

The Family Circle

HALLOWED BE THY NAME!

Who dares defame God's Holy Name or fails to reprimand
Those of our race who so disgrace their grand old Mother-
land.

Our fathers' love for God above glowed like a furnace
flame;

But, sad to say, ingrates to-day blasphemous His Sacred
Name.

In shop and street when people meet, God's Name you'll
hear defamed,

And to defend our loving Friend too oft are we ashamed;
Ashamed, alas! we sometimes pass, nor raise our hat nor
speak—

Perhaps some day in vain we may for His protection seek.

Oh! bitter shame! that God's great Name should be so
lightly said;

And, used in vain, cause Him great pain Whose Blood for
us was shed—

The Crucified Who for us died, and, nailed upon the wood,
Redeemed us all from Satan's thrall by His Most Precious
Blood.

Why should we fear the blackguard's sneer if God be on
our side?

Is He not strong to conquer wrong, and crush the blas-
phemer's pride?

Then raise your hat, nor stop at that, speak out if needs
must be;

To all proclaim: "Blessed be God's Name for all eternity."

Those heroes who, to Ireland true, the scaffold bravely
trod,

Went forth to die with heads held high and confidence in
God.

His Name the last from their lips passed, they faced death
without dread;

For God was near to bless and cheer our great, heroic
dead.

What those brave men so honored, then, shall we dare to
defame?

Ah! no, not so, through weal or woe we'll love God's Sacred
Name.

On Erin's shore for evermore His Name will be revered;
His Mercy and His Wisdom praised, His righteous anger
feared.

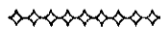
So, brothers! now let us all vow to join in this crusade;
Can we not hear, soft, low, and clear, God's Voice, "Be
not afraid!

For I am here, so have no fear; speak out, My Name
defend;

And when we meet at Judgment Seat then

I shall be your Friend."

—LOUIS A. TIERNEY.



BEFORE MASS: HOW ALTAR-SERVERS SHOULD PREPARE.

To serve Mass is a very holy work. Boys should pre-
pare to serve it well and in neat attire. They should
have their boots well blacked, their hands and faces well
washed and their hair brushed. Boys who are to serve
an early Mass should brush their boots at night to have
them ready for the morning when they may have to hasten
to church and have no time to brush off mud or dust.

When a Mass server comes to church he should take
holy water and make the Sign of the Cross, *slowly*. If he
have to walk up the church to get to the sacristy, he should
keep his eyes fixed on the altar and walk quietly and
without a clatter. Some boys trot and clatter up a church
floor like ponies on a stony street. The church is God's
house. The altar is His throne.

Arriving at the foot of the altar a boy bends his right

knee to the ground, says a short prayer, kneeling, and
goes to the sacristy. Bending the right knee is called a
genuflexion. It is easy to do this right, but many boys
do it wrong always. To make a genuflexion the right knee
should touch the instep of the left boot, the body is *not*
bent forward, neither is the head. The hands are to be
kept joined *at the breast*, the fingers straight, the right
thumb stretched over the left. When learning the answers
for Mass, practice this. It is easier to do the right thing
than the wrong thing, and practice makes perfect.

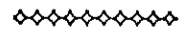
If the sexton has not taken out the vestments and
put them on the vestment bench for the priest, the Mass
server can put them out. But how is he to know the
color of the vestments which are to be used for Mass?
There is a small Latin book in the sacristy. It has the
word *Ordo* printed in big print on its cover. At the top
of its pages are the names of the months. On the left-
hand margin is the day of the month and under these
figures is printed a part of a Latin word, Alb., Viol.,
Virid., Nig. Alb.=white, Rub.=red, Viol.=violet, Virid.
=green, Nig.=black. Let us try to see can we find out
in the *Ordo* the color of the vestments to be used on some
days in the year. St. Patrick's Day is March the 17th.
Let us open the book and we find the date, 17, and under
the figures the letters, Alb., and we know that white vest-
ments are to be taken out and arranged for Mass. Again,
June 29 is a holy day, the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.
Which color of vestments is to be used at Mass? Find
the month of June and the date, 29, in the *Ordo*, and
under the figures 29, stand the letters Rub., which shows
that red vestments are to be used.

In lifting the vestments, open out the drawer wide,
put your hands flat under the vestments, and lift them up
on to the vestment bench. Do not lift them with one
hand and do not grasp them in a wisp or in a lump. They
are holy things and have been blessed by a bishop. When
they are on the bench unfold them a little and you will
find that folded up in the big silk vestment which the
priest puts on last of all for Mass, are four smaller silk
vestments. The big vestment is called a chasuble. The
longest, which the priest wears round his neck, is the
stole; the one he wears on his left arm is the maniple
(pr. man-i-pl); the square piece of silk is the veil of the
Chalice; the stiff, square piece of silk is a purse or bag
for holding a holy linen cloth, called the corporal. Do
not open this bag or touch this linen. This silk bag is
called the burse. The big vestment is unfolded, and on
top of it is spread the stole, having the side with the
cross on it turned uppermost and the cross in the centre
line. The maniple is laid on top of the stole, the cross of
its centre resting on the cross of the stole. Then the long
white cord is placed over these. It is arranged in the
shape of a capital M, the tassels are put at the right-
hand side. The long linen robe is spread over this cord.
The neckband-opening touches the cord. The cord is
called the cincture (pr. singktur). The robe is called the
alb. The linen square with long tapes is called the amice
(pr. am-is). It is spread on top of all.

If slippers are worn serving Mass, they should be put
on when the vestments are arranged for the priest. But
if a Mass server does not arrange the vestments he should
put on slippers when he reaches the sacristy, he should
then wash his hands, put on his soutane, buttoning *all*
the buttons, and put on his surplice, pulling it down before
and behind, so that it may hang evenly.

Soutanes should be so long that they almost touch
the floor, and when a boy grows so big that his soutane
is very short he should not wear it. If he can, he should
wear a longer one, or allow other boys who are smaller
to serve Mass. Boys measuring in height from 3ft 8in
to 4ft 6in are suitable for Mass servers. Boys over 5ft
are too big and too clumsy for Mass serving. Short sou-
tanes are things of horror.

REV. E. J. QUIGLEY, in a *Book for Altar-Servers*.



A SPRING THOUGHT.

Spring floods each wood and way,
And sordid city street,
Round altars where men pray,
Heaping her blossoms sweet;
And o'er fresh graves doth lay
Her buds in reverence meet.