

washing of confession must not be lacking to him who approaches, nor the foundation-stone which is faith, nor the fire of charity, the vinegar of suffering, the testing of temptation. Draw near to the Lord's Supper, to the table full of fatness, charged with power, so that you may arrive at last at the marriage of the true lamb, at which we shall be inebriated with the plenty of God's house, and shall see the king of glory and the Lord of Hosts in his beauty, and taste bread in the kingdom of the Father, our assurance being the Lord Jesus Christ whose power and rule continue without end, for ever and ever. Amen.

Translator's Note.—There are very great differences in the texts of this sermon available in printed editions. This translation is based on an arrangement of those of P. Mandonnet (Paris, 1927), and Vives (Paris, 1879). Both P. Mandonnet and Mgr. Grabmann consider that there is no reason to deny St. Thomas's authorship. But it should be noted that there is a striking difference in style between this and other sermons attributed to St. Thomas.
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FROM S. AUGUSTINE

“ De ipsis tribulationibus murmuras, et dicis ‘ Ecce pereunt omnia christianis temporibus.’ Quid strepis? Non hoc promisit mihi Deus, quod ista non peribunt: non hoc mihi promisit Christus. Aeterna promisit aeternus: si credidero, ex mortali fiam aeternus. Quid strepis?”—*Sermo CV. 6.*

Dost thou complain?

Lament these latter years—bitterly say,

“ Our visions all are vain,

The Christian towns and temples pass away,

All our works fail, the darkness comes again.”

Dost thou complain?

But mundane permanence was promised—when?

Not this Lord Christ foretold,

God's plan not so unrolled;

Here no abiding home He gives to men:

The perishable must perish, only He

Th' Eternal lifts us to Eternity.

JOHN SEARLE.