



The Eucharist

The complement
and the safe-guard
of the Incarnation

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... The vital principle in the dogmatic and the moral economy of the Christian religion, is the Incarnation of the Eternal Word. Therefore, the closer or the more remote the connection of its other parts with the Incarnation, gives measure of their intrinsic excellence, and of their relative importance in the religious life of the Christian Church. Allow me to rehearse what the Eucharist is with regard to the great dogma of the Incarnation.

The Institution of the Eucharist.

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us—*Et verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.*” And now I say the Word was made flesh and dwells among us—*Et habitat in nobis.* What! the Incarnation still upon earth, in the midst of men, this very day, so that we to-day may draw nigh to Him, speak to Him, lip to lip, hold Him in loving embrace! Yes, Brethren, all that