



Mary, Model of Communion

IN the house of Ephesus where St. John received the Blessed Virgin, sacred legacy of his dying Saviour, was a little chapel, where the adorable sacrifice was daily offered ; where the beloved disciple renewed the immolation which redeemed the world and of which he was a privileged eye-witness ; where Mary welcomed anew into her heart the Son to whom she had given birth. Sublime and unparalleled sight contemplated by the angels in wondering admiration, great and soul stirring mystery, the very thought of which enraptures us even after the lapse of eighteen centuries.

Have you ever thought, dear reader, on what the communions of Mary must have been ? On her life of communion during the long years she spent on earth after the Ascension of her divine Son into heaven ? Have you realized the example, the perfect model, she offers you in this as in every other action of your life ? No, perhaps not, as this fertile subject is as yet so unexplored ; piety has not as yet culled all the lessons blossoming there. Nevertheless, what sweeter and more consoling than trying to enter into the sentiments and admirable dispositions of Mary receiving Jesus ; the marvels of sanctity and grace wrought by Jesus in her sinless soul !

What words can describe the faith of Mary when approaching the Holy Table ! So vivid, so ardent, penetrating the veil of the sacrament, seeing Jesus Himself, present, living, glorious under the Sacred Species. Communion is in reality for Mary the renewal of the Incar-

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