

Box of St John Baptist 1845.

On the other paper I have answered your questions: & on this I send a word or two about today which I had no room for in the other.

What I meant this morning is that the love of God is as great a miracle as the Creation of the World. And greater still. He is more tender, loving, indulgent than we can conceive or imagine.

If we try to make up
eternity by adding thousands
of years to thousands of
years we shall never attain
it because it is infinite:
So all our highest concept-
ions of perfect love gathered
together are finite: and we
still straiten Him in our
narrow hearts.

If we knew how loving He
is even our conscious sins
could not keep us from Him.
We should go to Him to tell

Him of them against ourselves,
as we go to a friend who
loves us with perfect tender-
ness. So you may go to Him
to-day with the confessions
of your childhood, and of
your youth: and He will
shed abroad His love in
your heart, and by it draw
you more & more towards
Himself.

Yet as you draw near
you will be troubled, &
afraid, because you will

all the more vividly see
& feel what you are in
yourself.

He has dealt very tenderly
with you: & will do so.
Only trust Him with a free
heart, content, humbled, &
shrinking: but yet saying
"Through the day me yetwell
I trust in Him."

May He fulfil the work
He has begun in you unto
the end.

Prayer of S. Anselm.

Before receiving the Holy Communion:
of the Body & Blood of Christ.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the will of the Father, & the working of the Holy Ghost, through thy death, of thine own free will, hast mercifully redeemed the world from sin, & death everlasting, I adore, & venerate with all my strength, though with a lukewarm affection; and with humble devotion, giving thanks for so great a benefit, this Holy Body, & this Thy Blood,

which for my cleansing
& defence from sin I desire
to receive. I confess, Lord,
that I am too great a
sinner, & unworthy to ap-
proach & touch them. But
trusting in thy clemency, by
which thou didst lay down
& give thy life for sinners
that they might be justified,
and wast willing to be slain
as a Holy offering to the
Father, I venture, sinners
through thee, to receive them
that I may be justified.

Wherefore I humbly beseech
thee, O thou that tenderly lovest
mankind, that what thou gavest
for the blotting out of sinners
may not be to their increase
of sinners: but may be for my
forgiveness, and defence. Make
me, Lord, so to receive them
(thy Body & Blood) in my
mouth & heart, & to perceive
them by faith & affection,
that by their virtues I may
be so planted together in the
likeness of thy death, &
Resurrection, through thee

manifestation of the Old man
& newness of a righteous life,
that I may be worthy to be
incorporated in Thy Body which
is the Church, & that I may
be Thy member & Thine very
head, & that I may abide
in Thee, & Thou in me: until
in the Resurrection Thou shalt
change ~~the~~ the body of my low-
liness to ^{be} like ~~the~~ to the
body of Thy glory, according
to the promise of Thine apostle:
& that I may rejoice in Thee
for ever, for Thy glory who
with the Father & the Holy
Ghost livest & reignest, God
for ever & ever. Amen.