

by joining in it—and by joining in it audibly, with “humble voice” as well as with “pure heart;” we must strive to be governed throughout by the solemnizing remembrance that God is with us, beholding our every act—our every glance, and hearing our every word.

If our bodily service were offered under this remembrance, our worship would no longer be open to the reproach of being frigid—lifeless—slovenly; feeling ourselves the consciousness of the presence of Almighty God, we should instruct the thoughtless—the irreligious—to feel it also; we should be doing all that external service can do to withdraw the veil which hides from the carnal mind the apprehension of things unseen. Our Church has given us plain and clear instructions, which no man can possibly mistake; and it is by acting obediently and lovingly in accordance with the rule which she prescribes, that we shall, as individuals, best secure our Communion from any dangerous excess of ritual; while we shall, most assuredly, be removing out of our own path one very serious hindrance to our enjoying the blessing of those who worship God “in spirit and in truth.”

One caution remains. We deeply need meek and fervent charity in regard of the subject on which I have ventured to address you. If we *are* agreed on general principles, we may still differ as to minor details. Men’s minds are not all cast