

Christ, so often art thou made partaker of all the merits of Christ. For the love of Christ is never diminished, and the greatness of his propitiation is never exhausted. Therefore thou oughtest always to weigh with attentive consideration this great mystery of thy salvation.

So great, new, and joyful, it ought to seem unto thee, when thou comest to these holy mysteries ; as if the same day Christ, descending into the womb of the Virgin, was become man ; or hanging on the cross, did suffer and die for the salvation of mankind.

CHAPTER III.

That it is profitable to Communicate often.

THE VOICE OF THE DISCIPLE.

BEHOLD, O Lord, I come unto thee, that I may be comforted by thy gift, and delighted in thy holy banquet, which thou, O God, hast prepared in thy goodness for the poor. Behold, in thee is all I can or ought to desire : thou art my salvation, and my redemption, my hope, and my strength, my honour, and my glory ! Make joyful, therefore, this day, the soul of thy servant ; for I have lifted it up unto thee, O Lord Jesus ! I desire to receive thee now with devotion and reverence. I long to bring thee into my house ; that with Zaccheus I may be blessed by thee, and numbered amongst the children of Abraham. My soul thirsteth to receive thy body and blood, my heart desireth to be united with thee.

2. Give me thyself, and it sufficeth ; for besides thee, no comfort is available. I cannot be without thee, nor live without thy visitation ; and, therefore, I must often come unto thee, and receive thee

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