

clare thy name to my brethren ; in the midst of the church will I praise thee. 'The poor shall eat the bread of their redemption and shall be filled, and they shall praise the Lord,—and my children shall serve him ;' (Ps. xxi.) when I reflect that I myself am one of those brethren, one of the members of this church, one of those poor, one of those children of whom you think, and to whom you announce before the *consummation* of redemption, an unspeakable joy likewise fills my soul and my mouth involuntarily to repeat with you, to congratulate you, O sweet Saviour, and to bless your tenderness, *all is consummated*.

But alas ! what have I said ? I can never pronounce on earth this word so sweet, which your lips have uttered. To my last moments my thoughts must be turned back upon the whole of my past sins, instead of having like you, all the designs and commandments of your Father accomplished, I shall behold nearly them all unworthily opposed and violated. What a sad *consummation* ! Ah ! at least I shall behold the term of my sins arrived, and their cause and their number arrested for ever, and that will be to me, O Lord, a great consolation and a great joy. At least protect me by the sweet remembrance of you, and full of confidence in your divine merits, in your perfect obedience, and your perfect atonement, I shall hope to say at last this ravishing word, *all is consummated*. This shall be when you shall please to introduce me to your wonderful tabernacle, and make me enter with you into the joy of your heavenly Father. Oh ! then may your redemption and your mercy being *consummated* in my behalf, *consummate* also, for

ever, my salvation and my bliss. Amen. Amen.

SEVENTH AND LAST WORD.

FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.

Luke xxiii. 46.

Behold the last word of Jesus. St. Luke, who relates it, expressly adds, that in saying this he expired. It also appears that it was pronounced immediately, or at least a few moments after that which we have just considered, and with which it is entirely connected in sense. We may perceive this by the gospel of St. John, where we read, that after he had said, *all is consummated*, Jesus bowed down his head and gave up the ghost.

All is consummated—Father into thy hands I commend my spirit,

This word therefore being no more than a continuation of the preceding, is likewise to Jesus a word of consolation and joy, and as it were the cry of the consummation of his victory. Hence there is something remarkable in its being uttered with a loud cry, as we shall hereafter observe.

Father. Let us also greet with a cry of congratulation and love this sweet name that proceeds from the lips of our divine Saviour. The other words which he pronounced are also found in the royal prophet, who had said in the midst of his perils, *Into thy hands O Lord ! I commend my spirit.* (Ps. xxx.) But Jesus Christ in repeating them changes the title of invocation ; what he had not done at the *Fourth Word*, and instead of saying with David, *O Lord*, he says, *Father* ! because the Lord his God has again