

Sacrament by which we emblematically partake of the broken Body and shed Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and feed by faith on Him the true manna and the Bread of Life which came down from heaven.

“ O let us on thy goodness feed,
And eat thy flesh and drink thy blood.”

We wish you also in offering your children to God in the Sacrament of Baptism to present them to Him in His temple in the presence, and with the prayers, of the congregation. In doing this, you will follow the example of the parents of Samuel, and to those to whose care was committed the keeping of the holy child Jesus. Hereby you will publicly confess your faith in the Triune God and receive the blessing promised in His Word to those who keep His commandments.

We desire also to call your serious attention to the sanctity of the Sabbath, and the duties imposed on us by Divine authority in connection with the keeping of this Holy Day. God's ancient people were exhorted by the Prophet Isaiah to abstain from doing their own work and speaking their own words on the Sabbath. Our obligation to keep it holy is clearly taught us by the Apostle, who duly observed it as a day specially hallowed of God. To violate the sanctity of this day is a sure precursor of sorrow; while to keep it holy will bring to us the peace and blessing of God. Let us not forget the Divine precept, “ Keep holy the Sabbath Day ”:—

“ This day let our devotions rise
To heaven, a grateful sacrifice.”

In conformity to the rules of our Church we call your attention to the efforts which are put forth by Christian Philanthropists of the present day to abolish the use and sale of intoxicating liquors. The prevalence of intemperance and its consequent evils are truly appalling. We wish you therefore as those whose acknowledged principles are in sympathy with every good institution to co-operate zealously with those societies which have been organized for the suppression of this monster vice; endeavour by every means in your power to prevent the introduction of those death-producing articles, to put a bar on this unrighteous traffic, which, though receiving as it does the sanction of the civil law is nevertheless condemned by a higher authority, even Divine Law. Those poisonous drinks which become so effective in the demoralization and ruin of millions who partake of them are pronounced by the first medical authorities of the day to be injurious in a high degree to the human system. Truly, “ Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”