

3. Let us, with the Wise Men, acknowledge the titles and infinite perfections of Christ, whom they adored in the stable, and whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist. Let us unite ourselves to them, as they offered their symbolical presents. The Holy Fathers tell us that, in offering *gold* the Wise Men recognized Jesus Christ as their King, for gold was the tribute paid to sovereigns ; moreover it symbolized charity and love, which is man's most absolute and royal gift. Let us proclaim the Kingdom of our Eucharistic Christ, His Kingdom in heaven and on earth, over all our possessions, our hearts, our entire beings.

By offering *frankincense* the Wise Men recognized Jesus Christ as God. Frankincense symbolized sacrifice, adoration, and prayer that ends in God Himself. Let us, in union with them, proclaim that Jesus, the Beginning and End of all things, is there entire, that He is there present in His omnipotence, in His infinite wisdom and absolute perfection.

By offering *myrrh* the Wise Men adored in Jesus their Redeemer and Saviour, they rendered homage to His Sacred Humanity, His adorable Body and His precious Blood, that were to accomplish the salvation of the world. Let us meditate on Jesus immolated anew in the Holy Eucharist ; recalling and renewing for us His Passion and applying to us anew its fruits.

II. — Thanksgiving.

1. What gratitude did not the Wise Men owe to the God of Love, who chose them from among all others to know and adore the Saviour of Bethlehem ! There were more powerful kings, more learned astronomers, perhaps more holy men even among the pagans than they. By what inexplicable privilege of God's love were they chosen ? Oh ! With what intensity has not Jesus loved us in the Eucharist ; since He has given to us knowledge of and faith in His august mystery, rather than to many others, who though they be among the heretics and pagans may in their lives have less offended God than we.

2. The Wise Men were not only given knowledge of the true God and Saviour of the world, but they were called *to come and adore Him*. What an honor, when the Voice of Jesus Himself calls us to the Holy Tabernacle, there to fulfil the duty of the Angels in heaven !

What happiness for us to pass a few moments in intimate union with the Divine Heart ; to place within it all our pains and miseries, and in turn to receive from it abundant grace for our salvation.

3. O Jesus, Divine Sweet Saviour ! Thou didst allow the Wise Men only to adore and contemplate Thee, and they were overcome with joy. They did not have our happiness ! Oh ! is it possible to