

PREFACE.

· THIS little Manual, the Author selected and composed some years ago, with a design to furnish his own mind with a profitable spiritual exercise, during the period of dispensation of the divine ordinance of our Lord's Supper. And having now for years, found it serviceable in filling up the vacancy which then occurs—excluding irrelevant thoughts, and securing devotional ones;—he is desirous of extending the help to all Christians, who may consent to avail themselves of it. On the principle of the English Liturgy,—and particularly its admirable communion Service, which derives its manifold virtue and beauty from the living Oracles: he has looked to the same source for materials and authority for its composition; and seeing that our Lord's Prayer, is by no means a solitary form in the sacred page, he deems it a sufficient apology for the adoption of a form of sound words, when our imperfection in the solemn duties of the Lord's House requires it. And as it will be deemed unbecoming, in the solemn hour when the most exalted intercourse between