, therefore, make my *Heart* upright, What e're my *Deeds* do feem;

And,righteous rather, in thy fight; Then in the World's efteem :

And, if ought good appear to be In any Act of mine ;

Let thankfulnes be found in me, And,all the praife be thine.

HYMN XCIX.

For one being Slandred.

Herein the bitterneffe of a flanderous Tongue is perfectly illuftrated, and the party grieved is put in mind to whom he flould feek for comfort; and by what means he may be beft comforted in fuch an Affliction.

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Sing this as the former.

Hymn XCIX.

S^O fharp and bitter be the wrongs Which I do now, fuftain By flandrous and malicious Tongues, That, needs I must complaine. The keeneft Razour cuts not fo: The Vipers poyfned fting, If that it be compar'd thereto, Will feeme a harmleffe thing. For, thefe can but the Body flay; 2 The other (more to blame) Therewith, oft likewife, takes away, The life of honeft Fame. Yea, many times it makes a Saint, Impatient to appear; And, in his Trials, almost faint, Their ftinging words to hear. How then oh God / how can I chufe, 3 But fear, or faint out-right? When flandrous Tongues my name abufe Through malice and defpight? Since, though of that, I guiltleffe am, Which to my charge they lay; My Confcience finds I was to blame As much, another way. 4 LORD, hide me from their bitter Tongues, Els, hidden let me be

From mine own Self, and from the wrongs Which have been done by me.

For,

For, I confesse, that, now and then, (In earneft or in Jeft) I utter things of other men, Not fit to be exprest. Sometime, through lightneffe, I relate, 5 What Love would not reveal; And pleafed am, to here out that, Which Malice, loves to tell. Nay, more then once, or twice, (I fear) Through Envie, I have fpoke, Invicious things, which doubtfull were, And, up, on Truft, were tooke. 6 Repay not LORD, my Guiltineffe, According to defart; Since, now, mine errors I confesse, With true repenting heart. But, let the *flanders* and difgrace, Which caufeleffe, He did bide, Who by no Sin defiled was; My Shame, and Follies hide. So, by his meeke Example taught, 7 And, by his *Justice* clear'd; Thefe Rumors I shall fet at naught, Which I have greatly fear'd : And, rather labour to retain Vprightneffe, in my wayes, Then, care to take, what *Fooles* will fame; Or, what a Villain fayes.

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HYMN C.

For one delivered from deferved Shame.

It is not one of the least Mercies to be delivered from open Shame, as appears by those, who have heaped one Sinupon another, and at last laid violent hands on themselves, to avoid Shame. Therefore, we ought to be more thankfull for this Favour, and to remember us thereof, this Hymn is tendred.

Sing this as the 25. Pfalme.

H Ad not, oh L O R D, thy Grace, Vouchfafe'd my Vaile to be, Shame and confufion of my Face, Had overwhelmed me. For, though thy Mercies hid The Follies, I have wrought; I do confeffe, thofe things I did Which me to Shame had brought. 2 For, fometimes, all alone, Sometimes, with others, too Thofe wicked things, by me are done, Which few fufpect I do. Nay, otherwhile, perchance, Of Crimes I guiltie am, Where by, my credit I advance, Whil'ft others bear the blame.

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3 Just cause have I to grieve That by my secret Sin, I those deceive, who do believe My hands have cleaner bin. And, though my Fault none know; Thereat I am fo griev'd; That, I the Shame could undergo, From Guilt, to be repriev'd. 4 But, doubtles, to reveal What thou do'ft overpaffe; And, what thy Mercy doth conceal, Were to defpife thy Grace. Therefore, I doe accept, (With meek, and thankfull heart) The Credit, thou for me haft kept, Beyond my due Defart. 5 And for thy Favour-fake Vouchfaf'd, in this to me; I will more heed, hereafter, take How, clear I ought to be. Oh ! help me to fulfill, This purpofe of my mind; And, though I fail to do thy Will, LORD, fail not to be kind.

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HYMN CI.

For one whofe Beautie is much praifed.

Beautie is a temporarie Bleffing, which bringeth advantages and difadvantages, according to their difposition, who possifies it. Therefore this Hymn remembers those, who are beloved or commended, for that endowment; so to behave themselves, that God may receive glory thereby, and that it may not become harmfull to themselves, or others.

Sing this as the Magnificat.

Well perceive, that GOD hath limb'd My brittle Body, fo, And, fo my Face with Features trim'd, That, thanks, therefore, I owe : For, though myfelf to overprize, I, apt enough may be; Yet, what I am, (by others eies) I, fomewhat rightly, fee. I do confesse, it cheeres my minde, 2 That, I those Beauties have, Whereby my Self belov'd I finde, Where love, my heart would crave : And, I fufpect the grief had been Too great for me to bear, Had I my felf, fo loathed feen, As, oft, my Betters are. 3 There-

Therefore, my GOD / I were too blame 3 If Thee I praifed not, For making me, the fame I am; And, pleafed with my Lot. It is no bleffing of the leaft : Nor unbefeems it me That, thus in private, I confeffe, What I receiv'd from Thee. 4 For Beautie, is an Oratour, Which pleads with fo much grace, That, to prevaile, it hath a pow'r, Almoft, in ev'ry place. It creeping through the *Lovers* eies, Takes prifoner, now and than, A greater, and a fairer prize, Then Wealth, and Wifdome can. I boaft of no fuch *Braves* as thefe ; 5 But, this I truly fay, It makes me with more Joy, and eafe, To paffe my Youth away. And, yet, I know, tis but a Flowre. Now, faire to look upon ; And, in the compaffe of an houre, Defaced quite, and gone. LORD, give me grace to prize it fo, 6 (And neither more nor leffe) As wifdome would; and hallow, too, The Features I poffeffe; That, I may minde how fraile, and thin,

Those outward Beauties are, K 4

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Which reach not half way through the skin ; Nor long continue there.

7 My Reafon, teach thou, to apply Her utmoft pow'r, and wit,

Mine*Infide*, fo to beautifie, That, I thy love may get.

Let me not proudly tirannize, Where I belov'd fhall be;

Nor those difcomfort,or despife, Who leffe adorned be.

8 Let not my *Beauties* be a mean Mine own bafe Lufts to feed;

Nor others tempt,to an unclean, Or an uncomely deed.

But, make my Conversation fuch, Oh LORD! (I thee implore)

That, they, who like my *Beauty*, much, May love my *Vertues*, more.

9 So,when my Fleshly Form doth fade, I shall not grieve my Heart,

That, things, but for a feafon made, In their due *Time* depart.

But, I fhall rather joyfull grow, To feel my Soul put on

That, which, will make a fairer flow, Then *Hefh* and *Blood* have done.

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HYMN CII.

For one upbraided with Deformitie.

To fome this is a very great Affliction, and they who are fensible of other mens Paffions, will not thinke it impertinently added ; if this Hymn be inserted, to comfort such as are upbraided, or afflicted through their bodily defects, in this kind; and to instruct their Defpisers.

Sing this, as the former.

LORD, though I murmur not, at thee, For that in others Eies, I, fo deformed, feem to be, That, me, they do defpife : Yet, their contempt, and their disdain My heart afflicteth fo, That for mine eafe, I now complain, My fecret grief, to fhow. Thou know'ft, oh GOD / it was not I, 2 Who did this Bodie frame, On which they caft a fcornfull eie; By whom I flouted am. Thou know'ft likewife, it was not they, VVho did their Bodies make ; Although on my defects to play, Occafions, oft they take. K 5 3 Then,

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Then, why fhould they have Love, or Fame, 3 For what they have not done ? Or, why fhould I have fcorn or fhame, For what I could not fhun ? Thy workmanship, I am, oh LORD, Though they do me deride : And, thou, by what they have abhorr'd, Are,fome way,glorifide. Therefore, fince thou this way haft chofe, To humble me on Earth. My Imperfections now difpofe, To help my fecond Birth. Let me in Thee contentment find : And, lovely make thou me, By those perfections of the Mind, Which dearest are to Thee. Since, Features none, in me appear, 6 To win a flefhly Love; Let those, which priz'd by others are, My paffions never move. But, quench thou, all those youthfull Fires, Which in my breft do burn; And, all my Lufts, and vain Defires, To facred *motions*, turn. So, though in fecret grief, I fpend The Life that nature gave ; I, fhall have comforts, in the end, And, gain a bleffed Grave ; From whence, the *Flefh* which now I wear, In glory, fhall arife; And,

HYMN CIII.

For one Legally cenfured, whether juftly or unjuftly.

This Hymn inftructeth us to beare patiently our Legall cenfures, whether juftly or unjuftly pronounced; becaufe to Godward, we are alwaies offenders, though fometimes we are unjuftly condemned by Men.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme.

Hy fhould my heart repine at those, By whom I cenfur'd am? Why fhould I take them as my Foes, By whom I fuffer blame? Were they leffe Juft, and, I more cleare, Yet, Righteous were my doome; Since, greater plagues deferved are, Then are upon me come. If GOD fhould bring my fecret Crimes, 2 And all my faults to fight; My *Cenfure* doubled fortie times, Were fiftie times, too light. And, therefore, I with patience bear The pain upon me brought: And, will hereafter, more beware To do the things I ought.

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3 For whether they who urg'd the *Lawes*, Vpright or partiall were,

They are not, LORD, th'*Efficient-caufe*, Of that, which I do bear.

They are but *Instruments* for Thee, Thy righteous *Will*, to doe.

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I pardon Them. To them, and me, Vouchfafe thy pardon too.

If the party be guilty, let this following verfe be fung next after the fecond verfe.

LORD, I confesse, I have abus'd Thy Justice and thy grace;

And,was defervedly accus'd, For what,condemn'd I was.

Yet, fince my Faults I doe repent, Accepted let me be :

And, having born the punifhment, The Guilt forgive to me.

If the party be guiltlesse, let this last verse be left out, and this repeated in stead thereof.

I am not guiltie of the Deed For which accus'd I ftood :

Yet, of *Correction*, I had need, And,this may do me good.

Affliction is not fent in vain;

Nor,cauflefly begins ; But,ftrives to keep off greater pains, Or,to prevent fome Sins.

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HYMN CIIII.

After a great Loffe.

We are hereby remembred to take our Loffes patiently, confidering that we deferve not that which is left : and (trufting in Gods providence and love) we leave all things to his good pleafure, without repinine.

Sing this as, In fad and Afhie weeds.

THe Talents we poffeffe,

By God's free bountie, we enjoy, And, he doth curfe or bleffe,

As, Well, or *fll*, we them imploy.

He gives and takes,

As beft it makes

To further his intents.

And,to fulfill

His bleffed Will,

Each faithfull Soul affents. 2 In part, I am bereft

Of what his Love on me beftow'd :

And, yet, in what is left,

Great Favour, he to me hath fhow'd. For, if my Store

Should be no more

Then my deferts have been. One in diftreffe

More comfortleffe,

On earth fhould not be feen.

3 Which

3 Which when my heart well weighs, There is no grudging in my mind : But, GOD I rather praife For what remaineth yet behind, Yea, though for all, He pleafe to call, I'le freely let it go; And truft, that He (As need fhall be) Will ufefull things beftow. 4 Thus am I now enclin'd To me oh GOD / affiftance grant, That, I may keep this mind, And, thee to friend, in ev'ry want. So, whether I, Sit low, or high, Or, shall be poore or Rich. It shall not keep Mine eie from fleep, Nor difcontent me much.

HYMN CV.

For one that is promoted.

We may be made heedfull, and kept mindfull, hereby, from whom Promotion commeth : to what end we should effect it; and with what humility, and thankfulneffe we should poffess it.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

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Part.I.

BY his Endeavours no man may His own Preferment make; Although, he both an Eastward-way, And Westward-Courses take: For, having ufed all his Art, His longings to obtain ; His Pow'r, his Wifedome, and Defart, Imploy'd may be in vain. 2 Ev'n Kings, who are those Hils, from whom, *Promotion* feems to flow : And from whofe Heights, moft Honours come, To those that are below; Ev'n they, who (in fupremeft place) Preferments use to give; Can us, nor honour, or difgrace, Till God vouchfafes them leave. 3 That, therefore, in this *Place*, I am Whereto, I, late was rais'd; Who fhould, but GOD, from whom it came, For that, by me be prais'd? To whofe renowne fhould I my Place, And new-got pow'r imploy? But unto His, by whofe meer Grace, This Favour, I enjoy? 4 LORD, give me wit, both to perceive, And heed (all times) to take, That, I this Grace, did not receive, For mine own Vertue fake : Or, my Ambition to fulfill;

But rather, that I might

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Hymn CVI. The better execute thy Will, In doing things upright.

Let not my heart be puft with pride ; 5 Or, brutifhly forget

By whom I have bin dignifi'd,

And, on this height am fet : But make me for it, evr'y day,

So thankfull unto Thee,

That from things earthly climb I may, To those that heav'nly be.

HYMN CVI.

When our Hopes are obtained.

When our Hopes are accomplished we are well pleased thereby ; and yet are feldome thankfull to him, by whom they are obtained ; but afcribe overmuch to our owne wit or Industry. Therefore, to prevent that ingratitude and impiety, this Hymn is rendred.

Sing this as the former.

Y Hope; and those endeavours, now, Which I have us'd therein ; Such good effects begin to fhow, As have expected bin, Therefore, my Thoughts, which many waies Were bufie to that end,

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I recollect to fing his praife, Who did my hopes befriend. It was not mine own Strength, or Wit, 2 Whereby the fame I gain'd : Defervings, which may challenge it, I have not, yet attain'd. For, if my Ill-deferts were weigh'd, With what hath well bin done; The first would prove (I am afraid) More heavie, ten to One, It is, oh LORD, of thy meer Grace, 3 That, what I have defir'd, So happily effected was, And, in due time acquir'd. Since thou art pleas'd, it fhould be fo; Be,likewife pleas'd in this; That, nothing which thou do'ft beftow, May be emploi'd amiffe. 4 And, as my Vertue did not win, What is conferr'd on me, So, let me not by any Sin, Thereof deprived be. But, whenfoever, by Offence, I, Forfeits thereof make; Vouchfafe, to give me *Penitence*; And, me to Mercy take.

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HYMN CVII.

When our Hopes and Endeavours are made void.

This Hymn informeth, that when God fruftrates our common and vain hopes, we should not be discouraged, but rather be thankfull for the comfort they were unto us when we had them ; and learne to fixe our confidence and hope on GOD only.

Sing this as the former.

Lthough that *Hope* is fruftrate made, Which lately flatter'd me ; I have not loft the Hope I had; Oh LORD, my GOD in Thee. Nor were those Hopings quite in vain, Which now feem wholy void; For, while in me, they did remain, They kept my mind imploi'd. By that likewife, which is bereft, 2 I have this knowledge won, That many Comforts may be left, When, fome one Hope is gone : And, that by Hopes, which profit moft, Difprofits are acrew'd. (With great difquiet, pains and coft) If not aright purfu'd. 3 He

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He that will chafe with all his might, 3 "Each Hope, or new-Defire; Is like to Him, who in the Night Purfues a wandring-Fire. The laft, is like to lofe his way, (And happie, if no worfe) The first, if fo escape he may, Shall find an emptie purfe. 4 LORD, grantmeftill (though few fucceed) Some Hopes, my Heart to pleafe : For, to have Hopes, of what we need, Is, for the Time, an eafe. Vouchfafe me Grace, to know how far, Such Hopes may trufted be. And wit likewife, to have a care, Their failings harm not me. So, whether they fucceed or not, 5 This, will to paffe be brought, That,ftill fome profit will be got, Though, leffe then first I fought. And, by Degrees, I fhall attain, To hope in thee, alone. Who makeft no mans hopes in vain, If Thee he truft upon.

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HYMN CVIII.

For Deliverance from private Danger.

So many visible and invisible Dangers, we are daily liable unto, that without GOD'S continuall protection, we could be not fafe one minute. Therefore, that we may be remembred to be thankfull for our infinite Deliverances, this Hymn, is made a Remembrancer.

Sing this as the former.

Thoufand perils, ev'ry day, Ten thoufand, ev'ry night, Are over us, and in our way, Which are not in our fight: And us, didft thou not LORD, inclose, And, for our fafeties watch; Our Earthly, or our Hellish Foes, Our lives, would foon difpatch. From one apparant perill now, 2 I have bin lately freed. Becaufe, compation thou do'ft fhow, In ev'ry time of need : For which (fince I no Gift can bring More pleafing unto Thee) A Song of Praife, my Tongue fhall fing; My Heart, shall thankfull be.

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3 Oh ! let thine Eie be ftill upon My purpofe and my waies ; Left by my Foes I be undone ;

Or, by mine own Affayes.

For, I confesse, that nothing needs

To harme, or work me woe,

Save mine own Follies, and the Deeds, Which, I my felf, may do.

HYMN CIX.

When we are oppreffed by extream Sorrow.

When our Souls are much oppreffed with Sorrow, we vainly feeke our Confolation in transitorie things; and they rather more enrage then alfwage our Palsion, we are hereby therefore, remembred by what means, and by whom, we shall best be comforted.

Sing this as Te Deum.

M Y Soul, why do'ft thou in my breaft, With griefs afflicted grow? Why are my *Thoughts*, to my unreft, In me, increafed fo? And in thy Self, by mufings vain, Why do'ft thou feek for eafe? Since, thou ftill more augment'ft thy pain, By fuch like means as thefe? When *Paffion* hath enflav'd thy heart, Why feek'ft thou Comfort there?

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When thou depriv'd of Reafon art, What Reas'ning cureth Care? The more thy mind by mufing thinks From *Sorrow's* Depths to rife; The further downward ftill it finks; The nearer Hell, it lies. 3 Let therefore, hence with fpeed be thrown, Those Thoughts, which thee attend. Before, they thither, preffe thee down, Whence, no man can afcend. And let on *Him*, thy mufings dwell Who(in meer love to Thee) Hath div'd the Depths of Death and Hell, That thou might'ft eafed be. The Sorrowes, he fuftain'd, were fuch, 4 As no mans ever were. His weakeft pang, had been to much, For ftrongeft Hearts to bear. His bitter Paffion, made him fweat, No leffe then drops of Blood : And, He, when Suff'rings were most great, Seem'd left of Man, and GOD. 5 Yet, was not He, as (Thou haft bin) The Caufe, of his own woe: But, thy Tranfgreffion, and thy Sin, In Sorrow's plung'd him fo. For fhame, therefore bewail thou not The Scratch which thee hath pain'd, And leave those mortall wounds forgot, Which He for thee fuftain'd.

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Patr.I. Hymn CIX. 6 If his Afflictions, thou fhalt mind ; Thy griefs, he will regard : And, eafe and comfort, thou fhalt find, At ev'ry need prepar'd. For, they who thus affected fland, And, caft their cares on him ; Have his compassion still at hand, To help and fuccourthem. Sweet Iefu! for thy Paffion fake, 7 This Favour fhew to me : Out of my heart, the Sorrowes take,

Which therein raging be. My Paffion calme; my Soul direct, Her thoughts, on Thee, to place :

On my much troubled mind, reflect, The brightnes of thy Face.

Yea, let Contrition, for my Sin. 8 So purge out carnall grief,

That, Ioy-calestiall may bring in The fulnes of Relief.

So, this my Sorrow shall but adde A relifh to my Joy;

And, caufe contentments to be had, Which nothing can deftroy.

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HYMN CX.

For Deliverance from Sorrow.

Gods Readineffe to afford Confolation to all that call on him faithfully in their Sorrowes, is here acknowledged. His Deliverance of us from a particular Sorrow is here alfo confeffed, to his praife; and he is prayed to vouch fafe us the Joyes of the holy-Ghoft.

Sing this as the former.

T Xperiment, I now have had, Of what I oft have heard; That fuch as over-night are fad, Next Morrow may be cheer'd. For, I that was with Grief oppreft, And overcharged fo, That, I had neither Hope, nor Reft, Light-hearted now do grow. My drooping Soul, begins to find 2 My comforts, to increafe: Sweet Hopes have repoffeft my mind : From Teares, and Sighs, I ceafe. My mournfull Odes, to Hymns of Praife, Shall, therefore, changed be; And, I my voice, oh LORD, will raife, In thankfull Sounds, to Thee. 3 For, Part.I.

For, Thou haft Cures, for ev'ry Grief : 3 Fit Salves for ev'ry pain : And, wilt vouchfafe them, due relief, Who fhall to thee complain. To me (who lately did lament) A comforter thou art; And, haft a cheerfull Spirit, fent Into my drooping Heart. 4 I wish'd for Death, and could perceive, In Life, no hope of eafe : But, now content I am to live Whilft thou, oh LORD, fhalt pleafe. And in my Songs I will confeffe, (Whilft I have Tongue to fing) That, all the comforts I poffeffe, From Thee, alone, do fpring. That this new-Joy, may not be loft, 5 Those Joyes vouchfafe to me. Which flowing from the Holy-Ghoft To all the Faithfull be. So, whatfo'ere externall-Grief, My Pilgrimage attends; I fhall within, feel that Relief In which, all Sorrow, ends.

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HYMN CXI.

For them who are afflicted by the unkindneffes of their Friends.

To them who are of a gentle nature, this is a very great Affliction; therefore to comfort them who fuffer by it; and to take advantage from unkindneffes fuffered, to make them fenfible of the greater unkindneffes which they offer to Him who fuffred for us, this Hymn is prepared.

Sing this as Te Deum.

Las! my Heart, what meaneft thou With Paffion, thus to Ake? Thy Friends unkindneffe, wherefore, now, So fadly doft thou take? Oh / why afflicteft thou thy minde, For their neglect of Thee; Since to thy Self, thou art leffe kinde, Then all thy Foes can be. The Follies, which thy confcience knew 2 Thy ruine, would effect; With greedineffe, thou doft purfue; And, fafer waies, neglect. And when thy Lovers have advis'd, What, to thy weal pertains. Their kindneffe, thou haft oft defpis'd; And skoft them, for their pains.

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219 If they whom thou doft well efteeme Have ought unkindly done ; Or, if but harfh their words do feem, Thy Cafe thou doft bemone.

Yet, thou forgetft, that thou haft wrong'd Affection, far more true;

And, One to whom more love belong'd, Then to all them, is due.

Thou haft a Friend, who from thy birth, 4 To thee hath faithfull been :

A better never liv'd on Earth : Nor fhall his *Peer* be feen.

From vile eftate, he raifed thee

To that which now thou art; And, by his Death did fet thee free, When thou condemned wert.

To thee, great Favours he did fhew, 5 No other Meed to finde,

But, that thy weal thou mightft purfue, And, to thy felfe, be kinde.

To this intent, fweet words he faid, And, thee, long time did woe;

For thee he wept; and, thee, he pray'd Thy Self, not to undoe.

6 Yet, froward, thou to him doft prove, Who this Affection flews;

Thy Heart, thy Longings, and thy Love Thou placeft on his Foes.

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And, though he daily feek thy good, (Thy faults forgiving, ftill)

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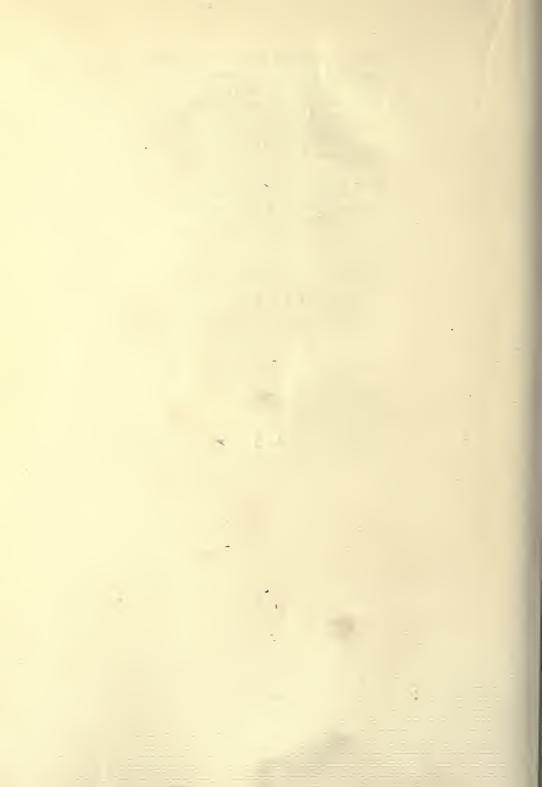
Thou eat'ft his Flefh, and drink'ft his Blood, And, bear'ft him fmall good will. My Gop! if thus I be to blame 7 (Which juftly I fufpect) No marvell if I grieved, am By those, whom I affect. For why fhould I from others, looke Firme Love, on earth to finde; Since all my vowes, I oft have broke, To one, fo truly kinde? Sweet J E s u let my flinty heart, 8 More tender waxe to Thee. Of thy Afflictions, and thy fmart, More feeling grant thou me. Yea, let my Friends unkindneffe bring, Those Griefs unto my minde, Which did thy heart, with forrow fting, When Man did prove unkinde. For, when that he who eat thy bread, Thy precious life betray'd : When all thy Servants from thee fled; When Peter thee denay'd; And, when thy Father hid his face, From Thee, in thy diftreffe: Ten Thousand times more grief it was, Then Tongue shall ere expresse. IO LORD, for that great Vnkindneffe fake, Which thou didft then fuftaine, Those thoughts to me more easie make Which now my heart do pain.

And,

Part.I. Hymn CXI. 221 And, fince Earths-beft contentments be So bitter, to my Taft; Teach me, to fixe my heart on thee, Whofe Love, ftill, firm, doth laft. II For, if our hearts it almoft breakes When friends do prove unkinde; What feeleth he, whom G o D forfakes ? What comfort can he finde ? L O R D / that I never may bewaile This loffe; thy Love, ftill daign; So, though all other Friendfhips faile, I fhall not long complain.

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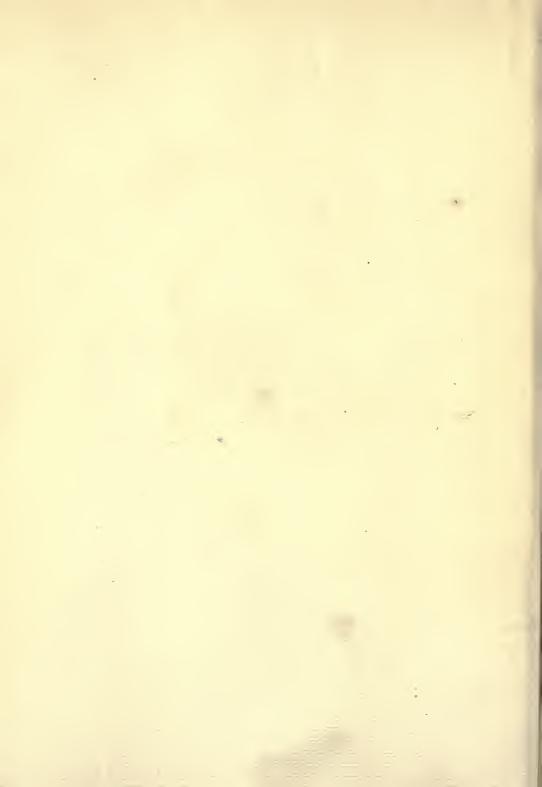


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The fecond Part, confifting of Hymns Temporary.

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Orafmuch as things wel intended, and good in their own Nature, may be wilfully perverted, or mifunderflood : And, becaufe

the great Enemie of *Devotion*, hath from fome of thefe *Hymns* (heretofore publifhed) taken occafion, to make them unferviceable to others, and mifchievous to me, yea, and fo prevailed, that men L 4 con-

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contrary in opinion to each other, have joyned in converting that into a means of my Temporall undoing; which I prepared for the Spirituall profit of others) I do hereby proteft, that I neither approve, nor defire to cherifh the obfervation of Iewifh, Popifh, or of any other Superfitious Dayes, Times, or Seafons. But, from the Dayes and Times, which in our Church and Common-wealth, are warrantably and pioufly obferved, for the furtherance of our Sanctification (or for the better, and oftner, Commemoration of GODS mercies;) And from those Daies, and Times alfo, whereof generall notice is yeerly taken for *civill* ends, and purpofes ; I have rather fought and found Opportunities, to root out Superstition ; and to bring to Remembrance MERCIES and BENE-FITS (paft, prefent, and in hope) which ought to be more thankfully confidered.

Our Obfervation of *Daies*, *Times*, and *Seafons* in this *Church*, is neither *Iewifh* nor *Popifk*. And I unfainedly beleeve that if

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if thefe Times of *Commemoration* had not been ordained, fewer,by many Thoufands,had heard of thofe *Mercies, Benefits*, and *Mysteries*,which we *Commemorate*: And, *perhaps*,if thefe *Anniverfaries* were neglected, many would quite forget them; and the following Generations, become ignorant of them altogether.

For, our Christian Festivals, and other Observable Times, do give unto Vs, occasion to tell; and unto our Children the like Occasion to Aske why such Times are obferved : And this was the prime Intent, and right use, aswell of those Iewish Feflivals, which were observed by Divine Right; as of the Daies of PVRIM, and of fuch other as were Ordained by Civil Constitution. And I am undoubtingly perfwaded, that the Moralitie, of those Obfervations continues, though their ceremoniall part be abrogated, yea I beleeve they are fo exemplary to us; that we are obliged by their Example to take all pertinent, and Convenient Occafions, (from Daies, L 5.

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Daies, Times, and every other good Opportunitie) to commemorate GODS Mercies and improve our own Pietie.

I befeech my *Readers*, therefore, (by the *Band* of *Chriftian Charitie*) that thefe *Meditations* may not be made unprofitable unto them by their prejudicating, or fufpecting my Intentions, or the confequences of thefe *Temporary Hymns*, to be, in any degree, guilty of promoting *Superfittious Obfervations*. And I charge them by the Feare of GoD, and as they will anfwer it before his *Iudgement-Seat*, that they make not thefe *Meditations* unferviceable to others, by begetting, (through unjuft Cenfures) doubts, or fcruples in weake, and Devout *Chriftians*, without Caufe.

GEO. WITHER.

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HYMN I.

For the Day-prefent, or the Laft-Day.

The last fhall be first, and the first shall be last. For as the Day-present, is the first of those that are to come; So it is the last of those which are past; and, may be to us, the last Day of all. We have therefore, made it an occasion to remember us of that Last-Day, which no man shall escape.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

SO much who knows, that he can fay His Laf, this Minute, fhall not be? Or, who can tell, but that this Day, Will be the laft, his Eye fhall fee?

And, therefore, how far off foe're, The Worlds *La/t-day* from us we place, The morrow next, it will appear, To him, that hath fulfild his Race.

And Sorrows CHANGES he fhall Ring; Or Joyes, bleft HALELVIAH, fing.

2 How dull,how blind/ how mad/therefore, Are we who now this Day enjoy, (And, are not fure of one day more) If we, this time, fhall mifemploy?

If we GOD'S *Voice* refufe to hear, Now, Vs he cals on, to repent : Anon, perhaps, we fhall with fear, Beyond the founds of *Grace*, be fent :

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To be confin'd, where *damned-Soules*, And *Sathan*, rages, Roares, and Howles. 3 If Daily, we in Sin waxe old; And ev'ry day grow more to blame; Our *Judge* how fhall we then behold, When Heaven and Earth, are in a Flame?

Hymn I.

And, if our hearts, no pleafure takes, To heare him, when in *Peace* he comes, How fhall we beare it, when he fpeaks, In wrath, our everlafting-Doomes.

And, faies, in his inflamed Ire, Depart into unquenched Fire ? 4 LORD, whilft this Day of Grace, doth fhine; Whilft thou doft fpeak to us, in Love, So let us mark each Word of thine, That, Faithfull Hearers, we may prove.

So let us walk ; fo let us work ; Whilft this faire-*Day-light*, is poffeft, That, when *Deaths Evening* waxeth dark, Our *Flefh*, in *Hope*, may fweetly reft.

Vntill that mortall Night be done ; And Day-immortall, is begun.

5 And, when *Times* Vaile, is rent, away, (Whereby ETERNITIE is hid) When thou fhalt all things, open lay, Which ere we *Thought*, or *Said*, or *Did*;

Among Times Ruines, bury fo, Our failings (through our Tract of Time) That, from these Dungeons, here below,

We to celeftiall Thrones may clime.

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HYMN II.

For the Lords Day, or Sunday.

This Day GOD created the Light; and difinguifhed Day from Night. Vpon this Day of the week CHRIST role from Death; and upon this day, fent down the Holy-Ghoft upon his Difciples, &c. and as upon this Day, God refled from the work of Regeneration; therefore the old Sabbath was translated to this Day, with every Dutie which is effentially, and not ceremonially pertaining thereunto.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

GReat Lord of *Time*/great Kingof Heav'n/ Since weekly thou renew'ft my Daies, To Thee, fhall *daily* Thanks be given, And, *weekly* Sacrifice of Praife.

This Day, the Light, (TIMES eldeft-born) Her glorious Beames, did firft difplay: And, then, the Evening, and the Morn, Obtained firft, the name of DAY. 2 The DEPTH, with Darkneffe, black empald, (That, out of which the World was made) And, which Deep-waters, thou haft cald, Vpon this Day, beginning had.

And, as upon this *Day*, it was, On which C R **BATION** was begun,

So,

So,on this *Day*, thy Work of G R A C E, In ev'ry part, was fully done. 3 For,on this *Day*, thy C H R I S T arofe; And, *Victor* over *Death*, become. This *Day* he conquer'd all his Foes, And put them to perpetuall fhame.

Vpon this *Day*, it pleafed thee, Thy Sacret *Spirit* down to fend; That, men with Gifts might furnish'd be Vpon thy *Gofpel* to attend. 4 This Day, therefore, we fet apart, For holy *Refl*, and holy *Rites*; And, ev'ry fanctified Heart, To celebrate this Day delights.

No common-works, thereto, belong; (Except much need requireth fo) Nor will we in a Common-Song, Prefent the Service which we owe. 5 Therefore, that now to thee ô L O R D! The fitter Offring, bring I may, Thus, to thine honour, I record, And fing the Bleffings of this Day.

So, let me fing ; So, minde them, ftill, And, all my life, fo thankfull be ; That, when my Courfe I fhall fulfill, Thy *Graæ* may draw me up to Thee. 6 Difcretion grant me fo to know What Chriftian *Sabbaths* do require ; And Grace my Dutie, fo to do, That, I may keep thy *Law*, intire.

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Not doing, what fhould not be done; Not things omitting which are due; Nor overburdning any One, With Sabbath-Rites, unjuft or new. 7 Yea, let me reft my Body fo, That to my Soul I do no wrongs; Nor in Devotion heedleffe grow, What to my Bodies Reft belongs.

But both in *Soul* and *Body*, $L \cap R D$, Let me to fanctifie this day, According to thy holy Word, That I may Re / I in Thee, for aye.

HYMN III.

For Munday.

On Munday, GOD made the Aierie Firmament, whereby Mankind, and every living Creature upon Earth enjoyeth, all the common Benefits of Nature; and which this Hymn partly commemorateth to the praife of GOD, for his Mercifull Providence in this Daies-work.

Sing this, as the former.

This Morning brings to minde ô G o D! The Making of that *Aierie-Spheare*, And Spreading of that *Skie* abroad, Whereby we now Surrounded are.

It was that *Fabrick* which thy hand, Vouchfafed, on this *Day* to frame,

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To bound the waters under land, From those which are above the fame. 2 This Aierie-Firmament, both keeps All breathing-creatures, here below, From fuffocation by those Deeps; And meanes of Breathing, doth beftow.

To us, this *Firmament* convayes Thofe Dewes and Show'rs, which oft we need; And all thofe pleafant fummer-dayes, Whence profits, or delights proceed. 3 Yea, by this *Firmament*, we gain The vifion of refrefhing *Light*, And thereby do as well obtain The ufe of *Hearing* as of *Sight*.

For this dayes workmanship ô LORD, I praise thee now; and humbly pray That I may thankfully record, Thy dayly-Bleffings ev'ry day.

HYMN IIII.

For Tuefday.

GOD is magnified in this Hymn for feparating the Land from the Waters, & for graciously furnishing the earth with hearbs and Trees for Mans use. For this was that work whereby GOD manifested his Power and Providence upon this day of the first-week.

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Sing this as Te Deum.

Hen Land and Sea that mixed were, In one confused Maffe, Did first distingushed appeare, As on this Day it was ; A creature ufefull, then began The waters, first, to be. And, then, a dwelling fit for man, The Land was made by Thee. 2 Thou didft, likewife, the Ground command, All fruitfull Trees to breed. And, caufe to fpring out of the Land, Each Hearb that beareth feed. The profit which arifes thence, On Man thou didft beftow; And, he hath reaped, ever fince, The fruits that yearely grow. 3 This Day, therefore, thou praifed art, For thy *Preparing-Grace*, In fetting Land, and Sea apart, To give us dwelling-place. For what the Garden, or the Field, Doth for our use afford; And, for what Woods, or Orchards yeeld, I praife thee too ô LOKD! And, LORD, I pray thee, fince the Land, Is fruitfull ftill to mee; And faithfull unto thy Command, Let me be fo to Thee.

Yea,

Hymn V.

Yea, fince thofe works are all confeft Right good, which thou haft wrought, By me, let one *Good work*, at leaft, This Day, to paffe be brought.

HYMN V.

For Wednefday.

The Heavens were upon this day first adorned with Stars, and with those two great Luminaries whereby Dayes and Nights; Times and Seafons are guided and Distinguisched. And, to praise G O D for these, and for those many bleffings of Pleasure, Profit, and Conveniencie, thereby enjoyed; this Hymn was composed.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

THis Day, the *Planets* in their *Spheares*, And those faire *Stars*, which night by night, Have shin'd fo many thousand yeares, Receiv'd their *Beeing*, and their *Light*.

Vpon this day were first begun Those *Motions* LORD, by which we know, How *Dayes* do passe, how *yeers* do run; And, how the *Seafons* come and go. 2 The SUN was then ordain'd by Thee To rule the *Day*; and give it light. The MOON and *Stars* were made to be The Guides and comforts of the *Night*.

For *Thefe*, therefore, thy Praife I fing ; And, for the bleffings, which to *Man*,

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The Sun, the Moon, or Stars do bring; Or brought, fince firft, the World began. 3 For enterchange of Nights and Daies; For Winter, Summer, Spring and Fall. For all of thefe, I give thee Praife; For, Thou gav'ft Beeing to them all.

When *Sun*, or *Moon*, or *Star*, I view. Let them, fo make me think on Thee; That, as *Daies, weeks*, and *yeers* renew; I may renew my Thanks to Thee.

HYMN VI.

For Thurfday.

The Waters upon this day of the first week were made fruitfull in Fish and Fowle, for an Addition to Mans profit. Vpon this day, our bleffed Redeemer, began his most bitter Passion for our fins. This Day he instituted the Sacrament of his Last-Supper: promised the Holy-Ghost our Comforter; prayed for us; uttered many divine Precepts, Counfels, and Caveats for the Instruction and Confolation of his Church; all which are here commemorated.

Sing this as the 22. Pfalme.

L O R D/that, there might no vacant-place, In all this *world* be found; But, that the Riches of thy *Grace*, Might ev'ry where abound. This Day, the *Waters* had command,

Both Fish and Fowle to breed; That,

That, Sea, and Aire, as well as Land, Might help in time of need. 2 And, as if all thefe Dainties, LORD! For us, too little were, Which Land, and Sea, and Aire afford, Enlarg'd, thy Bounties are. For, as upon this Day (oh CHRIST) Thou gav'ft thy felfe, to be The Bread of Life, to ev'ry Gueft, That shall beleeve in Thee. 3 Thy Promife on this day, was made The Holy-Ghoft to fend. This Day we many counfells had, From thee, our Bleffed-Friend. The Evening, likewife of this Day, Began thy Bloodie-fweat, And, Thee, that night, he did betray, Who feafted on thy meat. 4 Therefore in ev'ry week of Dayes, I just Occasions find, Thee for this fifth Daies works to praife ; And keep the fame in mind. LORD, let me alwaies mindfull be

To praife thee to my pow'r; Since I have caufe to think on Thee,

And thank Thee ev'ry how'r.

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HYMN VII.

For Fryday.

The Beafts of the Earth, and all creeping Things were made upon this day. Mankind, this day, received being from the duft of the Earth; and upon this day of the weeke, the Son of God fuffred on the Croffe for our Salvation; all which are to Gods glory commemorated in this Hymn.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

The fixth Daies Light may weekly bring, Such things of moment, ftill to mind; That, *Hymns* and *Songs* of Praife to fing, I many juft Occasions find.

For, ev'ry little worme I fee, And, ev'ry Beaft, I looke upon, Remembrances are made to mee, Of that which on this day was done. 2 As on this Day, thefe, firft were made. As on this very day, likewife, That *Root*, whence I my *Being* had, Out of the *Duft*, did firft arife.

And (though our *Grandame* was the fame, Which *Beafs*, and *Wormes* to light didbring) Man, by GODS grace, this Day, became Chief Lord of each created thing.

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3 This Day,moreover, when by Sin, Poffeffions, Honours, Life, and all, For ever, Forfeited had bin, G o D, had compafion on our Fall.

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And, that we might not be undone Without all hope to cure our loffe) Vpon this Day, his onely S o N, Did fuffer for us, on the *Croffe*. 4 This Day, the Scorn, the fpight, the pain, Which I deferved to endure, My bleft *Redeemer* did fuftain, That I might *Saving-health* procure.

This Day, with *nailes* his Fleſh was torn; This Day, the *Speare* did wound his fide. This Day, he wore a crown of Thorn. This Day, for me, my *Saviour* dide. 5 LORD, let the Mercies of this day, No Day, hereafter, be forgot. Let not an houre quite paſſe away Wherein, thy fervant minds them not.

At leaft, vouchfafe, that, whilft I live, I may record them once a week; And, let this *Hymn* occaijon give, That, other men may do the like.

HYMN VIII.

For Saterday.

Vpon this day, GOD refled from the Works of Creation. Vpon this Day Chrift refled in the Grave after after he had finished the painfull works conducing to the Restauration of Man-kind. Therefore Meditations tending to the praise of GOD, in the Commemoration of these Mysteries, which are the effect of this Hymn.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

E that can in a moment fpace Build Worlds (as he fhall pleafe) And, needeth neither Time, nor Place, To work, or take his eafe; This Globe, to Furnish, and to Frame, Did fixe Daies Leafure take: And, having finished the fame, A Resting-Day, did make. 2 When, likewife, his chief-creature was By Sathans wiles, undone; He limited the work of Grace, A certaine Time, to run. And, he who did regenerate, The felf fame Day, did reft, Which he who all things did create Had for that Reafon, bleft. 3 Within his Grave, upon this Day, Our Saviour did repofe; And, took the Sting of Death away When he from thence arofe. This Day, the Rigour of the Law, Began to be alayd,

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And, that which kept in *fervile-Awe*, Now, makes us not afraid.

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4 Vpon this Day, each Jewish-Rite, Both Death and buriall had.

Their Sabbath, was abolifh'd quite, And uneffectuall made.

For, why fhould we the *Tipes* embrace Or in their *Shades* abide,

When their true *Subflance* comes in place, Which they but typifide?

5 The FATHERS *Refl*, this meaning had That (while *Times* courfe did laft)

Here, no *new-creature*, fhould be made; When fixe Dayes work were paft:

The Refling of his Bleffed SON,

Declares, that never more Should either *fuffred* be or *done*,

Offenders to reftore.

6 LORD, let me also now begin A holy *Refl* to make.

Let me, from all the works of Sin, My Reft, for ever, take.

Let fo my *Lufts* be mortifide; In CHRIST, fo bury me;

That, I with him, who for me dide, To life, may raifed be.

7 As long as either *weekes* or *Dayes*, To me fhall be renew'd;

Let that, which may advance thy praife, Be ftill,by me purfu'd.

And,

And, when the *Evening*, and the *Morne*, My laft of dayes hath made ; Let me in Peace,to thee returne, From whom, I *Beeing* had.

HYMN IX.

For Dayes of Publike,or Private Humiliation.

In private, or publike fashing Dayes, fome are desirous to expressed their spiritual passions in holy Song; and, because many mens Affections are best mooved to a zealous performance of such devotions, by a Mournfull-Melodie, these following Meditations, are prepared for that purpose.

Sing this as the former.

FOul-Spirits may, our hearts poffeffe, (As C H R I S T himfelf did fay)
From which no man can us releafe Vnleffe he Faft, and Pray.
And, fo, both Sins and plagues there be Whofe cure, we may defpaire,
Vntill, ch L O R D, we come to Thee By Abfinence, and Praire.
Not that our Suffrings, Suites, or Cries, Can merit what they crave :
But, that we may the better prize The Pitty, we would have.

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And that, by fuch a Difcipline Our *Fle/h*, the better may Submit unto those Lawes-divine, Which all men fhould obay. 3 For, what oh LORD, availes it Thee If we Repent, or not? If we, or *Full*, or *Fafting* be, What profit haft thou got? That thou art prayd, that thou art praif'd, The good is ours alone; And, that to Joy we may be raif'd, Thou, fometime, letft us mone. 4 Our Paine, thou tak'ft no pleafure in ; Or, to behold our Teares; But that they might prevent the fin, Which bringeth endleffe cares. To fee thy People *Feast*, or *Sing*, (And, merrie, ftill, remaine) To Thee much more Delight would bring, If they could fin refraine. 5 Since thou fo gracious art oh LORD/ So graceleffe, why are we? And, why fo backward to afford, More pleafing Fruits to Thee? Oh ! grant fince thou requireft nought From us, but for our Bliffe, That nought may more of us be fought, Then, Thanks to yeeld, for this. 6 Forgive then all that is mifdone, Negletted, or misfayd.

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Part.2. Hymn X. Remove the Judgements, now begun : Keep off, the Plagues delayd : And, that thy *Mercy* justly may Our Fears, and Fall prevent; Sincerely, let us, evr'y day, Our Dayly fins repent. 7 For, fwine-like, to the myrie Bog, If we againe returne, (Or, to our vomit, like the Dog) In vaine, we Fast, and Mourne. Nay, worfe will our eftate become : For, when *Expulfed-fin*, Re-enters to a *cleanfed-Roome*, It fev'nfold Guilt, brings in. 8 With us, LORD, let it not be fo; But, more upright, each day, More fanctified, let us grow; More warie, in our way. That we may paffe our Future Daies, Without Offence, or Blame, In holy Mirth, and Songs of Praife, In honour of thy Name.

HYMN X.

Another for the like Times.

This Hymn containes an humble confession of our Guiltines in the breach of the whole Moral-Law; and in our abuse of the Law of Grace also; with an earness desire, that God would have mercy upon us.

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PLung'd in Grief and in diftreffe, Humbly we intend oh Go D ! Our Tranfgreffions to confeffe, In a fadly founding Ode.

Hymn X.

At thy Footftoole, we appear, Grieved for our Follies paft; And untill our fuites thou hear, No refection we will taft.

> Heed, with gracious eies we pray, Our contrition, LORD, this day; And wipe all our Sins away.

2 Thou oh GOD / ev'n Thou, art he Who from Egypt myfticall, (When as there, enflav'd were we) Freely, didft Redeem us all,

For which grace, a vowe we made, Thee to ferve, as G o D, alone : Yet, we other Gods have had ; And, forgot what Thou haft done.

We, (as Deities) ador'd. Things, more fit to be abhor'd. Yet, Have mercie on us LORD.

3 Though we know, that on thy Foes, Dreadfull plagues thou doft inflict; And, that thou art kind to those, Who thy just Commands refpect.

Yet, of Thee, our Fancie faines Likeneffes, which like thee not. And Idea's in our braines, To thy wrong, are oft begot.

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Idol-makers we have bin : Our chiefe zeale we fpend therein LORD, have mercie on our fin.

4 In thy *Name*, we were babtized, And thy *Name*,oh CHRIST, we beare. But, that grace we have not priz'd, As thereby, oblig'd we are.

We have tooke on us in vaine, That great NAME which we profeffe; And yet feeme in hope, to gaine Thy acceptance, ne're the leffe.

Many waies, we are to blame, By prophaning of thy Name, But, oh LORD, forgive the fame.

5 In our hearts, it was impreft, (Though corruption blurs it now) That we fhould to *Man*, and *Beaft*, Times of needfull *Reft*, allow.

And, left froward *Nature* might This great *Moral*, take away, (To preferve that common-right) Hallow'd was the *Seventh-day*

But, this Precept, we deprave. This great Law, we broken have; And, for this, we mercie crave.

6 We our *Parents* honour not, (As thy *Precepts* do command) Neither thofe, who us *begot*, Nor the *Fathers*, of this *Land*.

Nay, our *Ghoftly-Parents*, oft, M 3

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And, their words at nought are fet. Of this Fault, we now have fense: Oh ! forgive that great Offence; Left thy Justice root us hence.

7 We, of *Murthers*, are not cleare, Though no Blood our hands have fpilt; For, in us those *Paffions* are, Which have drawn on us that Guilt.

Hate and Wrath, in us are found. Cruell Thoughts, and flandrous Tongues, Which ofttimes, our Neighbours wound, Which no leffe then murdrous wrongs.

Double-di'd in blood are we: For, oh CHRIST, we murdred Thee. Yet, now, pardoned let us be.

8 We Adulterers have been; Luftfull hearts, and wandring Eies, Make us many waies uncleane, Which no fight, but thine, efpies.

Both by Deeds, and words unchast Soild in *Soul* and *Flefh*, we are; And, have greedily embrac't Pleafures, which unlawfull were.

Cleanfe us, LORD ! from ev'ry fpot : Youthfull-Sins, remember not : But oh ! let them be forgot.

9 Many waies we rob and Steal. More then ev'ry Neighbour knows; And, with few, fo justly deal

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In performance, as in fhows. By Deceit, or els by Force, On our Breth'rens Right we ceaze : And, although they bring a curfe, *Stolen-waters*, greatly pleafe.

> But, now, LORD we do repent: Therefore, what thy Justice ment, Let thy Mercy, still, prevent.

10 Falfhood we have teflifide, When the Truth, we fhould have faid. G o D and Man, we have belide; And, the Righteous-caufe betrayd,

Whence, to others, often fprings Not *Loffe-temporall*, alone;

But, in Everlasting-Things :

Some, are by our Lies, undone. L o R D ! we now lament thefe wrongs : Therefore, pardon what belongs, To Falfe-Hearts, and lying-Tongues,

11 Thanklefly we have repin'd, At what is on us beflown; And, in others *Lots*, we find More Delight, then in our own. And, fuch *Longings*, are the caufe, Of increasing our Offence.

Yea, the Breach of all thy *Lawes*, And, all Folly flowes from hence.

> LORD! with grace our hearts infpire, To confine each loofe-Defire; Or, to quench that hell-bred-Fire.

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12 We have broke, before thy Face, Not thy Law of works, alone, But, againft thy Law of Grace, We have oft, and much mifdone.

Hymn XI.

In an humble FAST, this Day, At thy feet, we therfore, fall. Hear us, heed us, LORD, we pray; And, forgive our errors all. Let this Day of Penitence, Blot out evry paft offence;

And, remove thy Judgements, hence.

HYMN XI.

For a Day of publike Rejoycing.

It is ufuall upon dayes of Rejoycing to expresse more folly then Thankfulnes; to him who hath vouch fafed the cause of our Exultation. Therfore to rectifie that oversight, and to direct our mirth to the glory of GOD, this Hymn is provided.

Sing this as the Magnificat.

L ORD, thou haft fil'd our hearts with Joy And, that hath mov'd our Tongues, Their Tunefull Voices to imploy In finging Praifefull-Songs. *Rejoycings*, in our *dwellings* are; With mirth our *cups* are crown'd; And Shouts of Gladneffe, ev'ry where, Throught our freets, do found. 2 LORD Part. 2.

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2 LORD! whence comes all this *merriment*? Whence flows it but from Thee?

From whom all pleafant things are fent, To those that Thankfull be.

Our Faithfull Hopes, thou haft made good, Thou haft made voyd our Fears:

Our Foes defire, thou haft with flood ; And, dri'de up all our Tears.

3 Let not this *Joy*, by *Fires*, and *Bells*, By *Noife*, alone, be known;

By *Feafls*, or *Healths*; but, fomeway els, (And better wayes) be fhown.

Yea, fince thy *Mercy* from on high, This *joy*, on us beftow'd ;

Let Works of Mercie, fanctifie The Gladneffe, we have flow'd.

4 Let us, to those that are *Distrest* A word of comfort Speake;

Relieve the *Needy*, and *Opprefl*; Add Strength unto the *weake*.

So, GOD will change our Outward Mirth, To fuch Internall-Ioy,

That, nothing, whilft we live on earth, Our Comfort fhall Deftroy.

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HYMN XII.

For the *Birth day* of any Man or Woman.

They who observe their Birth Dayes, (which many anciently have done, and some yet do) may hereby be remembred of such Meditations as are pertinent to this Anniversarie; and GOD may be thereby, the more often praised for our Temporall Being.

Sing this as the former.

D R D ! on this Day, thou didft beflow A breathing-Life on me.
This Day, an Actor, here below I, firft, begun to be.
And, but few Rounds, the Sun hath made, Since, I, that now am here,
No portion of an Effence had, Except, in Thee, it were.
But, now, there is a *part of me*, (And, L O R D, from Thee it fprings)
That fhall both *nam'd*, and *numbred* be With Everlafting Things.
And, that, which Time, doth weare away, Times-Ruine, will refore,

To be rejoyn'd thereto, for aye, When *Time* fhall be more.

3 We,

Part. 2. Hymn XII. We,now, are thy Probationers, 3 And, as we run this Race, The Life which is to come, prefers To Henour, or Difgrace. And, they which here, the Pathway miffe, That unto Vertue, tends, Shall finde no means, nor Hope of Bliffe, When this briefe Life-time ends. Another Yeere is now begun ; 4 And yet, I do not fee How for the Time, which forth is run, I can Account to Thee. For, I confesse, I have mispent, My Longings, to fulfill, The Times, which unto me, were lent, To execute thy Will. 5 And, in the Dayes which are behinde, (Behinde, if any be) What profit can I hope to finde? What will they pleafure me? Since (though Time-past, I might redeeme) So much that Work will coft As (first or last) my Time will seeme, In hazard to be loft. LORD, let this Day of my First-Birth, 6 Occafion, yeerely, give To keep me mindfull, why on Earth My *Being*, I receive.

And, of my Second-Birth, likewife, So minde Thou Me, thereby,

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Hymn XIII. That, I to Life, may not arife A Second-Death, to die. But, let this Day, and all the Daies, 7 Which I, hereafter, view Employed be to give Thee praife, To whom all Praife, is due. And, thus let no man fay of me When I to Duft return ; O! well with HIM, now would it be,

If He, had nev'r been born.

HYMN XIII.

For the fifth of November.

This Day we commemorate the admirable Deliverance, of this Kingdome, from the terrible destruction and Massacre, intended by the damnable Powder-Treason, to have been executed this Day of the yeere; and from which GOD, upon this Day gracioully preferved, Prince and People, by discovering the same. To his praise, for that Deliverance, this Hymn is Dedicated : and may be most movingly fung in Dialogue wife.

[Oice 1. Wherefore are the Songs of Praife Which now ev'ry where do found? Since among the Solemn-Dayes, This, of old, hath not been found?

Vo. 2. This is that known Day, wherein *Fiends* (afcending from below)

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Raifed by the *Man* of *Sin*, Sought to flay us at a blow.

- Both. Taught by their Infernall-Sire BRITAIN'S Fall, they did confpire, Both by Sulphur and by Fire.
- Vo. 1. Wherefore do the People fing, As when they in Triumplu are? If fo fad, fo vile a thing, For this Day defigned were?
- Vo. 2. G O D, that is this *Ilands* guard, Did this Day, contrive it fo, That, the *Net*, for us prepar'd, Brought the mifchiefe on our *Foe*.
- Both. And, this Day, which Hell ROME, Thought to make our Day of Doome; Their Confusion, did become.

V. I. Who were they who had the hopes To effect fo black a Deed?

- V. 2. Twelve Apofiles of the Popes True profession of his Creed.
- V. 1. For begetting fuch a birth, To those *Monsters*, what befell?

V. 2. Death-deferved, here on earth ; And, what els we cannot tell.

- Both. If Repentance found no Grace, They are Howling in the Place, Where their Plot, first brooded was.
- V. 1. How was their damn'd purpofe known, E're their Ends, they could affect?

V. 2. By a writing of their own,

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Which GOD made them mifdirect. V. I. When was that bafe *Plot* forefeen?

And where was that pare 7 tot forefeel 7 And where was that perill found?

V. 2. When it fhould have acted been, In a Dungeon under-ground.

Both. None but GOD, could fet us clear, From a Danger, and a Fear, So in Secret, and fo near.

V. I. GOD, and none but GOD, indeed Could have fav'd a Nation fo,

V.2. None but G O D, at fuch a need, Could have hindred fuch a blow.

V. I. None but G O D fhall therefore fhare, In the Honour of the fame.

V.2 None fave they who *Traitors* are, Will refufe to praife his *Name*.

Both. L O R D, our Souls defirous be, To afcribe all Praife, to Thee; And, thy Love, confesse will we.

HYMN XIIII.

For the Kings Day.

The first day of the Kings is yeerly folemnized in this Kingdome; partly that the People might affemble to Praise GOD, for the Benefits, received by their Prince; and partly to defire GODS bleffing upon him and his Government; which duties being well performed no duc time would prevent the mischiefs which attend on Tiranny, and Rebellion.

Sing

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

ORD, when we call to minde thefe things, Which we fhould aske of Thee, Remembring that the Hearts of Kings At thy difpofing be; And, how, of all those Bleffings, which Are outwardly poffeft, To make a Kingdome Safe, and Rich, Good-Princes are the beft. 2 When this we minde ; thy Name to praife, Our hearts inclined are ; For him, oh LORD, whom thou didft raife The royall, wreath to wear. And, we intreat, that he may raign In peacefull Safetie long, Thy Faith-Defender, to remain, And, fhield thy Truth from Wrong. With awefull Love, and loving Dread, 3 Let us observe him LORD: And, as the Members with their Head, In Chriftian Peace accord : Then, fill Him, with fuch Princely eare, To cherifh us, for this ; As if his Heart, did feel we are Effentiall-parts of his. Let neither partie ftruggle from 4 The Duties it fhould own,

Left each to other, Plagues become, And, both be overthrown.

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For or'e a Difobedient-Land, A *Tirant* thou wilt fet. And, they who Tirantlike command, Rebellion, shall beget. When that *Ill-fpirit* once is rear'd 5 Which *Tiranny* doth teach; Or, when that Devill hath appear'd Which doth Rebellion preach. In vain, to either partie, than, Their dangers, we forefhow. Or plead the Laws, of GOD, or Man, For, blind, and mad they grow. 6 With wilfull Fury they run on To execute their will; Not caring what be faid or done; Or, whom they Rob, or Kill. And, fetled Peace, we feldome fee Return to them, or theirs Till rooted from the Land, they be By Sicknefse, Dearth, or Wars. Permit not, LORD, fo fad a Doome, 7 Vpon these *Realmes* to fall. And, that on us it may not come, Remit our Errors all. Yea, let the Partie-Innocent, Some damage rather take Then, by Self-will or difcontent A greater Schifme to make. 8 Teach us, who placed are below Our *Callings*, to apply;

And,

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And, not or'e curious be to know What things are done on high.

Teach Him uprightly to command, Vs, rightly to obay

That, both in fafetie, ftill may ftand, And keep a Lawfull way.

9 When *Kings* affaires we pry into Our Selves we oftbeguile;

And, what we rather ought to do, Is left undone, the while

Whereas, if each one, did attend The Courfe, wherein they live,

And, all the reft, to thee commend

Then, all fhould better thrive. 10 Our minds, oh LORD, compose thou thus And, our dread *Soveraign* fave;

Bleffe Vs in Him, and Him, in Vs, That, both may Bleffings have.

Yea grant that many yeers we may This *Hymn* devoutly fing; And marke it for a happy Day, Wherein,he firft was *King*.

HYMN XV.

For the Day of the Solemnitie belonging to the *Knights of the Gartar*.

This Hymn was composed for the Feftivall, belonging to the Knights of the Garter, folemnized 258

zed upon the Day anciently dedicated to S. George the martyr. It encourageth to brotherly Love and Vnitie, by a Divine Illustration alluding to that, in the 133. Pfalme.

SEe Brethren, what a pleafing Bliffe, It is our Lives in love to lead.

It like that precious oyntment is,

Which once anointed *Aarons* head, And, thence along his beard did flow Ev'n to his Garment skirts below

Oh / LORD, This Chrifome fweet; Powre on our *Soveraignes* crown; Till thence, unto his Feet, The fame fhall trickle down.

² LORD, like those droppings let it prove Which did on *Hermons*, Top diftill ; And, like the Dews, which from above Defcended, once, on *Sion-Hill*,

For Peace and Plenties flourish there, Where-ever, these diffusions are.

L o R D, therefore let them fall On ev'ry noble *Hill*;

And ev'ry humble Dale

With Peacefull Plenties fill.

3 Our Soveraigne is as Hermon Hill;

His Princes, are as lower Heights.

When Graces down on Him, diftill,

On them, a bleffing, also lights :

And, thence they further downward, flow, Refreshing those, that are below.

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Let thus, for ever, LORD, Thy *Grace* diffufed be; And, let us all accord, In truly Serving Thee.

HYMN XVI.

For Anniverfary Sermon-dayes.

Devout Perfons have to fundry Places left meanes to procure Anniverfary-Sermons to be there preached; on fuch, or fuch Daies of the yeere: And perhaps it might further their Founders good Intentions, if this Hymn were then Sung.

Sing this as the 23. Pfalme.

"He Sun, hath fince we laft were here, Quite through the Zodiack run; And, on this Day, another yeer. Is happily begun. To GOD therefore, this Anniverfe, (In honour of his Name) With Heart and Voice, we do reherfe, And, praife him in the fame. For, LORD, if Thanks menowe to Thee 2 For those who give them bread, Sure, thou for them fhouldft praifed be, By whom our Souls are fed. And we defire this *Due* to pay For them who did prepare The

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260 Hymn XVI. Part. 2. The means whereby we meet this Day Thy bleffed Word to hear. 3 Bleffe thou this means, and fuffer not Thy Voice to found in vain. Let not those *Leffons* be forgot Which to our Weal pertain. But, fo let us improve this Grace, Which yeerly is conferr'd That, we leave that lawleffe Race, In which we long have err'd. 4 For, Dayes, and Yeers if we still add Vnto a wicked Courfe We fhall proceed from being bad, To be a great deal worfe. And, ev'ry Day and Yeer, wherein Thy Grace thou tendred haft, Shall help to aggravate our Sin, And to condemn at laft. This, to prevent, let what we hear, 5

And have, this day, been taught, Somewhat improve us, ere this Year,

About again be brought. That neither this dayes pious *Gift*, Nor thy *good-feed* be loft.

But rather by our Chriftian Thrift, Repay this pains, and coft.

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HYMN CVII.

For Anvnierfary Marriage-Dayes.

Some Married-Perfons take Delight, either alone or with a neighbour or two to commemorate, yeerely, the Day of their Marriage; and for that private Commemoration, this Hymn is prepared. Sing this as the. 25. Pfalme. O R D, living, here we are As fast united, yet, As when our Hands, and Hearts by thee, Together, first, were knit. And, in a thankfull Song, Now, Sing we will thy Praife, For that thou doft afwell prolong, Our Loving, as our Dayes. 2 Together we have now. Begun another yeer; But, how much time thou wilt allow. Thou mak'ft it not appear. We therefore, do, emplore, That Live, and Love, we may, Still fo, as if but one day more, Together we fhould ftay. 3 Let each of others Wealth, Preferve a Faithfull care, And of each others *Ioy* and *Health* ; As if one Soul we were. Such confcience let us make, Each other not to grieve,

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262 Hymn XVIII. As if we, daily, were to take Our Everlasting-Leave. 4 The Frowardneffe that fprings From our Corrupted-kinde, Or from those troublous Outward-Things, Which may diffract the minde ; Permit thou not, oh LORD, Our conftant Love to fhake; Or, to diffurbe our true accord ; Or, make our Hearts to ake. 5 But, let thefe Frailties prove Affections Exerzife, And, that Difcretion, teach our Love, Which wins the nobleft Prize. So, Time, which weares away, And ruines all things els, Shall fixe our Love on Thee for aye,

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In whom, perfection, dwels.

For an Anniverfarie Funerall-Day.

Because there are some, whose Passionate Affections make them refolve to keep private Anniverfaries in memoriail of Dear-Friends deceased : This Hymn was intended to direct them to those mufings, which at fuch Times, will make their Commemorations more pious, and more profitable. If it be a Woman which is commemorated, let the word HER, be used instead of HIM.

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Sing this, as In fad and Afhie weeds.

THe Day is now return'd Which in memoriall of my Friend (Which first for him I mourn'd) To fet apart I did intend. 'Tis now a year Sincefor my Dear, This yearly *Rite* was done ; And, I as yet, Do not forget My loffes to bemoan. 2 I must indeed confesse That (though to L o v E, ftill, true I am) My Paffions now are leffe: And, that my Grief is not the fame ; For, Time affures, More perfect Cures, When Sorrow woundeth man, Then all the pow'rs, Of Herbs, and Flow'rs, Or Humane-Reafon can. 3 Thy Name, oh GOD, I praife That, thou, by Time, haft eas'd me fo. For, doubtleffe, length of dayes Without thy Mercy, lengthens Woe, When thou do'ft pleafe, From Paine, to Eafe, We in a Night return, And when we grieve,

Thou

Thou must relieve, Or, we fhall ever mourn. 4 That yeerely Rite, therefore, Which to my Friend, my Paffion vow'd ; Shall honour him the more, If on thy Praife, it be beftow'd, And, If this Day Will paffe away, In thankfull Thoughts of Thee; Which once I meant To have mifpent, In Griefs, that fruitleffe be. 5 Nor is my Friend forgot Though thus I turn from *Him*, to *Thee*. The leffe I love him not, Though, now I fing thy Love to me. Whilft Thee I minde, In Thee I finde My Friend again reviv'd. When Him, alone, I think upon I, for One Dead, am griev'd. 6 The Vertues of this Friend Within my Self, let me improve : And to that noble End, Caufe, his memoriall me to move. For, if we ftray From their Juft-way, Whom we, in life, approv'd; Thofe whom we feem'd To have effeem'd,

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HYMN XIX.

For the Spring-time.

GOD Almightie in the Spring-time, reneweth the Bleffing of the Yeer, for the Suftentation, and refreshment of our Bodies: And this Hymn teacheth by what Meditations we should fanctifie the N Bleffings 266

Bleffings of this Seafon to GODS glory, and the Refreshment of our Souls.

Sing this as the 10. Commandments.

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A Lthough he knows it putrifies, Who can fo Faithleffe be, to doubt, His *Body* fhall from Death arife; When *Times* wid'ft Wheele, is whirl'd about?

Since, ev'ry time, in which the Sun, His yeerly Progreffe doth renew, (And round about the Zodiak run) We many Refurrections view? 2 The Leafeleffe-Branch the branchleffe-Root, The Seed that lifeleffe feem'd to be, (And lies contemned under foot) Becomes a lively-Springing Tree.

Yea, that which was no other thing, But *Dung*, or *Duft*, or *Mud*, or *Slime*, Takes warmth, and Motion from the *Spring*, And, lives, at leaft, all *Summer-time*. **3** Why pine we then, when we perceive, The Winter of an ill Suceffe, Of ev'ry Means doth us deprive, That fhould our daily need redreffe?

Since we behold each *Bufh* and *Bough*, That Stormes, or Frofts had plucked bare, Gets *leaves* again, with bloffomes now : And, in their Seafon, fruit may bear? 4 That, which the *Winter* wafted had The Spring beginneth to reftore :

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The Promife, which long fince, G o D made, Obferve he will, for evermore.

The Times of Harveft, and of Seed, Of Summer, Winter, Spring, and Fall, Each other duly fhall fucceed, Whilft Heaven and Earth continue fhall. 5 The Groves which lately naked flood, A comely Suit of Green do wear; The meaner Plants, do frefhly bud; The Meads with Flow'rs embroydred are;

The Sun our Day-light, doth prolong: The Flocks, their younglings forth do bring: The Heat begins to waxe more flrong; The Lirds, in ev'ry Bufh do fing. 6 To Him, therefore, who yeer by yeer, Vouchfafeth to remember Vs; And, for our Profit; ev'ry where, Reneweth his good Creatures thus:

To *Him* be praife : And, I emplore, That as increa'ft his Bleffings be, So Grace and Vertue, more and more, May ev'ry Day, encreafe in Me.

HYMN XX.

For Summer-time.

In this Hymn, GOD is praifed for the Bleffings which he vouchfafeth by the Summer-leafon, and wherein the Yeer is in the height of his Glorie) that by good Meditations, the Pleafures and N 2 Profits Hymn XX.

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Profits thereof, may be fanctified and made comfortable unto us.

N Ow, the glories of the Year, May be viewed at the beft; And, the Earth doth now appear, In her faireft Garments dreft.

Sweetly fmelling Plants and Flowrs, Do perfume the Garden-Bowrs;
Hill, and Valley, Wood and Field, Mixt with Pleafures, Profits yield. *Much* is found, where *Nothing* was. *Herds*, on ev'ry mountain go.
In the Meddows, Flowrie Graffe, Makes both Milk aud Honey flow.

Now, each Orchard Banquets giveth ; Ev'ry Hedge with fruit, relieveth ; And, on ev'ry Shrub and Tree, Vfefull Fruits, or Berries be.

3 Walks and Wayes which *Winter* mar'd, By the Winds, are fwept, and dride; Moorifh Grounds are now fo hard, That, on them we fafe may ride.

Warmth enough the Sun doth lend us ; From his heat the Shades defend us ;

And, thereby, we fhare in thefe : Safetie, Profit, Pleafure, Eafe. 4 Other Bleffings, many more, At this 'Time, enjoy'd may be ; And, in this my Song, therefore, Praife I give, oh LORD, to Thee.

Grant

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Grant that this my free Oblation, May have gracious Acceptation : And, that I may well employ Ev'ry thing which I enjoy.

HYMN XXI.

For Autumn.

GOD, is here praifed, for the Mercies and Benefits, vouchfafed unto us in Autumn, wherein, we reape the chiefe reward of our outward yeerely Labours. And, it becomes us(once at leaft) in fo profitable a Season, to remember fo gracious a Benefactor.

Sing this as the Lords Prayer.

What Spring and Summer did produce, Now, in Perfection, doth appear. For, Autumn ripened hath for us, The Fat and fweetneffe of the Year;

And, offers up a timely Crop,

To him, that labour'd long, in Hope. 2 The youthfull Freſhneſſe of the *Spring*, And *Summers* Beauties are decay'd: Yet, we have, now, more caufe to Sing, Then if they longer time, had flaid.

For, though the *Bloffome* pleafures had It is the *Fruit* which makes moft glad.

3 Preferv'd from nipping *Frofts* and *Stormes*, From ftarving *Droughts*, and chilling *Rains*; N 3 From

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From *Blaflings*, and from *Weeds*, and *Wormes*, A goodly *Portion*, yet, remaines.

Which (if we loofe it not by Sin) Stands ready to be gather'd in.

4 Oh LORD! thy holy Name we bleffe, That fuch faire Likelihoods we gain, Thofe needfull Profits to poffeffe, For which, we have beftow'd our pain.

Let nothing interpofe to marre

The Good, whereof we hopefull are. 5 Permit not that which we acquire, Empair'd or fpoiled to become By Vermine, Floods, Theeves, Frofts, or Fire; Or, by ill-husbandry at home.

Nor let us waftfully deftroy,

What, we difcreetly fhould enjoy. 6 But, let the *Harvest* of this yeer, So warn us how the later-end, And, Harvest of our Life, draws neer, That, we our *Callings* may attend:

Employ aright what we receive ; And, Thanks, for all thy Bleffings, give.

HYMN XXII.

For Winter.

Winter, is an Emblem of Old Age: And this Hymn remembers that from this Seafon, we take Occafion to be mindfull of our later end; and to meditate fuch other things alfo as may be brought - brought to our Confideration, by this unpleafant Seafon.

] Ow, the Earth begins to mourn, And hath loft her Summer pride: Her faire dreffings lately worn, Now, are wholy cafl afide;

> And the Trees that clothed were, Fruitleffe, leafeleffe, naked are.

Pleafures from our Groves are gone ; 2 No delights the *Meadows* yield : Little profit now, or none Comes from Valley, Hill, or Field.

For the greateft winde that blows Threatneth Floods, or Frofts, or Snows,

3 Earthly things thus paffe away :

And in compaffe of a year,

Of a Moneth, a Weeke, or Day,

Many Changes do appear.

That, in love we might not grow With our Trifles here below.

They, who while the Spring doth laft, Or, while Summer doth remain,

Or, ev'r Harvest quite be past,

By their Labours, nothing gain.

May in Winter those things need,

Which their Flefh fhould cloth, and feed, They who fpend their youthfull prime. In unprofitable waies, And foole out their healthfull time. Till the Winter of their Daies.

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Shall be fure, when they are old, To be hunger fed and cold.

6 Or, if thefe, this Plague efcape, Live they fhall, ftill, cloth'd, and fed, To incur their worfe mifhap, Who lament when they are dead:

And their Sentence to abide,

Who their *Talents*, lofe, or hide. 7 Praife, oh G O D, I give to thee, That, I likely means have got, Of those things that needfull be, Now the *Seafon* yeelds them not;

And poffeffe a warme Abode, When Difcomforts are abroad. 8 Still, vouchfafe me, fo, thy grace, That, I ftill endeavour may (Whilft I have both Time, and Place) To prevent an *Evill-Day*.

> And, what may not fhunned be, To endnre, LOKD, ftrengthen me.

HYMN XXIII.

For Ember-weekes.

These are our publique Fasts, kept at the soure Seasons of the yeare, that by a Christian humiliation we might move Almightie GOD to vouchsafe the needfull Blessings of the Season; to strengthen our constitution's against the Humours then pre-

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predominant, and to be pleafed, that they who are called to the Ministry of the Gospel, may be faithfull and fit Labourers for his Vineyard. For, the LORDS Day next every of these Fafts, are the times which were anciently appointed, for Laying-hands on fuch as were called to that office.

Sing this as the Lords Prayer. Hou doft from ev'ry Seafon LORD, 1 To profit us, Advantage take. And, at their fitteft houres afford, Those gifts for which, requests we make. At Winter, Summer, Fall, or Spring,

Thou doft confer each needfull thing. 2 A part, therefore, from each of thefe Religioufly hath been referv'd, By Pray'rs, and Fastings to appeale, That wrath, which often, is deferv'd :

Left els, thou, for our many Crimes, Deftroy the Bleffings of the Times. 3 Vouchfafe, that our Devotions, may With true fincereneffe be perform'd. And, that we may not for one day,

But, all our Life-time be reform'd. And mortifie each Luft and Sin,

Which we have lov'd, and lived in. 4 Our Conflictutions temper fo.

That, whatfoever humours raign, They not impaire nor overthrow, That Health which we might els retain. . N 5

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Or, if the Seafon, fickneffe brings, LORD, comfort us, in other things. 5 And fince thefe Churches do appoint Thefe Times, their Paflors forth to fend, LORD, let thy Spirit them anoint, That they thy Flocks, may well attend.

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Yea, LORD, let those who called be,

And, thofe that *Call*, be bleft of Thee. 6 Informe the *One*, oh bleffed LORD! Whom they fhould for thy Service chufe, Confirme the *Other*, by thy Word, And fo, to Both, thy *Grace* infufe.

That, both in *Words*, and *Works*, they may Perfever in a Bleffed way.

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For Rogation Weeke.

This is called Rogation of Rogando, and from the publique Supplications then made. For about that time Princes go forth to Warre; The hope of Plentie is in the bloffome; The Aire is most fubject to infection; Voyages by Land and Sea are undertaken; and many other things require that publique Supplications should be made. It is our custome also in many places, to visite our Parish Bounders, that contentious fuits may be thereby prevented And if in fuch neighbourly Preambulations, this, or the like Meditations were publiquely fung as we walke through the Fields, it would not be an unprofitable practife.

Sing

Sing this as the Lamentation or X. Com.

ORD / it hath pleafed thee to fay, That when we prayed in thy Name, (And prayed as we ought to pray) We fhould from Thee obtain the fame.

We therefore, humbly pray Thee, now, That, to the fuits which we do make Thou pleas'd would'ft be, thine eare to bow, And heare us, for thy Mercy fake. 2 Let not the *Seafons* of this *Yeer*, As they their Courfes do obferve, Engender thofe Contagions, here, Which our Offences do deferve.

Let not the Summer-wormes impaire The Bloomings, of Herbe, Flowre, or Tree; Nor blaftings, or diftemper'd Aire, Deftroy those Fruits that hopefull be. 3 Domeflick Jars, expell thou far; And be fo pleas'd our Coafts to guard, That, horrid Sounds of In-brought-war, Within our Confines, be not heard. Continue, likewife here, thy Word; And, make us thankfull LORD, we pray, That Famine, Pestilence, and Sword, Have been, fo long, with-held away. 4 As we are heedfull to obferve, The certaine Limits, of our Grounds ; And (Outward-Quiet to preferve) Walk, yeerly, round our Parifi-Bounds.

So,

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So, let us take a comely Care, Our Souls Inheritance, to know; That, no Encroachments may be, there, Obtained by our Subtle, Foe. 5 What pleafant *Groves* / what goodly *Fields* ! What fruitfull *Hils*, and *Dales*, have we! How fweet an *Aire*, our Climate yields / How ftor'd, with *Flocks*, and *Herds*, are we /

How Milke, and Honey overflow ! How cleare and wholfome, are our Springs/ From Ravenous-Beafls, how fafe, we go ! How free from Poyfnous-Creeping-Things! 6 For thefe; and for our Grafse, our Corn; And, all that Springs from Blade, or Bough: For all those Bleffings, which adorn Wood, Streame, or Field, this Iland through.

For all of thefe thy *Praife*, we fing : And, humbly, we petition, too, That, we to *Thee*, Fruits forth may bring, As unto us, thy *Creatures* do. 7 So; in the fweet refreshing shade, Of thy *Protection*, fitting down, The gracious Favours, which we had, Relate we will, to thy renown.

Our Children too, when we are goue, Shall for thefe Mercies, honour Thee; And, famous make what thou haft done, To thofe, which after Them, fhall be.

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HYMN XXV.

For the Advent Sundayes.

The Advent-Sundayes are fo called, becaufe at those Times, the severall Advents, or Comings of CHRIST, were commemorated; and the people were instructed concerning those Advents; and what they are, this Hymn sheweth.

Sing this as the LORDS Prayer.

VV Hen CHRIST our Lord incarnate was, Our Brother, then he came to be. When into us he comes by Grace, To be our Spoufe, then cometh He.

And Comes, when he fhall come agen

To judge both Dead and Living-men. 2 Defpaire will then all those confound, That his First *comings* difregard. And,those,who till the *Trumpet* found, Are misimploy'd anp unprepar'd.

Yea, curfed Pleafures they will prove, Whichout of thought, the fe Comings drove.

3 The *Iewes* abjected, yet remain, Becaufe his *Advent* they dinide, The *Foolifh-Virgins* knockt in vain, Becaufe, they did not Oyle provide.

But, they ftill fafe, and bleffed are, Who for his *Comings* do prepare.

4 LORD!

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4 LORD! fo prepare us for that *Feafl*, Which keep our *Saviours* Birth in mind, That,he with us may be a Gueft, And, we with Him acceptance find,

When that great *Advent* fhall appear, Which wicked men and Devils fear.

5 Oh/ come LORDIESV, come away. And (though the World it fhall deter) Let that thy *Kingdome* come, we pray, Whofe coming, Carnall-men defer.

And let us wait for with delight, That *Advent* which thy Foes doth fright.

HYMN XXVI.

For the Nativitie of CHRIST.

This Day is worthily dedicated to the memoriall of our Saviours Nativitie, by which un/peakable Myslerie the GOD-head, and MAN-hood appeared admirably united in one person, without confusion of Natures, or possibilitie of Seperation to the unexpressible Benefit of Mankinde; and of that Myslerie somewhat is touched in this Hymn.

A^S on the dawning of this Morn, To Shepherds, bleffed *Angels* told, Where, in a Stable he was born, Whom neither Earth, nor Heav'n can hold. And,

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And Bethlem ftreets, as on this day,
Of thefe moft happy Tidings rung.
A Troup of Angels in aray,
A Hymn of Glory alfo fung.
Chor. With Angels thus therefore fiong we, To G O D on high all Glory be:
His Favour let Mankinde obtain, And, let on Earth his Peace remain.
Hereby we great advantage had.
Vs, to exalt, he low was laid.
To ftrengthen us, he weak was made.
To cloath us, he was difaray'd. Our Flefh he took, to cure our Guilt.
Our Griefs he felt, to give us Reft; To fave our Lives, his Blood was fpilt;

Our *Curfe* he bore to make us bleft. Chor. *With* Angels thus, therefore, fing we,

To GOD on high, all Glory be. His Favour, let Mankinde obtain; And, let on Earth his Peace remain.

3 The *Bu/h* did flame, yet burned not; The *Fleece* was moift, where fell no *Rain*: A *Son*, was on a *Maid* begot, Which did a Virgin ftill remain.

Her Seed hath broke the Serpents head; Whereby,our bruifes now are heal'd. The Lambe had of the Wolfe no dread: And G o D and M A N be reconcil'd. Chor. With Angels thus, therefore, fing we, To G o D on high, all Glory be.

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His Favor let Mankinde obtain : And let on Earth, his Peace remain.

HYMN XXVIII.

Another for the fame Day.

Since the GOD-head vouchfafed to honour the Manhood, as to become united thereunto; we are by this Hymn remembred not to defpife thofe who are of the fame Nature with us, but rather humbly to defcend to others for their Good; and to endeavour the reparation of our Nature by flriving to conforme it unto C HRIST.

Sing this as the 4. Pfalme.

S Ince all of us,near kinfmen be, Defcended from one Stem,
Why brutifhly inclin'd are we, Our Brethren to contemn ?
He,that both Heav'n and Earth did frame, Our Nature, did not fcorn :
But, being G O D, a Man became, And,of a Maid was born.
This;Men and Angels wondred at ; (As with good caufe they may)
This,therefore,to commemorate, We fet apart this Day.
This Day,we make an Anniverfe, That,favour to record ;

And,

Hymn XXVII. Part. 2. And to our Children to reherfe The Mercies of the LORD. That moment whereon G o D decreed 3 To do as he fore-faid, Enabled was the Womans-SEED, To break the Serpents head. And IESVS CHRIST, to fatisfie, For our accurfed Crimes, Vouchfaf'd both to be Borne, and Die, At his appointed Times. 4 By HIM, New-born, fo let us be; To Sin, fo let us Die; That, we may live with Him, where Hee Is now enthron'd on high. As Hee, the GOD head, for our fake, With Man-hood did aray; On Vs.his Nature, let us take. As fully, as we may.

Whereto, we neareft fhall attain, 5 When we do Mercy fhew ;

And, ftrive those Longings to reftrain Which Flefh and Blood purfue.

We are affured oh Saviour CHRIST / Thine Incarnation may Our Nature, hereunto affift :

Affift, therefore, we pray.

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HYMN XXVIII.

For the Circumcifion on New years-day.

Our Church folemnizeth this day, in memoriall of our Saviours Circumcifion; that taking notice how foone he began to fhed his blood for us, and to fmart for our Sins, we might be the more thankfull for the fame: and be provoked to repentance, by confidering how eafie a Sacrament he hath left for our initiation into his Church, in flead of that Bloody One.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

OHCHRIST! this day, thy Flefh did bleed, Mark'd by the Circumcifing-knife; Becaufe the Law, for Mans mifdeed Requir'd that Earneft of his Life.

Thofe Drops, prefag'd that Show'r of Blood, Which in thine Agonie began; And that great Show'r forefhew'd the Flood, Which from thy Side, next morrow ran. 2 L o R D! let thy fmart make us repent. And, Circumcifed-Hearts defire. Yea, by that milder Sacrament, Which follow'd This, thy Grace infpire : For, He that either is Baptiz'd,

Or Circumciz'd in Flesh alone.

Is,

Part.2. Hymn XXIX.

Is but as one Vncircumciz'd;
Or,as an Vn-baptized one.
The Year, we now anew begin;
And outward-Gifts received be.
Renew us, alfo, L o R D, within,
And make us New years-Gifts to Thee.
So, let us with a paffed Year,
Our old Affections lay afide;

HYMN XXIX.

For Twelfe-day, or the Epiphanie.

This day is celebrated in remembrance of the admirable manifestation of our Saviours birth; and we therefore called the Epiphanic, or Manifestation. It was first discovered from Heaven by Angels, and an heavenly Hoast. To the Gentiles, by a Star in the East: He was afterwards manifested by the Vision of the Holy-Ghost descending on him like a Dove, and by a voice from Heaven. He was also manifested by his Doctrine and Miracles.

Sing this as the LORDS Prayer.

Thefirst which brought the bleffed News, That CHRIST, on him, our nature took, Were certain *Shepherds* of the *Jewes*, Which did, by night attend their Flock.

That

That they might verifi'd behold What by their Prophets was foretold. The fecond means, whereby oh CHRIST! 2 The World, of thee inform'd became, Was by a Star, which in the Eaft Inform'd the *Gentiles* of the fame; That Heathen-men might learn to fee, The Book of Creatures, flews them Thee. A Voice, and Vision from above, 3 And many wonders wrought below, This wondrous Newes did further prove, And have to all confirm'd it fo, That, faithleffe, if we now appear, We, worfe then *Jewes* and *Ethnicks* are. LORD / let thy *Paflors*, and thy *Grace*, Our Guiders, and Directors be, As Angels, and a Star, once was To aid, in manifesting Thee. And, let us, Thee confesse oh CHRIST! Our King, our Prophet, and our Prieft. With Bethlem-Shepherds, let us feaft Our Souls, with Joy, that found thou art. And with the Wife-men of the East

Letusexpreffe a Joyfull heart.

The Song of Angels, let us fing;

And Prefents of Thanksgiving bring. 6 Teares, which from true Repentance drop, In flead of Myrrh, from us receive. For Incenfe, which they offred up, Vnfained Praifes, let us give.

And,

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And,bring for *Gold*,each *pious-Deed*, Which doth from *faving-Faith* proceed. And,as the *Wife-men*,never went

To vifit wicked Herod more,

So (finding Thee) let us repent

The *Courfe*, we follow'd heretofore ; And, let us *homeward* learn to go

That way, which thou fhalt pleafe to fhow

HYMN XXX.

For the Day of the Purification.

The bleffed Virgin Mary having fulfilled the dayes of her Purification, according to the Law, prefented both her Son, and her appointed Off-fpring in the Temple. This Anniverfarie is to commemorate her exemplary Obedience, and the prefentation of our Saviour.

Sing this as the LORDS Prayer. O doubt but She that had the grace Thee, in her wombe Lord Chrift to bear, (And, did all woman-kinde furpaffe) Was hallow'd by thy being there:

> And, fure, the Birth could not pollute Where *Holineffe* became the Fruit.

5 Yet, in Obedience to thy Law, Her Purifying-Rites were done; That we might learn to fland in awe, How from thy Difcipline we run:

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For Souls they have unpurifi'd;
Where due Obedience is deni'd.
3 Oh ! keep us L O R D, from judging vain,
What, by thy Word, thou fhalt command.
Let us nor cenfure, nor complain
On what we do not underftand :
And guide thy *Church*, that fhe may ftill,

Command, according to thy *Will*. 4 With pious uniform confent,

Let us thy Praifes ever fing;

And keep that feamleffe-Robe unrent,

For which *Prophanneffe*, Lots would fling. Preferve us, in thy *Love* and *Fear*,

From our pollutions, alwaies clear.

5 And, as thy bleffed *Mother*, went, (That holy and beloved *Maid*) Thee, in thy *Temple*, to prefent,

With perfect humane-flefh arraid; So,let us unto thee be brought

With heavenly Graces, fully fraught.

6 Yea, let thy *Church* our *mother-Dear* (Within whofe wombe, new borne we be) Before Thee, at her Time appear, To give her *Children*, up to Thee :

And LORD! receive, as hallowed things HER, and that *Offring*, which the brings.

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HYMN XXXI.

For the Time of Lent.

This Obfervation was first instituted, partly to commemorate our Saviours miraculous Fassing, whereby he satisfied for the Gluttony of our first Parents: partly to coole the Blood, which at this time of the yeare is subject to be instaned to the endangering of our Health; but it was chiefly ordained to prepare us rightly to meditate the Fassion of our Saviour, which is usually commemorated at the end of our Lent. The Abstinence from Flesh at this season, is onely a civill Ordinance for the better increase and prefervation of the Creatures upon the land, for our temporall profit.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

Thy wondrous Fasting to record, And our unruly Flesh to tame, A Holy Fast, to thee, oh LORD! We have intended in thy Name.

O fanctifie it fo, we pray, That Honour may redound to Thee; And fo difpofe us, that it may To our advantage, likewife be. 2 Let us not grudgingly abftain; Nor fecretly, the Gluttons play.

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Nor openly, for glory vain, This ufefull Difcipline obey.

But, let us Fafl, as thou haft taught, Thy Rule, obferving, in each part, With fuch Intentions as we ought; And with true fingleneffe of Heart. 3 So, Thou fhalt our Devotions bleffe, And make this Difcipline to be A means those Luftings to fuppreffe, Which hinder us in ferving Thee.

Hymn XXXII.

And, though our ftricteft Fa/lings faile, To merit, of themfelves, thy Grace; Yet, they, to make for our availe, By thy Defervings, may have place. 4 True Fa/lings, helpfull oft have bin, The wanton Fle/h to mortifie: But, they take off no guilt of Sin; Nor can we merit ought thereby.

It is thine abfinence oh CHRIST! And thine alone, that merit muft; For, when our works are at the beft, We perifh, if in them we truft.

HYMN XXXII.

For the Anuntiation.

The Church dedicates this Day to commemorize the Anuntiation of the Bleffed Virgin, who was about

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about this Time of the years faluted by the Angell Gabriel. It mindeth us to praise GOD for the unexpressible Mystery of our Saviours conception, which was the happy newes brought unto his Mother, by that Angell.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

Vr hearts, oh bleffed GOD / incline Thy true Affection to embrace, And, that Humility divine, Which for our fakes uouchfafed was.

Thy Goodneffe, teach us to put on As with our *Nature* thou wert clad; And fo to heed thy Favours done, That, we may praife Thee, and be glad. 2 For, thou didft not alone depute Thy holy Angell from above, An humble Virgin, to falute With an embaffage of thy Love;

But thou thefe Glories laying by, Which none hath pow'r to comprehend ; Didft alfo, then, moft wondroufly, Into that *Virgines* wombe defcend. 3 Vouchfafe thou, likewife, thy Refpect, To our defpis'd, and low Degree ; And LORD! oh, do not us neglect, Though worthy of contempt we be.

But, by thy *Meffengers* prepare, And, hallow fo, our hearts, we pray, That, thou may'ft be conceived there; And, that, *Faith's* fruits, bring forth we may. HYMN 0

HYMN XXXIII.

For Palme-Sunday.

Palme-Sunday is called fo, becaufe it commemorates the day, wherein Iefus Chrift rode in Triumph to Jerufalem, his way being firewed with Garments, and Branches of the Palme-tree. It was indeed, the Day of proclaiming him King (though few confidered it) as the Fryday following was the day of his Coronation, and worthily are thefe Mysteries remembred this Day.

Sing this as the Magnificat.

W Hen CHRIST unto Ierufalem, To Suffer, meekly rode;
The Waies, and Streets, were then, for Him, With Palme, and Robes beftrow'd.
And, though the Steed he did beftride, Was but a filly Affe;
HOSANNA to the King, they cri'd, As He along did paffe.
His Glory, and his Royall-Right, Through Povertie did fhine:
And fhew'd (in Earthly Pomps defpight) A Majefly Divine.
For, though his greateft Foes did frown, He exercis'd his pow'r,

Till

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Till He himfelf did lay it down, At his appointed how'r.

Poffession of his House he got ; 3 The Merchants, thence expel'd:

Yea, though the Priefts did rage thereat, He, there, his *Lectures* held.

And, they in Wit, or Faith, were dull, Who doubted what *He* was;

When *Deeds* they faw fo powerfull, By Weakneffe, brought to paffe.

4 LORD! when to us thou drawest nigh, Thee, let us learn to know;

And,to receive Thee Joyfully, Though mean in outward flow.

Yea, though the Rich, and worldly-wife, When we thy praife do fing,

Both Vs, and Thee, therefore, defpife. Declare thy felfe our King.

HYMN XXXIIII.

For Thurfday before *Easter*. On this day, CHRIST instituted the Sacrament of his Last-Supper ; washed his Disciples feet ; prayed for them, and all the Faithfull ; instructed, warned, exhorted, counselled and comforted them before his approaching Death, and Refurrection, &c. In commemoration of thefe, and other pertinent Circumstances preceding his Paffion, we do yearly observe this Day. 02

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A Holy Sacrament, this day, To us, thou didft, ô DLORD / bequeath, That, by the fame, preferve we may A due memoriall of thy Death :

And,that we might thereby,to Thee Misteriously united be.

2 Thy holy-Supper being done. Thou washedst thy Difciples feet; Thereby, informing every one What Lowlineffe for these is meet,

Who thy *Difciples* would be thought. (Thy practife foll'wing, as they ought)

3 This Day, thou, didft, moreover fpend, To *Counfell, Comfort*, and to *Pray*, That, *Satan* might not gain his end, While *Death* remooved Thee away.

Then, as by thee, it was forefaid;

That night,thy Servant, Thee betraid. 4 Yea, they, that night from Thee did fly, Who promis'd conftant to abide : Ev'n He, who vow'd for Thee to dye, With Oaths and Curfes, thee deni'd.

To fhew that we foon fall from grace,

If in our felves, our Truft we place. 5 Sweet *Iefus /* teach us to conceive, What Grief thou felt'ft, when thou didft hear, Thy vowed *Friend*, his Faith to leave; And, in thy prefence, Thee forfwear:

That,

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That, we our *vowes*, may better keep; And, for our *past-denyals* weep. 6 LORD, ev'ry paffage of this day, Within our hearts ingrave thou fo, That, we thereby remember may, Our duties faithfully to doe;

> And let our Love, oh GOD / to Thee, In Life, and Death, unchanged be.

HYMN XXXV.

For Fryday before Easter

This day we memorize the unfufferable Paffion of Iefus Chrift, who about this time of the yeare, and on this day of the weeke, was despightfully crucified by Pilat and the Jewes. Every day we ought to meditate the fame. But this Day most Congregations meet in a publike Commemoration thereof, to provoke each other to compunction of heart; and to give an occasion to such as are heedlesse or ignorant thereof, to be better acquainted therewith.

Sing this as the 51. Pfalme.

YOu that regardleffe, paffe along, And are unmindfull of this DaAnd are unmindfull of this Day : Give eare unto my dolefull Song, And, heedfull be what now I fay. A Tragick Story, fing I fhall,

Which nearly doth concern us all: The 03

The like was never heard before ; Nor fhall be told, for evermore. 2 The nobleft Prince that er'e wore Crown, Beyond all bafeneffe was abuf'd. The trueft Friend, that e're was known, Worfe then the crueft Foe was uf'd.

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He, that offended not in ought,

(By Deed, by Word, or by a Thought) Tormented was, for all the Crimes, Of Prefent, Paft, or Future-Times.

3 They for whofe Grief, he fadly wept, Purfu'd his *Life*, who fought their *Good*. To mifchieve him, ftrict watch they kept; And, thirfted for his precious blood.

Yet, he continued loving, ftill;

To them, repaying *Good* for *Ill*. Yea, Them, when he might have orethrown; To fave their lives, he gave his own. 4 They who most Friendship should have With deep unkindnes, peirc'd his heart. (shown He made his dear affection known; And they difpifed his defart.

For him, they fnares and Engines layd; With fhowes of Love, they him betraid.

And, fwords and flaves (as to a Thief) They brought to apprehend their Chief. 5 Him, they expofe to all difgrace; They buffet him, for Juft replies: They fpit their Filth into his Face, Againft him *Falfhoods*, they devife.

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For being *filent*, him they blame. For fpeaking Truth, they do the fame. They Jeer, they fcorn, they him revile. And, he fits quiet, all the while.

6 His Garments, then, from him, they ftrip'd (So fad a fight, was never feen) And, their true *Prince*, with Rods, they whipt, As if a Bondflave he had been.

In purple they clothed him ;

And for a princely *Diadem*, They crown'd him, with a *wreath* of Thorn; And, called Him, their *King*, in fcorn. 7 To view him in fo fad a plight, In them, it could no pitty breed; But, they rejoyced at the fight, And, in their Malice, did proceed.

Away with him; away, they cride. And, call'd to have him crucifide.

Yea, rather then they him would fave, Vnto a *Murtherer*, life they gave. 8 A weighty *Croffe* upon his back, (Late rent with wounds they rudely laid : Which he to bear did undertake, Till him, that Burthen over-weigh'd

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Vnto that *Croffe*, they nayled then : And in the view of all the Throng, By his torn *Hands*, and *Feet* he hung. 9 Could I in words, his pain relate As to my heart, the fame appears;

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Each hearer would be mov'd thereat, To fhed, at leaft a fhow'r of Teares.

For, when his torments were at height, They ftill purfu'd him with defpight,
And, ftill, what e're they *Did* or *faid*,
To torture *Him*, for them he pray'd.
10 He was abus'd, or left of all.
Some, did his pious works deride :
To comfort him, fome gave him gall :
Some flouted, when to G o D he cri'd.

Few feem'd fo touched with his Grief,

As was one tender-hearted Thief; And He,who to conclude his fmart, Did thruft a Jav'lin to his Heart. It Although his *Love* immortall were, It was our *Fle/h* that then he wore Which could not endles torments bear: Thereon,their *Spight* prevail'd therefore.

And, then the Lambe foretipifi'd

By that, which for yong *Ifaack* di'd, Gave up the Ghoft, and fo defray'd Our debt, which we could nea'r have paid. 12 His Death (though much it mov'd not man) Did make the *Sun* his Light reftrain; The fixed *Earth* to quake began;

The *Temple-Vaile* was rent in twain : It caus'd the hardeft Rocks to crack ; The Clofets of the *Dead* it brake ;

And of their Graves, they did arife, And fhew themfelves to mortall eies.

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13 Then,did his Foes begin to fear Which Fear,in fome Defpaire begot ; Some were amaz'd ; fome hopefull were, Some raged,and relented not.

His Friends, whofe Faith this triall fhook,

Renew'd loft Hopes;new courage took ; Yet feared more,then they beleev'd ; Till him revived,they perceived. 14 Let all of us,who prefent be With loving Hearts,this *Prince* embrace. For by his *Death*,alive are we ; And by his *Pains*,we gained Grace. In Him,whom *Pilat* crucifi'd,

All this was truly verifi'd;

In Him, therefore, fo let us live, That, *Life-eternall* he may give. 15 Our Sins did help (as on this Day) With Whips, and Thorns to make him fmart, They help to take his life away. Our want of *Love*, did wound his Heart.

And,though the *Iewes* defpight we blame; We were partakers in the fame. Oh / let us,now,partake no more In their offence,as heretofore.

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HYMN XXXVI.

For Easter-Day.

This Day is kept in memoriall of our Saviours bleffed Refurrection, whereby the Church (as members with their Head) began a Joyfull Triumph over Sin, Death, and the Devill. And this Annuall Commemoration, was thought helpfull, both to ftir up thankfull rejoycings in those to whom this is knowne, and to be a means also to make fome take knowledge of it, who are yet Strangers to these Mysheries.

Sing this as the 100 P/alme, without the Chorus.

This is the *Day*, the LORD, hath made, And, therein, joyfull we will be: For, from the black Infernall Shade, In Triumph, back return'd is he.

The Snares of Satan, and of Death, He hath victorioufly undone : And his Oppofers, forc'd he hath His Triumphs to attend upon. Cho. This is the Day the LORD hath made:

Come; let us now, therein be glad.

2 The *Grave*, which all did once deteft, And thought, a Dungeon full of Fear; Is now become the *Houfe of Reft*, And, no fuch Terrors harbor there.

For,

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For CHRIST OUR LORD, hath took away The Horrors, of that lothfome Den And, fince his *Refurrection-Day*, The *Faithfull* find no Fears therein. Cho. *This is the Day*, the LORD hath made:

Come; let us, now, therein be glad. 3 His bitter mocks, his painfull fmart, Hath Praife and Eafe for us procur'd.

And,to our Joy,we may convert, What, he with broken Heart endur'd. His *Body*, now, is made a Food,

Our fainting *Spirits* to refresh : And, we are by his precious *Blood*, Refined both in *Soul* and *Flefh*. Cho. *This is the Day,the* LORD *hath made* :

Come; let us, now, therein be glad. 4 His Wounds that were both deep and wide, To us, the Caves of Refuge are. There, from Purfuers, we may hide, And fcape our Lifes deftroyer there.

Now, know we, that (as was foretold) His Flefh did no corruption fee : And, that, Hell wanted firength to hold So firong, and bleft a Prince as he. Cho. This is the Day, the LORD hath made :

Come; let us all, therein, be glad. 5 Oh / let us praife his Name, therefore, Who this renowned Conqueft won : For, we had elfe for evermore, Been everlaftingly, undone.

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Whereas, emboldned now we grow, Triumphantly, to fay or fing, Oh *Hell* ! where is thy *Conquest* now? And, where (oh Death / is now thy *sting*? Cho. *This is the Day, ihe* LORD *hath made, Come, let us now, therein be glad.*

HYMN XXXVII.

For Afcention Day.

After our Saviour was rifen from the Dead ; and had many times shewed himselfe to his Disciples, he ascended visibly up into heaven in their presence. In memoriall of which Ascention ; and, to praise G o D for so exalting the humane-Nature, we celebrate this Day.

Sing this as the 117. Pfalme.

TO God, with heart, and cheerfull voice, A Triumph-Song, we fing;
And, with true Thankfulnes rejoice In our Almighty King.
We to his Glory will record (Who are but duft and clay)
What Honour he did us afford, On his Afcention-Day.
The humane-Nature, which of late, Beneath his Angels was;

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He called up, from that eftate, Vnto a higher Place. For, at *Mans* feet all Creatures bow : To him, they fubject be : And, at Go D's right hand, throned now, In Glorie, fitteth He. 3 Our LORD, and brother, who put on Such Flefh as this we wear: Before us, up to Heav'n is gone, Our Places to prepare. Captivitie, was captive then, And, He doth from above, Send Ghoftly-Prefents down to Men ; For Tokens of his Love. Each Doore, and Everlasting-Gate, 4 To him, hath lifted bin ; And, in a glorious-wife, thereat, Our King is entred in. Whom, if to follow we regard ; With Love, and leave we may : For, he hath all the means prepar'd; And made an open way. Then follow ; follow on apace 5 Our Captain to attend; In that fupream and bleffed Place, Whereto he did afcend. And, for his Honour, let our Voice A fhout, fo heartie make; That Heav'n may at our Joy rejoice, And Hels foundation shake.

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HYMN XXXVIII.

For Pentecoft, or Whitfunday.

At the Jewes Pentecoft, which was the fiftieth Day after their Pasche, and the Refurrection of Iesus Christ, the Holy-Ghost, our Comforter, was miraculoufly fent downe upon the Disciples, in a visible Forme; replenishing them with Spirituall Gists, for the edification of his Church. We therefore observe this Day in remembrance of that Mysterie.

Sing this as the former.

VV E do acknowledge thee,oh LORD/ Vpright in all thy waies;
And, that the firmnes of thy Word, Well merits endleffe praife.
For,as by Thee, it was made known, Before thou hence didft goe,
Thou fentft thy Holy-Spirit down, Thy Favours, to beftow.
2 While thy Difciples in thy name, Together did retire;
The Holy-Ghoft upon them came, In cloven-Tongues of Fire.
That, in their Calling, they might be Confirmed, from above,

As

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As Thou wert, when he came on Thee Defcending like a *Dove*.

3 Whereby, they who unletter'd were, And,fearfull,till that how'r,

Infpir'd with prudence,did appear, And,fortifi'd with pow'r.

Yea, Gifts he gave, fo manifold, That, fince Tim's Round begun;

A wonder never hath been told, Which did exceed this one.

4 Oh, let this bleffed *Spirit*, LORD! To us thy fervants, here,

A portion of that Grace afford, Which doth in Thine appear.

To us,thy *Dovelike* meeknes lend, That humble we may be ;

And by thy pure white wings, afcend Our Saviour CHRIST, to fee.

5 Like *Cloven-Tongues*, vouchfafe we pray So to Defcend agen,

That, Saving-Grace we publish may ; And preach down Sin, in men.

Yea, let thy *fanctifying-Fire*, Inflame us from above :

Burn up in us, all vain *Defire*;

And warme our hearts with Love.

6 Be pleafed, likewife, to beftow On us, thy facred *Peace*;

That, Vnitie may ftronger grow, And our Debates decreafe.

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Which *Peace*, if any do contemn, Reformed let them be; That,we may,L O R D, have part in Them, And *We*, and They, in *Thee*.

HYMN XXXIX.

For Trinitie-Sunday.

After the Arrian Herefie had troubled many with doubts concerning the Myfterie of the Bleffed Trinitie. It feemed convenient to fome Churches, that one Day should yearly be fet apart, both to commemorate, and instruct us concerning this Myfterie. To which end we observe the Sunday next after Witfunday, and others, the Sunday next before the Advent.

Sing this as the Lords Prayer.

THey, ô thrice Holy, *Three in One!* Who feek thy nature to explain, By Means to Humane Reafon known; Shall find their Labour fpent in vain.

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And,that they might contain,as well, The Britifh Ocean in a fhell. More,therefore,then we may conceive,

We will not curious be to know : But rather, when thou bid'ft us to believe, Obey, and let uain Reas'ning goe.

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For, far more fure, *Faith's* Objects be; Then those, which *Reafons* eies do fee.

3 Yet, as by looking on the Sun, (Though to his Effence, we are blinde) And by the Courfe, we fee him run, We may of him, true Notions find.

So; what thy Brightnes doth conceal, Thy Word, and Works (in part) reveal.

4 Moft *Glorious-Effence*, we confeffe In Thee (whom by *Faith's* eies we view) *ThreePerfons*, neither moe, nor leffe, Whofe *Workings*, them, diffinctly flew:

And, fure we are those *Perfons Three*, One GOD (and but one GOD-head be)

4 The Sun, a Motion hath, we know, That Motion flews to us his Light. The Heate proceedeth from those two. Each, works his proper Works aright.

The Motion drawes out Time, a Line;
The Heat doth warm; The Light doth fhine.
6 But though this Motion, Light, and Heat,
Diftinctly, by themfelves we take,
Each in the other hath his feat;
And, but one S v N, thefe Three do make.

For, what foe're the *One* will do, It worketh by the other *Two*.

7 So, in the GOD head, there is knit A wondrous Threefold-Truelove knot; And perfect Vnion faftens it, Though Flefh and Blood conceive it not; And And what is by One *Perfon* done, Is wrought by all the *Three-in-One*. 8 Their *Works* they joyntly do purfue, Though they their *Offices* divide; And though, as things diftinctly due, Some Attributes may be appli'd.

For, One in Subflance, they are ftill; In Vertue, One, and one in Will.

9 Eternall all thefe Perfons be; And, yet, Eternall, there's but One. So likewife, Infinite all Three; Yet, Infinite, but One, alone.

And,neither, any thing doth miffe, Which of the G O D-*heads* ESSENCE is. In *Vnitie*, and *Trinitie*, Thus (oh CREATOR) we adore Thine ever-praifed DEITIE; And, Thee confeffe, for evermore, One FATHER, one *begotten* SON; One HOLY-GHOST, in GOD-*head* one

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For All-Saints-Day.

This Day we commemorate the Mystery of the Communion of SAINTS, which shall be made perfect, when the holy Trinitie, The Angels and all the HOLIES and bleffed Elect of GOD shall be incorporated into a joy full, and un speakable, and Part. 2. Hymn XL.

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and infeparable Vnion, in the Kingdome of Heaven, which the Almightie haften. Amen.

Sing this as the former.

N O Bliffe can fo contenting prove, As univerfall-Love, to gaine, If we,with Full-requiting-Love, Could fuch Affection entertain.

> But, fuch a *Love*, the Heart of Man, Nor comprehend, nor merit can.

2 For,though to all we might be dear, (Which,cannot in this Life,befall) We difcontented fhould appear, Becaufe,we had not heart for all;

That we might all men Love, as we Beloved, would of all men be.

3 For, Love in Loving, Joyes as much, As, Love for Loving to obtain. The *perfect Love*, is alway fuch,

And cannot part it Self in twain;

Or Love receive; but where it may With Trueft Love, *True-Love* repay.

4 Love cannot in it felf be two.

The Object of True Love, therefore,

An *Vnite* is, which cannot grow

To be in ESSENCE, two, or more. In Rivals-Loves, no Love is known. And Love-divided, loveth none.

5 By *Love in Fraction*, vext are we Whil'ft here on earth we do remain ;

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And if in Heav'n fuch Love could be, Sure Heav'n would be a place of pain,

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And, *Saints*, perhaps, would jealous prove, Of G o D s, or of each others Love.

6 But, *He* whofe wifdome hath contriv'd, His Glorie with our full content Hath from himfelf a means deriv'd, Our Loves diffractions to prevent.

One Body of all SAINTS he makes; And, for his Bride, that One, he takes.

7 So,ev'ry member doth obtain Full Love *from all*, returning too, Full *to All*, of them again, As members of one Body do;

None Jealous; but, all friving how Moft Love to others to allow.

8 For, as the Soul is All in All, (And, All through ev'ry member too) Love, in that Body-Myflicall; Is as the Soul, and fils it fo:

Vniting them to GOD, as near, As to each other, they are dear.

9 The Love they want to entertain Such overflowing *Love* as his, He adds; which they return again To make up Love which perfect is.

That, he may his own Love imploy,

And, both find perfect Love and Joy. 10 The feed of this Content was fown When GOD, the fpatious world did frame; And, And, ever fince, that feed hath grown, To be an Honour to his *Name*.

And, when the SAINTS are fealed all,

This hidden Truth unfeal he fhall. 11 Meanwhile, as when Woods, Hils and Seas, In Landskip fhadow'd forth, we fhew, And, therewithall our Fancies pleafe, Though we their fubflance do not view:

So, Contemplations-Map may fhew,

Dim fights, of that which we fhallknow. 12 And, though our Hearts too fhallow be, That bleft *Communion* to conceive, Whereof, in Heav'n we fhall be free, Let us, on Earth together cleave;

Since none fhall taft that Bleffing, there, But, they who live in *Vnion* here.

13 There, all those Angels we admir'd, With ev'ry Saint, fince Time begun, (Whose Love, and Sight, we have defir'd) Shall joyned be with us, in One;

And We, and They, and they, and We, To G O D himfelf efpouz'd fhall be. 14 Oh! therefore, let us watch and pray, With Lamps, and Oyle, ftill fo prepar'd, That, on the LAMBS great Marriage-day, We be not from this Wedding barr'd; But, find a free Admittance there,

Where GOD, and all his HOLIES are.

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HYMN XLI.

For St. Andrewes-Day.

This Day we praife GOD for the Benefit which his Church obtained by the Calling, and Ministry of his Apostle Andrew; and we are hereby remembred, fo to observe his Readiness to follow and preach Chrift, that we may be stirred up to imitate the fame.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

WHil'ft Andrew, as a Fifher fought From pinching want, his Life to free; CHRIST call'd him, that he might be taught, A Fifher-man of men, to be.

And no delay therein, he made; Nor queflioned his LORDS intent; But, quite forfaking all he had, With him that called, gladly went. 2 Would GOD, we were prepared fo, To follow CHRIST, when he doth call; And, could as readily forgoe Thofe Nets, which we are fnar'd withall.

Yea, would this *Fifherman of men*, Might us by his example move, To leave the World, as he did then; And by our *Works*, our *Faith* approve.

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3 But, Precepts and Examples fail, Till thou, oh LORD/thy Grace infpir'ft: Vouchfafe it, and we fhall prevaile, In whatfoever thou requir'ft.

Yea, we fhall then that *Good* perceive, Which in thy *Service*, we may find; And, for thy fake, be glad to leave Our *Nets*, and all our Trafh behind.

HYMN XLII.

For St. Thomas his Day.

We fet apart this day, to praife GOD, for the Minifirie of his Apofile St. Thomas; and that occafion may be thereby given to firengthen our Faith, by an Annuall commemoration of that part of the Evangelicall Story, which mentioneth afwell this Apofiles doubtings, as the confirmation of his faith, by a fensible demonstration of Christs Refurrection.

Sing this as the LORDS Prayer.

WHen *Chrift* from Death, to life did rife, And *Thomas* heard that wonder told; He faid he would not truft his Eies, Though Him, they living, fhould behold;

> Till with his Fingers,he had tri'd, His pierced hands,and wounded fide. 2 His

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2 His gracious *Mafter* did permit The Proof, his Frailtie fought to take; That, others might affurance get, Of that, whereof he doubts did make.

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And we more ftrength by him have got, Then by their *Faith* who doubted not.

3 Oh / bleffed GOD,how wife thou art/ And,how confoundeft thou thy Foes / Who their Temptations do'ft convert To work that End,which they oppofe.

When *Satan* feeks our *Faith* to fhake, The former, he the fame doth make.

4 Still when to Sins he tempteth us, To his Confusion, let it be; To our Advantage, turn it thus; And, let it bring us home to Thee.

Yet, let us hate and fhun all Sin, As if, our mifchief, it had bin.

HYMN XLIII.

For St. Stephens-Day.

Stephen was one of the feven Deacons mentioned Act.6. and the first Martyr of Iefus CHRIST. Hee powerfully maintained the Gofpell by dispute, and fealed the Truth with his Blood: For which GOD is gloryed by this Dayes observation, and others by his exemplarie Constancie remembred

Sing this as the former.

ORD / with what Zeal, did Stephenbreath Thy *Truth* to fuch as him withflood? How foutly did he meet his Death, To Seal thy Gofpel, with his blood? This Conflancie, thy Grace hath Crown'd; And, by fo Dying ; Life he found. 2 Much Love, did in that Saint appear, When for his *Murtherers*, he fu'd : And, Faith had made his Eye-fight clear, When thee, inthron'd in heav'n, he view'd. In Torments, he true Patience kept ; And, di'd, as if he had but flept. 3 With his hot Zeal, our Hearts inflame ; So kinde, fo constant, let us be : In *life*, fo let us *Praife* thy *Name*, In *Death*, fo let us *looke* on Thee :

And, when our *Sleep*, in *Death* we take, With him, to *Life*, let us awake.

HYMN XLIIII.

For S. John the Evangelist his Day.

We folemnize this Day to praife GOD for his bleffed Evangelift, and beloved Difciple John, who was one of the most powerfull Instruments of the Churches illumination, and Confolation. For, by Him, the Divinitie of CHRIST, and the P most

most comfortable mysteries of our Redemption, are most evidently witnessed.

Sing this as the 10. Commandments.

BY his Examples, teach us L o R D, For whom we honour Thee this Day. His *Witneffe*, of th'*Incarnate-Word*, Continue in thy *Church*, for aye.

As he, likewife, beloved was, And, therefore, leaned on thy brefl; So, let us, L O R D, enjoy thy Grace; And, on thy facred *Bofome*, reft. 2 Breathe into us, that *Life-divine*, Whofe Teftimonie, he intends; About us, caufe thy *Light* to fhine; That *Light*, which no man comprehends.

And, let that *ever-bleffed-word*, Which, all things did create, of nought, Anew,create us, now, oh L O R D ! Who are by *Sin*, to ruine brought. 3 Our fins, we heartily confeffe, Thy pardon, therefore, let us have. Thy *Saving-faith* we do profeffe; Vs, to thy *Fellow/hip*, receive.

And, as to us, thy Servant gives The means to know and honour Thee; So, let oh $L \circ R D$ / our words and lives, Both Lights, and Guides, to others, be.

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HYMN XLV.

For Innocents Day.

In honour of the Almightie-Providence, this Day is observed by our Church, who upon this Day memorizeth our Saviours prefervation from Herods crueltie, when he flew the Innocent Children in Bethlehem, and the parts adjoyning. And we are thereby put in minde, how vainly, the Devill, and his members, rage against GOD, and his Decrees.

Sing this as the former.

THat Kage, (as During Fury flew; Which did the Gentiles Fury flew; Hat Rage, (as David fore declar'd) By *Herod* then fulfilled was When blameleffe Innocents he flew.

And, madly they purfude in vain, What they had curfedly contriv'd; For, He whom Herod would have flain ; Him, and his Malice, overliv'd. 2 Still, thus, vouchfafe thou to reftrain, All Tirants, L o R D, purfuing Thee. Let ill conceptions, thus, be flain, That, Thou in us, preferv'd mayft be.

So whil'ft we fhall enjoy our breath, We of thy Grace, our Songs will frame ; And, as those Infants, by our Death We hope to glorifie thy Name. P 2

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3 Those many fuffred Death, for One; That One, for them, and others dide. And, what they felt in AE, alone; He, did in Will, and AE, abide.

Lo R D, grant that what thou haft decreed, In *Will*, and *Act*, we may fulfill : And, though we reach not to the *Deed*, From us, oh G o D, accept the *Will*.

HYMN XLVI.

For the Conversion of Saint Paul.

Paul, having been a cruell Perfecutor, was extraordinarily called, to be an Apoftle to Preach the Faith which he had perfecuted; and of a Wolfe became a Paftor; and the most laborious in the Vineyard of CHRIST: which Mercy of GOD, is here commemorated to his praise, and for our comfort.

Sing this as the former. A Convert, and Convertion ftrange Was made, when Saul, a Paul became : And, L o R D, for making fuch a change, We praife, and glorifie thy Name.

For, whilft he went from place to place, To perfecute thy *Church* and *Thee*; He was reclaimed by thy Grace, A Preacher of thy *Truth* to be. 2 L O R D, when from thee we go aftray, Or injure Truth, by blinded Zeal,

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Vouchfafe to ftop us in that way; And, then, thy Will, to us reveal.

Difclofe that Brightneffe from above, Which proves the Senfuall Eye-fight blind; And, from our Eyes, the skales remove, That, hinder us, thy way to finde. 3 And, as thy bleffed Servant Paul, (When thy Difciple he became) Exceeded thy Apofles, all, In painfull preaching of thy Name.

So, grant, that we, who have in Sin Exceeded others heretofore, The flart of them, in *Faith*, may win; Love, Serve, and Honour thee, the more.

HYMN XLVII.

For Saint Matthias his Day.

This Day is observed in memoriall of GODS Juflice, manifested in discovering and punishing Judas Iscariot for abusing his Apostleship; and, for his Mercy in electing Matthias, a faithfull Pastor in his Roome. It gives us Occasion also, to confider what hangs over their heads, who abufe their Divine-Calling.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme.

7 Hen one of thine, did falfe become, And, his high place abufe: P 3 Thou

Thou left'ft him, LORD, and in his Roome, Did'st just Matthias chuse, So, if within thy Church this day, Vnfaithfull Paflors dwell, To Them, Repentance grant, we pray, Or, them, with fpeed, expell. 2 Though, horned like the Lambe they flow, Though, Sheep-like, cloth'd they be; Let us their Dragon-language know, And, Woolvish-nature fee. And, caufe thy Lots to fall on those, (Thy Flocks to undertake) Who fhall their manners well compose And, thereof Confcience make. 3 Let us likewife, his fall, fo heed Whofe Place, Matthias got; And, with fuch loving Awe proceed, That, we deny Thee not. For, Titles be they nev'r fo high, Rare-Gifts, or Sacred-Place, Shall no mans Perfon fanctifie, Without thy Speciall-Grace.

HYMN XLVIII.

For Saint Marks Day.

This day is appointed to praife GOD, for the Glad tidings of his Gospel, delivered to the Church by his bleffed Evangelist MARK: by whofe Teftimony

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mony that Saving-Truth, is confirmed and Illuflrated unto us.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

For those bleft *Pen-men* of thy *Word*, Who have Evangeliz'd of Thee, We magnifie thy *Name* oh $L \circ R D$! And, thankfull, we defire to be.

The Welcome News, thy Gofpel brings, With joyfull Hearts, we do embrace; And, prize above all earthly Things, That Precious Earneft of thy Grace. 2 This Matchleffe fem, that we may buy Let us with gladneffe, Coft beftow, Our vain Self-love, let us deny, And, let the Worlds Falfe-honours go.

Although from Heav'n an Angel come To preach another Gofpel, here, Let us not entertain the fame Nor lend thereto a willing eare. 3 L o R D, we are now affected thus; But, in performance, we are fraile; Too craftie is our Foe for us, And (if thou help not) may prevaile.

Enable us, therefore, to Judge, and know, (When we *new-Doctrines* do receive) If they agreeing be, or no, To what a *Chriftian* fhould beleeve.

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For Saint Philip and Jacobs Day.

The Church upon this Day taketh Occasion to offer to our Confideration, some of those Mysteries of Saving Faith, which were delivered unto her by the Ministry of the Apostles Philip, and Jacob, that we might the better beare in minde their Counsels, and be thankfull unto GOD for them.

Sing this as the former.

BY Thee were thy Difciples taught, What they, oh C H R I S T, fhould do; What, likewife to *Beleeve*, they ought, Thy Spirit fhew'd them too. The Truths which unto them were flown, Have been difpos'd of thus; They, unto others made them known; From Those, they came to us. 2 Thus they have taught ; and thus we fay ; (And, therein will abide) Thou art the Life, and Truthfull-way, Which unto *Life* doth guide. By Thee, the Father we have known, Whom thou defcendeft from ; And, unto Him, by Thee, alone, We hopefull are to come. 3 This, thou to Philip did impart, (And, this our Faith fhall be)

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That, Thou within the Father art, And, that, He dwels in Thee.

Of whom, what ever we in faith, And, in thy Name, require,

We fhall obtain (thy promife faith) As we ourfelves defire.

4 Now, therefore, LORD, of thee we crave, That, we more Fruit may fhew

Of that which we received have; And, much more thankfull grow.

That fo the Truth we have beleev'd May not be taken from

Thefe Kingdomes; but, be here receiv'd Vntill thy Kingdome come.

HYMN L.

For Saint Barnabas Day.

Barnabas, together with Saint Paul, was by the Holy-Ghoft extraordinarily feparated for the Ministry of the Gospel, and confirmed in the Apoftlefhip, by the ordinary Discipline of laying on of hands ; for which we take occasion to praise GOD, upon this Day.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

) Ich Gifts, and Graces manifold, To many, thou, oh LORD, hast lent, Of late, and in the Dayes of old, To teach us *Faith*, and to repent. P 5

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Thy *Prophets* thou did'ft firft ordain ; And, they as *Legats* did appear. Then, with an *Apofolike-Train*, In perfon, thou, a while, wert here. 3 For *Legier*, when thou went'ft away, The *Holy-Ghoft* thou didft appoint, Who, for thy Service (to this Day) From Time to Time, did fome anoint.

So likewife, brought it was to paffe; That, to confirm what had been taught, An *Army-royall*, preffed was, Of *Martyrs*, who thy Battels fought. 3 For *Thofe*, and *Him*, for whom we thus Are met to praife thy *Name* this day, We give Thee Thanks ; as they for us, (Before we were) to Thee did pray.

And, by this dutie, we declare An evidence, that *They* and *We*, (Though we in Times, divided are) Have one *Communion*, ftill, with Thee.

HYMN LI.

For Saint John Baptist his Day.

John called the Baptift (by whole Ministry the People were prepared to receive CHRIST, was prophecied of before his Comming. And this day is appointed both to praise GOD for the fame; and to remember us by his example to prepare Part.2. Hymn LI. 223 prepare our hearts for the entertainment of our Saviour.

Sing this as the Lords Prayer.

D Ecaufe the World might not pretend. DIt knew not of thy Coming-day; Thou didft, oh CHRIST, before Thee fend A Cryer, to prepare thy Way.

Thy Kingdome was the News, he brought Repentance, was the Way, he taught.

2 And that his *Voice* might not alone. Informe us what we fhould beleeve ; His Life declar'd what must be done, By those who shall thy *Faith* receive.

His Doctrine, therefore, let us heed. And in his holy path proceed.

3 Let us not haunt vain-pleafures Courts, With fruitleffe toyes, to feed the minde; Nor moved be with falfe Reports, Like Reeds, that shake with ev'ry winde.

And, let our *lives* (though leffe auftere) At leaft, be fober, and fincere.

4 Clad in Repentant-cloth of hair, Let us, (oh CHRIST) to feek out Thee, To those for faken-walks repair, Which, by thy Saints affected be:

And, that our lives we may amend, With true Repentance, us befriend.

5 Inftruct us how to feed upon The Honey, of thy Word-divine ;

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The Dainties of the Flefh to fhun;
Her Cups of Soul-bewitching-wine;
And,on our Loines, let us have care
The Belt of Temperance to weare.
6 So, thy Fore-Runner, Times laft day,
By his example, fhall prepare
Within Mans heart, both Place and Way,
To give thee entertainment, there ;
And, thou to us, and We to Thee,
Shall, (when thou comeft) welcome be.

HYMN LII.

For Saint Peters Day.

We observe this day, to honour GOD, in the pious Memoriall of his bleffed Aposlle Saint Peter, and that it might remember us not to presume on our ownstrength, by considering his failing, and falling from his over peremptorie Asservation. We may learn also by his example, to bewaile our escapes, with teares of penitence.

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H Ow watchfull ought, we to become ! How zealoufly to pray ! That, Thee, oh L O R D, we fall not from Vpon our *Triall-day*! For, if thy great *Apoflle* faid, He would not Thee deny,

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Yet, Thee, that very night denaid, On what fhould we relie?

2 Of our owne felves, we cannot leave Our pleafures for thy fake ;

No,nor one vertuous Thought conceive Till,us thou able make.

For, we not only Thee deny, When Troubles do increafe;

But,oft from Thee,we likewife fly, When pleafures we poffeffe.

3 Oh / let those *Prayers* us availe, Which were for *Peter* daign'd;

That, when the *Foe* fhall us affaile, His purpofe be not gain'd.

Yea, fixe on us those pow'rfull Eies, Which mov'd him to lament ;

That, we with Teares, and bitter Cries, Our Follies may repent.

4 And,grant that all,who him fucceed (To overfee thy *Folds*)

Thy Sheep and Lambs, may guide and feed, As they of duty fhould :

No Doctrine teaching, faving, what *Truth* warrants them to preach ;

And in their Lives, confirming that Which they are bound to teach.

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HYMN LIII.

For St. Iames his Day.

This Day we glorifie GOD for his Apoflie James, who was one of the two, for whom their Mother defired that they might fit, the one at his right hand, and the other at his left hand in his Kingdome: And by occasion of that Petition, they and others are taught what they should rather defire to obtain.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

THey who their Father had forfook, And follow'd CHRIST at his command, (By humane frailtie overtook) Did for preferment, feeme to ftand. But, by their Master they were taught, What fitteth an *Apofles* care ; What fhould by them, be rather fought; And, what their chiefest honours are. 2 By them, we fee much Folly grows, Where *Virtues* their beft rooting take; And that the man which Wealth forgoes, May not Ambition quite forfake. And fear we may, that Sin refides In many Perfons at this day, Who chosen are for Lights, and Guids, To fhew to other men their way.

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3 To Thee, therefore, oh LORD, we pray, That, *humbleneffe*, in us may dwell, To charm that *Fiend* of *Pride* away, Which would thy Graces, quite expell.

Vouchfafe thou, chiefly, thofe to keep From this Delufion of the Foe, Who are the *Paflors* of thy Sheep, And fhould each good example flow. 4 For, they who ftill purfuing be That *Greatneffe*, which the World refpects, Their vanitie do neither fee, Nor feel thy Spirits good effects.

By them, prophaneneffe doth increase; By them, Difunion, is begun, By them, the Church is robb'd of Peace; By them, the World will be undone. 5 He therefore, that will ftop the Rent, Which his Ambitious aymes hath made, (Like this Apoftle) must repent The vain Defires, which he hath had.

For,he which to performe that *Place*, With *Lowlineffe*,himfelfe applies, Endow'd is, with *fpeciall-grace*, And,fhall to higheft *Honours* rife.

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For St. Bartholomews day.

This Day is confectated to the hononr of GOD, in the pious memory of his Apofle St. Bartholomew : and, that (as appeares by a portion of Scripture appointed to be read this day, we might take occasion to praise our Redeemer for the many wonders wrought by his Apoftles, to the edification of his Church ; and to the confusion of her Foes.

Sing this as the LORDS Prayer.

E Xceeding gracious favours, LORD, -To thy Apofles have bin fhown; And, many wonders, by their word, And, in thy Name, by them were done. The Blind could fee; the Dumbe could talk; The Deaf did hear; the Lame did walk. 2 They all Difeafes took away; The Dead, to life, they did reftore ; Foul fpirits, difpoffeffed they; And, preach'd thy Gofpel to the poore. Whereby the Truth,ftill ftronger grew, And, her Oppofers overthrew. 3 Oh / let their works for ever be An honour to thy Gorious Name;

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And by thy pow'r,vouchfafe that we (Whom Sin makes deaf,blind,dumb,and lame, May hear thy Word,and fee thy Light;

And fpeak thy Truth, and walk upright. 4 Euch mortall Sicknes of the Soul,

Letthy Apofles Doctrines cure ;

Let it expell that *fpirit-foul*,

Which makes us lothfome and impure . That, we who dead in fin have lain, The life of *faving-Faith* may gain.

HYMN LV.

For St. Mathews-Day.

St. Mathew was from the Office of a Cuflome-gatherer (which was odious to the Jewes) called to be an Apofile; and became one of the Evangelifts. Thisday, therefore, is made obfervable, and fetapart that God might be therein praifed for the favour vouchfafed to the whole Church by his miniftry.

Sing this as the former.

Et no uncomely Cenfures paffe Vpon thofe *Callings* men profeffe. A *Publican*, St. *Mathew* was, Yet, G o D s elected nev'rtheleffe. And was unto the *Church* of *Chrift*, *Apofle*, and *Evangelift*.

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2 For,G O D (who not a whit refpects Profession, Perlon, or Degree) The *Saints* impartially elects, From ev'ry Sort of men that be;

That, all might unto him repaire,

And,no more of his Love defpaire. 3 For those men,therefore,let us pray, Who feem uncalled,to remain; Not judging them quite cast away, GODS Favour never to obtain;

Since, he by them perhaps doth prove,

Our patience, and our Christian Love. 4 And, for our felves, let us defire That, Avarice we then may shun, When GOD that fervice doth require, Whereby his heav'n lie will is done.

> And let the remnant of our daies, Be fpent in fetting forth his praife.

HYMN LVI.

For the Day of St. Michael, and all Angels.

This Day we glorifie GOD for the ministration of his holy Angels, and for the affistance and protection, which he by them vouch/afeth us against the fecret affaults and temptations of our spiritual Adversaries. St. Michael, is by St. Jude termed an Arch-Angell; by Daniel, he is called, Chiefe of the Princes; and some doe thinke that this Angel is Chrift.

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Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

TO praife, oh GOD / and honour Thee For all thy glorious Triumphs won, Affembled here this day are we; And, to declare thy Favours done.

Thou took'ft that great Arch Angels part, With whom in Heav'n the Dragon fought; And,that good Armies, Captain wer't, Which caft him, and his Angels out. 2 We gain'd thereby the firmer peace; Leffe are our dangers; leffe,our Fears; And,to thy Glories great increase, Thy Kingdomes pow'r the more appears.

Yea, now his malice and defpight, Who in thy prefence, heretofore, Accufed us both day and night, Shall terrifie our Souls no more. 3 In honour of thy Bleffed Name, This *Hymn* of Thanks, therefore we fing; And, to thine everlafting Fame Of praife, Heav'ns arched Sphear fhall ring.

With praife, for thy *Effentiall-might*, With praife, for all those *Angels* too, Who thy victorious Battels fight, And, here on Earth, thine Errands do. 4 For, many of that glorious Troop (To bring us meffages from thee) Have pleafed bin, from Heav'n to ftoop; And, cloth'd with humane fhape to be. Yea, Yea, we believe they watch and ward, About our Perfons, evermore, From *evill-Spirits*, us to guard : And, we return Thee Thanks, therefore.

HYMN LVII.

For St. Lukes Day.

This Day we celebrate GODS praife for the great priviledges vouchfafed to his Church by the bleffed Evangelift LVKE, a Phylitian both for Body and Soule, and the first and best Ecclesiasticall Historiographer. Hee was a constant companion of St. Paul, and an example of Christian perfeverance to all posteritie.

Sing this as the former.

I F those Physicians honor'd be, Who corporall difeases heal; Sure, worthy double praise is he Who seeks both *Soul* and *Bodies* weal.

Both waies this Bleffed Saint excel'd, Both waies,in life he was approv'd; And,by his Gofpel hath reveal'd What many Soul-bred pains remov'd. 2 To do him honour,this,befide, A bleffed witnes,hath declar'd, That firme in Faith he did abide, When others from the Truth were fcar'd. Thereof

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Thereof the Glorie, LORD, be thine; For,him thy *Grace* enabled thus: And he received those Gifts divine, To benefit *himfelf* and *us*. 3 By his example,therefore, LORD, Vphold us,that we fall not from The true profession of thy *Word*, Nor by the World, be overcome.

And,grant,his holy *Gofpel* may Yeeld cordiall comforts to the Soul, To drive thofe maladies away, Which make it faithles,faint,and foul.

HYMN LVIII.

For St. Simon and Judes day.

This Day, we honour God for his two Apofiles, Simon called Zelotes, and Jude the brother of James, as is manifefted by a portion of Scripture, appointed to be read on this day, and by which we are put in minde that we continue in brotherly Love, and to that eftate of Grace to which we are called.

Sing this as the 23. Pfalme.

N O outward *mark* have we to know Who,thine, oh C H R I S T, fhall be, Vntill our Chriftian Love doth fhow, What Soul pertains to Thee. For,fome,a *Faith* can counterfeit, And,likely Virtues fain;

But,

Hymn LVIII. 334 But, till true Charitie they get, Their Faith, and Works are vain. Love is that Sum of those Commands, Which Thou, to Thine didft leave ; And, for a mark, on them it flands Which never can deceive. For, when our *Knowledge*, foolifh turnes; When Showes, no fhew retain; VVhen *fiery-zeal* to nothing burnes, Then Love shall firme remain. By this, were thy Difciples knit, And, joyned fo in One; Their True-Love-knot, could never, yet, Be broken or undone. Oh / let us LORD inferted be Into that facred *Knot*; And, be fo knit, to them and Thee, That Sin undoe us not. Yea, left when we thy grace poffeffe, 4

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VVe therefrom fall away, (Or turn it into wantonneffe) Affift thou us, we pray. And, that we may the better find,

VVhat heed is to be learn'd, Let us the Fall of Angels mind,

As holy Jude hath warn'd.

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HYMN LIX.

For troublefome, and dangerous Times.

No Kingdome is alwaies free from troublefome and dangerous Times. Therefore Hymns of Confolation; and fuch as may move to penitence, or preferve the minde patiently contented with GODS Visitations in that kind, are necessfary for uncomfortable Seafons, and will no doubt, be both liked, and used by some.

Sing this, as, VVe praife thee oh GOD.

Ow are the *Times*; Thefe are the Daies, VVhich will those men approve, VVho take delight in honeft-Waies, And pious-Courfes love. Now, to the VVorld, it will appear, That Innocence of heart, VVill keep us far more free from fear, Then Helmet, Shield, or Dart. 2 A cunning Polititians Brain A wealthy Merchants-purfe, A Princely Style, a Portly Train ; (Though with a publike Curfe) (In Grace to be with Lords and Kings, And, of their Slaves admir'd) A while agoe, feem'd glorious Things ; And, most to be defir'd.

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3 But fully Ripe now Sins are come, And bring those *Plagues-foretold*; Which made the Times grow perilfome, Good-Confcience paffeth Gold. And, they the braveft Lots poffeffe, Which may on earth be had, Who by an Inward-Happines Are fafe, and fearles made. 4 As Lions they couragious are, Now mifchiefs most increase. And, though ftill dreadfull newes they hear, Their Courage doth increafe. For, now, they fee be drawing nigh, And, hastning to requite, Their Infolence, and Tirrany, Who did in wrongs delight. And why fhould Innocencie grieve, 5 That, liv'd it hath to fee Fulfilled ; what it did believe, And could foretell, fhould be ? Yea, why fhould it be difcontent, That, GOD hath verifi'd His threat'nings by a fad event, On those who Truth decide? 6 What can it lofe, now broiles increase? Or Fear, in Times of blood? Which was oppreft in Times of Peace : And Ill receiv'd for Good? Since none doth grudge to fee his Field, Stubd up, and fet on fire ;

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That

That ufefull Fruits,the foile may yeeld, In flead of Bufh and Bri'r.

7 The beft which could have hoped bin, By long abufed Reft;

Was that our Follies, and our Sin, Should more have bin increaft.

For, though fome have bewail'd the Time, And Reformation fought;

But, few do forrow for their crimes, Or, mend themfelves in ought.

8 Yea, few had either fear or fenfe, Of *fuftice*, in their waies;

Or favour'd much, that *Innocence* Which giveth peacefull daies.

We, therefore are afflicted thus; And G o D, hath powred now,

A Violl of his wrath on us,

7 That we might wifer grow. 9 Like those Egyptians if we be,

Whofe hearts obdurate grow,

All his old plagues, in ftore hath he, Our Follies to purfue;

But by returning unto him,

We, yet may fcape the fmart, That without *Mercy*, fals on them,

Which have a hard'ned heart.

10 LORD, this effect, vouchfafe to grant In these our *Troublous-Times*.

Let our loft *Peace*, which now we want, Reclaim us from our Crimes. Q

So,

So whether we shall die or live, Till better Daies we fee ; This Troublous Time we shall perceive, A Time of Grace to be. II For Pestilences, Deaths, and War, To them, who fhall repent. Not Evill, but Good-Angels are, For their amendment fent: And Righteous men, fometime, by thefe, In Love, are taken from Those worse, and those more dreadfull daies; Which must on others come. 12 Prepare, and fit me, LORD, therefore, With meek, and humble mind, To meet thy Judgements at the dore; And, take the Lot I find. And, if I shall be one of those, Who for example fake, Must fuffer by these publike-woes, On me thy pleafure take. 13 But, LOR D, remember Mercy ftill, (Thy Sword, through Justice drawes) Yea, though to bring this publike Ill, My Sins, in part, were caufe ; Remember too, that I am one (A Sinner, though it be) Who grieves, for what I have mifdone, And put my truft in Thee.

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HYMN LX.

Another for the like Times.

The Faithfull are by this Hymn put in mind of that fecuritie which may be obtained, by depending on GOD, in Times of publike Calamitie, and remembred alfo thereby to strengthen their Faith by earnefly feeking GODS affiftance, and protection, in fuch Times of Perill and Feare.

Sing this as the 25. Pfalme.

Nform'd we are, oh LORD! That they who truft in Thee, And, can depend upon thy Word, Shall free from danger be. To those, thou shalt become A ftrong defensive Tow'r, To fave when Times are perilfome, From him that would devour. 2 The Shaft which kils by day, On them fhall not alight ; The *Plague* which doth at midnight flay, Shall do them no defpight. How e're the *Planets* move; What ever their Afpects May feem to threaten from above, They shall have good Effects. 3 Their Q 2

3 Their Feet unharm'd fhall tread, The Viper, Worme, and Afpe : With Angry-Lyons, without dread Or danger, they fhall grafpe : From Foes, they fhall be fafe; Though great their Haters be, And at their Furie, they shall laugh Though them enrag'd they fee. 4 When Death on ev'ry fide, Ten Thoufands takes away, They fhall, by Faith be fortifide; And, live without difmay. Yea, full they fhall be fed When hungry Times appear: And, fhall of nothing, ftand in dread, When they Sad-Rumors hear. LORD, thus, thou doft befriend 4 (When Times of Trouble be) Thy Faithfull Servants, who depend Vnfainedly on Thee. On me, LORD, this high grace, Vouchfafe thou to beftow: For at this *Time*, and in this *Place*, Are Fears, and Perils now. 6 Let not my many Crimes, Which have affiftance brought To bring thy Judgements on thefe times,

Now bring my Hopes to naught. But,let me fo, repent,

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My Courfes lewd and vain,

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That in this publick punifhment, I, private Grace may gain. So conftant, make my heart ; 7 (What ever *Newes* I hear) That, from no duties I depart, By an unmanly Fear: Nor by a carnall doubt, Those Christian-Hopes forgoe, Whofe Loffe, may tire my *Patience* out; Or, Saving-Faith o'rethrow. 8 But, LORD, let me remain To thee, fo reconcil'd, That Sobernes I may refrain, Though all the World grow wild. Be thou my bleffed Lot, VVhen Outrage doth increafe; And to their Furie leave me not, That are the Foes of *Peace*. Preferve this Hopeleffe *Place*, 9 And our diffurbed State, From those that have more *wit*, then grace, And prudent Counfels hate: Yea, let the *Plagues* they caufe On those alone descend, Whom neither *Grace*, nor *Vengeance*, drawes Their manners to amend. 10 If any Sprouts of mine, Shall thefe Ill-Times out-grow, To keep them, LOR D, for ever thine The life of Grace beftow.

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And, rather let them die In want, and with difgrace, Then live on earth to multiplie A wicked princely Race. 11 Yea, whatfoever care, Or Troubles we are in, Preferve in us a Confcience clear From ev'ry wilfull Sin. And, in thy Faith and Love, So firme, let us abide ; That, by thefe Troubles we may prove, Like Silver feven times tride. 12 If this I shall obtain, As, I believe I fhall; Though Fire and Brimftone down it rain, It fhould not me appall. For, when each earthly Thing, Burnes round me in a flame. I HALELVJAH hope to fing, In honour of thy Name.

Finis fe cundæ partis.

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The third Part, containing Hymns Perfonall.

To the Reader.



Hefe *Times* are fo captious, that we otherwhile difpleafe, even when we doe *Curtefies*; if we prevent not miftakings by fome ex-

cufes or complements. Therefore, without a Prologue, I dare not proceed to the next *Part*, or *Volumn* of *Hymns*, left I might feeme burthenfome in their Number: For fome have already given me occafion to fufpect that Objection.

That which I can fay for my felfe (if I need fay any thing) is this : I thought I could not have taken too many Occafions to praife GOD. So I thinke yet ; and of this mind I fhall continue. I am perfwaded, alfo, that they who thinke thefe *Hymns* too many, will weary themfelves as little in the ufe of them, as if they had Q 4 bin

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bin fewer, and that fuch as are devoutly affected, would not have been tired, If I had prepared a greater number.

They who are acquainted with the Liturgies in the Greeke Churches, can affure them, that they have had more Hymns by fome hundreds, then I have yet divulged. And, moft men of difcretion very plainly perceive that the Chauntries of the World the Flefh, and the Devill have more then a thoufand Songs, for every one which I have prepared for our Chriftian Quires. And now I call that to mind, I am almoft angry that any man fhould thinke thefe Hymns were over-numerous, and will therefore fay no more to excufe their multitude.

I confeffe I am (for ought I know, or have yet heard) the first that did compose *Perfonall-Hymns* in this kind : and perhaps, therfore(as it ufually fares with new *Inventions*) they will not feeme fo plaufible as *Occafionall* and *Temporarie Hymns;* which have been very anciently in ufe. Yet,

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Yet,I am perfwaded, that when they are better knowne, no difcreet Reader will either difapprove them, or judge them to be any of thofe *Novelties*, which are juftly defpicable or impertinent.

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I conceived it a good meanes, to infinuate into perfons of every *Calling* and *Degree*, fome of thofe Mufings and Confiderations, which are neceffary to be remembred. This way as I thought inftruction might be received with moft eafe, with leaft offence : And I am confident, that purpofely or caufually, fome advantages of good confequence, both for amendment of *Manners*, and increase of *Pietie*, will arife from these *Perfonall-Hymns*. In this confidence, I leave them to your perufall, and humbly befeech *G O D*, that they may be our *profit* and his *praife*.

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HYMN I.

For a Britan.

We that are Britans enjoy many peculiar Priviledges; and have obtained fundry Bleffings and Deliverances famoufly obfervable. We are therefore obliged to a speciall Thankfulnesse, not only as we are Christian-men, but as we are Britans also. And this Hymn intends the furtherance of that duty.

IALELVJAH, now I fing. For,my Heart invites my Tongue, To extoll my Go D-my-King, In that bleffed Angel-Song. And,as I enabled am, I will facrifice to G O D, Thanks, in this whole Ilands name, In a Joyfull-praifefull Ode, You that Loyall Britans be, Halelujah fing with me. Cho. Halelujah, fing with me, You that Loyall Britans be. 2 On her Coafts, our Maker fmiles, And, vouch fafed her the Rule Over all the Floods, and Iles, From the Midland-Streights to Thule. *Plenty* doth her Vallies fill; Health is in her Clymates found; Pleafure,

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Pleafure plaies in ev'ry hill, And thefe Bleffings, *Peace* hath crown'd. *Halelujah* therefore fing Till the Shores with Eccho's ring.

Cho. Till the Shores with Ecchoes ring, Halelujah, therefore, fing.

3 VVhen that bleffed Light arofe,

VVhich difpelled *Death's* black Shade, *She*, was of the first of Those,

VVho, thereof, was Partner made. And, although the feem a Place,

To the Frozen Zone confin'd ;

Yet, the longest Day of Grace,

In Her happy Coafts hath fhin'd. Sing, let us, to G o D, therefore,

Halehujah, evermore. Cho. Halelujah, evermore,

Sing let us,to G O D, therefore. 4 That no Forraign Foe may ceaze,

Her Dear Children, evermore,

Ditch'd and wall'd with *Rocks* and *Seas*, Her beloved Borders are.

GOD Almighty fo provides, That,likewife,to guard her *Lands*, She hath Clouds,and VVind,and Tides, Calmes,andStormes,andShelves,andSands.

Now therefore, my Song fhall be, Halelujah, LORD, to thee.

Cho. Halelujah, Lord, to Thee, Now, therefore, my Song fhall be.

5 VVhen

5 When we had a *Darkneffe* here, Worfe then what th'Egyptians had. When, we more in Bondage were, And, to *Babel*, flaves were,made; G o D, Renew'd again the *Light*, And the *Freedome*, which we loft : That,for Thanks, enjoy we might, What our *Fathers* lives had coft.

Therefore while I have a Tongue, Halelujah fhall be fung. Cho. Halelujah *fhall be fung*, Therefore, while I have a Tongue. 6 When our Deborah arofe,

And, GoD's Ifr'el judged here. When confederated Foes, Did Invincible appear.

Spains proud Sifera, had thought, To have funk us, with his weight : But, the Stars against him fought,

And, made famous, *eightie eight. Halelujah*, therefore, Crie Till Heav'ns vaulted Roofe reply.

Cho. Till Heav'ns vaulted Roofe, reply, Halelujah, therefore cry.

7 When of harms we dreamed not; But at reft, fecurely liv'd : By a damned *Powder plot*, *Rome*our ruine had contriv'd :

For, by *Thunders* from below, (Had not G o D forbid the Doom).

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350 We had perifh'd at a blow; And, but few, had known by whom. Halelujah, therefore found, For the Grace, which then we found, Cho. For the Grace, which then we found, Halelujah, therefore found. 2 When by Riot, and Exceffe; We those times of *Dearth* deferv'd, Which did bring us to diffreffe, And in danger to be fterv'd. Once, GOD fent beyond beliefe, Fruits, where none did Plant, or Sow, And, at other times, reliefe, Ere we faw the fame in fhow. To our great, and Gracious King. Halelujah, therefore, fing. Cho. Halelujah, therefore, fing, To our great, and gracious King. 9 When for our Contagious crimes, Sickneffes, have raged here, Such ; as few preceding Times, Therewithall, acquainted were. When a *Peflilentiall-Breath*, Made us from each other flie, (Threatning Vniverfall Death) G o D had pitie on our Crie. Therefore, while we breathing be, Halelujah Sing will we. Cho. Halelujah fing will we, Therefore, while we breathing be.

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10 Worft of Wars, Domesticke-War, Twixt our Nations, was begun, Spreading Threats, and Terrors, far, Of more Mifchief, then was done. Here, it march'd as if it faid ; BRITAN, fpeedily repent, Els, my Fury, yet, delaid; Thee, and Thine, ere long, will rent. Therefore, Trumpets, Fifes, and Drums, Halelujah well becomes. Cho. Halelujah, well becomes, Warlike Trumpets, Fifes and Drums. **II** When a *Generall-Offence*, Had almost to Ruine brought, Law, Religion, State, and Prince, And a Schifme, among us wrought, Yea, when Snares for us were laid ; And, when Avarice, and Pride, Had our Freedoms, nigh betrai'd; GOD, Protection, did provide. Halelujah, therefore found, Till it reach the Starry Round, Cho. Till it reach the Starry-Round, Halelujah, we will found.

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HYMN II.

For a Soveraign Prince.

We prefume not to instruct Soveraign Princes, but have only composed, in a brief Hymn, a few of those

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those many things which are pertinent to their considerations; and perhaps an humble Pietie may by this Occasion, otherwhile invite their Excellencies to expressed their devotions in this or some other Hymn.

Hymn II.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme. BY me, or by my Fathers houfe Deferv'd it could not be; That I, or any one of us, Obtained this degree : But, GOD who dealeth forth his own, As him it liketh beft, On me those honours hath beftown, Whereof I am poffeft. 2 Great hazards, many undergo Such Titles to acquire : Yet, neither finde content below, Nor means of rifing higher. What, therefore, can I leffe repay To him, whofe Gift it is, Then, otherwhile, to fing or fay, Some fuch like Hymn, as this? 3 Let me, oh LORD, my Diadem, Vnto thy glory, weare ; And, be a bleffing unto them, Who my *Lieg-people* are. Let not thy favours make my heart To fwell with wanton pride; Or, from those Precepts to depart, Which ought to be my guide. Δ

But,

4 But, teach me still in minde to beare, From whom, this place I had; And that ev'n they my brethren are, Whofe Ruler I was made: Yea, caufe me, evermore, to heed That, I, and they, are thine; Although, to ferve the *publike-need*, Their Goods, and Lives are mine. Since ev'ry Subjects Caufe, to me, 5 Should equally be dear; In Juffice, let the *Poor man* be As precious, as the *Peer*. And, left men fnares for me, may make, At my Chief Counfell board, L o R D, let me daily Counfell take, From thy Truth-fpeaking word. 6 Those Traitors chase out of my Court, Who dare pervert the Laws; Or, caufe me by a falfe report, To wrong an honeft caufe. And, let thy Judgements them devour, (How ftrong foere they ftand) Who fhall abufe my royall powre, To hinder thy Command. Within my Realm, let no man dare 7 My Statutes, to gain-fay: And, let me live as much in fear, Thy Laws, to difobay. So, *I*, and *they*, whom thou on me, For Subjects, haft beftown;

Shall

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Shall in each other, bleffed be, And, keep Sedition down.
8 Preferve to me, my Royall dues : And, Grace vouchfafe me, ftill,
My juft Prerogatives, to ufe, According to thy will.
That, Evill men may fear my Frown ; The Righteous, comfort finde ;
And, I, obtain a better Crown, When this muft be refign'd.

HYMN III.

For a Subject.

Subjects are apt to complain if they feem to fuffer by their Soveraigns; but, few examine what caufe they themfelves are of their own Grievances; as few are thankfull for the Benefits received by Good Princes; for prevention whereof this Hymn is tendred.

Sing this as the former.

A Sov'raigntie, though fome obtain, Who ufe their pow'r amiffe; Yet, when the fame they fhall obtain, Thy Gift, oh *God /* it is; And, thofe whom thou doft raife thereto, We, therefore, fhould obay, In all that *Subjects* ought to *do*, To *fuffer*, or to *pay*.

2 VVhen

2 VVhen *Tyrants* over us are fet, They for our Sins are fent;

And, *righteous-Princes*, we fhall get, When we our faults repent.

But whether *good* or *bad* they be ; Thy Rod, and Sword, they bear ;

And, we in *them*, fhall honour thee, If ftill, we loyall are.

3 Our flubborn hearts, oh LORD! incline This *dutie*, to fulfill.

To ev'ry *Subftitute* of thine, Subject our froward will;

But, teach us, chiefly to beware, We grieve nor injure thofe,

Whofe Prudence, Juffice, love and care, Protects us, from our Foes.

Let us afford them all *fupplies*, Which their Affairs may need;

Admitting no fuch Tales or lies, As may fufpition breed.

But, let us praife, where praife is due; And (when they merit blame)

Not prove, like *Noahs* curfed Son, Divulgers of their fhame.

5 So, they our *Pietie*, fhall bleffe, VVhen they their error fee;

And, thou oh GOD ! wilt give uspeace, Becaufe we loyall be.

For, when a *people*, confcience makes Their *Soveraign* to obay;

GOD

GOD makes him gracious, for their fakes, Or, takes him, foon, away.

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HYMN IIII.

For a Magistrate.

The corruption of Magistrates, is the more frequent through defect of fome to remember them of their duties. Therefore, becaufe it is not fafe, nor thought comely, for every one to undertake that office, we have added this Hymn, that they might otherwhile, be thereby Remembrancers to them felves.

Sing this as the X. Commandements. VII well, that perfon, it befeems, Who fhould reform the Sinners way, To rid his eyes, of motes, and beams ; And, live as blameleffe, as he may :

For, he that lewd example fhews, The *Rod* of *Rule*, in vain doth bear; And with his left-hand overthrows, What, with his Right hand, he doth rear. 2 If, juftly, I reprov'd may be, For that, which I in others blame; It is a *double-fin* in me, That meriteth a *double-fhame*. Or if I fhould for Friend or Foe, For bribe, for favour, fear, or hate. In doing Juftice partiall grow; As great a plague, is due, for that.

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3 A Bribe, hath pow'r to fool the wife: Pride, fcorns to hear the poor mans mone: Luft, putteth forth difcretions eyes: Hate, cannot fee when wrong is done: Self-love, prefers her proper caufe: Fear, will his deareft Friend betray. Ambition, will pervert the Laws, And floth all duties will delay.
4 From thefe things LORD, preferve me clear; And, from their proud and foolifh wit, Who, at offenders, fcoffe and Jeer, When on the Fudgement-feat they fit.

And, this moreover, I defire; Me, from their bafeneffe ftill defend, Who dare to *publike-place*, afpire, That, it may ferve a *private-end*. 5 With wifdom, fo my minde indue, That, I my paffions may fubject; And, by examples, alway, fhew What things in others I expect.

With courage, arme, likewife, my heart : That, (having laudably begun) I do not cowardly depart From perfiting, what fhould be done. 6 And,teach thou me, to temper fo *Faire-means*, with *difcipline-fevere* That, *Mercy* may with *Juffice*, go ; And, in correction, Love appear.

Yea, fo meek-hearted make thou me, That, when offenders I condemn,

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And, fuffer grief, in judging them.

HYMN V.

For a member of the Parliament.

It is neceffary that the Rule whereby things are to be regulated fhould be fireight: and therefore, Lawmakers ought to be VVife and uprightmen, left the chief Remedy of our Evils, be made worfe then the Evils themfelves. To the Members of our high Court of Parliament, this is well known; yet, this Hymn, fhall perhaps, be a means to remember fome of them of that which they know.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme.

They, no mean place of *Truft*, receive, VVho by free-choice have gain'd,
That Facultie *Legiflative*, VVhich I have now obtain'd.
For, they have ample Pow'r, from thofe, By whom, they chofen be,
In *Temporall-Things*, to bind, and lofe, As they juft Caufe, do fee.
2 VVho e're, therefore, they be, that fhall Ambicioufly Affect,
To fill fuch Roomes, before thofe call, VVho, freely, fhould elect;
VVho e're thofe be; they, more prefume,

Then Juffice doth permit;

And,

And, more, unto themfelves, affume, Then *Reafon* judgeth fit. VVhoe're likewife, for private ends, 3 For Favour, Fear, or hate; To harm his Foes; To pleafe his Friends: Or, fave his own Eftate: Yea, whofoer'e his deareft Blood, (Or, those by Him, begot) Prefers before the *Common-good*; This Truft, deferveth not. Law-givers perfonate a Part, VVhich doth in them, require, A Prudent-Brain, an Vpright-Heart, A rectifide-Defire : For, who beleeves that they can give, To others, Laws-upright? VVho, lewdly Talk, prophanely Live, And, in vain Things Delight? 5 Imprudent Legislators, may Much greater Mifchiefs caufe, And, Innocencie more betray, Then they that break the Laws. For, He that many *Laws* doth breake, May wrong but one or two: But they which one Bad Law shall make, VVhole Kingdomes may undo. 6 Infpire me L o R D with grace, therefore, VVith Wifdom, and Stout Zeal, And, with uprightneffe, evermore, To ferve the Common-weale.

And,

360 Hymn VI. And, fo to ferve, that, their offence, (At all times) I may flun,

Who ferve it fo, as if the Prince, And Kingdome, were not one.

7 He that with one of thefe partakes, Vnto the others wrong,

VVhat goodly fhew foe're he makes, VVill injure both ere long.

Yea, whatfoever fuch pretend;

(VVhat ere they fwear, or fay) They, will be Traitors, in the end, And, one, or both, betray.

HYMN VI.

For a member of our *Convocations*, or *National-Synods*.

It is the greateft Bondage, next that of Sin, and the Devill, to be enflaved by Doctrine, or Difcipline, repugnant to the VVord of GOD; and injurious to the Christian-Libertie. Therefore, though I prefume not to prepare a Hymn, worthy to be fung by fo reverend an Assembly : yet, I think it no Arrogancie, to make tender of this Meditation to be, otherwhile, privately fung, or confidered, by fome Members thereof.

Sing this as the LORDS Prayer.

Since, by *Election*, I am fent, To be admitted one of those

VVho

Who fhall that *Body* reprefent, Which hath a pow'r to bind and lofe; That for this work, I fit may be.

LORD! let thy Spirit hallow me. 2 Here let me lay each Aime afide. Which to fo vain a purpofe tends. As to advance our *Clergy-Pride*, Or ferve our Avaritious ends :

And, me from those things, keep thou far, By which corrupted Synods are.

3 As much as in my pow'r it lies, Let me out of thy Church, exile Not only, those old-Herefies, Which former Ages did beguile;

But, with a prudent zeal, purfue

Those Errors, likewife, which are new. 4 Let me preferve that fweet accord, Which in fuch Counfels ought to be. Make thou the *Canon* of thy *Word*, In every Caufe, a Guide for me :

And, let it rule my words and waies, What ever *Humane-Reafon* faies.

5 Confirm in me,a holy Care, To keep thy outward Service pure, From Rites, that fuperflitious are; Or, which contempt thereto procure.

That whil'ft Will-Worfhip I do fhun, I am not to prophaneneffe run.

6 For no mans pleafure, let me ftop, The Christian-Freedomes, GRACE beflowes, R

Nor

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Nor giveth *Flefh* a larger fcope Then pious *Prudencie* allowes;

But grant me wifdome, LORD, to know When *things-Indifferent* are not fo.

7 And me, and Them; who in this place To do thee fervice, now are chofe, Infpire,ô G o D, with ev'ry Grace, Which to thy Saints thou do'ft difpofe; That, all the Canons we decree,

May thy good Spirits dictates be.

HYMN VII.

For a Courtier.

Courtiers are fo frequently vitious, that fome thinke it impossible they should be virtuous. By the use of this Hymn, the scandall of that Censure may be abated, and the honour and honessy of well-deserving Courtiers may be the better preferved.

Sing this as the 23 Pfalme, or Te Deum.

THough Princes Courts defamed are, As blurr'd with ev'ry fin; Yet,men whofe Virtues blameles were, Have famous Courtiers bin. In Pharaohs houfe, chaft Jofephs waies, Obtain'd a good report; And Obadiah liv'd with praife, In wicked Ahabs Court.

2 Wife

Wife Daniell, dar'd the truth to fay, Where flattr'y did abound : Within the breaft of Mordecai, An honeft heart was found. And many more of glorious name, Have Love with Honour gain'd : And, kept in *Court*, a fpotles fame, Where evill Princes raign'd. The Calling, therefore, or the Place 3 Makes not our manners ill; But, rather want of heed and grace, To certifie the Will. And, no occafion, place, or time, Wants means, a fnare to lay Ill habits to beget in him, That heedeth not his way. Him, had not Obadiah ferv'd, 4 By whom, poore *Naboth* bled, The Prophets had been flain or ftarv'd, Whom he in fecret fed. And fhould all Good-men fhun that King, Which doth in Vice delight, His *Lands* to ruine it would bring; And, root out Virtue, quite. Lord, as thou do'ft my Will renew, 5 Renew my Reafon too; And, Grace vouchfafe me to purfue, What I am bound to doe. Let nor Oppreffion, Luft nor Pride, (Which rife in Courtiers grow)

R 2

Allure

364 Hymn VIII. Part.3.
Allure my heart, or feet, a fide From what I purpofe now.
6 So, though the Place in which I live, As bad a name had got,
As that, which heretofore, did grieve The Soul of Righteous Lot;
I fhall from ev'ry crying Sin, Abide in Court, as free,
As they who being Cloyftred in, Securer feem to be.

HYMN VIII.

For a Mafter or Mistreffe.

It is a great happineffe to have good Servants to eafe our labours: Wee are hereby therefore put in Remembrance to be thankfull for that bleffing, when we have it; and how to behave our felves toward our Servants. If a Woman fing it, let her change the word Mafter into Miftreffe.

Sing this as the 100. Pfalme.

N that a *Mafler*, I was made God's favour doth to me appear, And, fure this grace, I never had, Injurioufly to domineer.

But, rather that with better eafe, I might my Calling undergoe;

And,

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And, thankfully him feek to pleafe, By whom I am befriended fo. 2 How great a bliffe do many fhare, (Without regard what they enjoy) That, they their heavie lodes to bear, The Limbs of others may employ? And, that their pleafures to purvay, (Afwell as for their daily meat) Their Servants travell out the Day,

And, labour both in cold and heat? 3 LORD / caufe me thankfully to mind, This gracious bounty of thy hand; And, to be mercifull and kind, To them, whofe bodies I command.

Let me remember, that we are One flefh, and branches of one flem. And, that, as well as I, they bear His *Image*, who redeemed them. 4 When frowardnes in them I fee, When they without a caufe repine, When negligent or falfe they be, Or Prodigall of what is mine;

Let me by thefe their failings view, How, in thy fervice, I offend : How many wayes I am untrue; And, wink at them, till I amend. 5 Far be it, from me to detain My Servants hire; or, to deny Due reft; or, when he fhall complain, To grieve him with a harfh reply;

R 3

But,

But, fince thy Servant, LORDIam, To them fo gracious let me be, That (though I often merit blame) Thou may'ft be mercifull to me.

Hymn IX.

HYMN IX.

For a Servant.

That Servants may be kept from difcouragement in their inferiour Calling; and flirred up to difcharge their duties with cheerfulneffe, and fingleneffe of heart; this Hymn or fome other fuch like meditations, may be very pertinent to those that are Servants.

Sing this as the former.

DIfcourage not thy felf my Soul, Nor murmur, though compel'd we be To live fubjected to controule, When many other may be free :

For, though the pride of fome difdains Our mean, and much difpifed Lot; We fhall not lofe our honeft pains, Nor fhall our fuff'rance be forgot. 2 To be a *Servant*, is not bafe; If bafenes be not in the mind : For, *Servants* make but good the place, Whereto their *Maker* them affign'd.

The greatest *Princes* do no more : And, if fincerely I obay,

(Though

(Though I am now defpis'd and poore) I fhall become as great as they. 3 The Lord of heav'n and earth was pleaf'd A Servants forme to undertake : By his endurance I am eas'd ; And, ferve with gladnes for his fake.

Though check'd unjuftlie I fhould be, With filence, I reproofs will bear : For, much more injured was he, Whofe deeds, most worthy praifes were. 4 He was revil'd, yet naught repli'd ; And I will imitate the fame : For, though fome faults may be deni'd, In part, I alwaies faultie am.

Content (with meek and humble heart) I will abide in my degree ; And, act an humble Servants part, Till GOD shall call me to be free. 5 Eie-fervice I refolve to fhun ; And, when my duty can be known, It fhall as faithfully be done, As if the profit were mine own. So, when foever I fhall need The fervice of anothers hand; He fhall in heart, in tongue, in deed, Be faithfull unto my command. 6 But, what foever, elfe I find, This will befall to me, at leaft, That, I fhall keep a quiet mind, To give my wearie Bodie reft. R ₄

And.

And, when those works dispatch I shall, Wherein I must this life imploy, My Lord and Master, me will call, To be a partner of his Soy.

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HYMN X.

For a Gentleman.

Many boaft of their Gentilitie, who degenerate from their worthy Anceflors, and neglect that which is the effence of Nobilitie. To abate this folly where it is found, and to cherifh true worth in the virtuous Gentrie, we have offered this meditation.

Sing this as the 13. Pfalme.

I T is the common guize of fuch Who leaft deferving be,
Of their *Defcents* to prattle much; Or,vant of their *Degree*;
As if,they meerly were begot, To act no other part,
Then blazing of their Grandfires coat, Or telling his defart.
2 Of inward Reft, and outward Health, Some Fools themfelves bereave;
That they may honor'd Names,or Wealth, Vnto their Children leave,
Who (many times) when they poffeffe What others did provide,

Confume

Confume it all in Idlenes, In Ryot, Luft, or Pride. 3 Yea, that which their dear Souls might coft, Who first enrich'd their name, May to their feed, be worfe then loft, And,end their line with fhame. For, moft who rich or noble grow By that which others won, The value of it,feldom know, Till all, again, be gon. The ancient-marks of gentle-blood, 4 Were well to be imploy'd; To love and follow what was good; And, evill to avoyd: For which God fo did bleffe the Race, Defcended from their Stem, That many Ages, in one place, He hath continu'd them. But, now, each other to outvie 5 In wickednes of life, In pride, or prodigalitie, Is practifed in chief. For which *Gods* wrath fo roots them out, That, fign is hardly feen, Before two Ages wheel about, That they on earth have been. 6 Or if their Monuments have been Allow'd a longer date, It is to memorize the Sin,

Which ruin'd their eftate;

R 5

That,

That, others heeding in their way, And, what therein enfu'd, The more fincerely labour may, With grace to be endu'd. Oh Lord, incline me to delight 7 In reall-Virtues, more Then, those Achievements to recite, Which my *Forefathers* wore. And, those whom I in birth exceed, Let me endeavour well, That them, in ev'ry noble-deed, I may as much excell. As thou thy bleffings do'ft increafe, 8 Increafe thy Grace in me ; With ev'ry reall worthines, Becomming my degree. That, to my felf, or to my kin,

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I bring nor grief nor fhame; But live to be (as they have bin) An honour,to my *Name*.

HYMN XI.

For a Knight of the Garter.

This Hymn was composed for the Knights of the Garter, to be fung in their Chappell at their Festivall. It sheweth how their Honours and civill Triumphs, may be directed to the honour of G O D, and to the more dignifying of their honourable-Order of Knighthood, &c.

Sing

Sing this as Te Deum.

A Ll praife and glory that we may Afcribe we LORD, to Thee From whom, the Triumphs of this day, And all our honors be. For, of it felf, nor Eaft, nor Weft, Doth honour ebbe or flow ; But, as to thee it feemeth beft, Preferment to beflow. Thou Chrift, art that victorious Knight, 2 Whofe order we profeffe; And our Saint George, to whom in fight Our Cries, we do addreffe. The Dragon which thou foil'dft is He, That, would thy Church devour ; And, that faire Princeffe, LORD, is She, Who fcaped by thy pow'r. Thou art that Husbandman, whofe care 3 Makes Rich our barren foile. Thou art that valiant Man of War, Who keeps our Coafts from fpoile. Vouchfafe that we, who by a *Band* More bound then heretofore, May to thy Faith's-Defendor, fland, Fast Friends, for evermore. Since, by our *Soveraigne*, chofe we are, This Order to put on ; And, fince we Hieroglyphicks wear, Of that which thou haft done :

Leaft

372 Hymn XII. Par Left we forget it,let thefe tell Why they by us are worn;
And inwardly informe, as well As outwardly adorn.
5 So fhall our Order unto none A vain Invention feem;
Nor our Solemnities be done Without their due efteem.
And, they who have the Saint miftook, On whom, we do rely;
Shall know, we only Thee invoke; When we Saint * George do cry.

* George is a Name or Attribute applyed to GOD, John 15.2. My Father, faith Chrift, δ yeopyous est is the George, or Husbandman: and the ftory of Saint George refcuing a Lady from a Dragon, is an Allegory fetting forth the Churches deliverance from the Devill by her celeftiall champion Iefus Chrift. And by this application we avoid the fcandall which may elfe be taken by a feeming to invoke the affiftance of fome other divine power befide God-Almighty, when in our warlike expeditions we cry (as the English cuftome is) G O D and Saint George.

HYMN XII.

For Parents hopefull of children.

In this Hymn Parents are instructed how they should be affected toward their Children; what endowments they should most desire for them, and what Patrimony they should most labour to procure them.

Sing

Sing this as the I Pfalme.

The propagation of our kinde, Our Nature moves us to ; Yet, few of us, can rightly minde, The end, of what we do. Like brutish Creatures, most fulfill What Flefh and blood defires : But, think not, either good or evill, Of that, which GOD infpires. 2 And, when our Children reach the birth; Of moft, receiv'd they are, Like Sons and Daughters, of the Earth, In whom no Spirit were. For to their flefh more love we bear, Then to that bleffed Spark, Which, being gone, their Bodies are Like Dunghils in the dark. If they be faire, and ftreightly limb'd, 3 Great pleafure we can take: To keep their bodies neatly trim'd, Much needleffe work, we make. That, Rich, or noble they might be, No labours we do fpare: And, if of thefe no hope we fee, We feem oppreft with care. But of the Soul (that heav'nly feed) 4 So careleffe, many feem,

As if it were not worthy heed, Much leffe,of their efteem.

And,

Hymn XII. 374 And, had not G o D, from whom it came, His holy Church prepar'd, To be a *Mother* to the fame, Full hardly, had it far'd. Bleft Father of that bleffed-part, 5 My just request receive, Who beg of thee, with yearning heart, For that which now I crave ; Let from my Loines, no fruit defcend, That, happy fhall not be, By perfeverance to the end, In dearly loving thee. 6 I beg not for them, wit, or wealth, Nor long nor eafie life ; Nor Beautie, honour, ftrength, nor health, Nor Husband, Child, nor Wife ; Thefe, for themfelves, let them requeft, And, those requests acquire, As they in proof, to them, are beft In furthering this defire : Though Nature longs for fomewhat more, L o R D, let thy Will be done. I cannot now, for ought implore, Not granted to thy Son; Some other time, perhaps I may For, other things, entreat : And, that obtain, for which I pray, Becaufe, thy love is great.

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HYMN XIII.

For Parents having Children.

Parents by this Hymn of praife and prayer, are by the example of holy Job, put in minde to offer daily facrifices for their Children. A facrifice of Praile for the Comfort they have of them and a Sacrifice of Prayer for their prosperitie.

Sing this as the former.

 $\Upsilon Ob's$ cuftome, well deferve th praife, Who, for his Childrens fake : Obferved folemn offring dayes, Their peace with GOD to make. And, whether Feaft or Faft they fhall, The very fame, to do, Is, now, as comely, for us all, And, ftill, as needfull too. Of Praife, and Prayer, therefore, to thee 2 An Offring, Lo R D, I give : Accepted let my praifes be; And, my requefts receive. I *thank* thee that a Parents name, Thy Servant, yet enjoyes, And, that the comforts of the fame, No fad mifhap deftroyes. I praife thee, for the hopes I hold, 3 Of bleffings, yet to come,

Which

376 Hymn XIIII. Which (if thy mercie faile me fhould) My Sins, might bar me from. And, I befeech thee, not to heed, With an afpect fevere, The many fins which in my feed, May to thy fight appear. 4 From those ill *customes*, which beget Habituated Sins; From those ill counfells, which do let The Works that Grace begins; From those lewd Mates, who poyfon youth, By fweeting Vices bayts ; LoRD, keep my Children by thy Truth, From thefe, and their deceits. 5 From Sathans wiles through ev'ry age, Protected let them be; From crying-fins, from paffions rage, Preferve them all fo free. And, of the world's profperities, Beftow on me and mine; Nor more nor leffe, then may fuffice To keep us, alwaies, thine.

HYMN XIIII.

For Parents who have loft their Children.

This con/olatory Hymn, may be u/efull for Parents, who being deprived of all their Children, are nigh oppreffed with grief; for, they are hereby remembred,

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bred, that (all cafualties confidered) they may have as much caufe to rejoyce as grieve.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

Ovite loft, are now mine ayerie Joyes, Once promis'd by a fruitfull wombe : For my *Dear-iffue*, Death deftroies ; And, full of griefe, I am become.

Thofe eyes, whereon I lov'd to look; The Voices, which made glad mine eare; Are out of fight, and hearing, took : And, fhall no more delight me, here. 2 I am a plant whofe leaves are cropt; Whofe pleafant fruit is pluck'd away; Whofe hopefull branches, down are lopt; And left without a *living-Spray*.

To call me *Father* none is left; My Songs, to mournfull tunes are made, And, all the pleafures are bereft, Which in a *Childe*, I might have had. 4 Yet, all rejoycing is not gone; For, in my forrows, comforts be : Becaufe, the *Soul* which I bemone, Is found of G o D, though loft to me.

And as those *hopes* are fruftate made Wherein I would have took delight; Even fo the *Feares* I should have had, Prevented are, and put to flight. 4 By want, by fickness, or difgrace, By folly or by wilfull fin,

My

378 *Hymn* XV. *Pa* My *feed*, in this unfteddy place ; To me great forrows might have bin.

But I (who now do hope the beft And fee the worft that can fucceed) From all fuch fears, am now releaft; And, from ten thoufand doubtings, freed. 5 This, likewife, adds to my content That while I *militant* fhall be, *God*, his *Triumphant-Church*, augments, By, thereto, making ufe of me:

I, therefore, with a ready Will, And with our humble heart, refign To him, (his pleafure to fulfill) My *Seed*; my *Self*; and all that's *mine*.

HYMN XV.

For fuch as are Barren.

Barrenneffe, is objected by fome as a Reproach, and many are much difcomforted thereby. This Ode hath for their Comfort, therefore, briefly expreffed fuch things as may be helpfull to prevent, or mitigate, their difconfolation.

YOu, that, in Children fruitfull are, Vpbraid ye not, the *barren-wombe*; As though, the *carnall-fccd* you bear, Should make you happy to become.

Nor let it much afflict thy heart, Who canft not of that bleffing boaft,

As

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As if, (becaufe thou childleffe art) The, beft contentments, quite, were loft. 2 In thinking fo, we are beguild : For, bliffe depends not thereupon. Though *Hannah* joyed in her childe ; By Children, *Eli*, was undone.

Nay fhe that bare the *bleffed-birth*, (Though in fo fuffring, bleft fhe were) Had many Sorrows here on earth, Occafion'd by the Childe fhe bare. 3 If to prolong their carnall care A *blifse* therein *effentiall*, had Then, *Cain* more bleft then *Abel* was, And, *Cham* a bleffed man was made.

Then, he, whom Ravens came to feed; And, he, that was by him, fore-fhown, Had left behind then carnall feed, And, this way, bleffed, fhould have grown. 4 Yea, he that us by Grace, begot, Did carnall fruitfulneffe neglect, And, therefore, fure, it profits not, The beft perfections to effect.

Nay, many times it rather lets, That happineffe, which here, is fought : For, man fometimes a childe begets ; By whom, to ruine; he is brought. 5 When *outward-things* away are worn, They fhall to us become as dear, Whom others have begot or born, As thefe whom we beget or bear.

And,

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And, he effects a greater good, Who gives to one, a *ghoftly birth*, Then he, who gets of *flefh and blood*, Enough to people all the earth. 6 I, therefore will not grieve nor pine, That in the flefh, I barren feem : But, feek an *Off-fpring*, more divine, And, covet fruit of more efteem.

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My minde hereafter, I will give The *feed of Grace*, to entertain, And, that bleft iffue to conceive, Which needs not to be born-again. 7 The bread, my Children fould have eat, The cloth, I purpos'd they fhould wear, May be the needy *Orphanes* meat; And, Robes for them, who naked are. The *Tendance* which they fhould have had, Vpon the *fick*, may be beftown. And others may be happy made, By what (perhaps) had mard mine own. 8 Yea, peradventure, to this end, The *Wombe* is clofed unto me; That, I on GOD, might more attend, And, Parent, to his Children, be.

Wherein, if I perform his will; He, that knows what befits us beft, Shall then in me his words fulfill; Who faid, *the barren fhould be bleft*.

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HYMN XVI.

For Children, having Parents living.

Children confider not as they ought the many benefits which they enjoy by their Parents. Therefore, to beget in them thankfulneffe, dutifulneffe, and a ferious heedfulneffe of the bleffing, poffeffed by the life of their Parents, this Hymn is tendred to their ufe.

Sing this as the 4 Pfalme.

Mong these bleffings which on me, \mathbf{A}^{*} Thou doft, oh LORD, beftow, For that, my Parents living be, Leaft thanks, I do not owe. Becaufe, things needfull they provide, My Body, to fuftain ; And, my unruly youth to guide, Take, hourely, care and pain. 2 As, happie, made, in them, I am; In *me*, fo bleffe thou *them*; That, them I neither grieve nor fhame, Nor their advife contemn. But, them fo let me ftill obay, And, fo, in grace, encreafe; That, long, with comfort live they may; And, end their dayes in peace. The Being, which to me they gave, 3 Do thou, for me, requite ;

And,

And, that well-being, let them have, In which they fhall delight.

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As in my Childhood, kinde they were, Though often I tranfgreft)

So, with fuch frailties, let me bear, As may Old Age moleft.

4 My *Body* was in them begun ; Their *Souls*, and mine, in *thee* :

When, therefore, this lifes Round is run, Divided let's not be.

But in thy Path, fo teach our feet, To travell without blame;

That, we, at laft, in thee, may meet, From whence, at firft, we came.

HYMN XVII.

For Orphans.

In this Hymn, Orphans are taught fo to confider their loffe and difadvantage in being deprived of their Parents, that it may flir them up to a firm dependance on G O D, and to be thankfull for his mercifull Providence.

Sing this as the former.

BVt that I may on thee, oh L O R D, And, on thy help depend, (Becaufe I have thy gracious word, Poor Orphans, to defend)

I fhould become fo overpreft With forrows, or with fear, That, of fafe-being, or of Reft, Small hope, would now appear. 2 For, they who fhould from wrong protect; And, needfull things purvay, Yea, they who fhould my Courfe direct ; Are taken quite away. And fnares, oppreffions, and deceits, Are multiplied fo, That, of their Force, or of their fleights ; I ftill, in danger go. To thee, therefore, in my diftreffe, 3 My voice, advanc'd I have, Thy former Mercies, to confeffe, And, future help to crave. For, meerely of thy love, it was, That, I am undeftroyed; And, that, I thus confesse whose grace, Is thereunto employ'd. 4 Oh LORD! my Guardian, be thou ftill; Fill thou, my Parents Roome. To do me good, and keep from ill;

My Parent, now, become. And, when thy *Children* called are

Their heritage, to take ;

Let me among them have a-fhare, For thy dear mercies fake.

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HYMN XVIII.

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For a Lover in generall.

Most make a jest of that naturall affection which is termed Love; yet, in the well ordering of that Passion, depends the temporall happinesse, or unhappinesse of most men and women. This Hymn was therefore, composed to instruct and remember Lovers how to moderate that Affection, and to invoke divine assignment.

Sing this as the 51. Pfalme.

T Ake heed my heart, for in my breft;
I, kindled feel a warm defire,
Which if not ordred or fuppreft,
May prove, at length, a banefull fire,
Therewith to play, though few do fear,
Yet, they who fafely, fcape the fame,
By *pow-r-divine*, preferved are;
As were the *Children*, in the *flame*:
If (as men call it) *Love* it be; *Love* is, me thinks, too much my Foe,
In taking, fleep and reft, from me.
Who know no caufe it fhould do fo.

In other thoughts, I fpend the day Then, heretofore, I mus'd upon : Mine hours,I often figh away ; I, pleafure take to be alone. 3 And, though, fome, this difeafe deride, Great flouds of teares the fame hath coft. Some,

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Some have been fhamed ; fome, have dide ; And, fome, thereby their wits have loft.

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Therefore, that I may take no harm Whilft in my heart, fuch paffions dwell, With faith in GOD, I fing this charm: And, he, I hope, will fpeed it well. 4 LORD / fince in me, a youthfull heat, Those kindly motions, hath begun, Which *nature* doth in us beget : And, humane-Reafon cannot fhun :

Grant me thy gracious ayd, I pray; And, for my fafeguard, fo provide ; That, what I cannot quite allay, I may (through thy affiftance) guide. 5 To understand, instruct my wit, How far I may my fancie pleafe : Or, how far forth I fhould admit, A future pain, for prefent eafe.

Let not my heart, be made a prize ; To them, who true affections wrong; To wanton fmiles, or luftfull eyes, Or, to a tempting Syrens tongue. 6 Let me be neither fool'd nor catch'd : By honour, wealth, or painted skin. Nor with unfeemly yeers be match'd; Nor with an evill famed kin.

But, chufe thou forth for me a mate, Which, truly, may my equal be In birth, in yeers, and in eftate ; Or, have what wants fuppli'd by thee. S

7 Yea,

7 Yea, let me my Affections, place, Where, like Affection, may be found; Where, Vertue may be joyn'd with Grace; And, both with equall voice be crown'd,

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That, thou maift in our *love*, delight, And, that we may, by *Love*, afcend, In our *Affections*, to that height ; And, to that *Love*, which hath an end.

HYMN XIX.

For *Lovers* being conftrained to be abfent from each other.

Though this, and the like paffions, are little heeded, and leffe pitied, by fuch as think themfelves wife; yet, through want of counfell and means to direct or qualifie fuch affections, many inconveniences follow, which might be prevented, by this, or fome fuch meditation, as are tendred in this Hymn.

Now, that thou and I must part, And, fince parting is a pain, Which in ev'ry loving heart, Will, in Loves defpight, remain: Charmes of grief, let us provide, Whilft together we abide. And, as gladly as we may,

Strive, to fing our care away.

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2 Deare/l, weep not, figh not fo : For, it is nor *Time* nor *place*, That, can much divide us two, Though, it part us, for a fpace.

Neither shall be left alone,

When, afunder, we are gone : I, in thee, and thou in me, Shall, for ever, dwelling be. 3 In our *flefh*, indeed, we finde Senfe of that, which we fhall miffe; But, it is within the *minde*, Where, the effence of it is.

Mindes, may with each other flay, When their Bodies are away;

And, fince our the fame can do, Whither from thee can I do? 4 If thou fear, left death may bar, From that meeting we defire ; Know, that, thou and I (my *Dear*) Shall, thereby, be brought the nigher :

Since, in G O D, our hearts have met, Death, our meetings, cannot let.

Nor can love, like our, begun ; Be in life, or death, undone. 5 Therefore, now no more, lament ; What avoyded cannot be : But, in him, remain content, Who endear'd me first to thee.

To his Armes I thee bequeath, To be found in life, or death : S_2

Where,

388 *Hymn* XX. Where, till I review thy face, Reft, my *Dear*, in his embrace.

HYMN XX.

For Lovers tempted by carnall defires.

From those carnall fuggestions, whereby wantons are incouraged to fulfill unchast longings; occasion is here taken, to cherist in true Lovers, rather fuch affections as beget and continue an everlasting-love.

Ome, *fweet-heart*, come, let us prove, Whilft we may the joyes of *Love*. To each other, let us give All our longings, whilft we live :

For, what most we fear to lofe, Slowly comes, and fwiftly goes; And, the pleafure we delay, May be loft, anon, for aye. 2 Thofe faire Lamps, which trim the skies, Daily fet, and daily rife: But, when we have loft our Light, Everlafting, is our night. We, fhall fee nor Torch, nor Star, To informe us, where, we are. Therefore, come; come, let us prove, While we may, the Joyes of Love. 3 Thus, the carnall-dotard fings; Woing fhades, as reall things:

All

Part. 3. Hymn XX. 389 All his hopes, and all his Joyes, Sickneffe, Age, or death deftroyes, Fancies vain, and Foolish-fires, Are the Guides of his Defires : And, his bliffe, and chiefeft good, Builded is, on Flesh and Blood. 4 But, my *Dear*, and *I*, do clime; To Affections, more fublime. Neither wellfare, nor diftreffe, Makes our love the more, or leffe ; Nor have outward things the pow'r, To miflead fuch love as our; And, it ftill abides the fame, Whether praife it hath or blame. 5 When the Beauties, which adorn *Flefh* and *Blood*, away are worn ; From those Ruins, which will raife Objects worth more love, and praife : Yea, when Sickneffe, Age or Death, Shall deprive of health and breath, Youthfull Strength, could never yet; Gain the bliffe, we then fhall get. 6 Therefore, Stars, and Moon, and Sun, Vnenvi'd, your Courfes run. We, without diftruft or feare, Keep our motions in our Sphere: For, we know, we fhall arife, After death puts out our eyes; And, obtain a light Divine, Which will *Moon* and *Sun* out fhine. S 3 HYMN

HYMN XXI.

For one contentedly married.

The intent of this Ode is to fhew that our naturall Affections are never fully fatisfied in the choice of our helpers, untill GOD bring man and wife together by (as it were) making the one out of the other, through a frequent conversing together, and by observing and approving each others condition; which is never done till these passions are cash into a sleep, which make them dote on wealth, honour, beautie, and such unfit marrage-makers.

Sing this as I loved thee once,&c.

Since they in *finging*, take delight, Who, in their love, unhappy be; Why fhould not I in *fong* delight, Who, from their forrow, now, are free;

That, fuch as can beleeve, may know, What comforts are on earth below. And, prove what bleffings may be won, By loving, fo, as I have done. 2 When firft *Affection* warm'd my blood, Which was, ere Wit could ripened be; (And, ere I fully underftood, What fire it was that warmed me)

My youthfull heat, a *Love* begat ; That *Love* did love, I know not what ;

But,

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But, this I know ; I felt more pains, Then many a broken heart fuftains. 3 When yeers, inform'd me how to fee What had fuch wandring paffions wrought; The more my knowledge grew to be, The greater torment, ftill, it brought.

Then, fought I means to cure loves wound; The more I fought, leffe eafe I found; And, milder pangs then I have had, Makes many Lovers, fick and mad. 4 I have a deep indented heart, Which, no content would let me finde, Vntill her proper Counterpart, Should thereunto, be firmly joyn'd.

Er'e far I fought, or fearched much,

I many found, who feemed fuch : But, them, when I did neerly view, Not one, in heart, was fully true. 5 Alas / thought I; To what I feek Why fhould fo many draw fo neer, And, at the laft, prove nothing like, To what, at first, they did appear?

So much, why do fo many pleafe, Since, I was made for none of thefe? And, why in flow, have I been one, Beloved much, yet lov'd of none? 6 Could wealth have bought my marr'age-bed. Or *honour* brought me true delight; I could, thefe wayes, have better fped, Then many do beleeve I might. S 4

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Nay, Beautie, though none loves it more; Nor proffred Loves, though I had flore, Could make me think, now, found is fhe, That proves a Helper, fit for me. 7 Nor Eafe, nor Pleafure could I finde, In Beautie, honour, love, or pelfe; Nor means, to gain a fetled minde,

Till I had found my fecond-felf.

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Thus, till our *Grandame* EVE was made, No helper our firft *Parent* had : Which proves a *Wife*, in value, more Then all the Creatures, made before. 8 Half tir'd, in feeking what I fought, I fell into a fleep at laft : And, GOD, for me, my wifhes wrought, When hope of them, were almost past.

With Adam, I this favour had,

That, out of Me, my Wife was made : And, when I waked, I efpide ; That, GOD for me had found a Bride. 9 How he this Riddle, brought to paffe, This curious-world fhall never heare. A fecret Work, of his, it was, Not fit for ev'ry vulgar eare.

Out of each-other, form'd were we;

Within a *third*, our *Beings* be : And, our *Well-being* was begun, By being in our *felves*, undone. 10 I have the height of my defire ; In fecret, no diflike I finde.

Love,

Love, warms me with a kindly fire ; No Jealous pangs, torment my minde.

I breath no figh, I make no mone, As others do, and I have done; Nor do I mark, nor do I care, How faire, or lovely, others are. II My heart, at quiet, lets me lie, And moves no paffions, in my breft : Nor tempting-tongue, nor fpeaking-eye, Nor fmiling-lip, can break my reft.

The *Peer* I fought, by me, is found : My earthly hopes, by thee are crown'd; And, I in *one*, all pleafures finde, That may be found, in *woman-kinde*. 12 Each hath, of other like efteem; And, what that is, we need not tell : For, we are *one*, though *two*, we feem; And, in each others heart, we dwell.

There, dwels *he* too embracing us, By whom, we were endeared, thus. *He*, makes us rich, though feeming poor; And, when we want, will give us more. 13 L O R D, let our *Love* in thee begun, In thee, likewife, continuance have : And, if thy *Will* may fo be done, Together lodge us in one grave.

Thence, on the Lambs great wedding-day,

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Raife us together, from the clay : And, where the *Bridegroom* doth remain, Let us both *live*, and *love*, again.

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HYMN XXII.

For a Husband.

The Knowledge, Confcience, Prudence, and Affection becoming a husband, is here partly expressed in hope, that by the perusall and use of this Hymn; some shall be the better continued in their Conjugall amitie; and some become better husbands then they were.

Sing this as the I Psalme.

Confession of the fame I owe, And, thanks, oh L O R D, to thee. That, thou art pleafed to beftow A *helper*, fitting me.

For, they that wed, and then repent, (Though others they condemn)

Were caufe of their own difcontent, And, had what fitted them.

2 A *wife* fometime, is thought a curfe, (And therefore difefteem'd)

When, he that ownes her had been worfe, If fhe had better feem'd.

As, good examples breed, in fome,

More vertues, then they had ; Some, likewife, better do become, By finding others bad.

3 LORD, let me alwaies mannage well The bleffing, I have got;

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Part.3. Hymn XXII. And, fo with my companion dwell ; That, her, I injure not. Preferve us, to each other kinde, With fo much true refpect, That, we may no occafion finde, Of doubtings, or neglect. Let me not yeeld up my command, To her, that fhould obay ; Nor, on my pow'r, more ftrictly ftand, Then Love, with Reafon may. But, let me still fo act my part, And, be fo well advis'd ; That, I may neither grieve her heart, Nor make my felf defpis'd. Though other Women may be thought, 5 With more endowments bleft, Let me beleeve, that mine hath brought, What fhall befit me beft. And, at her frailties if I fhall, In word, or thought, repine ; Let me confider there withall; What fhe may think of mine. 6 When other women fhall appear, More pleafurefull, to be, Make me fufpect that Sathan there, Hath laid a baite for me : And, give me grace the fame to fhun, And, earneftly to pray, That, ere a *folly* may be done, Thy Love, prevent it may.

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7 Our Saviour *Chrift*, hath fignifide, What love, a *husband* owes,
By that, which on his *holy-Bride*, He gracioufly beftows.
Therefore, fo neer, as unto that, Imperfect *Love* may reach,
L o R D, give us grace to imitate What his examples teach.

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HYMN XXIII.

For a Wife.

Wives, are hereby taught, to feek in and from G O D, the perfection of their conjugall Amitie; this Hymn endeavours alfo, to infinuate the Affection and Obedience befeeming, pious and vertuous wives, by teaching their tongues to confeffe, and expressed their duties.

Sing this as the former.

E Xcept, when kindeft we appear, (And faithfulleft are thought) Our Loves, in G o D, confirmed are, They quickly come to nought. For, our own Vertue, at the beft, Is but a guilded-fin. And, when moft friendship is profest, Much falshood, lurks therein. No Joy, or grief, can in this life, More fweet, or bitter be;

Then,

Then, when the Husband and the Wife, Shall well, or ill agree. Where they shall rightly simpathize, The dearest friendship growes : And, if betwixt them, ftrifes arife, They prove the greatest foes. LORD, rectifie our hearts, therefore, 3 And fanctifie them fo, That, to each other more and more, Endeared we may grow ; Vntill our fraile imperfect Love, By fleps, up-raifed be. From things below, to things above ; And, perfected in thee. Betwixt us let no Jarr's be found, 4 Or breach of faith be fear'd : Within our walks, let not the found, Of bitter words be heard : But, let the peacefull Turtle dove, In quiet, neftle there, Learn out the Songs of blameleffe-Love, And fing them all the year. Preferve me from those *peevifi-tricks*, 5 Which merit fcorn or hate; From all those humours of my fexe, Which wife mens love abate. From gaming-hands, from wandring feet, From fond and vain attires ; From eyes that rowle about the street, And, bring home loofe defires.

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6 Let this in mind be alwaies had (My husband to prefer) The Woman for the Man was made, And, not the Man, for her. Yea, fince thy holy word hath faid, The Wife should him obay, As Chrift is of his Church obayd ; LORD, grant that fo I may. And, that my heart may not defpife 7 His pleafure to fulfill; Let his commands be just and wife, Difcreet, and loving ftill : For, when the Husband loves the Wife, As Chrift example gives; Subjection, yeelds the fweeteft life, That any creature lives. 8 It caufeth him that is above, The kinder ftill to grow. It drawes him by the cords of love, To fet himfelf below : And She that his Inferiour was, By Order, and Degree; Through Love, Humilitie, and Grace, His equall, ftoops to be.

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HYMN XXIIII.

For a Man in generall.

Few men fo confider the Priviledges of their Sexe as to be thankfull for the fame, by which neglect they fometime abufe their Prerogatives. The amendment of which overfights was aymed at by offering this Hymn to be fometime ufed.

GReat (oh LORD) thy favour was, Grhat, a *Being* I have gain'd. Greater was in this thy Grace: That, therewith I life obtain'd. But, in that, the *Soul* I had

Thou with *Reafon*, haft endow'd; And, to *Reafon*, *Faith* didft add, Greater *Mercy* hath bin fhow'd. 2 Thefe large favours, I confeffe; And, confider their efteem. Yet, I value nev'rtheles, Thofe that lower-prized feem.

Therefore, LORD, (in what I can) Thanks I now to thee return, That, I was brought forth a *Man*, Rather, then a *Woman* born. 3 Not that I their *Sexe* defpife ; Or, too much exalt mine own :

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For in thefe I were unwife;

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And, more Pride, then Thanks had flown.

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But (the Truth to thee I'le fpeak) Though men ftrongeft counted are) I confeffe my felf too weak, Female Suff'rings well to bear. 4 For,when I obferve the pains, Which,purfue a childing-wombe, And,the torments it fulfains When the hour of Birth is come ;

When I heed the nightlie care, Which the *nurfing-mouths* procure, Grievous things, methinks they are, Which a *Woman* doth endure. 5 To fubmit my *knowing-Soul*, (As they oft are fain to doe) To a churl, a fools controul, And perhaps difhoneft too.

There my Bodie to fubject, Where I loath to draw my breath ; And,by Nature difaffect, Would be worfe to me then death. 6 I will thankfull therefore be, That,at better eafe I feem ; And,expreffe my thanks to thee, In a due refpect of *them* :

For, as first a *Womans blame*, Was occasion of our *Fall*: So ; first, by a *Woman* came That, which makes amends for all.

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HYMN XXV.

For a Woman in generall.

Women are otherwhile uncivilly upbraided by imprudent men of the frailties of their Sexe. To comfort against such Reproaches, some things illustrating the worthiness of their Sexe, are here expresfed, and mixt with divine confolations.

Sing this as the I. Pfalme.

Y Grandame Eve, I curft not LORD, Nor vilifie her Name ; Though, for her Sin upon record, Her Sons our Sexe defame : For, what without my fault was loft, I may again poffeffe Repurcha'ft at anothers coft, Without my Righteoufnes. Our Sexe was first in that offence, 2 For which *Mankinde* was fhent ; And, we have fuff'red ever fince, The greateft punifhment. The vileft of our humane race, Vpbrayd us for that Sin, So aggravating our difgrace, As if they cleare had bin. For, giving paffage, to our Luft, 3 Thy Curfe abideth ftill.

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Hymn XXV. 402 And our Defire, fubject we muft, Vnto anothers will. In forrow, our conceptions are; And, oftentimes in vain. With ficknes were our children bore ; And bring them forth with Pain. Yet, LORD, we have a Joy in thee, 4 Which none can take away. And Hopes, which cannot fruftrate be, Till we our felves betray. The greater Croffes we fuftain, (Whil'ft in the Flefh we bide) The greater honour, we fhall gain, When we are glorifide. Thy meaneft Hand maid in diffreffe, 5 If fhe in Faith complains ; Shall in her forrowes find redreffe. And, eafe for all her pains. Both Hannahs plaints, and Hagars cries, Thou gracioufly didft heed. And ev'ry Woman, who relies On thee in time of need. 6 Though foolifh men our Sexe defpife, And hold us in contempt ; From thy most holy *Mysteries* We never were exempt. By fome of us, thy Meffages, Have to thy Church bin fent ; And, men have born with good fucceffe, A Womans government.

7 Yea,

Part.3. Hymn XXVI.

7 Yea, by the Womanfide he came, Whofe grace hath means procur'd

To free us from the death and fhame, Which all had elfe endur'd.

What e're, to others we may feem, With *Him*,nor *Eond*,nor *Free*, Nor *Male*,nor *Female* want efteem, If they fhall faithfull be.

HYMN XXVI.

For Virgins.

This Hymn teacheth Virgins to behave themfelves with difcreet and chafte moderation, according to the gift they have received ; neither friving for the Garland of perpetuall Virginity, beyond their power, nor flunning it, being made capable thereof ; but rather fubmitting both mind and bodie, to what GOD calls them unto.

ZEal to God-Almightics praife, And,his worfhip to attend, Hallow'd fome in former daies, To be Virgins to their end :

Virgins,firme in Age and Youth, To the love of *fpotleffe-Truth*: Nor defil'd,nor drawn afide By the baits of Luft,or Pride.

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2 Thefe, are they whom *Grace* ordaines To be prefent day and night, Where the bleffed *Lambe* remains; And, to wear long Robes of white.

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Robes, more white then mountain fnow;

Or, the Lillies, where they grow : *Robes* more glorious, then those are, Which Earth's greateft Princes wear. 3 LOR D, my Bodie yet is free, From a wanton fleshlie touch ; Happie will my portion be, If I ftill may fay as much.

For, when toyous we begin,

Luft will quickly enter in : And though firft, the breach be fmall, That, at laft, will ruine all. 4 If a Virgin to remain, For thy fervice, may be beft; Make me able to contain; That no Longings me moleft.

Let our *Pride*, nor caufleffe *Fears*, Dread of *Want*, or outward *Cares*,

To that life, a motive be; But meer Love of ferving thee. 4 Though, fome skoffingly, upbrayd Thofe that aged *Virgins* are; Let not that which fools have faid, From a praifefull courfe deter.

Neither let a Virgins name, Make me dote upon the fame,

Till

Till thofe raging fires begin, Which provoke to *deadly-Sin*. 6 To keep chaft the *marriage-bed*, Is a virtue more of worth, Then to keep a *maiden-head*; Though,fome fet it fairer forth.

A N G E L S, Virgins are, they fay, So, are Flowers, as well as they; And, as much (for ought I know) Merit praife for being fo. 7 If a Helper, help me may, Better to perform thy Will; Such a one, for me purvay, And, be then our Helper ftill.

I defire not to obtain,

What meer *Fancie* feeks to gain ; But,in that would fpend my daies, Which may moft advance thy praife. 8 Some,unfit for *Wedlock* feem, Others, *Virgins* cannot live : Ev'ry gift fhould have efteem, Which it pleafes thee to give.

Whatfoe're,therefore, it be

Which thy Love confers on me, Make me, fo my gift to prize, That, no other, I defpife. 9 To what flate fo e're thou haft Me, for time to come, defign'd; Keep thy fervant ever chaft, Both in *Body*, and in *Mind*.

For,

For, if *Chaflitic* be there, Both eftates made equall are : And, ev'n that, which beft is thought, Wanting this, proves worfe then naught.

HYMN XXVII.

For a *Widower*, or a *Widow* deprived of a loving Yoke-fellow.

That fuch as be deprived of their most deare companions, may not be swallowed up in excessive griefe, and so forget their Christian hopes and duties, this Hymn teacheth a moderate expression of their naturall Passions; and remembers them of things not to be forgotten in their sorrow.

Sing this, as I loved thee once.

HOw neer me,came the hand of Death, When at my fide,he ftruck my *Dear!* And took away the precious breath, Which quick'ned my beloved *Peer?*

How helpleffe, am I thereby made ! By day, how griev'd / by night, how fad / And, now my lifes delight is gone, Alas / how am I left alone ! 2 The Voice, which I did more efteem, Then mufick in her fweeteft key;

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Those eies which unto me did feem, More comfortable then the day :

Thofe, now by me (as they have been) Shall never more be heard or feen; But, what I once enjoy'd in them, Shall feem hereafter as a dream. 3 All earthlie comforts vanifh thus: So little hold of them have we, That, we from *them*, or *they* from *us*, May in a moment ravifh'd be.

Yet, we are neither juft nor wife, If prefent mercies we defpife; Or mind not, how there may be made A thankfull ufe of what we had. 4 I therefore, do not fo bemoan (Though thefe befeeming tears I drop) The loffe of my *beloved-One*,

As they that are depriv'd of hope ; But,in expressing of my grief,

My heart receiveth fome relief; And, joyeth in the good I had, Although my *fweets*, are *bitter* made. 5 LORD, keep me faithfull to the truft, Which my dear *Spoufe* repos'd in me. To him now dead, preferve me juft; In all, that fhould performed be :

For,though our being *Man* and *Wife*, Extendeth only to this life; Yet,neither *Life* nor *Death*, fhould end The being of a *faithfull-Friend*.

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6 Thofe helps which I through him enjoy'd, Let thine continuall ayd fupplie ; That,though fome hopes in him are voyd, I,alwaies may on *thee* relie.

And,whether I fhall *wed* again, Or,in a *fingle-flate* remain, Vnto thine honour,let it be ; And,for a bleffing unto me.

HYMN XXVIII.

For a *Widower*, or a *Widow* delivered from a troublefome Yoke-fellow.

Becaufe deliverance from a troublefome Yoke-fellow, is a benefit neither to be defpifed nor undifcreetly rejoyced in ; this Hymn teacheth with what moderation, with what tenderneffe of heart, and with what defire we fhould be affected in fuch cafes.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

REjoice not without fear, my heart, That, thou by death's impartiall ftroke, Difcharged from thy *Partner* art, And, freed from an unequall Yoke.

Yea, though by means of this divorce, Thou may'ft efcape much difcontent; Yet, both with pittie and remorfe, Confider well, of this event.

2 For,

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2 For, as when first the *fewifh-Lawes*, Divorcements, tolerable made The hardnes of their heart was caufe, That fuch a Courfe permiftion had.

So,an obduratenes of thine, Some caufe might peradventure, be That GOD, (who fees when men repine) Hath from thy Mate, releafed thee. 3 Triumph not, therefore, in thy lot, As if thy merits were the more; But, ufe the freedome thou haft got, With meeknes; and thy Sins deplore. For, if GODS eve had bin fevere In marking how I gave offence, He had prolong'd my torment here ; Or elfe, in wrath remov'd me hence. 4 When *Man* and *Wife* fhall difagree, Though one of them leffe guiltie prove, Yet, neither of them, quite are free From breaking of the Law of Love.

And,to be blameleffe,doth fometimes Thofe proud,or foolifh thoughts infufe, Which make more guiltie,then the crimes, For which we others do accufe. 5 Vnto the *Soul-departed*, LORD, (Although it often hath tranfgreft) I hope,thy mercy doth afford, *Well-being*,in a place of reft.

And,for each wrong fuftain'd by me, Whil'ft in the Flefh it did remain,

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(As alfo for my wrongs to thee)
I beg thy pardon to obtain.
6 And,that I may conclude my race
With leffe offence,and more content;
Vouchfafe me thy affifing-grace,
Enfuing errors to prevent.
And,if thy providence allowes
Another helper unto me;
L O R D, keep us faithfull in our vowes,
Both to each other, and to thee.

HYMN XXIX.

For a Cleargie-man.

Though most Cleargie-men know well enough what meditations are pertinent to their Callings; yet, fome of them being otherwhile forgetfull of what they know, we have inferted this Hymn to remember them, who shall not despise to be remembred thereby.

Whatfoe're my motives were, When this *Calling* I affum'd, Many times,I greatly fear, Left I overmuch prefum'd :

For,whofe ablenes of wit, Oh moft glorious King of Kings ! Or,whofe holines,is fit To difpence thy facred things;

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2 When those honours I perceive, Whereto fome of us ascend; And,what portions thou do'ft give On thine Altar to attend.

When I mind my private charge, And,what Audit I muft yeeld. For my *Calling*, L O R D,at large, With fad thoughts,my heart is fill'd / 3 Dreadfull is that fervants doom, And,accurfed is his cafe, Whom his L O R D, when he fhall come, Finds unfaithfull in his place.

For, at ev'ry Shepherds hand, Who neglects his *Flock* to keep; Thou wilt ftrict accounts demand, For the blood, of ev'ry Sheep. 4 Therefore, LORD, for thine own fake, In thy feare, preferve me fo, That, I ftill may conficience make, Of the work thou call'ft me to.

Yea, preferve me from their fin, Who by fleecing of thy flock, Have both cloth'd and fatted bin, And, thy threat'ned Judgements mock. 5 Let the *DocTrines* which I preach, Be from errors alwaies free : Let the *Truth* which I fhall teach, By good-life confirmed be.

Let me evermore have care, True *Devotion*,true increafe; T 2

And,

And of those *nice-things* beware, Which may break the *band* of *Peace*. 6 Pardon all which merits blame, In my entrance to this Place ; My great failings in the fame, L O R D, forgive me of thy grace :

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And, that none of these be loft Which to me committed were, Let his ayd, whose life they cost, Help me, where my failings are.

HYMN XXX.

For a Laie-man.

GOD ufually bleffeth a pious and obedient Laitie, with diferent and godly Paftors, and froward Sheep are juftly committed to negligent Shepherds. The Laitie, therefore, are by this Hymn inflructed to praife GOD for their faithfull Paftors, to pray for them; and to yeeld them all due honour, obedience and neceffary fupplies.

Sing this as the 25. Pfalme.

N Ot in a mean degree, Am I obliged,L O R D, For thy enlight'ning grace to me, Vouchfafed by thy *Word*: Nor leffe oblig'd am I, To fing thy daily praife,

_ That,

Part.3. Hymn XXX. That, I have guids to rectifie My knowledge, and my waies. 2 For,through each Age,oh GoD, Thy Priefts thou haft ordain'd, To fpread that faving-Truth abrode, Whereby our bliffe is gain'd. Yea, they thy Shepherds be, Thy *Flocks* to feed and keep; And, home to bring, again to thee, Thy weak, and wandring Sheep. 3 LORD, fit them for that place, Which they are call'd unto, By giving them both gifts and grace, Their duties well to do. And,forme in us,we pray, Such fruits of true belief, That, their Accounts they render may, With yoy, and not with Grief. 4 As Meffengers from thee, Let me their errants hear. And of their place refpective be. Though mean their perfons are. And, let me not refufe, Or murmur, to beftow Those honours, or those other dues Which I to them fhall owe. 5 Left Vzzah-like I fare, Let me no medler be, In things that confectated are; But, as befeemeth thee.

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(And when thy Word I read (That I may fhun offence)
Thy grace vouchfafe me to take heed Of Errors private fenfe.
6 That, I may likewife, heed Truths Path, let me have care,
To find their Tents, who feed thy Sheep; And, to continue there. Yea, that to them and thee, The Way be not miftook;
Let me ftill walk, where I may fee

The Footfleps of thy Flock.

HYMN XXXI.

For a Lawyer.

A Lawyer confcionably affected in a publike bleffing, that therefore the ufe or perufall of this Hymn, may help remember that which most of them very know, we have added this Meditation.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

Eep me throughout my life, oh LORD; In fuch a Son-like dread of thee, That to the *Cannon* of thy *Word*, My practife alwaies may agree. And, fince the fludie of the *Lawes*,

For my profession was defign'd;

To

To patronize the righteous caufe, Preferve in me a willing mind. 2 Let nor the gaining of a Fee, Nor Foes defpight,nor Friends defart, Nor fear,nor want,enveagle me From faithfull Counfell to depart.

Nor let my *Pratlife* be like theirs, Who turn the means of righting wrong, Into vexations gins, and fnares, Contentious pleadings to prolong. 3 From their bafe mind preferve me clear To whom *Iudiciall-Courts* do feem, As if they only raifed were, To help enrich and honour them.

And, from their Guilt, preferve me too, Who, their preferments to increafe, Forbear not publike *wrongs* to do, Nor, to infringe the *common-peace*. 4 Yea, teach me fo to know, and minde, How much difpleafed, LORD / thou art, With him that's wilfully inclinde The Courfe of *Iu*/*tice* to pervert;

That I may never do or fay That, which averfe to *Truth* may be; Or, fet my *Clyent* in a way, Which may not well approved be.

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HYMN XXXII.

For a Clyent.

Clyents are oft times through wilfulneffe, or indiferetion, needleffe occasions of their owne and other mens moleftations. Here therefore, they are put in minde with what finceritie, warineffe, and prudence they fhould wage Law, and of whom this temper is to be fought.

Sing this as the 23. Pfalme.

 $\bigcirc O$ oft as neighbours difagree, At leaft, one partie ftill, Blameworthie shall be found to be, In Judgement, or in Will. Nay, many times, on either fide, *Law-fuits* are fo begun; That, neither can be justifide In that, which they have done. Self-Love, and Self-conceit, pervert 2 The most approved Lawes; They make, fometimes, an honeft heart, Befriend an evill-Caufe. And, few men fo inclined are Their errors to behold, As well in others names they hear Their own offences told. 3 Therefore,

Therefore, fince now engag'd I am, 3 A *Clyent* to become ; And must abide with gain or blame, The *Lawes* impartiall doom. LORD, grant me grace, to be content The Truth flould alway thrive ; And,to accept of that event, Which thou art pleas'd to give. Let neither peevifhnes, nor hate, 4 Nor pride, my Will deprave : Nor, thirfting to enlarge my flate, Endanger what I have. But,grant me wifdome to forefee, (Before I be undone) How mifchievous a Suit may be, Which rafhly is begun. Preferve me from the mind of thofe, 4 Who feek by fraud or force, The Acts of *Justice* to expose; Or interrupt her courfe. And, left this mind may me undoe, Affifted let me be, With Lawyers, and with Judges too,

From Bribes, and Fallhood free.

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HYMN XXXIII.

For a Phyfitian.

It may be fome Phyfitians will not defpife to preferve in themfelves a Remembrance of their duties, by fuch a means as this Hymn:howfoever, it is here inferted, that it may purpofely or accidentally performe that office.

OH my GOD! what helpeth leffe To preferve us from the Grave, Then that Art which I profeffe, If it pleafe not thee to fave?

And, when *ficknes* I oppofe, By what cunning, could I fee In what fecret path it goes; If I had not light from thee? 2 By thine ayd I muft difcern Where my *Patients* grief doth lie; I, from thee muft alfo learn, What, thereto I fhould apply:

And,when fuch weak things as thefe, Leaves, and Roots, of Plants, and Weeds, Shall remove a firong difeafe, From thy Virtue, it proceeds. 3 Therefore, let thy bleffing fiill, With my Practife, go along ;

And,

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And, fo guide, fo bleffe my fkill, That no *Patient* may have wrong.

And, their boldnes let me fhun, Who, when Art is at a pawfe; Defp'rate Courfes dare to run, For their profit, or applaufe. Let the grievance of the Poore, Be, for Chartie, of me As much tendred, evermore, As the Rich-man's for a Fee.

And in me, their mind prevent, Who prolong an eafie Cure: And, their profits to augment, Make men griev'd, more grief endure. 5 But, fuch Confcience let me make (In the Calling I profeffe) What I give, and what I take, That my Praclife thou may'ft bleffe.

And,that when I fick fhall be, I no caufe may have,to fear That,*Revenge* will ceaze on me, For neglect of love,or care.

HYMN XXXIIII.

For a Patient.

One caufe that fick perfons have fo little benefit by the Phyfitians ayd, is their neglect of their own duties to GOD, and themfelves; and for prevention of thefe negligences, this Hymn was composed.

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Sing this, as, VVe praise thee GOD.

ORD, from the noifome fink of fin, Which through our nature goes, All Suff'rings do at first begin ; Thence all our ficknes flowes. And, till the ftreams of *Grace* thou daign, To wafh that filth away, We labour for that Health in vain, Which elfe obtain we may. 2 Moft wife Physician of my Soul! To purge now, therefore, pleafe That vicious Fount, of humors-foul, Which breedeth my difeafe. And, when remov'd those Caufes be, Which my diftempers bring, Cure alfo those effects in me, Whence my difeafe doth fpring. Thy bleffing on that means beftow, 3 Which, now I do intend; And, let my heart in all I doe, On thee, alone depend. Yea, that the means which I receive, May bring my hopes to paffe; Give me the due preparative Of *penitentiall-grace*. For, he that on his Leaches Art, 4 Doth over-much relie : Or, with an unrepentant heart, The means of health, doth trie;

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Part.3. Hymn XXXV. Shall either miffe the wifhed eafe, Which to obtain, he thought, Or, gain by health, a worfe difeafe,

Then that, whofe cure, he fought.

HYMN XXXV.

For a Merchant, or Chapman.

By the use of this Hymn, Merchants may be kept heedfull of the snares and temptations which they become lyable unto, by their negotiations; and, what peace, and profit, will ensue if they be just and mercifull in their Dealings.

Sing this as the 4, 5, or 6. Pfalmes.

VNleffe, oh LORD, thy grace thou lend, To be mine hourely guide, In ev'ry *Word*, I do offend;

In ev'ry *step*, I flide.

For, *earth*, us lawfull Courfe affords, That makes men more to blame,

(In fraudfull deeds, and guilefull words) Then that, whereof I am.

2 When firong defires of being rich, With means thereto, are joyn'd;

Good-confcience is endanger'd much, And, often, caft behind.

Yea, to great wealth men feldom rife Through what, they *fell* and *buy*,

Except,

Except, to vent their merchandize, They, fometime, cheat and lie. The fins, oh LORD, forgive thou me, 3 Which to my trading cleave. Vpright, let all my dealings be; That, I may none deceive. All my Affaires, inftruct me fo (By prudence) to contrive; That others may, by what I do, See, honeft waies, to thrive. Permit, not, Greedineffe of gain, 4 My Confcience to enfnare, Or, lode me, with employments vain, Or, fill my heart with care. Nor make my Goods, a prey to those Who, by difhoneft waies, (Or, by pretending all to lofe) Themfelves, to riches raife. To those, who poor are that way made, 5 Which they could not prevent, Let me no cruell burthens add, In craving what I lent: But, let me do for men diftreft, (As my eftate may bear) What, at their hands, I might requeft, If in their plight I were. So, though to povertie I fall, 6 And, needy feem to be; A quiet minde, poffeffe I fhall, With full content, in thee.

And,

And, if great wealth, I, do acquire, It will not waft away, Like brufhie Fewell in the fire, But, with mine *Off-fpring*, ftay.

HYMN XXXVI.

For a Souldier.

The Souldier being taught by this Hymn, to nourifh in his heart, the contempt of Bodily perils is withall inftructed, or put in minde to be carefull to avoyd the fins ufually defiling that profession; to confider the duties of his Calling, and take GOD for his Leader and Defence.

N Ow, in my felf, I notice take, What life we Souldiers lead, My haire flands up, my heart doth ake, My Soul is full of Dread ; And, to declare This horrid fear, Throughout my bones, I feel A fhiv'ring cold, On me lay hold, And,run from head,to heel. It is not loffe of limbes or breath, Which hath me fo difmay'd. Nor mortall wounds, nor grones of Death, Have made me thus afray'd.

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When Cannons rore, I flart no more, Then mountains, from their place, Nor feel I fears, Though fwords and fpears, Are darted at my face. A Souldier it would ill become, 3 Such common things to feare : The fhouts of war, the thundring drum, His Courage up doth cheere. Though duft and fmoke, His paffage choke, He boldly marcheth on, And thinketh fcorn, His back to turn, Till all be loft or won. The flashing Fires, the whizzing shot, 4 Diftemper not his wits: The barbed Steed, he dreadeth not, Nor him, who thereon fits. But, through the field, With fword and fhield, He cutteth forth his way, And, through a flood, Of reaking blood, Wades on, without difmay. That, whereupon, the dread begins, 5 Which, thus appaleth me, Is that huge troop of crying-fins, Which rife in Souldiers be.

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The wicked minde, Wherewith I finde, Into the field they go; More terror hath, Then all the wrath, And Engines of the Foe. 6 The Rapes, the Spoiles, and Acts unjuft, Which are in *Souldiers* rife, Their damned Oathes, their brutifh luft, Their curfed courfe of life, More dreadfull are, When *death* draws neer, Then *Death* it felfe can be; And, he that knows The fear of thofe, The mouth of Hell, doth fee. 7 Defend me LORD, from those middeeds, Which my profession shame; And, from the veng'ance that fucceeeds, When we are fo to blame. Preferve me far, From Acts of War; Where, thou doft peace command ; And, in my breft, Let mercy reft, Though Juflice use my hand. Thofe, let me willingly obay, 8 Who my commanders be. Both with my Place, and with my pay, Contented make thou me:

And,

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And, when I goe, To meet my Foe, Let no beloved Sin, In me be found, To make a wound, Without me, or within. 9 Let me no help to those afford, That have a wicked caufe ; Nor take up Armes, but, where her fword Impartiall Justice draws. Yet, as a blot, Impute thou not, The waft of humane blood ; Shed by my hands; At their commands, Who muft not be withftood. 10 Be thou my Leader to the Field; My head, in battell arme. Be thou a breftplate and a fhield, To keep my Soul from harme : For, live or dye, I will relye On thee, oh LORD, alone. And in this truft, (Though fall I muft) I, cannot be undone.

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HYMN XXXVII.

For a Seaman.

The Seaman is here perfonated inftructing himfelf, by expression of the pleasures, profits, and perils of his calling; and petitioning GOD to keep him thankfull for his deliverances, and mindfull to performe the vows, he made in times of extream danger.

Sing this as the former.

/E, whom affaires employed keep, Where mightie-waters be, There view the terrors of the Deep; Great wonders, there, we fee. And, in that place, Goos helping grace, We taft, fo many waies, That none are bound More oft, to found Their dear Protectors praife. 2 The barren Flood, which Landmen dread, To us, doth pleafures yield; And, we thereby, are cloth'd and fed, As from a fruitfull field. That, we, likewife, Might rightly prize, The bleffings we receive;

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We, ev'ry day, To watch and pray, Some, just occasions have. To cheer us in our painfull trade, 3 The Sea, fometime, doth fmile : Strange *profpects*, there, a means are made, Long journyes, to beguile. A loftie Courfe, As on a Horfe, Vpon the *waves* we ride; And, then the wind, Attends behind, Or, lackies, by our fide. 4 Sometime, again, that, heed we may GODS mercies, and our fin; Black formes, the skies do overlay; The Seas, to fwell begin. The Billows roare, And, on the fhoare, They Spit their Snowie-fome And, perils great, The paffage get, Betwixt us, and our home. The raging Winds our tacklings breaks 5 And rends both fhrouds and failes, Our bruized veffell, fprinketh Leaks, And, then, our courage failes. One while, we plow The Sands below ; Anon, aloft we rife,

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As if we went, With an intent, To faile above the skies. 6 Oppreft with dangers and with fear, Then, loud we call on GOD : Who doth vouchfafe our cries to hear, And, calmes the raging Flood. From death and wrack, He plucks us back, By his Almightie hand; And (having loft Our hope, almost) VVe, fafe are brought to land. For thy protections LORD, therefore, 7 Still thankfull keep thou me; As well, when I am fafe on fhore, As where great perils be. Let me not breake, The vows I make, VVhile times of danger laft; And, new begin My Courfe of Sin, Affoone as fears are paft. 8 For, he who taketh no regard, What, in diffreffe he vow'd; Shall cry at length, and not be heard, Nor finde compaffion flow'd. When, wave nor storme, Can us reform; Nor Mercy, daily fhown; Gops

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G O D s wrath, prepares. Far greater fears, To bring *prefumption*, down.

HYMN XXXVIII.

For a Musician.

Many Muficians are more out of order then their Inftruments: fuch as are fo, may by finging this Ode, become reprovers of their own untuneable affections. They who are better tempered, are hereby remembred what Mufick is most acceptable to G o D, and most prostable to themselves.

7 Hat helps it those, Who, skill in Song have found; Well, to compose (Of difagreeing notes) By artfull choice A fweetly pleafing found ; To fit their Voice, And their melodious throats? What, helps it them, That they this cunning know; If most condemn The way, in which, they go? 2 What will he gain By touching well his Lute, Who fhall difdain A grave advise to hear?

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Part.3. Hymn XXXVIII. 43I What from the founds, Of Organ, Fife, or Lute, To him redounds. Who doth no fin forbear? A mean refpect, By tuning ftrings, he hath, Who doth neglect, A rectified-path. Therefore, oh L o R D, 3 So tuned, let me be Vnto thy word, And, thy ten-stringed-law, That in each part, I may thereto agree; And, feel my heart Infpir'd, with loving awe! He fings and plaies, The Songs which beft thou loveft, Who does and fayes, The things which thou approveft. Teach me the *skill*, 4 Of him, whofe Harp affwag'd Those paffions ill, Which oft afflicted Saul. Teach me the strain Which calmeth mindes enrag'd ; And, which from vain Affections, doth recall. So,to the Quire, Where Angels mulicke make,

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HYMN XXXIX.

For a husbandman.

Vpon the Husbandmans labour the temporall wellfare of all Common-weales depends: this Hymn therefore, teacheth him to fanclifie his endeavours by prayer, and thanksgiving: To feek his profit by G O D S, bleffing, and fo to care for the Body, that the Soul be not neglected.

Sing this as the 25. Pfalme.

Revent, LORD, by thy grace, The curfe that entred in, And on the earth, continued was, For Adams wilfull fin. Let not thy Love permit My coft, my time, or pain, In digging, and in dreffing it, To be employ'd in vain. 2 Though thornes and bryers, be Then natives of our fields ; Yet, when the earth is bleft by thee, A pleafant crop it yields. The hils rich pasture, bear ; Deep graffe, the meads adorn ; The trees with fruits arayed are; The dales are full of corn.

3 LORD

3 LORD, that it may be fo, My honeft labours bleffe; And,grant that what I fet and fow, May yeeld a due increafe : From Vermine, Fouls, and Weeds; From those who *fpoil* or *fteal*, Both Plants and Fruits, and Crops, and Seeds, Preferve thou for my Weal. 4 From blasting-Ayres defend From Colds, Heats, Drougths, and Rains, Which may deprive me of the end, And, comfort of my pains. And, let in feafon ftill, Thy dewes, and fruitfull drops, Vpon the thirftie clods diftill, Which elfe will fail my hopes. 5 What ever thou shalt give, My labours to requite ; That, let me thankfully receive, And, in thy love delight. Not feeking (for my gain) A Famine to augment ; By needleffe hording up of gain, When hungrie times are fent. 6 And though the Plough and Spade, Dung, Duft, and Miery-clay Are Inftruments, and Objects made, My Body fo imploy. Yet, fuffer not my Soul Affection to beflow,

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On things that are fo mean, and foul, In fading, and fo low.

7 But, while my hands do move, In works that earthlie be ;

Advance my *heart*, to things above ; And, fixe my *love* on thee : That, when my *Flefh*, muft lie In *Earth*, from whence it came ;

My Soul, may to those mansfins fly, VVhere, Spirits praise thy name.

HYMN XL.

For a Labourer.

Labouring-men have many difcouragements; and if they faint under their burtherns, other will feele the weight of it. This Hymn therefore cheares them up in their painfull Calling; and flirs them up alfo to feek GODS bleffing upon their labours.

YOu that enjoy both goods and lands, And,are not forc'd by fweat, And,by the labour of your hands, To earn the Food you eat; Give thanks for this your eafie lot And,do not us difdain; VVhofe Bread,and Raiment muft be got By taking daily pains.

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For, though our portions mean appear, 2 Contentments, they procure ; Whereby, we ftill, enabled are Our labours to endure. And no man, ever those yet knew, In aged yeers forfook; Who were in *youth*, to labour true, And honeft Courfes took. When fickneffe or those wants do come, 3 Wherein we comfort need; GOD, alwaies moves the hearts of fome, Our fecret wants to heed. And, without fhame, we then receive What charitie beflows : Becaufe, what, at fuch times men give ; The common Treasure, owes. They, who delight from doore to doore, Of hunger to complain; Meere want of *hone/tie*, made poore; Or, want of taking-pain. They, therefore, lack what needfull is, Their flefh to cloth, and feed : Whereas, we nothing greatly miffe; But, what we do not need. Rich men, in this, we do furpaffe; 5 To us, our labours are A *portion*, which in ev'ry place, Things needfull may prepare. Yea, were we rob'd of all today, Or, chas'd from where we dwell; If V 2

If we can bear our *Limbs* away, They will maintain us well. 6 Make me without repining, LORD! My lot, to under-go, Till thou fhalt larger means afford; And, eafie dayes beftow. In health, and ftrength, preferve thou me, My lively-hood to get; And, when I fick or old fhall be. Provide me, cloth and meat. 7 Keep me, (although thou keep me poor) In word, and action, true : And, give me grace, if I have more, That, *floth* I may efchew. So, whether povertie or pain, Or wealth, or eafe, thou fend; Through thee, a paffage, I shall gain To bleffings, without end.

HYMN XLI.

For a Shepherd.

That Shepherds, might not mufe altogether on Drudgerie or impertinent vanities, while they are, all alone, attending their Flocks, we have prepared, for them, a Paftorall-Song, to acquaint and exercife them, with nobler Meditations.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

REnowned men their Herds to keep, Delighted much in elder dayes :

And

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And to attend their Flocks of fheep. Great *Princes* thought is no difpraife,

And, while they fo employed were. Sometime, oh GOD / it pleafed thee In wondrous manner, to appear, And, gracious unto them to be. 2 The *foyfullest-news*, that ere was told, Was unto *Shepherds*, first declar'd, And, they did alfo, firft behold The bleffing, whereof they, first, heard. LORD / I am thine, as much as they, (Although unworthy fuch refpect) Oh, let thy *mercies*, glorious Ray, Vpon my low-eftate, reflect. 3 Whilft all alone, I here attend This harmleffe Flock ; let, into me Thy holy-Ghoft, oh Chrift ! defcend ; That, I may therewith filled be.

And, though my heart a *Stall* hath bin, Where, *Vice* at Rack and manger, lay; Vouchfafe thou, to be born, therein : That, better gue/ts poffeffe it may. 4 Left Idle-Mufings, Thoughts beget, That, ftir up longings, which are ill; And, make me my endeavour fet, Forbidden Actions, to fulfill.

Vpon thy Love, and on thy Law, Let me, my lovely houres, employ. That, I may ferve with foy-full-awe; And, love thee, with an *awfull-Joy*. V 3

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4 When I my *flragling-fneep* behold, Let me conceive, what I had bin; Hadft thou not brought me to thy *Fold*, And, fed and fuccour'd me, therein.

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And, when I well confider thofe, Who Spoilers, of thofe creatures be; Me, let it mindfull make, what Foes Do feek, to make a fpoile of me. 6 When, likewife, I behold them *fhorn*, And, meekly yeelding up their *fleece*; Or, when to *flaughter* they are born, How patiently, their lives they leefe:

That holy-Lambe, let me, I pray, Thereby, in thankfull minding have, Who, dumbe-before the Shearer lay; And, flaughtred was my life to fave. 7 Yea, whilf I watch and guide my fheep; Be thou my Shepherd, and my Guide, Both me, and them, from harm to keep; And, all things needfull, to provide. That, when both Goats, and Sheep, fhall ft and Before thy face, their doomes to bear; I, may be plac'd at thy Right-hand, And, Joy when I my Sentence hear.

HYMN XLII.

For a Handicrafts man.

All handicrafts being gifts of the holy Ghoft, it were fit men did better know it, and more often praife

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praife him for it. To that end, this Hymn was devised; and, perhaps, if it were devoutly, and frequently used, Crafts-men, would be more thriftie, and lesse deceitfull, in manufactures then they now are.

"Hy Gifts moft, holy-Spirit, be So great, fo manifold, That, what we have receiv'd from thee, No language, can unfold. The meaneft Sciences in ufe, As well as famous Arts, Thy Prudence, did, at first produce : And, ftill, to men imparts. 2 Embrodry thy Invention was, (Though many think it vain) The skill to Gravein steel, and braffe, We did from thee, obtain, For not Bezalaels hands, alone, Didft thou with cunning fill; But, yet, inftructeft ev'ry one, That is endowed with skill. 3 That little which my hand can do, Was learned first, from thee : Thou, first enabled me thereto; And, alwaies work'ft with me. My knowledge, more and more encreafe, Till perfect it appear : And, let the Science I profeffe, My needfull Charges bear. V 4

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442 Preferve in me, an honeft minde, 4 That, well my work be wrought. For, them, whofe wares falfe made, we finde, An evill fpirit taught. It may a while encreafe their ftore, But, mifchiefs it will breed ; And, leave men both defam'd, and poore, In times of greateft need. 5 For all thy Gifts I give thee praife, And, I acknowledge will, That, thou doft avd me many waies, In my Mechanick skill: Yet, fince those Arts vouchfafed be Alike, to Good and Bad; Of thy more *fpeciall-Grace*, let me Partaker, L o R D / be made. Oh bleffed-Spirit, alwaies, daign, 6 That, through thine ayd, I may The fanctifying gifts obtain, Which thine *Elect* enjoy.

Yea, though my *Works* be not fo pure, Thy Cenfures to abide, Yet let my Faith, fo firm endure,

That, Grace, be not denide.

HYMN XLIII.

For a School-mafter or Tutor.

School-masters and Tutors, being sometime more arrogant then learned; and more covetous then indu Arious ; industrious; many are much hindred thereby. By this Hymn therefore, they may be remembred to judge themsfelves, and to seek of GOD a due qualification, by prayer.

REware my heart,

D Left thou too highly deem, Of that finall art,

Which may appear in me ; And, proud become,

As Pedants use to be,

Becaufe, to fome

A knowing-man I feem :

For, though good-leffons I have taught, Yet, in my felf, if I be naught;

And, marre *Doctrines*, by my *Waies*, *Reproofs* I merit, more then *Praife*.

2 If I prefume

To *know*, beyond my reach ; Or fhall affume

Large pay, for flender pain : If I neglect

Whom I am bound to teach, Or, leffe affect

My *Dutie*, then my *gain*;

I for thofe wrongs can make fmall mends; Becaufe, whoever thus offends,

Injurious is to Age, and Youth,

And guiltie of the worft untruth.

3 My GOD, therefore,

A concience let me make;

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To boaft no more

Then well perform, I may. But, fo well heed

For what, reward I take; That, I in *Deed*,

May practife what I *fay*. And, left my labours fruit may want; So water thou, what I fhall plant; That, from the pains which I beftow, Both comfort, and increafe, may grow.

HYMN XLIIII.

For Schollers and Pupils.

Schollers, and Pupils, are here perfonated illufirating the Priviledges of learning, and the baseneffe of ignorance, praising GOD for the means of encreasing their knowledge; and praying him, to season and endow them with prositable Sciences.

Sing this as the 10. Commandements.

Though *knowledge* muft be got with pain, And, feemeth bitter in the Root; It brings, at laft, a matchleffe gain; And yeeldeth forth most pleafant fruit.

It is the richeft kinde of *trim*, That noble perfons can put on ; It *Reafon* keeps, from growing dim ; It fets a luftre, thereupon.

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And, raifeth *Princes*, now and then, Out of the loweft Rancks of men.
But, fuch as do this *Jem* neglect, Or, feek it not whilft they are young; Grow old in yeers, without refpect,

And, perifh in the vulgar throng.

Like brutifh beafts, they little know, Save how their bellies they may fill. When others rife they fit below, They fee no choice twixt *good* and *ill*.

And, that which beft commends their flate, Is, they repent when 'tis too late.

3 I therefore now, do fing thy praife, And give thee thanks, thrice *bleffed*-L O R D, That thou in thefe my youthfull dayes, The means of *knowledge*, doft afford.

Compelled many others are (That knowing men they might become) To pay great fums, and travel far, For that which I may gain at home;

Or where, fupplyed all things are, As well, as if at home, I were.

4 Vouchfafe me, therefore fo much grace, As to endeavour what I may; Whilft I have *leifure, means*, and *fpace*, And *wits*, to bear this prize away.

Be pleas'd, likewife, to reafon fo The knowledge, which I fhall attain; That, puffed up I may not grow, Nor fooled be, with *Science* vain.

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But let my chief endeavours be, To know my Self, thy will, and thee.

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HYMN XLV.

For young Perfons.

By vfing this Hymn, young-perfons are made reprovers of their own follies; and taught to affect, and pray for fuch things as are laudable, profitable, holy, and to the glory of GOD, &c.

T Outh is a wild, a wanton thing, Which few can govern well; For when our Blood is in the Spring; Our wits are in the fhell. We up and ride, Er'e we can guide The Charret of our Will; And, thereupon We hurry on, Ev'n down Perditions hill. When we our Friends lamenting here, 2 The giddy Courfe we take, We think, that, through a needleffe-care, A caufleffe-coyle they make. . But, when we view That we purfue What, fhame or loffe hath brought ; We fneaking go,

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As fools will doe; And fay, We had not thought. In vertuous Actions, we are weak ; 3 In Vices we are ftrong : We foon are tir'd, if wifedome fpeak ; And, think vain-tales not long. Left Tutors may, Our Wills gainfay, Tis now our greateft Fear: And,to provide For Luft and Pride, Is moft of all our care. LORD, teach me, therefore, to believe 4 What *Wifedome* doth foretell, E're I do fmart, or make them grieve, Who truly wifh me well. Since, ev'rie day, Behold I may, How evill Courfes thrive; Let me forbear, To fleight, or Jeer, Thofe, who good-counfell give. 5 Vouchfafe me grace and ftrength to rein My wild and head-ftrong Will; And all those longings to restrain, Which tempt us into ill. The Flowrie prime, Of youthfull time, Let me not vainly fpend

In follow'ng Sin,

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Which bringeth in Perdition without end. But fanctifie unto thy praife, My Soul and Bodie, LORD: And purifie my *youthfull waies*, Through thy *all-cleanfing Word*. That *young* and *old*, When they behold, Thy work of grace in me; May glorifie Thy Majeftie, From whom,all bleffings be.

HYMN XLVI.

For old Perfons.

It is a curfe to have youthfull Affections in an aged Body; and a great bleffing it is to be wained from the world, as Youth decayes. This Hymn, therefore perfonates an aged Perfon rejoycing in the nearneffeof his diffolution, defpifing the pleafures of Youth; and defiring to be invefted with immortalitie.

Sing this, as I loved thee once. N Ow,glad and happie may I be, And carroll forth a Song of praife : For that, fo neer at hand I fee, The wifhed harveft of my daies,

Mine

Mine aged-years to me do fhew, What I in Youth could never view.
And fading-Senfe inftructs me more Then perfect-Senfes heretofore.
2 Right bleft am I, that I have paft, The perils of those youthfull times, Which we in fruitles Follies waft, Or (which is worfe in hainous crimes.

From Jealous Loves, from Luftfull Foes, From raging fits, from loofe defires, Which heretofore tormented me, I now am hopefull to be free. 3 Oh LORD / vouchfafe it may be fo: In me let youthfull Follie ceafe. As I in years more aged grow, Let Virtue more and more increafe.

Letall my Paffions me become,

And their bafe fondnes keep me from, Who youthfull pleafures dote upon, When pleafing *Youth*, and ftrength is gon. 4 Thefe Jollie times, which moft men praife, (And forrow when they paffe away) Increas'd my torments many waies; And perils in my path did lay.

Yea, but for thy affifting-grace,

I had bin ruin'd in that race : And therefore, now I praife thy Name, That I have overliv'd the fame. 5 As did *Lots* wife, let not my heart Vnto that *Sodome* of mine age.

Look

Hymn XLVI. Look back, as loth it fhould depart, Nor thereunto my Soul engage.

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But make thefe times as loth'd of me, As aged years of *Wantons* be. That grace in me, may ev'rie day, Increase as *Flesh* and *Blood* decay. 6 Forbid thou then, that (when I have fpent My Luft and Love to youthfull Sin) I fhould make femblance to repine ; And,other Follies then begin.

At youths efcapes let me not rail, Becaufe, that way my ftrength doth fail; Yet, practife whil'ft I them gainfay, Worfe evils in a graver-way. 7 Let me not change my vain *Exceffe*, Into an over-sparing-mind, Nor in Old-Age grow mercileffe, Becaufe, my Youth was ever kind.

Nor let me love, as many do,

To make vain brags (with lying too) Of youthfull tricks now I am old, Which are not feemlie to be told. 8 But, fuch let my endeavours be, As may my place and years befeem ; That *Youth* may good example fee; And Age continue my efteem;

For, when a comely part we play, It keeps in Age, contempt away.

And (though but weak, our *Bodies* are) Our *Looks* will keep ftrong men in fear.

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9 As this my *carnall-Robe* growes old, (Soil'd,rent,and worn,by length of years) Let me,on that,by Faith,lay hold, Which man in life immortall wears.

So fanctifie my daies behind ;

So let my manners be refinde ; That when my Soul and Flefh muft part, There lurk no terrors in my heart, 10 So fhall my Reft be fafe and fweet, When I am lodged in my grave ; And,when my Soul and Bodie meet, A Joifull meeting they fhall have.

Their Effence, then, shall be divine ;

This muddie Flefh will ftar-like fhine : And,G o D, fhall that *frefh-Youth* reftore, Which will abide for evermore.

HYMN XLVII.

For a blind Perfon,

To mitigate their difcomforts who are deprived of Bodilie-Sight, this Hymn intimates the furtherance which that defect may be to their everlassing Felicitie; and a fpiritual Illumination is implored to fupply that corporal defect.

Sing this as the Lamentation.

Ain would I view that pleafing fight, And lovelie fplendor of the Skies, Which Which chears the day, adornes the night, And gladdeth all beholders eies;

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But, fince G O D pleafed is, to hide That fpark of *Common-grace* from me; Content I am to be denide The Gift, which may not granted be. 2 For it proceeds not ftill from wrath, When G O D of those things doth deprive, Which he on most conferred hath; And without which, difeas'd men live.

Sometime our Good; fometime his Praife; And many times, ev'n both of thefe, Are Caufe, that he upon us layes Difcomfort, Blemifh, or Difeafe. 3 Perhaps, if I the Light had feen, The way to ruine I had gone, Or, guiltie of offence had been, Which me ever had undone.

Perhaps in darknes here I bide, Becaufe if I had light enjoy'd, Mine *Eye* had left mine *Heart* afide, And made my beft endeavours void. 4 Whate're the caufe thereof hath been, Thou L O R D, art pleafed it fhould be fo ; And with thy *Juffice*, I have feen Thy *Mercy*, hand in hand, to goe.

In thy good pleafure, I therefore, Without repining am content; And,will be thankfull evermore, For whatfoever thou haft lent.

5 My

Part. 3. Hymn XLVII.

5 My want of an *externall-fight*, With *inward-light*, fupplie thou fo, That I may walk that path aright, In which thy *Children* ought to go. Yea, be my *Watchman*, and my *Guide*, My *Mind* and *Body* to direct; That nothing lead my heart afide; Or injure me through this defect.

HYMN XLVIII.

For a Criple.

The Criple is here taught to comfort himfelfe in his infirmities, by taking notice that Bodily Croffes may may be furtherances to our fpirituall performances; and pledges of Gods favour, &.c.

Sing this as the LORDS Prayer.

Though in my limbs I cripl'd am, (Which for fome works difableth me) My *Tongue* as yet, is not fo lame, But that my *Voice* may tuned be.

In Song I may GODS love advance;

Though him I praife not in the *dance*. ² And caufe I have, to fing his praife, Who humbled me by this defect . For where he loves, the Rod he laics, And all his children doth correct.

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Thofe, therefore, whom he chaft'neth not, No Children are by him begot.

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3 Some *Croffe*,all humane Fleh muft bear The *Spur*,or *Clog*,we all do need : For flow,or elfe to rafh we are ; And,of our duties take no heed.

Yea, fweeteft bleffings we contemn,

Till fome affliction fharpens them. (4 G o D fhrunk a finew in his thigh, And fent him halting to his grave) Whofe prai'r be did not then denie, But,therewithall a bleffing gave.

Oh! if fuch Faith were found in me,

My Lameneffe might a Bleffing be, 5 Therefore, oh LORD, increase thou fo The little Faith which I retain; That, more believing I may grow, That in thy grace, I may remain;

And,that my Frailtie keep me may From erring far out of the way.
6 Be thou my Staffe; be thou my Prop (As from the cradle thou haft bin)
And fill maintain in me,the hope Which I,till now have lived in.

So fhall I miffe my *Limbs* the leffe, And thy *free-mercy* ftill confeffe.

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HYMN XLIX.

For a Nurfe.

Nurles by ill diet, diftempered affections, or want of heedfulneffe, may be hurtfull to their Nurfe-Children. Therefore, when they fing to quiet their Nurflings, the repetition of this Song may perhaps remember them how to order them felves, and what care to take of their charge.

WW Hen Sampfons Mother was foretold, What Son fhe in her wob fhould bear; A Dyct, fhe was taught to hold, And warn'd whereof fhe would beware.

Whereby, their foll'wing good effects, To him, who did from her proceed; *Difcretion* from the fame collects, That *Nurfes* warilie fhould feed. 2 For though it is thy bleffing, L O R D! Which gives the temper we defire; Thou, thereunto do'ft means afford; And, heedfulnes in us require. That knowledge, therefore, grant thou me, That love, that confcience, and that care, VVhich in thofe *Women* ought to be, VVho chofe for *Fofters Mothers* are.

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3 Crown thou my *Pains* with good fucceffe, That comfort therein may be found. My *Babe* from fire, from water bleffe, Preferve him quiet, fafe and found.

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Let not my *Milke*, thereto convay Thofe humors, which may either bend The *mind* unto a vitious way; Or elfe, the *Bodies* health offend. 4 But let my *Body* and my *mind*, Be tempred full, and ord'red fo; That helps thereby this *Childe* may find, In virtue, and in ftrength to grow.

And left, when I my beft have done, From me more *Ill* then *Good*, *he* drawes; Vouchfafe *Him* grace my fins to fhun, And to be govern'd by thy *Lawes*.

HYMN L.

For a Almefman or Woman.

Almef-men for whom Charitie hath provided, have leafure, and fpeciall caufe to praife GOD for his loving providence : And this Hymn is prepared to remember them, with what thankfulneffe they fhould be alwaies affected.

Sing this as the 25. Pfalme.

I T is LORD, of thy grace, That when we needle were,

Food,

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Food, Rayment, and a Dwelling-place, Thou didft for us prepare. For when we were afraid, Through want, oppreft to be; We had relief, and timelie-aid, To us vouchfafed by thee: 2 When means nor pow'r we had, Things needfull to provide; Then Strangers were our helpers made, And have our want fupplide, Yea, fome that heretofore, Did earn their bread with fweat ; Now labour leffe, and yet have more, Then they were wont to eat. 3 Warm-clothed ev'rie day, Well-hous'd we likewife be; For which we nothing are to pay, But *hearly-thanks* to thee. LORD, thankfulnes is all Which thou of us do'ft crave: And that *Rent-fervice* is but fmall, In liew of what we have. 4 Much better men, are fain (And fome leffe able too) For courfest bread, to take more pain, And oft without it go. Sometime, when far from home They feek their dailie hire, Wet, cold, and hungrie, back they come; And find nor bread, nor fire.

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5 Mean while at eafe we bide, In lodgings warme and dry: And others do those things provide, VVhich may our want fupplie. So that, if heed we give, To what we do enjoy, The quiet'ft kind of life we live, And freeft from anoy. 6 VVe praife thee, LORD, therefore, And thee most humblie pray, To keep us thankfull evermore, And faithfull in thy way. That in this leafure, now, For Heav'n we may prepare, And not in Soul, more wretched grow, Then we in *Body* were. 7 Them, LORD vouchfafe to bleffe, By whom, those helps we have; And let them still in thee posses, The fruit of what they gave; And fince they did befriend The poore in time of need; Let ftill thy Mercy down defcend, On them, and on their feed.

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HYMN LI.

For a Rich-man.

This Hymn was composed, that it might occasion Rich-men to be more often mindfull what hinderance their wealth may be to their best happines, the same being immoderately affected, ill gotten, or misimployed, &c.

SAid not causlesse Jit hath bin, That a man of large eftate, Doth an entrance hardlie win, Through the bleft coeleftiall gate. For as Riches do increase, Wants abound, Contents are leffe; Great Affaires augmenting care, For the Soul no leafure fpare. 2 Leafureleffe if he did feem, Who had taken but one Farme; If the purchase of one *Teem* May occafion fo much harm, As to keep away a guest, From that great *Almighties* Feaft; When at leafure will he be, That hath twentie *Farmes* to fee? 3 Rich I am fuppos'd, oh LORD! By that wealth which I poffeffe; Х

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Hymn LI. And for what thou do'ft afford, Thy free Bountie I confesse. Yet fuch wants I find therein, That I get not all I win: And what once our Saviour faid, Makes my heart fometime afraid. 4 For when wealth exceeds the bound, Which doth answer our *degree*, Snares, and baits, therein are found, Whereby choaked we may be. Yea, I find it ev'rie day, Wooing fo my heart away, That unleffe thou keep me true, I may bid thy love adue.

5 Therefore, LORD, thy grace augment, As my *Riches* are increaft;

Those infertions to prevent,

Wherewithall they may infeft. Let them nor poffeffe my heart,

Nor afflict it when we part.

Nor be purcha'ft at their coft, Who themfelves for wealth have loft.

6 Though a *Rich man* hardlie may Find an entrance into bliffe ;

Yet through *thee*, oh LORD, the way, And the paffage eafie is.

If we can but willing be,

To forfake our wealth for thee,

Or beftow it on the poore :

'Twill inlarge heav'ns narrow Doore.

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7 Let,oh / let me ftill have care, So to husband what I have;
That I lofe not what I fpare,
Nor grow poore by what I fave;
Only what I need is mine;
All the reft,oh L O R D! is thine;
Which if I mifufe or waft, Muft be anfwer'd for at laft.
8 To that Audit,e're I come,
Let me reckon by my felf,
How I gain'd, or parted from, Ev'rie parcell of my pelfe.

Goods-mifgot let me reftore; Wealth mifpent let me deplore; And before I *Judgement* have, *Judge my Self*; and pardon crave.

HYMN LII.

For a Poore man.

Povertie needeth Counfell and Confolation, therefore that (when it is wanting from others) Poore men may adminifler comfort to them felves, and be affifled by expreffing their wants to the fupplier of all neceffities; this Hymn is offered unto them to be fung to that purpofe.

Sing this as the 15. Pfalme.

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C Ome think there is no earthlie flate, To be abhorred more; Or more deferving feare or hate, Then to be mean and poore. Yet fuch a *Portion* I have got, That I am *needy* made: Yea, this is fallen to my Lot; And yet I am not fad. For *Earth*, and all that therein is, 2 The LORDS poffeffions be: Both he is mine, and I am his, Who hath enough for me. The Rich their own Providers are; Yet fometimes they have need. But GOD hath of the poore a care, And them doth alwaies feed. Though *Povertie* feem grievous may, 3 (And much afflicteth fome) It is the beft and fafeft way, Vnto the World to come. For, *Poverty* in her extream, Nor tempts, nor fo perverts, As great *Abundance* tempteth them, Who thereon fet their hearts. Therefore, that ev'rie man might grow 4 With his effate content; Thy SON, oh GOD! this way did go, When through this world he went. He wealth and honour prized not. (Though we now prize it high)

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And Satan, therefore, nothing got By tempting him thereby. 5 LORD, though I do fometime complain, That outward-means are fcant, And would affume that luggage fain, Which I but think I want; Yet when I mind how poore a life, My Saviour liv'd on earth ; Wealth I condemne, and all my grief, Is changed into mirth. 6 Let fill my heart be pleafed fo. What e're betide me fhall : Yea, make me (though I poorer grow) Contented therewithall. And, let me not be one of them, Who (in profession poore) Seem Wealth and Pleafure to contemn. That they may cheat the more. The works my Calling doth propofe, 7 Let me not idlie fhun ; For, he whom Idleneffe undoes. Is more then twice undone. If my eftate enlarge I may; Enlarge my love to thee. And, though I more and more decay; Yet, let me thankfull be. 8 For, be we poore, or be we rich, If well imploi'd we are, It neither helps, nor hinders much, Things needfull to prepare.

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Since GOD difpofeth Riches now, As Manna heretofore, The feebleft gath'rer got enow, The ftrongeft got no more. Nor Poverty nor Wealth, is that 9 Whereby we may acquire That bleffed and most happie state, Whereto we fhould afpire. But if thy Spirit make me wife, And ftrive to do my beft ; There may be in the worst of these, A means of being bleft. 10 The Rich in Love obtain from thee, Thy fpeciall gifts of grace; The poore in Spirit, those men be Who fhall behold thy face. LORD, grant I may be one of thefe, Thus poore, or elfe thus rich; Ev'n whether of the two, thou pleafe, I care not greatly which.

Hymn LIII.

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HYMN LIII.

For an Inne-keeper or Taverne.

By the hearing, finging, or perufall of this Hymn, it is hoped that difcreet Inne-keepers will be encouraged to continue Civilitie and good order in their Innes; and that fome who have heretofore neglected the fame fhall be hereby provoked to be more orderly hereafter. Sing

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Sing this as the former.

Oft men repute a Common Inn, For ev'rie perfon free To fet up there a Stage, where Sin May boldly acted be. And when prophane and rude exceffe, Their prizes there may play, The Civill Gueft is welcomleffe; And wished then away. Inns were to better ends ordain'd ; 2 And better were imploy'd : For Virtue there was entertain'd : And needfull Reft enjoy'd. Yea, though our Calling many fcorn, And brand it with difgrace, Our Saviour in an Hoftry born, Hath fanctifide the place. His Grandame *Rahab* kept an Inn; 3 And bleffed Paul thought fit, His Hoaft fhould have remembred him, Ev'n in the facred-writ. There Sanctitie her lodging had, With Piety divine; Their Inns were holy-Chappels made, And fo I with may mine. A drunken and a prating Hoaft, 4 To Fools yeelds much delight; And by his wiles, their needleffe Coft, Is doubled ev'rie night. X 4

But,

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Hymn LIII. 464 But, him, that is different and grave, A better Lot attends. He, Credit, health, and wealth thall have ; Good Goods, and heartie friends. 5 For, when a Sober-Guef! fhall come Abode with fuch, to make; He knows he may, as if at home, His eafe, in fafetie take. But, on the former, if he light, (Miftrufting dangers, there) He hides his purfe, and all the night, Doth wake, or fleep, infeare. 6 Difcretion, LORD / vouchfafe thou me, My Calling, fo to ufe, That, I. by none may injur'd be; Nor, any, me abufe. Yea, let mine Inne a Schoole be made, To teach (without offence) Those Guefts, that evill manners had; To go more civill, thence. 7 And, though I cannot all prevent, Which Guefts may there mifdo; Yet, neither let me fhew confent, Nor liking, thereunto. Let me, for no advantage, make A brothell, of mine Inne : Nor, by connivancie, partake

In any wilfull Sin.

8 So, at mine Inne thy bleffed Son His Lodging LORD, fhall take;

And,

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And, there, (much more then I have done) Him, welcome I. will make.

For, not a Stable, but my breaft,

Shall be his lodging Roome. And, mine own *heart*, to give him reft,

A pallet, shall become.

HYMN LIII.

For, Taylors, Millers, and Weavers.

Most men of these Trades, are either greatly standered, or very guiltie of deceit and falshood: Therefore, that such as be faultie may reprove themselves; and, that such as are innocent may be cherisched in their honesty; this Hymn was composed.

Sing this as the former.

I T is too much, that, in my heart, Corruptions I retain,

Which make me from those waies depart, Wherein, I should remain.

Yet, in my *Calling*; Stumblings are By other men efpide,

Whereof, unleffe I can beware, I, foon may fwarve afide.

2 Occasions of a *fhamefull fin*, Are offred, ev'ry day.

And, few of us have backward bin, To put the fame away.

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Long cuftome, doth in moft beget Opinion and belief. That 'tis no fault, or elfe not great, To be a daily Thief. The Devill finds excufes out, 3 Which being ufed long, Perfwade us to become in doubt, If thieving be a wrong. And at the length, fo impudent, It caufeth us to grow; That we do fearleflie affent To act what ill we know. From this degree of guiltineffe, Preferved let me be ; From Sins by custome feeming leffe, Oh LORD deliver me. If I be good no trade fo bad, But yeelds an honeft gain : And him that's naught, no courfe or trade, Will honestlie maintain. If love to Goodnes, move me not 4 Vprightly fill to deal; Make me observe their Lowfie-lot, Who use to filch and steal : For they are beggers in the end; Or if they wealth obtain, On luft and pride, their children fpend, What they by thieving gain: For love of Righteoufnes therefore, 6 Let me be still upright.

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And,

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And though I ftill continue poore, In *Truth* let me delight.
So fhall to me my *Trade*, become A *Calling* without blame :
And though it be abus'd by fome, Shall never bring me fhame.

HYMN LV.

For Shrieves, Baylies, Sergeants, &c.

Some of thefe Officers may perhaps become better in their condition, and prevent fome fcandals (which they are lyable unto) if they otherwhile remember themfelves of their duties by the repetition of this, or the like Meditation.

Sing this as the former.

W Hat ever Equitie commands, To punifh things mifdone,
Hath execution by our hands, By whomfoe're begun.
We are that Arme, whereby the Law Doth hold on finners lay :
And few thereof would fland in awe ; If we were took away.
2 To Death, to torments, or to thrall, We do Offenders bear :

And

468 And why fuch things on them befall, We oft confeffed here. Yet otherwhile, our conficience may (While we perform our part) To us in fecret truly fay, Their doom is our defart. If we therefore, who often view 3 What Sin on Sinners drawes; And are the men who do purfue, The fentence of the Lawes; If we our dangers will not fee, By what on others lights ; The greater will GODS vengeance be, When he in anger fmites. LORD, fo infpire my heart with grace 4 Reform, renew me fo; That with good conficence in my place, My duties I may do. From being partiallie inclinde, For gain, for love, or fear ; From harfhnes where I may be kind, Preferve me ever clear. So when to call me to my doom, 5 Thy Sergeant thou shalt fend; I need not be afraid to come, But gladlie thither wend. For though no *Righteoufnes* of mine, Thy Cenfure may abide: It being vailed ore, by thine I fafelie may be tride.

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HYMN LVI.

For a Jayler.

Jaylors have at one Time or other, men of all eflates and conditions in their cuftody, as well good as bad; Therefore, it is not impertinent to encreafe the means whereby they may be made or preferved honeft and mercifull men; which may be fomewhat furthered, by this Meditation.

Sing this as the X. Commandements.

Though, we have got an *evill-name*, And, *cruell-men* reputed are; We may not be fo much to blame, As, to the vulgar, we appear.

With fuch as have not well been taught, We chiefly deal; and, fuch as they On us, an *Ill-report*, have brought; Which, will not foon be blown away. 2 If we be kinde, to fuch as thefe; They, for our kindneffe, us undo: If then, we give them *little-eafe*, They, raile at us, for doing fo.

And, moft, who their juft fuffring fee, (Misjudging that, which they perceive) Suppofe us mercileffe to be; When, better things, they fhould beleeve. 3 The Common-wealth doth alwaies need That fervice, which it calls us to,

And

Hymn LVI. And, many mifchieves would fucceed, Should all men, unreftrained go.

Good-men, have this way, been employ'd: And, by the tender hearts, of fuch, Good-men, have, likewife, eafe enjoy'd; And, comforts, which they needed much. 4 Yea, though fooles count it, no difgrace Offenders, thus, to keep in hold ; An Office, of that Truft, it was, And honourable, thought of old. And, if we be not men of truft, To whom, fuch places, now, belong: They, who conferd them, are unjust; And, much, the *Common-wealth*, may wrong. 5 When Joseph was in prifon bound, (Though great he were, who laid him there) He, kindneffe in the Jayler, found ; Becaufe, he guiltleffe did appear.

Yea, many bleffed Saints of GOD, When they by *Tyrants* were oppreft; (And no compaffion found abroad) Found mercy, in a Jaylers breaft. 6 Oh LORD / let mercy never faile Within my heart, a place to finde. Though I be Keeper of a Jayle, Yet, let me keep, an honest-minde.

Difcretion give me, to perceive What men, I strictly should restrain : And, when I libertie may give, Yet, in my place, upright remain.

7 Keep

7 Keep me, for evermore, a friend To thofe, that are fincerely thine; And, thy compaffion, L o R D / extend In life, and death; to me, and mine.

And, let my *Servants*, all, I pray Be *faithfull-Servants* unto thee : That, at the great *Affizes-day*; I, and my houfhold, fav'd may be.

HYMN LVII.

For a Prifoner.

Men in Affliction are forewhat eafed when they can finde words whereby to express their fufferings; To help them who want expression of their endurance, in imprisonment; and, to remember prisoners, of fuch Meditations as are pertinent to their condition, is the intent of this Hymn.

I, Whom of late No thraldome did moleft; Of that eftate, am, wholly, difpoffeft. My feet, once free, Are, ftrictly now confin'd; Which, breeds in me, A difcontented mind.

2 Those prospects faire, Which I was wont to have;

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That wholfome aire, Which fields and medows, gave ; Are changed, now, For clofe unpleafant cells : Where fecret-woe, And, open-forrow, dwels. Infleed of Strains, 3 Delightfull to mine eare, Gives, bolts and Chains Are all my mufick, here : And, er'e I get Those things, for which I pay, I must entreat, With patience, in delay. To feed, or fleep, 4 To work, or take mine eafe; I, now, must keep Such houres, as others pleafe. To make me fad, Complaints are likewife heard ; And often made, Of wrongs, without regard. 5 LORD / as I ought, My freedome had I us'd ; Of this, (no doubt) I might have been excus'd. But, I confesse, The merit of my fin, Deferves no leffe, Then hath inflicted bin.

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6 Let

Part.3. Hymn LVIII. 473 6 Let not, oh GOD! My fin, thine anger move : But, let this Rod, Correct my faults in love. With patient minde, Let me thy ftripes endure ; And, freedome finde, When they have wrought their cure. 7 Whilft, here, I bide (Though I unworthy be) Do thou provide All needfull things, for me. And, though friends grow Vnkinde, in my diftreffe ; Yet, leave not thou Thy fervant, comfortleffe. So, though in thrall 8 My body must remain ; In minde, I shall Some freedome, still, retain. And, wifer made By this reftraint, fhall be, Then, if I had Vntill my death, been free.

HYMN LVIII.

For a Prifoner condemned.

I have often observed that prisoners condemned, for want of good counsell, have Ill spent the short time 474

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time affigned them to live; otherwhile in a defperate follitie; and otherwhile in exceffive difcomfort; therefore, this Hymn is offered as a help to fettle, and prepare their mindes for death.

Sing this, as, VVe praife thee GOD.

Ow, I perceive a God there is That fearcheth out my wayes; And that whenere I do amiffe, His eye the fame furvayes. Yea, now, I know, he knows that thing Which I thought known of none : And, can to light those actions bring, Which are in darkneffe done. 2 As thou, oh LORD / haft found me out, So, let me finde out thee : That, of thy grace, I may not doubt, Though graceleffe yet I be. And, to the Croffe, though I was brought, Ere I my Guilt could rue; Since, now, thy mercy, is befought, To me, thy Mercy fhew : Touch thou my heart with true remorce, For what, I have mifdone : That, it may truly hate the Courfe, Which I till now have run. And, let, oh LORD / fome recompence From thy free hand, be daign'd; To all, who have, by my offence, Wrong, loffe, or grief, fuftain'd.

4 Let

4 Let not the horror of my fact. My guiltie Soul oppreffe; Nor fear, nor hope, my minde diffract; Nor forrow, me oppreffe. But, let me with, true penitence, Before thy throne repaire ; Emploring grace, for my offence, With fafting, and with pray'r. And, though the Sinners way, I trod. Whilft I had freedome here ; Let, unto me, in death, oh G o D ! The Gate of Life, appear; That, when the Law shall stop my breath, As Justice doth decree, I, through the dreadfull *shades of Death*, May finde, a *path* to thee.

HYMN LIX.

For a Prifoner at the place of Execution.

It is ufuall for Prifoners brought to fuffer for death, to Sing at the place of their execution, that they may teffifie their hope of a joyfull Refurrection; and of mercy in the world to come; in the expreffion of which hope, this Hymn affifieth, and intimateth with what Meditations, they fhould be exercifed at their fuffering.

Sing

Sing this as the former.

Hen Achan for his lawleffe-prize, A cenfure fhould receive, His pious Judge, did him advize, To GOD, the praise to give. For, when our fins we do confesse, We make his Justice known ; And, praife the wayes of Righteoufneffe, By blaming of our own. 2 LORD / I have well deferv'd the doom, By which condemn'd I am : And, to this place, I now am come, To fuffer for the fame : In hope, through my firme faith in thee, And for thy mercies caufe ; That, this, shall my last-fuffring, be For breaking of thy laws. 3 Behold not LORD / behold, thou not With Countenance aufteer, The Crimes, which do my Soul befpot, And fill my heart with fear : But, fince I have repented them; . Since, I, in thee beleeve; And do likewife my felf condemn, Do thou oh LORD / forgive. Though with difgrace, caft forth I am, And, thruft from living-men ; LORD! Let me not appear with fhame,

When I appear, agen.

Yea,

Yea, though this way, to thee I come, And, have my Lot mifpent, Thy wastfull-Childe, receive thou home ; Since, he doth now repent. Them comfort who are fild with grief, 5 This end of mine to fee. Let my fad fall, and my lewd life, To others, warnings be. Oh / let all those, who see me clime This mountain of difgrace, Amend their lives whilft they have time, And, Vertues path embrace. 6 Once more, I, for my felf, oh LORD! Of thee do humbly crave,

That, thou the mercy wouldft afford, Which, now, I feek to have.

But, longer why do I delay

This bitter Cup to drink?

Thou knoweft L o R D / what I would fay; Thou knowft what I can think.

7 My heart fpeaks more then words expresse, And, thoughts, the language be,

By which the finner, in diftreffe, Speaks loudeft unto thee.

The *world*, therefore, thus, turning from ; Of her, I take my leave :

And, LORD/ to thee; to thee I come; My Spirit, now, receive.

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HYMN LX.

For a Poet.

Poets are prophets ; not only in the vulgar acception, among humane Authors, but fo called alfo by Saint Paul, Tit. I. 12. By this Hymn therefore, fuch Poets as are not paft grace, may be remembred to exercife their facultie to that end, for which it was given unto them, by GOD.

BY Art,aPoet is not made. For(though by Art,fome better'd be) Immediatlie his gift he had From thee,oh G o D / from none but thee. And fitted in the wombe he was, To be (by what thou did'ft infpire) In extraordinarie place, A Chaplain of this Lower-Quire. Moft Poets future things declare ; And Prophets (true or falfe) they are. 2 They who with meeknes, entertain

And, with an humble Soul,admit Thofe *Raptures*,which thy grace doth daign, Become for thy true fervice fit.

And, though the *fcapes* which we condemn, In thefe may otherwhile be found;

Thy

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Thy Secrets thou revealeft by them, And mak'ft their tongues thy praife to found.

Such *Mofes* was ; fuch *David* prov'd ; Men famous,holy,and belov'd. 3 And,fuch (though lower in degree) Are fome,who live among us yet ; And,they with truth infpired be, By mufing on thy *holy-Writ*.

In Ordinarie, fome of thofe, Vpon thy fervice do attend; Divulging forth in holy-Profe, The Matters which the day

The *Meffages* which thou do'ft fend : And fome of thefe,thy *Truths* difplay ; Not in an ordinarie way.

4 But where this *Gift* puffs up with pride, The *Devill* enters in thereby; And through the fame,doth means provide, To raife his own *Inventions* high.

Blafphemous-Fancies are infus'd; All holy new-things are expel'd. He that hath most prophanelie muz'd, Is fam'd,as having most excel'd;

And those are Priests and Prophets made

To him, from whom their Strains they had. 5 Such were those Poets, who of old, To heathen GODS, their Hymns did frame; Or have blafphemous-Fables told, To Truths abuse, and Virtues blame.

Such are thefe *Poets*, in thefe daies, Who vent the fumes of Luft and *Wine*:

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Then, crown each othersheads, with Bayes ; As if their Poems, were divine. And, fuch, (though they fome Truths forefee) Falfe-hearted, and falfe prophets be. 6 Therefore, fince I reputed am Among thefe few, on whom the times, Imposed have, a Poets name ; LORD / give me grace to fhun their crimes : My precious gift, let me employ Not (as imprudent Poets use) That Grace, and Vertue, to deftroy, Which I fhould ftrengthen, by my Mufe: But help to free them of the wrongs, Suftain'd by Drunkards Rymes, and Songs. 7 Yea, whilft thou shalt prolong my dayes, LORD, all the musings of my heart, To be advancements of thy praife, And, to the publique-weal, convert : That, when to dust I must return, It may not justly be my thought, That, to a bleffing, I was born, Which by abufe, a Curfe hath brought. But, let my, confcience, truly fay,

My Soul in peace departs away.

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Forthem who intend to fettle in Virginia, New-England, or the like places.

Many depart every yeare from this IIe, to fettle in Virginia, New-England, and other parts of America, who/e happineffe I heartily defire ; and whofe contented well-being in thofe places, might perhaps be fomewhat furthered by fuch Meditaons as thefe : And therefore, to thofe who pleafe to accept thereof, I have recommended my love in this Hymn.

Sing this as, We praife thee GOD.

D R D, many times thou pleafed art, Thy fervants to command
From their owne Countries to depart, Into another Land ;
That thou maift there, a dwelling place
Vpon their feed beftow ;
Or elfe to bring thy faving-Grace, To those to whom they go.
To whatfoever end it were, That hither I am fent;
To do thy Will, and ferve thee here, It is my true intent.
And humbly I of thee require That as thy Will to do,

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Thou haft inclined my Defire ; Then grant performance too.

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3 From old aquaintance, from my kin, And from my native home,

My life anew, here to begin, I by thy leave am come :

And now, the place of my abode, Appeareth unto me

Another World ; yet here oh G OD ! My G O D thou ftill fhalt be.

4 This Land is thine, a fwell as that, From which I lately came :

Thy holy Word this Light begat ; The Heav'ns are here the fame.

Sun, Moon, and Stars, as well as there, The Seafons do renew:

The Vapors drop their fatnes here ; And thy refreshing dew.

5 Oh / let the Son of Righteoufnes, Thy Truth, and Grace divine,

Within ths uncouth Wildernes With brightnes alfo fhine.

That we and they whom here we find, May live together fo,

That one in *Faith*, and one in *mind*, We by thy Grace may grow.

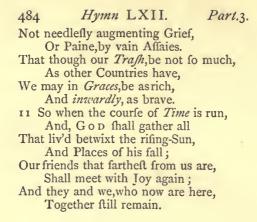
6 Since to that place, we feem as dead, From whence we be remov'd;

The Follies which with us were bred, The Sins which there we lov'd;

Here

Here, let us bury on the fhore ; That they may not be feen, And learn'd by those, that heretofore, So wicked have not been. 7 But innocent, oh L o R D, and wife, Let our Demeanors be ; That they, whofe rudeneffe we defpife, No ill example fee. But, taught afwell by Deed, as Word, So let their Good be fought, That they may *Room* to us afford, As due for what we brought. 8 And let the Place, from whence we came, To us be ftill fo dear : That we nor injure, nor defame Church, Prince, or People there. But let us paffe our Cenfures now, Vpon our felves alone : And, by our Conversation, show What beft is to be done. 9 Make us contented with that Lot. To which we now are brought. Let that which may not here be got, A needles thing be thought. For this he may fuppofe with eafe, Who by the *Natives* heeds, With how few things their minds they pleafe, How little Nature needs. 10 Let all our Labours be for Life; Our *Life* unto thy *Praife*; V 2

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The Authors Hymn for himfelfe.

He praifeth GOD for converting his many troubles and afflictions to his advantage; defiring those Meditations may not be prophaned by his failings; but that he may live so in this life, that he may be admitted to the Quire of Angels in the life to come.

GReat Almighty King of Heav'n! And one-G o D, in Perfons-three; Honour, Praife, and Thanks be giv'n, Now, and evermore to thee.

Who

Who haft more for thine prepar'd, Then by words can be declar'd.

2 By thy Mercies I was taken From the pits of mirie clay; Wherein, wretched and forfaken, Helples, hopeles, too I lay.

And, those comforts thou didft give me. Wherof no man can deprive me.

3 By thy grace, the Paffions, troubles. And what most my heart opprest, Have appear'd as aierie bubles. Dreams or fuff'rings but in jeft :

And with profit that hath ended,

Which my Foes for harm intended. 4 Thofe afflictions, and thofe terrors, Which did Plagues at first appear; Did but fhew me what mine errors,

And mine imperfections were.

But they wretched could not make me; Nor from thy Affection fhake me.

5 Therefore, as thy bleffed *Pfalmift*, When his warfares had an end, (And his dayes were at the calmeft) Pfalmes, and Hymns of Praifes pend;

So my reft, by thee enjoy'd,

To thy Praife I have imploy'd. 6 LORD, accept my poore endeavour; And affift thy Servant fo, In well-doing to perfever, That more perfect I may grow ; Y 3

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Ev'ry day more prudent, meeker, And of thee a *Faithfull-feeker*. Let no paffed fin or folly, Nor future fault in me Make unfruitfull or unholy, What I offer now to thee :

But with favour and compafiion, Cure and cover each tranfgreffion.

8 And with *Ifr'ls* Royall *Singer*, Teach me fo *Faith's* Hymns to fing; So thy ten ftring'd *Law*, to finger; And fuch mufick thence to bring,

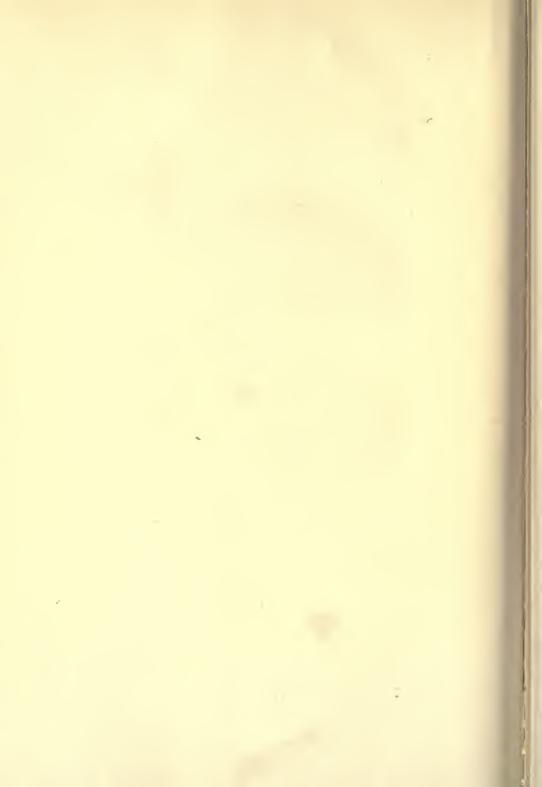
That by Grace I may afpire, To thy bleffed *Angell-Quire*.

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A Lthough my *Mufe* flies yet far fhort of thofe, Who perfect HALLELVIAHS can compose: Here to affirme, I am not now afraid, What once (in part) a Heathen *Prophet* faid, With fleighter warrant (when to end was brought What he for meaner purposes had wrought.)

What he for meaner purpofes had wrought.) The work is finifk'd, which nor humane pow'r, Nor Flames, nor Time, nor Envy fhall devour. But with Devotion, to G O D S praife be fung, As long as Britan fpeaks her English-tongue, Or, fhall that Chriftian-Saving-Faith profefle, Which will preferve thefe lies in happines. And (if Conjectures faile not) fome that fpeak In other Languages, fhall notice take Of what my humble Musings have compos'd; And by thefe Helps more often be difpos'd To celebrate his Fraifes in their Songs; To whom all Honour, and all Praife belongs.

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