

for our own use, and ourselves also in the using thereof, clean before God;—abundant therefore, that we be not found appearing empty before the LORD, contrary to His own expressed will, and to the fear thereof which—as is indeed but reasonable—we profess to have. Also that, since we are Christians, it must be with Holy Communion, at once the most necessary and the highest Act of Adoration which we can offer, being, as it is, the only public worship which the LORD Himself commanded us to use, and that also which shews forth and pleads before GOD the Father that great Act to which all worship refers, and from which all service derives its power,—the Death of our LORD and Saviour: Which also is the opening to us of the Presence of GOD, our especial means of worshipping in the Glorious Sanctuary, being, as it is, the receiving of the LORD JESUS Himself—the becoming one with Him Who is the Son of the most High GOD: Which therefore itself makes, as nothing else can make, our worship to be in the Beauty of Holiness, and ourselves the worshippers to be in the very Throne-room of Him Who inhabiteth the Glorious Sanctuary of Eternity. For who is Allbeautiful but the only Begotten Son? Who is so near to God as He Who is in the Bosom of the Father? And by this Sacrament we, becoming joint-partakers of Him, the Redeemer, are ourselves made free from sin and abiding in GOD, true worshippers and thankful givers of Glory as are none else.