

O unspeakable grace! O admirable condescension! O infinite love, singularly bestowed upon man! But what shall I give unto the Lord, in return for his grace, for so eminent an expression of love? There is nothing more acceptable that I am able to give, than to give my heart wholly to God, and to unite it close unto him.

Then shall my inward parts rejoice, when my soul shall be perfectly united unto God. Then he will say unto me, "If thou wilt be with me, I will be with thee." And I will answer him, "Vouchsafe, O Lord, to remain with me, and I will gladly be with thee. This is my whole desire, that my heart may be united unto thee."

CHAPTER XII.

Of the fervent Desires of some devout Persons to receive the Lord's Supper.

THE VOICE OF THE DISCIPLE.

O HOW great is thy goodness, O Lord, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee!

When I remember some devout persons, who came unto thy sacrament, O Lord, with the greatest devotion and affection, I am confounded, and blush within myself, that I come so heavily and coldly to thy table!

That I remain so dry, and without hearty affection; that I am not wholly inflamed in thy presence, my God, nor so earnestly drawn in affection, as many devout persons have been, who with desire both of soul and body, earnestly longed after thee, O God, the living Fountain.

Be merciful unto me, good Jesu, sweet and gra-