

It is, lastly, that we may participate in His glorious resurrection. — Jesus Christ sows Himself in us. The Holy Spirit will vivify that Germ, and by It give us new life, but a life glorious and unending.

Such are some of the reasons that led Jesus Christ to surround with the insignia of death this Sacrament of life, this Sacrament in which He is so glorious, in which His love triumphs.

He wishes to put constantly under our eyes what we have cost Him, and what we ought to do to correspond to His love.

“O Lord!” let us say to Him with the Church, “Thou who hast left us in Thy admirable Sacrament so lively a remembrance of Thy Passion, grant that we treat the Sacred Mystery of Thy Body and Blood with such respect as to deserve to experience constantly in ourselves the fruits of Thy Redemption!”

Eccc Homo.

(See frontispiece.)

THE appearance of Jesus is so pitiful that Pilate thinks that the sight of so heartrending a spectacle will soften the fury of the Jews. Taking Jesus to a balcony in sight of the infuriated mob, Pilate lifts up a corner of the purple cloak and discloses the body of the Sufferer, furrowed and livid with the marks of the lashes, blood streaming from innumerable wounds and from the thorny crown which is pressing upon His sacred head.

Sweetest Lord! How is it that our devotion can ever flag when we are in Thy presence! Sweetness is distilled from Thy presence the whole atmosphere is filled with Thy sweetness, and yet we are cold and unmoved! Change these hard, unloving hearts we beseech Thee, render them responsive to Thy lightest touch, so that on these blessed days when Thou dost bid us worship at Thy Throne we may bring Thee the offering of hearts glowing with love and fervor and wholly Thine.