

Subject of Adoration

"A Son is given to us"

Filius datus est nobis.

ADORATION.

This little Child born to us, this Son given us by Heaven, is the very Word of God, the only begotten Son of the Father. He it is who, in the day of our sinfulness and of His Father's righteous ire, offered Himself as a Mediator to establish the glory of God in its primitive rights.

This Child is our Savior, promised and given us that with Him we might be enabled to pay our debt of justice due to God. This is what the Prophet means when he says that He is given to us, handed over to us, so to say, "*Filius datus est nobis.*"

The Son of God, once given and delivered up to us in Calvary for our Redemption, remains hence forth our property.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass He is offered up daily for our sakes, working once more the Redemption of mankind to satisfy the requirements of divine justice and love.

From the first moment of the Incarnation, from the hour of His Birth amidst the wretched poverty of the Stable, Jesus is truly our Savior, our Victim. Already He has begun the work of our Salvation, and He will not leave it off until it is consummated on the Cross; nay, even until the end of time He will continue it through the deep humiliations of His Eucharistic Life.

Let us, then, adore our Savior, always working out our salvation in His adorable Sacrament, by His almighty intercession in our favor, by the example of His virtues and by the annihilation of His glory beneath the humble Eucharistic veils, that hide Him from our sight.

THANKSGIVING.

Our Savior sets out with eager haste upon the road of Sacrifice and immolation. "*Exultavit ut gigas ad currendam viam*". Hear this joyful answer "Behold I come!"