

THE ORDER FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER, OR
THE HOLY COMMUNION



NOTE.—This Communion Service may be used in connection with, or in place of the Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ The Minister shall give notice for the Administration of the Holy Communion, ordinarily upon the Sunday immediately preceding, by reading this EXHORTATION:

DEARLY beloved brethren, on ————day next I purpose, through God's assistance, to administer the LORD'S Supper, in remembrance of his meritorious Cross and Passion, by which alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven. To this Sacred Feast I invite all who are religiously and devoutly disposed, and may the Blessed Spirit incline your hearts that ye refuse not to come thereto, being so lovingly bidden by Christ himself.

¶ The Table, at the Communion time, shall have a fair white linen cloth upon it, and so much bread and wine as the Minister shall think sufficient. And the Minister, after a Hymn has been sung, shall say,

The LORD be with you;

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O LORD, show thy mercy upon us;

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ Then shall the Minister and the People say the LORD'S PRAYER, if it have not previously been said.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister, standing, shall rehearse the TEN COMMANDMENTS; but, if he think fit, he may read only the Summary of the Law, provided, that the Decalogue shall be read once in each month. The Responses may be said or sung.

¶ And Note, that in rehearsing the Decalogue, the Minister may omit the portions not set in small capital letters.

Minister. God spake these words, and said: I AM THE LORD THY GOD; THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANY THING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH; THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God,

visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: In it thou shalt not do any work; thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. THOU SHALT DO NO MURDER.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. THOU SHALT NOT COVET thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Hear what our LORD Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People. LORD, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Minister. Let us pray.

○ ALMIGHTY LORD, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works

of thy commandments; That, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ Here may be used Prayers for those in any manner of distress.

¶ Then shall be said the Collect for the Day. And immediately after the Collect, the Minister shall read the Epistle, saying, *The Epistle (or, the portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle) for is written in the _____ Chapter of _____, beginning at the _____ Verse.* And the Epistle ended, he shall say, *Here endeth the Epistle. The Holy Gospel is written in the _____ Chapter of _____, beginning at the _____ Verse.*

¶ Here the People shall rise and say or sing the *Gloria tibi*:

GLORY be to thee,
O LORD.

¶ Then shall be read the Gospel, and after it, the People may say or sing the *Laus tibi*:

PRAISE be to thee,
O Christ.

¶ Then shall follow the Nicene Creed, or else the Apostles' Creed, if neither have previously been said.

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; And

ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the LORD and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

[NOTE.—By “one Catholic and Apostolic Church” is signified *the blessed company of all faithful people in Christ*; and by “one Baptism for the remission of sins,” *the Baptism of the Holy Ghost*.]

¶ Here the Minister may give any Notices.

¶ Then, after a Hymn, may follow the Sermon.



¶ Here, if there be an Offertory, the Minister shall read one or more of the following Sentences. While the gifts of the People are being gathered, there may be sung a Hymn or Anthem. At the same time, the Minister may uncover the Communion Vessels and arrange them upon the Table.

REMEMBER the words of the LORD Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts xx. 35.*

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt. v. 16.*

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. *St. Matt. vi. 19, 20.*

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. *St. Matt.* xxv. 40.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. *St. Luke* vi. 38.

Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the LORD ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. *1 Cor.* ix. 13, 14.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. *2 Cor.* ix. 6, 7.

As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. *Gal.* vi. 10.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. *1 Tim.* vi. 17-19.

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed

toward his Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. *Heb. vi. 10.*

To do good, and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb. xiii. 16.*

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? *1 St. John iii. 17.*

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee. *Deut. xvi. 17.*

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. *Prov. xix. 17.*

[NOTE.—These Sentences may be used for the Offertory on any other occasion of Public Worship.]

¶ The Offering of the Congregation having been gathered, it may be dedicated to the LORD in these words following, or the Long Meter Doxology, or other suitable words, said or sung.

ALL things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

¶ The Minister shall then place the Offering upon the Table.

¶ After which the Minister shall give the following, or a similar Invitation:

OUR fellow Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, and all who love our Divine LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the LORD'S Table.

¶ Then the Minister, at the LORD'S Table, shall say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks

for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [*to accept our alms, and*]* to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers of thy Gospel, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; That, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O LORD, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant

* If there be no alms, then shall the enclosed words be omitted.

this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say this EXHORTATION, the People standing:

DEARLY beloved in the LORD, ye who mind to come to this holy Table of the LORD must consider how St. Paul exhorteth all persons to examine themselves, before they eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For, the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive this Holy Supper. Judge, therefore, yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the LORD; repent ye truly for your sins past; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; and so shall ye be meet partakers of this Holy Feast.

¶ At the discretion of the Minister, the following may be omitted; provided, that it shall be said at the first Communion in Advent, in Lent, and after Whitsunday.

And above all things, ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us; he hath instituted and ordained this Holy Supper, as a pledge of his

love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort. To him, therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

¶ Confession to be made by the Minister and the People.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our LORD Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister, standing, shall say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

Hear also what St. Paul saith:

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what St. John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John* ii. 1, 2.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the LORD.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our LORD God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God:

¶ Here shall follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall be said or sung, by the Minister and the People:

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying: Holy, Holy,

Holy, LORD God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Glory be to thee, O LORD Most High. Amen.



PROPER PREFACES

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, being born of the Virgin Mary, without sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

FOR EASTER DAY

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our LORD: For he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and, by his rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

FOR ASCENSIONTIDE

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our LORD; who, after his most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

FOR WHITSUNDAY

THROUGH Jesus Christ our LORD; according to whose promise the Holy Ghost came down, as at this time from heaven, to convict

the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; and to teach thy people, leading them into all truth. Therefore with Angels, &c.

FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

WHO, with thine only-begotten Son, and with the Holy Spirit, art one God, one LORD, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; And the Glory of the Godhead is equally the Glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Therefore with Angels, &c.



¶ Then shall the Minister, kneeling at the LORD'S Table, say the PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful LORD, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same LORD, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious LORD, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall follow the PRAYER OF CONSECRATION:

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; Who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; And did

institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; For in the night in which he was betrayed he took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

¶ Here shall be sung a Hymn.

¶ Then shall the Minister first receive the Communion himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the Ministers assisting, and, after that, to the People. And before delivering the Bread, he shall say, to all the Communicants then around the Table,

THE Body of our LORD Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your bodies and souls unto everlasting life.

¶ And when he delivereth the Bread, he shall say,

TAKE and eat this bread in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart, by faith, with thanksgiving.

¶ And before delivering the Cup, he shall say, to all the Communicants then around the Table,

THE Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your bodies and souls unto everlasting life.

¶ And when he delivereth the Cup, he shall say,

DRINK this wine in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

¶ The Minister may dismiss the Communicants with the following, or similar words:

BELOVED, The LORD be with you: Go in peace.

¶ After all have communed, the Minister shall cover the Communion Vessels; then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say one or more of the following Prayers:

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, in these holy mysteries, hast vouchsafed to feed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of thy dear Son; We beseech thee, that all who faithfully partake of the same may grow up in the Communion of the Body of Christ, and finally attain unto the glory of the Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our LORD, who liveth and reigneth with thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of the truth, and faith in thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as

thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our LORD, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; Most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his Passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O LORD, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; Humbly beseeching thee that we and all partakers of the Holy Communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; Yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; Not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our LORD; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

† Then shall be said or sung the *Gloria in Excelsis*, as followeth:

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy

great glory, O LORD God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O LORD, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O LORD God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the LORD; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

¶ Then, all kneeling, the Minister may say,

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister dismiss the People with these words:

Hebrews xiii. 20, 21

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through

Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ Or these:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our LORD: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Minister shall know any to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbors by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended; he shall advise him, that he come not to the LORD's Table until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented, and amended his former evil life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied; and that he hath recompensed the parties to whom he hath done wrong; or at least declared himself to be in full purpose to do so, as soon as he possibly may.

¶ The same order shall the Minister use with those betwixt whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign.

¶ In conducting this Service, except when kneeling, the Minister shall face the People.

[NOTE.—The act and prayer of consecration do not change the nature of the elements, but merely set them apart for a holy use: and the reception of them in a kneeling posture is not an act of adoration of the elements.]

