

the redemption of his people.

2 And hath raised up an horn of salvation to us, in the house of David his servant.

3 As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, who are from the beginning.

4 Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

5 To perform mercy to our fathers; and to remember his holy testament.

6 The oath which he swore to Abraham our father, that he would grant to us.

7 That being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we may serve him without fear.

8 In holiness and justice before him, all our days.

9 And thou child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the lord to prepare his ways.

10 To give knowledge of salvation to his people, unto the remission of their sins.

11 Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient, from on high, hath visited us.

12 To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death to direct our feet into the way of peace.

Grant them eternal rest, &c.

*Anth.* I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in me, though he be dead shall live; and every one that lives, and believes in me, shall never die.

*The following Prayers are said kneeling, when the Office is not a double.*

Our Father, &c. in secret.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

*When the Office is a Double, the Psalm D. profundis is omitted.*

Grant them eternal rest, &c.

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver their souls, O lord.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to thee.

V. The lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

*The Prayer is recited as at the end of the Vespers (page ), according to the Rank, Degree, or Sex of the Person for the Repose of whose Soul the Office has been said or sung.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC WEEK.

TUESDAY.

APOSTOLICAL.

To Jesus Christ our King, to the Blessed Virgin Queen of Apostles, to all the Holy Apostles, and particularly Saint Paul.

THROUGH THE AFFECTION OF OBEDIENCE, AND OF MOST SINCERE CONFIDENCE.

1. Neither St. Benedict, nor St. Francis, nor many other great men wished to be ordained priests. Others only submitted to receive that great dignity, out of pure obedience to God, and by his special command. For if St. Paul judges himself unworthy, who can be considered worthy?

2. God called Adam, and said to him: Adam where art thou? Gen. iii. But allow me to say, Lord, Lord, where art thou? In the midst of my heart, and in the bosom of a sinner! Who would dare to place him there, if thou hadst not commanded it? Who would believe it, if thou hadst not said it?

3. Behold the Lord our God has shewn us his majesty and his greatness: we have heard his voice from the midst of fire, and we have proved to day, that when God converses with man, man will live. Deut. v. O Jesus! do thou therefore speak to us, that we may live. Let not Moses speak to us, nor no other creature.—Let us hear only the voice of him whom we love, that we may obey him for ever! S. Aug. Conf. x.

4. If you shall hear me I will give you a land flowing with milk and honey. Lev. i. What else is this but the flesh of the Lord Jesus, which is truly a land flowing with milk and honey, really a land of promise, a land of paradise. Terrib. de carne Christi.

5. Benjamin, the best beloved of the Lord shall dwell confidently in him: as in a bride chamber shall he abide all the day long, and between his shoulders shall he rest. Deut. xxxiii. 12. O how happy is Benjamin! How happy John, who at the last supper, at the invitation of Jesus himself, leaned upon his breast! How happy is he in whose breast Jesus reposes!—If any man shall open to me says Jesus, I will enter, and I will sup with him. Apoc. iii. Come, O good Jesus! Do as thou hast said.—Behold all the innermost parts of my heart are open to thee!

6. I shall hear what the Lord God will say in me, for he will speak peace to his people, and to those who are converted unto the heart. O sweet love of my soul! command the winds and the sea, that a calm may ensue in my heart, that