

“ Bread and Wine remain still in their very natural substances, and therefore may not be adored, (for that were Idolatry, to be abhorred of all faithful Christians) And the natural Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ are in Heaven, and not here; it being against the truth of Christ’s natural Body, to be at one time in more places than one.

The MINISTRATION of

PUBLICK BAPTISM of INFANTS,

To be used in the Church.

¶ *THE People are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be administered but upon Sundays, and other Holy-days, when the most number of People come together: as well for that the Congregation there present may testify the receiving of them, that be newly baptized, into the number of Christ’s Church; as also because in the Baptism of Infants, every man present may be put in remembrance of his own profession made to God in his Baptism. For which cause also it is expedient, that Baptism be ministered in the Vulgar Tongue. Nevertheless (if necessity so require) Children may be baptized upon any other day.*

¶ *And note, that there shall be for every Male-Child to be baptized, two Godfathers and one Godmother: and for every Female, one Godfather, and two Godmothers.*

¶ *When there are Children to be baptized, the Parents shall give knowledge thereof over night, or in the Morning before the beginning of Morning Prayer, to the Curate. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and the People with the Children, must be ready at the Font, either immediately after the last Lesson at Morning Prayer, or else immediately after the last Lesson at Evening Prayer, as the Curate by his discretion shall appoint. And the Priest coming to the Font (which is then to be filled with pure Water,) and standing there, shall say,*

HATH this Child been already baptized, or no?

¶ *If they answer, No: Then shall the Priest proceed as followeth.*

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin; and that our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regene-

rate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost: I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to *this Child* that thing which by nature he cannot have, that he may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and re-

received into Christ’s holy Church, and be made a *lively member* of the same.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*
Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the Ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel thy people through the Red sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, didst sanctify Water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *this Child*; wash *him* and sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost; that *he* being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the Ark of Christ’s Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life; there to reign with thee world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the People stand up, and the Priest shall say.*

Hear the words of the Gospel written by Saint Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, and put hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ *After the Gospel is read, the Minister shall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Gospel.*

ALmighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that see to thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this Infant*, that *he* coming to thy holy Baptism may receive re-