



Daily Communion



THE institution of the Blessed Eucharist beautifully tells the solicitude of Christ for man. Surpassing all the wonders of Creation it brings man especially close to his Maker. Josue staying the sun in its course; Moses striking water from the rock; the fire coming down from Heaven to consume the victim, were the action of the Creator on the creature; the Blessed Eucharist is the action of the creature on the Creator. A few words from the priest, the bread and wine are robbed of their substance, yea of their very name; they are what He names them, the Body and the Blood of Christ. Really, trully, substantially Jesus Christ, the Consecrated Host makes the heart of the communicant a living ciborium; makes it like to heaven. For heaven is the enjoying of God's presence, and without God heaven is hell. Yes, after feeding on the Body of our Lord, our heart beats upon the heart of Jesus. This is His love "Having loved his own who were in the world, He loved them unto the end."

He has a desire of intimate union with man. He is the vine, we are the branches, and unless vivified by Him we wither and die. St. John clearly speaks the mind of His Master. "This is the Bread that came down from heaven. Not as your Fathers did eat Manna and are dead. He that eateth this Bread shall live forever." Crossing the dreary land of the desert the Jews were