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TO THE  
**LORD'S SUPPER;**  
GIVEN IN  
PARAPHRASE OF PASSAGES

SELECTED FROM THE

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT,  
THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,  
AND THE COMMUNION SERVICE,

ACCORDING TO THE USE OF THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND.

WITH REFERENCES TO THE TEXTS.

"To raise us from the Death of Sin to the Life of Righteousness,"  
Burial Service.

"An unwise man doth not well consider this." Psalm xcii. 5.

"Search the Scriptures—they are they which testify of me." St. John v. 39.

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## TO THE READER.

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IN the following Paraphrase of Passages from the Old and New Testament, the Book of Common Prayer, and from the Communion Service, according to the use of the United Church of England and Ireland, closeness to the Texts has been attempted to be aimed at.

References are occasionally amplified, either for the more strongly enforcing the passages which are paraphrased, or in authority for freer departure from the words of the Text, or for additions in the Paraphrase: while, for those who are not of years to be Communicants, the references are designed as didactic.

The passages referred to and quoted in aid, would more aptly be first read, and afterwards, the Paraphrase.

It is with all good will, offered to “young men and maidens, old men—high and low, rich and poor, one with another,”\*

BY THE COMPILER.

A Layman of the United Church.

London, March, 1833.

\* Psalm cxlviii. 12.  
lb. xlix. 2.

## REFERENCES AND AUTHORITIES.

### I.

- (a) I will mention the *loving kindness* of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us.                      Isaiah lxiii. 7.
- (b) Behold what *manner of love* the Father hath bestowed upon us.                              1 John iii. 1.  
Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgressions, and sin.                      Exodus xxiv. 7.  
Thanks be unto God for his *unspeakable* gift.                      2 Corinth. ix. 15.  
Yet believing, ye rejoice with joy *unspeakable* and full of glory. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.                      1 Peter i. 8, 9.
- (c) O how plentiful is thy *goodness* which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee.                      Psalms, Com. Pr., lxxxi. 21.  
They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great *goodness*.                      Psalms, Bib. Trans., cxiv. 7.

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"And now, without redemption, all mankind  
Must have been lost, adjudged to death and hell  
By doom severe, had not the Son of God,  
In whom the fulness dwells of love divine,  
His dearest mediation thus renew'd."

Milton's *Paradise Lost*, b. iii. l. 222.

"And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by  
the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave him-  
self for me."

Galatians ii. 20.

I.

- (a) THY mercy infinite, O Lord!
- (b) Unspeakable thy love!  
Who, uninspir'd, shall well record
- (c) The goodness from above!