

hind him are carried two peacock fans, to represent perhaps sun and moon, or emperor and empire, with the picture of the vicar of Christ between them. The singers at his entrance into the church start to sing *Tues Petrus*. The church is packed full. The throng of country folk, in part in picturesque clothing and in part in torn and tattered garments that hardly cover their bodies, have streamed here to receive the papal blessing and see the sights. They push about in the church and crowd to get at the statue of St. Peter and kiss his right toe. On this occasion two thrones have been erected for the pope. On each side of the baldachin there sit a large number of fine-looking women and richly dressed young men, who do not exercise much of the spirit of devotion—Englishmen, Germans, Frenchmen, and Romans among them.

As soon as the pope ascends the throne on the right side of the baldachin he receives the homage of cardinals and patriarchs, bishops, archbishops, abbots, confessors of St. Peter's, who kiss his feet and bend three times on their knees. Then song and prayers. The pope then proceeds to the great throne. The altar is bathed in incense. The *Gloria* is sung, the Epistle, the Gospel, and the *Credo*—then the tedious preparation for the mass itself: the carrying to and fro and around of the vessels, which are very elegant (the cup only being used when the pope says mass and said to be worth 80,000 scudi). Censers are swung and the *Sanctus* sung; consecration and elevation of the host by the pope. Communion by the pope, the cardinal deacon, Latin subdeacon and cardinal deacons and noble laymen. Then recitation of the *Confiteor* and communion of cardinals. Completion of the mass. The distribution of the papal blessing from the altar.

A presbyter gives to the pope thirty gold pieces *pro missa bene cantata* (for the mass, well sung) which he hands to a cardinal, he to a servant, and he to the chapter of St. Peter's. Adoration of relics, and finally the benediction from the balcony of St. Peter's. The benediction is longer than on Thursday. The formula is this:

*Sancti apostoli Petrus et Paulus de quorum potestate et auctoritate confidemus ipsi intercedant pro nobis ad Dominum, Amen. Precibus et meritis benedicti Mariæ semper virginis, benedicti Michaelis archangeli, benedicti Joannis Baptistæ et apostolorum Petri et Pauli et omnium sanctorum misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus et demissis omnibus peccatis vestris perducatur vos Jesu Christus ad vitam eternam. Amen. Indulgentiam, absolutionem et remissionem omnium peccatorum vestrorum spatium veræ et fructuosæ pœnitentiæ, cor semper pœnitens et emendationem vitæ, gratiam et consolationem Spiritus Sancti et finalem perseverantiam in bonis operibus tribuat vobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus. Amen. Et benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti descendat super vos et maneat super vos. Amen.*

("The holy Apostles Peter and Paul, on whose power and authority we depend, themselves intercede for you to the Lord. Amen. God