

So many dark deeds fill the night that the reason for this Nocturnal Adoration and solemn reparation is self-evident. St John in his Apocalypse laments how evil-doers, blasphemers cease not their outrages night or day but often, in persuasion of their wickedness, turn day into night and night into day. Therefore true adorers, adorers who according to the Gospel adore in spirit and truth, should watch during the night before the Tabernacle like those sentinels mentioned by the Prophet Isaias :

"I have stationed sentinels on thy walls, O Jerusalem. They shall not slumber but guard thee night and day." Glorious privilege enjoyed by Nocturnal Adorers, those loyal sentinels ever faithfully guarding the Eucharistic Christ, and singing His praises while the rest of the world slumbers.

Judging by the wonders He wrought therein, God wished as it were, to consecrate the night. It was at night that He appeared to Isaac and announced the blessings about to gladden him ; it was at night, according to Exodus, that the Lord struck all the first-born of the Egyptians, from the first-born of Pharaoh seated on his throne to the first-born of the handmaid at the mill and all the first born of beasts ; it was at night that the Hebrews escaping from servitude eat the bread of the Lamb without spot, type of the Redeemer : " And the whole multitude of the children of Israel shall sacrifice at night and at night eat the flesh roasted at the fire. "

It was at night that the Word came into the world to redeem it ; it was at night that in a mysterious Epiphany the Messiah manifested Himself to the Shepherds ; it was at night that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist : " The Lord Jesus in the night He was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it saying : ' Take ye and eat. '

If Jesus has wrought so many marvels during the night for man, object of His love, is it not mere justice that man whom He loved to such an extent, should not forsake Him at night in His Tabernacle, but, that humbly prostrate before this mystic tent he should offer