

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

I. CORINTHIANS x. 16.

"THE CUP OF BLESSING THAT WE BLESS, IS IT NOT THE COMMUNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST? THE BREAD WHICH WE BREAK, IS IT NOT THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST?"

THE approach of Christmas Day, one of the three great Festivals of the Church, on which all Christian people should partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, has moved me, as your Pastor, to speak to you this Evening of that holy ordinance.

Let me ask from you the earnest attention which the subject demands, and let us all pray God that what is said may be for His glory, and for the edification of souls which Jesus at His Advent came to redeem.

(I) A few words, and but a few, upon the *doctrine* of this holy mystery.

The Holy Communion may, as I have before observed to you, be regarded under two aspects, (i) as a memorial or, as it is sometimes called, a commemorative sacrifice, and (ii) as a sacrament or channel of divine grace to our souls.