Chapter 17

After his Sermon of farewel, he prayeth to his Father, that feeing he hath now finished his worke, he wil giue him his appointed glorie, for the conversion of al Nations, 6. and preserve his Apostles, and his Church after them in vnitie and veritie (that is, from Schisme and Heresie:) 14. finally also glorisie them with him in Heauen.

hefe things fpake IESVS: and lifting vp his eyes into Heauen, he faid: Father, the houre is come, a)glorifie thy Sonne, that they Sonne may glorifie thee. ² As thou haft given him power ouer al flesh, that al which thou hast given him, to them he may give life euerlafting. ³ And this is ⁴ life euerlafting that they know thee, the only true God, and whom thou haft fent IESVS CHRIST. 4 I have glorified thee vpon the earth: I have confummated the worke which thou gauest me to doe: 5 and now glorifie thou me O Father with thyfelf, with the glorie which I had before the world was, with thee. 6 I have manifelted thy name to the men whom thou gauest me out of the world. Thine they were, and to me thou gaueft them: and they have kept thy word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things which thou gauest me are from thee: 8 because the wordes which thou gaueft me, I have given them: and they have receiued, and knowen in very deed that I came forth from thee, and haue believed that thou didft fend me. 9 For them doe I pray: Not for the world doe I pray, but for them whom thou haft given me; 10 because they be thine: and all my things be thine, and thine be mine: and I am glorified in them. And now I am not in the world, and thefe are in the world, & I come to thee. 11 Holy Father,

^a The Father glorifieth the Sonne by rayfing him from death, exalting him vp to his right hand, making al creatures to bow downe at his name, and giuing him al power and iudgement. The Sonne againe glorifieth the Father, by making his honour, which only in a manner was in Iewrie before, now knowen to al Nations.

Io. 18, 9.

Pf. 40, 10. 108, 8.

a)keep them in thy name, whom thou haft given me; that they may be one, as also we. 12 When I was with them, I kept them in thy name. Those whom thou gauest me, haue I kept and none of the perifhed, but the fonne of perdition, that the fcripture may be fulfilled. 13 And now I come to thee: and thefe things I fpeake in the world, that they may have my joy filled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world: as I also am not of the world. ¹⁵ I pray not that thou take them away out of the world, but that thou preferue them from euil. ¹⁶ Of the world they are not: as I also am not of the world. 17 Sanctifie them in truth. Thy word is truth. 18 As thou didft fend me into the world, I also have fent them into the world. 19 And for them I doe b)fanctifie myfelf: that they also may be fanctified in truth. ²⁰ And not for the only doe I pray, but for them also that by their word fhal belieue in me: 21 that they al may be one, as thou (Father) in me & I in thee; that they also in vs may be one: that the world may believe that thou haft fent me. ²² And the glorie that thou haft given me, haue I given to them; that they may be one as we also are one. ²³ I in them, and thou in me: that they may be confummate in one: and the world may know that thou haft fent me, and haft loued them, as me also thou haft loued. 24 Father, whom thou haft given me, I wil, that where I am, they also may be with me: that they may fee my glorie which thou haft giuen me, becaufe thou haft loued me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ Iuft Father, the world hath not known thee. But I have knowen thee: and thefe haue knowen, that thou didft fend me. ²⁶ And I have notified thy name to them, and wil notifie it: that the loue wherwith thou haft loued me may be in them, and I in them.

^a His petition is fpecially to keepe the Apoftles and his Church in vnitie and from Schifmes.

^b To fanctifie himfelf, is to facrifice himfelf by dedicating his holy body & bloud to his Father, both vpon the Croffe, and in the holy Sacrament.

Annotations

3 Life euerlafting) Both the life of glorie in Heauen, and of grace here in the Church, confifteth in the knowledge of God: that, in perfect vifion: this, in faith working by charitie. For knowledge of God without keeping his commandements, is not true knowledge, that is to fay, it is an vnprofitable knowledge. 1. Io. 2.

True knowledge of God.

17 Sanctifie them) Chrift prayeth that the Apoftles, their Succeffours, & al that fhal be of their beleefe, may be fanctified in truth. Which is as much to fay, as to defire that the Church may euer haue the Spirit of truth, and be free from errour. Which praier of Chrift had not been heard, if the Church might erre.

The Church can not erre.

20 But for them) He expreffeth (and it is a great comfort) that he praieth not only for the Apoftles, but for the whole Church after them, that is, for all beleeuers. And all this profound & diuine praier is refembled in the holy Canon of the Maffe before the confectation, as here it was made before his vifible Sacrifice on the Croffe.

The Canon of the Maffe.