

ful, bound in chains, Jesus impassible, in a state of dissolution, Jesus who can die no more, taking upon Himself a state of death in order to continue the Sacrifice of Calvary.

## III.

But to what end? In order to glorify His Father perpetually by His office of Victim, that the Father may love and bless the world for which the Victim is offered ; to perpetuate His office of Redeemer and Saviour and to apply to us directly the fruits of His Passion and Death by associating us with His offering, and teaching us to sacrifice ourselves with Him. Lastly, oh beautiful thought ! that we, too, as Mary and John, may assist at His Sacrifice and death.

## IV.

Since Jesus Christ has replaced all the sacrifices of the Old Law by the single Sacrifice of the Mass, He has comprehended in it all their intentions and fruits

In obedience to God the Jews offered Sacrifices to four ends: to acknowledge His sovereign dominion over all creatures ; to thank Him for His gifts ; to supplicate Him to continue them, and to appease His wrath, enkindled against their sins. Jesus Christ does all this and in a most perfect manner, when, instead of the offering of sheep and bulls, He offers Himself to God as a holocaust, He, the Son of God, and God Himself. He adores His Father, when in the name of all men, of whom He is the First born, He acknowledges that God alone is the source of all good, and that all creatures live but through Him, and offers His own life to acknowledge that having received it from God, God alone has a right to the free and absolute disposition of it.

A hostage of praise, Jesus *thanks* His Father for all the graces accorded to Him and through Him to all men ; He makes for us an eternal canticle of Thanksgiving. He becomes a Victim of Propitiation, imploring pardon continually for the sins of men that are being continually renewed, and desires to associate man with His Reparation as He does with His Sacrifice.