

such only as *worthily receive the same* [that is, with a 'lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour.'—*Communion Service*] *they have a wholesome effect or operation*; but they that receive them unworthily purchase to themselves damnation, as St. Paul saith."—*Article XXV.*

3. THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, in opposition to the assumption which would convert Christ's ministers into an order of sacrificing and mediating priests (*leprés*).

"The only priests under the Gospel, designated as such in the New Testament, are the saints, the members of the Christian Brotherhood. As individuals, all Christians are priests alike." "The most exalted office in the Church, the highest gift in the Spirit, conveyed no sacerdotal right which was not enjoyed by the humblest member of the Christian community."—*Lightfoot, Bishop of Durham.*

Comp. Hooker, B. V., c. LXXVIII.

"The word *priest*, as used in the Prayer Book, is *synonymous* with, and is but a contraction of, *Presbyter*."—*Bishop McIlvaine.*

4. THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST BY FAITH IN THE HEARTS OF WORTHY RECIPIENTS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION; in opposition to the figment of His presence corporeally or spiritually on the communion table, under the form of bread and wine, after the consecration of the elements.

"No adoration is intended, or ought to be done, either unto the sacramental bread or wine, there bodily received, or unto any Corporal presence of Christ's natural Flesh and Blood;... the natural Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ are in Heaven and not here."—*(Note at end of Communion Service.)*

"If a man... by any other just impediment do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Curate shall instruct him if he do truly repent him of his sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed His Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving Him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth."—*(Rubric in Communion of the Sick.)*

"The Body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten, in the Supper only after an heavenly and spiritual manner. And the means whereby the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper is faith."—*Article XXVIII.*

5. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST is "the Holy Catholic Church."—*(Creed.)* "The Holy Church Universal."—*(Prayer for Church Militant and Litany.)* "The mystical body of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people."—*Communion Service.*

"The true Church is an universal congregation or fellowship of God's faithful and elect people, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner stone."—*Homily for Whitsunday.*

"Before all sermons, lectures, and homilies, the preachers and ministers shall move the people to join with them in prayer in this form or to this effect, as briefly and conveniently as they may. 'Ye shall pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church, that is, for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the whole world, and especially for the Churches of England, Scotland, and Ireland.'"—*Canon XV.*