

an essay:

“GOD IS PRESENT”

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GOD IS PRESENT IN CREATION...

all around us, of which we are a part, by His calling into being, sustaining from moment to moment and directing the world towards its ultimate purposes. He is Present at the creation of every human soul. In the conception of every child in a mother's womb, in the birth of every child, in the arms of every father and mother that holds a child in love. He is present in all the days of our lives, in all times of joy and all the times of sorrow. He is Present in the final days of earthly life of all men, and as the last breath is taken. He is Present at the calling before His Throne every soul from this life to weigh it in His scales.

GOD IS PRESENT IN HIS WORD...

The Divinely inspired and unerring Holy Scriptures, gradually revealed through Israel and then The Faithful Church. He is Present in His Word in Divine Justice, by which He promises to judge all men. He is Present in His Word in Divine Mercy, by which He offers forgiveness to all men. He is Present whenever The Good News is preached in whatever form, in words and especially in deeds.

GOD IS PRESENT IN HIS PROVIDENCE...

by which He guides events in the lives of men. He is Present in human and prophetic history, by which He restrains sin, punishes wickedness, blesses the righteous and guides His plan of salvation for mankind. He is Present in the respecting of The Free Will which He gives to all men. He is Present in The Grace that precedes, saves and sustains the souls of The Redeemed. He is Present in The Faithful Church on earth and in Heaven, CHRIST being The Head and we being The Body.

GOD IS PRESENT IN THE SACRAMENTS...

rightly administered by The Faithful Church. In Baptism, washing Sin away and sanctifying the soul. In Confirmation, enlightening and strengthening the one coming of age. In The Eucharist, both spiritually and physically, in His Spirit and in The Consecrated Elements, to relieve Venial Sins and strengthen against further Sins. In Reconciliation, convicting the heart to come to Confession, witnessing to Penance, giving Authority to Absolution. In The Anointing of The Sick, stirring the soul, bringing forgiveness of Sins, healing according to His Will or preparing the soul for the final journey through physical death. In Marriage, making the two as one in every way in love, and blessing with children. In all honorable stations of life, especially in Holy Orders, consecrating Religious and Priests to serve The Church – The Body of CHRIST.

GOD IS PRESENT IN HIS SPIRIT...

working in and through His people. He is Present when ever two or more gather together in His Name. He is Present in every true Agape intention, word, act and sacrifice of Love and Mercy given by one man to another. He is Present at The Cross of The Son of GOD, where He calls every man to embrace, pick up and follow Him. He is there at the remembrance and making Present of The Sacrifice of JESUS CHRIST on Calvary in every Mass at every Altar within The Faithful Church in all times and places.

GOD IS PRESENT IN ALL TIMES AND PLACES...

even in the still small voice inside every man. He is Present in every time and place of joy and blessing in our lives. He is Present in every time and place of sorrow and loss in our lives. He is Present in every tear of joy and of grief. He is Present when one human hand is lifted up in cruelty to strike down the hand of another, judging the wicked. He is Present whenever one human hand reaches out in compassion and caring to the open hand of another, blessing the upright. And in all these times and places, the Chaplain comes in His Name, to remind that there is nowhere where He is not Present.