

unto the LORD—so the Psalmist exhorts—Wherefore, let us, the congregation of His people, praise Him with a joyful sound, rejoicing and singing praise, making melody of a happy heart and gracious lips unto GOD. Declare His Glory unto all people—Let us, therefore, make ready, with careful calculation, the offering which shall both testify (by its abundance answering to our sense of His Goodness) that we honour Him ourselves, and (being spent for the purpose of sending His messengers to others*) make those who, perhaps, hitherto have not known Him, to glorify and honour Him too. Bring your gift to the altar—Let us come to offer that which we set apart for GOD in the Glorious Sanctuary, the near and especial Presence of the Almighty, where with the blessed angels He is more fully present than elsewhere, that, by the Holy Worship there made, our gifts may be joined to CHRIST'S Sacrifice and rendered acceptable, and we be found, indeed, to render Glory to GOD in the Highest, being made active sharers in the unity of Charity on earth. And come in the Beauty of Holiness—Wherefore, let the full ranks of devout and thankful communicants prove that we of this place, who profess to wish to give to GOD the Glory due unto His Name, have regard therein not only to the meat which perisheth, which

* The Offertory on the following Sunday to that on which this Sermon was preached, which was to be the Day of Thanksgiving, was to be given to the Additional Curates Society; as will be the profits, if any, of this Sermon.