

Philander Chase Letters

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## Letter to John Rimm

Philander Chase

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R. Ch. Bishop Chase's Birthday  
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My Dear Children Relatives,  
and friends assembled here to  
keep the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of your  
affectionate Parent & Pastor  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Before you retire from  
this frugal and temperate  
repat allow me to occupy  
your attention in hearing  
a few words.

It was, and I hope  
is still, the custom in our  
Father-land, for the Arch-  
Bishop to invite all present  
at the domestic Festival  
of

of what is called the  
"Lambeth Dinner" to join  
in prayer to Almighty  
God the Author of our  
being and the Saviour of  
our souls by saying the  
"Liturgy."

Now though for  
obvious reasons, we cannot,  
in our present circumstan-  
ces, <sup>do the like</sup> wholly and with due so-  
lemnity, <sup>as</sup> in a church or a  
Bishop's Chapel, yet we can  
fulfil the spirit of this pious  
custom by repeating a portion  
of the same, together with a Col-  
lect appropriate to the birth-  
day feast of one, who so  
soon



soon in the course of nature, must be no longer with you; and for which event he denies that he and you all may be prepared. — Therefore let us pray.

“O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

“O God the Son, Redeemer of the world have mercy upon us miserable sinners. Amen.

“O God the Holy, proceeding from the Father & the Son — have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

“O Holy, blessed & glorious Trinity! <sup>that is persons</sup> ~~that is persons~~ <sup>one God</sup> have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

“Remember not our offences  
O Lord, nor the offences of  
our

"our forefathers; neither take  
thou vengeance for sins;  
If are in good Lord; spare  
thy people whom thou hast re-  
deemed with thy precious blood  
and be not angry with us  
forever"

"Shere in Good Lord

"O God whose days are without end  
whose mercies can not be numbered  
make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensi-  
ble of the shortness & uncertainty of  
human life. & let thy Holy Spirit lead  
us thro' this vale of misery, in holiness &  
righteousness all the days of our life.  
That when we shall have served thee in  
our generation, we may be gathered unto  
our Fathers, having the testimony of a good  
conscience in the communion of the  
Catholic Universal Church; in the con-  
fidence of certain faith; in the comfort of  
a reasonable, religious & holy hope; in fa-  
vor with thee our God, & in perpetua-  
lity with the world. All which we ask thro'  
Jesus Christ our Lord," saying as the Holy  
Ghospit taught us. "Our Father who art in heaven  
v. 11