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I BELIEVE there is no LITURGY in the world, either in ancient or modern language, which breathes more of a solid, scriptural, rational piety, than the COMMON PRAYER of the CHURCH of ENGLAND: and though the main of it was compiled considerably more than two hundred years ago, yet is the language of it not only pure, but strong and elegant in the highest degree.

Little alteration is made in the following edition of it, except in the following instances:—

1. Most of the holy-days (so called) are omitted, as at present answering no valuable end.
2. The Service of the LORD'S DAY, the length of which has been often complained of, is considerably shortened.
3. Some sentences in the offices of Baptism, and for the Burial of the Dead, are omitted; and,
4. Many Psalms left out, and many parts of the others, as being highly improper for the mouths of a Christian congregation.

JOHN WESLEY.

Bristol, Sept. 9, 1784.

PROPER LESSONS

TO BE READ AT

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER,

ON THE SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

<i>Sundays in Advent.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
The first.	Isaiah 1	Isaiah 2
2 _____	_____ 5	_____ 24
3 _____	_____ 25	_____ 26
4 _____	_____ 30	_____ 32
<i>Sundays aft. Christ.</i>		
The first.	_____ 37	_____ 38
2 _____	_____ 41	_____ 43
3 _____	_____ 44	_____ 46
4 _____	_____ 51	_____ 53
5 _____	_____ 55	_____ 56
6 _____	_____ 57	_____ 58
7 _____	_____ 59	_____ 64
8 _____	_____ 65	_____ 66
9 _____	Genesis 1	Genesis 2
10 _____	_____ 3	_____ 6
11 _____	_____ 7	_____ 18
12 _____	19 to ver. 30	_____ 22
13 _____	_____ 24	_____ 37
14 _____	_____ 39	_____ 42
15 _____	_____ 43	— 44 and 45
<i>Sunday bef. Easter.</i>		
1 Lesson.	Exodus 9	Exodus 10
2 Lesson.	Matthew 26	Heb. 5 to v. 11

PROPER LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS.

	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>Easter-Day.</i>		
1 Lesson.	Exodus 12	Exodus 14
2 Lesson.	Romans 6	Acts 2 v. 22
<i>Sundays aft. Easter.</i>		
The first.	Numbers 16	Numbers 22
2 _____	— 23 and 24	_____ 25
3 _____	Deuter. 4	Deuter. 5
4 _____	_____ 6	_____ 7
5 _____	_____ 8	_____ 9
<i>Sunday after Ascension-Day.</i>	Deuter. 12	Deuter. 13
<i>Whitsunday.</i>		
1 Lesson.	16 to ver. 18	Isaiah 11
2 Lesson.	Acts 10 ver. 34	Acts 19 to v. 21
<i>Trinity Sunday.</i>		
1 Lesson.	Genesis 1	Genesis 18
2 Lesson.	Matthew 3	1 John 5
<i>Sundays after Trinity Sunday.</i>		
The first.	Joshua 10	Joshua 23
2 _____	Judges 4	Judges 5
3 _____	1 Samuel 2	1 Samuel 3
4 _____	_____ 12	_____ 13
5 _____	_____ 15	_____ 17
6 _____	2 Samuel 12	2 Samuel 19
7 _____	_____ 21	_____ 24
8 _____	1 Kings 13	1 Kings 17
9 _____	_____ 18	_____ 19
10 _____	_____ 21	_____ 22
11 _____	2 Kings 5	2 Kings 9
12 _____	_____ 10	_____ 18
13 _____	_____ 19	_____ 23
14 _____	Jeremiah 5	Jeremiah 22
15 _____	_____ 35	_____ 36

PROPER LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS.

<i>Sundays after Trinity Sunday.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
16 _____	Ezekiel 2	Ezekiel 13
17 _____	_____ 14	_____ 18
18 _____	_____ 20	_____ 24
19 _____	Daniel 3	Daniel 6
20 _____	Joel 2	Micah 6
21 _____	Habakkuk 2	Proverbs 1
22 _____	Proverbs 2	_____ 3
23 _____	_____ 11	_____ 12
24 _____	_____ 13	_____ 14
25 _____	_____ 15	_____ 16
26 _____	_____ 17	_____ 19

N.B. Let the Second Lesson in the Morning be a Chapter out of the Four Gospels, or the Acts of the Apostles, and the Second Lesson in the Evening be a Chapter out of the Epistles, in regular rotation; excepting where it is otherwise provided.

PROPER LESSONS FOR PARTICULAR DAYS.

<i>Nativity of Christ.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
1 Lesson.	Isaiah 9 to ver. 8	Isaiah 7, ver. 10 [to 17]
2 Lesson.	Luke 2 to v. 15	Tit. 3, v. 4 to 9
<i>Good-Friday.</i>		
1 Lesson.	Gen. 22 to v. 20	Isaiah 53
2 Lesson.	John 18	1 Peter 2
<i>Ascension-Day.</i>		
1 Lesson.	Deuter. 10	2 Kings 2
2 Lesson.	Luke 24, v. 44	Eph. 4 to v. 17

PROPER PSALMS ON CERTAIN DAYS.

	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>Christmas-Day.</i>	Psalm 19 ———— 45 ———— 85	Psalm 89 ———— ————
<i>Good-Friday.</i>	Psalm 22 ———— 40	Psalm 69 ———— ————
<i>Easter-Day.</i>	Psalm 2 ———— 57 ———— 111	Psalm 113 ———— 114 ———— 118
<i>Ascension-Day.</i>	Psalm 8 ———— 15	Psalm 24 ———— 47
<i>Whitsunday.</i>	Psalm 48 ———— 68	Psalm 104 ———— 145

DAYS OF FASTING OR ABSTINENCE.

All the Fridays in the Year, except *Christmas-Day.*