

The Sacrament of Christs body.

John Badby a lay man, of the sayd Dioces of Worcester, appearing personally, before the reverend father in Christ and Lord, Lord Thomas, by the grace of God Bishop of Worcester, sitting in y^e said Chappell for chiefe Judge, was detected of and upon the crime of heresie, being heretically taught, & openly maintayned by the foresayd John Badby. That is, that the Sacrament of the body of Christ, consecrated by the Priest upon the altare, is not the true body of Christ, by the vertue of the wordes of the Sacrament. But that after the Sacramentall wordes spoken by the Priest to make the body of Christ: the materiall bread doth remaine upon the altare as in the beginning, neither is it turned into the very body of Christ after the Sacramentall wordes spoken of the Priest. which John Badby, being examined and diligently demanded by the foresaid reverend father concerning the premises, in the end did answer: that it was impossible that any Priest should make the body of Christ, & that he beleueed firmly that no Priest could make the body of Christ by such wordes Sacramentally spoken in such sort. And also he said expressly, that he would neuer while he liued beleue, that any Priest could make the body of Christ sacramentally, vntlesse that first he saw manifestlie the like body of Christ to be handled in the hands of the priest upon the altare, in his copozall forme. And furthermore he sayd, that John Bakker of Wytholl had so much powter & authoritie to make the like body of Christ, as any priest had. Whereouer he said, that wh^e Christ sat at supper with his disciples: he had not his body in his hand, to the intent to distribute it to his disciples: and he said expressly, that he did not this thing. And also he spake many other wordes teaching & fortifying the heresie in the same place, both greuous, and also out of order, and horrible to the eares of the hearers, sounding against the Catholike faith.

Upon which occasion, the same reverend father admonished and requested the said John Badby oftentimes, and very instantlie to charity: for so much as he would willinglie that he should haue forsaken such heresie and opinion, holden, taught, and mainteyned by him, in such sort against the Sacrament, to renounce and utterly abiure them, and to beleuee other things which the holy mother the Church doth beleuee. And he informed the said John on that behalfe both gentlie, and also laudably. Yet the said John Badby, although he were admonished and requested both often and instantlie by the said reverend father: said and answered expresselie, that he would neuer beleuee otherwise then before he had said, taught, and answered. whereupon, the foresaid reverend father Bishop of Worcester, seeing, vnderstanding, and perceiving the foresaid John Badby to maintaine and fortifie the said heresie, being stubbornne, and proceeding in the same stubbornnes: pronounced the said John to be before this time convicted of such an heresie, and that he hath bin, and is an heretike, and in the end declared it in these wordes.

In the name of God, Amen. We Thomas Bishop of Worcester, do accuse thee John Badby being a lay man of our Dioces, of and upon the crime of heresie before vs, sitting for chiefe iudge, being oftentimes confessed and convicted of and vpon that, that thou hast taught and openly affirmed, as hetherto thou doest teach, boldly affirme, and defend: that the Sacrament of the body of Christ, consecrated vpon the altare by the Priest, is not the true body of Christ: But after the Sacramentall wordes to make the body of Christ by vertue of the said Sacramentall wordes pronounced, to haue bin in the crime of heresie: and we do pronounce thee, both to haue bene, and to be an heretike, and do declare it finallye by these writings.

These things were done accordingly as is aboue written and are recited in the yeare, indiction, pope dome, moneth, day and place aforesaid, being present the same time, John Malune Prior of the Cathedral Church of Worcester, John Dudle Esquire, and John Hauile the supprior of the said Church, Thomas Benings of the order of the Carmelites, Thomas Fetenham of the order of the preaching friers, William Ismister of the order of the Dominicans, being professors and maisters in diuinitie, William Dales, Walter of London, John Swimmedew being publicke Notaries, and William Wuchampew and Thomas Serbis being Knights, Richard with of Tredington, Thomas wilde of Hambury, John Weston of Pewston, being parsons of Churches, and Thomas Baleingres, the maister of Saint wolstone in Worcester, and also Henry Baggeley, John Benereck, Thomas Rognoynton and William Wasseboque Esquiers of the Dioces of Worcester and Norwich, and many other worshipfull and honest men being witnesses and called speciallie to the things aforesaid.

And J. John Chew Clerke, of the Dioces of Bath and Welles, and by the authoritie apostolicall, publicke Notary

of the said Bishop: haue in testimony of the premises, put my hand & seale to the examination, interrogatio, motion, and answers of the same John Badby, and to his obstinacie: & also to the proceedings of al and singular other doings as is aforesaid, which against him before the sayd bishop were handled & done, in the yeare, indiction, pope dome, moneth, day, and place aforesaid, which with the forenamed witnesses was personally present: and y^e same, euen as I heard them and saw them to be done (being occupied with other matters) caused them to be written and published, and into this publique soune haue compiled the same. J. the foresaid Notary am also priuie, vnto the wordes and examinations interlined betweene leauen or eight lines of y^e beginning of this instrument, which liues J. also the foresaid Notary doe appoyne and make good.

And J. Walter London Clerke, of the Dioces of Worcester, and by the authoritie Apostolicall, publicke Notary: to all and singular the foresaid things as aforesaid by the foresaid Notary is recited, & in the yeare, indiction, pope dome, moneth, day, and place aforesaid were handled and done, being with other the fore recited witnesses personally present: and to all & euery of the same (as I saw & heard them to be done, being therunto faithfully desired and requested.) In testimony of the premises, haue signed & subscribed according to y^e accustomed maner. Hac ex Reg. Cant.

And when the articles, in the foresaid instrument contained, were by the Archbishop of Canterbury publicly and vulgarly read and approued: he publicly confessed & affirmed, that he had both said and mainteyned the same. And then the Archbishop to conuince the constant purpose of the said John Badby, commanded the same articles againe to be read, often instructing him both by wordes and examples, informing and exhorting him that thereby he might be brought the sooner to the Religion that he was of. And furthermore, the said Archbishop sayd and affirmed there openly to the same John: that he would (if he would liue according to the doctrine of Christ) gage his soule for him at the iudgement day. And after that againe he caused those articles in the said instrument expressed, to be read by the foresaid Phillip Morgan, & the said Archbishop himselfe expounded the same in English as before: wherunto John Badby answered. As touching the first article concerning the body of Christ, he expressly sayd, that after y^e consecration at the altare, there remaineth materiall bread, & the same bread which was before: notwithstanding (said he) it is a signe or sacrament of the liuing God.

Also, when the second article was expounded vnto him, that it is impossible for anie Priest &c. To this article he answered and said, that it could not sinke into his minde that the wordes are to be taken as they litterallie lie, vnles he should denie the incarnation of Christ.

Also, being examined of the third Article concerning Iacke Bakker, he said: That if Iacke Bakker were a man of good liuing, and did loue and feare God, that he hath as much powter so to do, as hath the Priest: and said further, that he hath heard it spoken of some doctors of diuinitie, that if he should receiue any such consecrated bread, he were worthy to be damned, & were damned in so doing.

Furthermore he sayd that he would beleue the omnipotent God in trinitie, and said moreover that if enery holic being consecrated at the altare were the Lords body, that then there be 20000. gods in England. But he beleueed (he said) in one God omnipotent, which thing the foresaid Archb. of Cant. denied not.

And when the other conclusion was expounded, That Christ sitting with his Disciples at supper, &c. To this he answered and said that he would greatly maruell: that if anie man had a loafe of bread, and should breake the same and giue to euery man a mouthfull, that the same loafe should afterwards be whole.

When all these things were thus finished, and that all the foresaid conclusions were often red in the vulgar tong: the foresaid Archb. demaunded of him, whether he would renounce and forsake his opinions and such like conclusions or not, and adhere to the doctrine of Christ and Catholike faith? He answered, that according to that he had sayd before, he would adhere and stand to those wordes, which before he had made answer vnto. When the Archb. oftentimes required the said John in the bowels of Iesu Christ that he would forsake those opinions and conclusions, and that henceforth he would cleare to the christian faith: which thing to do in the audience of all the lords and others that were present, he expressly denied and refused.

After all this, when the foresaid Archbishop of Cant. & the Bishop of London had consulted together, to what safe keeping the said John Badby (vntill the redemptiua next) might be committed: It was concluded, that he should

The answers of Iohn Badby to the articles.

The substance of bread not changed in the Sacrament.

The constancy of Iohn Badby before the Archb.

I can not blame ye that ye are so angry, for it was not for your profite.

The sentence of the B. of Worcester against Iohn Badby.

A table of monkes and friers about the condemnation of Iohn Badby

Quare frequenter gentes. Plal. 2.

Scribes with Pharisces.