

Again, in casting a veil over the eyes of Jesus, they thought that He would not recognize them. They did well, the insensates ! The glance of Jesus, more powerful than the rays of the sun, not only distinguishes their outrages, but even penetrates to the bottom of their hearts to discover therein their infernal intentions. If the eyes of His Body can no longer perceive anything, those of His soul, of His Divinity above all—His infused and divine knowledge—can discover everything, even in its last details. Much more, Jesus the Master, the King, the Inspirer of the prophets, had positive knowledge from all eternity of all that His enemies would say and do against Him.

At this moment, O Divine Jesus, in which, according to appearances, Thou dost seem in the eyes of the Jews the most ignorant man in the world, with the angels surrounding Thee, I recognize Thee as the Master of the prophets, I proclaim and adore Thee as the Teacher of wisdom, the Guide of the sages.

And behind that new veil, which love alone, and not human malice, has cast over Thy Sacred Face in the Sacrament, Thou art always the Divine King of the prophets, the God who scrutinizes hearts. It is this same Face, hidden from us under the sacramental veil, which, in heaven holds ravished and in ecstasy the host of angels and blessed. Yes, so I proclaim it. We must believe it even against the senses, against the ordinary laws of being, against one's own experience. We must believe on the simple word of Jesus Christ. There is only one question to be asked : " Who is there ? " " I," answers Jesus Christ. Let us prostrate and adore !

I venerate Thee, I adore Thee, O hidden God ! The greatest desire of my heart is to see all men prostrating in the dust and rendering to Thee solemn adoration.

II. — Thanksgiving.

Blind paganism was accustomed to represent the god of love with eyes blindfolded. This poetic fable became a living reality in this scene of the Saviour's Passion. It was love alone that veiled the eyes and the Face of Jesus. It was love alone that led Him to support patiently this new humiliation.

This circumstance hides a mystery full of tenderness for His executioners and for all sinners. The Divine Master will, in some manner, be ignorant of the hand that struck Him that He may not be able to denounce him to the justice of His Father. He wished not to know the name of the sinner that He might not have to raise it from the Book of Life. Daily is there question of the same thing in our regard. His mercy and His love throw a veil over our faults to conceal them as much as possible from God's justice.