

# Sermons on the principal festivals of the Christian Church, to which are added three sermons on Good Friday, John Bird Sumner (abp. of Canterbury.)

He adds: "Christians justly celebrate the founding of this Mother Church, the centre of Catholic Communion, in thanksgiving to God for His mercies, and to implore His future blessing." On this solemn festival, which is one of the few "functions," as they are called, celebrated in the magnificent church of St. Peter, the Pope is borne on the shoulders of twelve men in his Sedia Gestatoria, or Pontifical Chair of State, attired in vestments of gold, and wearing the tiara, or triple crown (see 24). On each side of His Holiness is carried a large fan of ostrich feathers, into which All three lived in a time when the Christian Church, after almost three centuries of persecution, received freedom and was flourishing throughout the Byzantine "oikoumene." All the three were involved in contesting contemporary heresies, of which the most dangerous was Arianism, which rejected the Divinity of Jesus Christ. A particular common characteristic of the three holy hierarchs was their love for scholarship and learning. St Basil wrote a famous "Exhortation to Youths as to How They shall Best Profit by the Writings of Pagan Authors," where he recommends Christian youth to use the works by ancient Greek writers, poets and philosophers for educational purposes. Holman Christian Standard Bible But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. International Standard Version But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people to be his very own and to proclaim the wonderful deeds of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. NET Bible But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may proclaim the virtues of the one who daily sermon visits to. in. the market-place, his frequent. take no step of any sort which was not guided by so Christian a rule as is the prudent, learned, and I remain, with holy decision of your Reverence. deep veneration and obedience, &c., at the feet of. your Reverence, CASTELLFUERTE. fearing to trust themselves inside the churches, 14 1 half of which were in ruins, erected. some.