

## The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said:

- I. I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.
- II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath—day.
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother.
- VI. Thou shalt do no murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- X. Thou shalt not covet.

## The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *Or this:*

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.

## The Invitation

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent  
you of your sins, and are in love and  
charity with your neighbours, 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, meekly  
kneeling upon your knees.

## The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour  
Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are  
heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St.*  
*Matth. xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that he gave his  
only-begotten Son, to the end that all that  
believe in him should not perish, but have  
everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all  
men to be received, That Christ Jesus came  
into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint 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.*

## The Blessing

¶ *The Atonic Blessing may be used as a preface:*

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace; and ...

¶ *Or this:*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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; and ...

¶ *Or this:*

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 ...

¶ *Or the Blessing may be given without preface:*

THE BLESSING ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy ✠ upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

