



## HOUR OF ADORATION

### PETER DEFENDS HIS MASTER.

#### I. — Adoration.

The Apostles on seeing the enemy approaching, feared for the life of their Master and their own. They had two swords. This is the moment to use them. Nevertheless, before doing so, they pause to take the advice of Jesus: "*Master, shall we strike with the sword?*" Peter, quick as lightning, without waiting for an answer, strikes the servant of the High-Priest, and cuts off his ear.

Had he forgotten that Jesus is God, all-powerful, and, consequently, needing not the help of any creature to defend Himself? But Jesus took care to remind him of it: "*Put up again thy sword into its place, for all that take the sword shall perish by the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot ask My Father, and He will give Me presently more than twelve legions of angels?*" If a single angel had been sufficient for Almighty God to exterminate 185,000 soldiers of Sennacherid's army, what would twelve legions of angels (over 70,000) effect among some hundred men?

Jesus had at His disposal the whole angelic army, whose number is innumerable. According to theologians, it surpasses that of all human beings that have ever been, that now exist, or that will exist to the end of time. But Jesus wished to obey His Father. If He were not arrested by His enemies, how would the Scriptures which announced His sufferings and death, be fulfilled? Very far from defending Himself, He cured one of His enemies disabled by Peter.

Adore Him in the Sacrament, the God and the King of the angels. A multitude of heavenly spirits surrounds every one of His earthly abodes: *Ubi Jesus, ibi angeli*. At the approach of those that come as enemies to seize Him and cast Him into the sink of a heart in-