

Ouer this I beleue, that through counsell of this most blessed Trinity, in most conuenient tyme before ordeined for the saluation of mankinde, the second person of this Trinity, was ordeined to take the foyme of mā, that is, the kinde of mā. And I beleue, that this second person our Lord Ihesu Christ, was conceived through the holy ghost, in y^e wombe of the most blessed virgin Mary, without mans seed. And I beleue, that after 9. monethes Christ was borne of this most blessed virgine, without any payne or breaking of the closter of her wombe, and without filth of her virginity.

And I beleue, that Christ our Sauour was Circumcised in the eight day after his birth, in fulfilling of the law, and his name was called Ihesus, which was so called of y^e Angel, before that he was conceived in the wombe of Mary his mother.

And I beleue, that Christ, as he was about xxx. yeare old, was Baptised in the floud of Iordane of John Baptist: and in the likeness of a Dove the holy Ghost descended there vpon him, & a voyce was heard from heauen, saying: Thou art my welbeloued sonne, in thee I am full pleased.

And I beleue, that Christ, was moued then by the holy ghost, for to go into desert, and there he fasted 40. dayes & 40. nightes without bodely meate and drinke. And I beleue that by and by after his fasting, when the manhood of christ hūgred, the fiend came to him, and tempted him in glory, in wayne glory, and in couetise: but in all those temptations, Christ concluded the fiend, and withstood him. And then without taryng, Ihesu began to preach and to say vnto the people: do ye penance, for the Realme of heauen is now at hand.

I beleue that Christ in all his tyme here lined most honestly, and taught the will of his father most truly: and I beleue that he suffered therfore, most wrongfully, greatest reproches and despitings.

And after this, when Christ would make an end here of this tēporal life, I beleue that in the day next before that he would suffer passiō in the morne: In foyme of bread and of wine, he ordeined the Sacrament of his flesh and hys blood, that is, his onone precious body, & gaue it to his Apolles for to eat: conuainding them, and by them all their after conuerers, that they should do it in this foyme that he shewed to them, vse themselves, and teach and comōd forth to other men and womē this most worshipfull holiest sacrament, in myndfulness of his holiest luyng, & of his most true preaching, & of his wilfull and patient suffering of the most paynefull passiō.

And I beleue, that thys Christ our Sauour, after that he had ordeined this most worthy Sacrament of his own precious body: he wet forth wilfully agaynst his enemies, and he suffered them most patiently to lay their hands most violently vpon him, and to binde him, and to lead him forth as a theefe, & to scourge him, and buffet him, and all to blow or file him with their spittinges. Ouer this, I beleue, that Christ suffered most meekly and patiently his enemies, for to ding out with sharp scourges the blood y^e was betwene his skinne and his flesh: yea without grōding Christ suffered the cruell Jewes to crowne him with most sharpe thornes, and to strike him with a reede. And after, Christ suffered wicked Jewes to draw him out vpon the crosse, & for to naylor him thereupon hand and foote. And so through his pitifull myping, Christ shed out wilfully for mans lye, the blood that was in his vaynes. And then Christ gaue wilfully his spirit into y^e hāds or power of his father, & so, as he would, & whē he would, christ died wilfully for māns sake vpon the crosse. And notwithstanding that Christ was wilfully, paynefully, & most shamefully put to death, as to the world: there was left blood and water in his hart as before ordeined, that he would shedd out this blood & this water for māns saluation. And therfore he suffered y^e Jewes to make a blinde knight to thurst him into the hart with a spear, and this the blood and water that was in his hart, Christ would shed out for mans loue. And after this, I beleue that Christ was taken downe from the crosse and buried. And I beleue that on the third day by power of hys Godhead, Christ rose againe from death to life. And the xl. day thereafter, I beleue that Christ ascended vp into heauen and that he there sitteth on the right hand of the father almighty. And the sixty day after this vp going, he set to hys Apolles the holy ghost, that he had promised them before. And I beleue that Christ shall come & iudge all mankind, some to everlasting peace, and some to everlasting paines.

And as I beleue in the father & in the sonne, that they are one God almighty, so I beleue in the holy Ghost that he is also with them the same God almighty.

And I beleue an holy church, that is, all they that haue bene, and that now are, & alwayes to the end of the worlde shalbe, a people the which shall endeuour them to know &

to keepe the commaundements of God, dreading ouer all thing to offed God, and louing and seeking most to please him. And I beleue, that all they that haue had & yet haue, and all they that yet shall haue the foresayd vertues, inely standing in the belief of God, hoping stedfastly in his mercifull doinges, continuing to thez end in perfect charitye, wilfully, patiently and gladly suffering persecutiōs, by the example of Christ chieflie and his Apolles, all theise haue theyz names written in the booke of life.

Therfore I beleue, that the gathering together of this people, lining now here in this life, is the holy Church of God, fighting here on earth agaynst the fiend, the prosperie of the world, and thez fleshy lusts. wherfore, seing that all the gathering together of this Church before sayd, and enery part therof, neither courtier, nor willeth, nor iouctly, nor lekerth any thing but to eschew y^e office of God, & to do his pleasing will: meekly, gladly, and wilfully, wth all mine hart, I submit my selfe vnto this holy Church of Christ, to be euer byrone & obedient to y^e ordinauce of it, & of enery member therof, after my knowlege and power by y^e help of God. Therfore I knowlege now and euermore thal, if God will, that with all my hart and with all my myght, I will submit me onely to the rule and gouernance of them, whō after my knowlege, I may perceiue by the haining and vsing of the before sayd vertues, to be members of the holy Church. wherfore these articles of belief and al other (both of the olde law and of the new, which after the commaundement of God any man ought to beleue) I beleue verely in my soule, as a sinful deadly wretch of my cunning and power, ought to beleue: praying the Lord God for his holy name, for to encrease my beleue, and to helpe my vnbeleue.

And for because to the praying of Gods name, I desire about all things to be a faithfull member of holy church, I make this protestatiō before you all foure that are now here present, conering that all men & women that now be absent, knew the same: that is, what thing so euer before this tyme I haue sayde or done, or what thing here I shall doc or say, at any tyme hereafter, I beleue, that all the olde law and the new law geuen and ordeined by the counsell of the thre persons of the Trinity, were geuen and written to the saluatiō of mankind. And I beleue, that these lawes are sufficient for mans saluation. And I beleue enery article of these lawes, to the intent, that these articles ordeined and commaunded of these 3. persons of the most blessed trinity, are to be beleued.

And therfore to y^e rule & the ordinauce of these, Gods lawes, meekely, gladly and wilfully, I submit me with all mine hart: that whosoener can or will by authorizy of gods lawe, or by open reason, tell me that I haue erred or now erre, or any tyme hereafter shall erre in any article of beleue (from which inconuenience God keepe me, for hys goodness) I submit me to be reconciled and to be byrone & obedient vnto those lawes of God, and to enery article of thez. For by authorizy, specially of these lawes, I will, thorow the grace of God, be vntied charitably vnto these lawes. Yea sir, & ouer this, I beleue & admit all the sentēces, authoritic and reasōs of the saynts & doctours, according vnto holy scripture, and declaring it truly.

I submit me wilfully and meekely to be euer obedient after my cunning and power, to all these saynts and Doctours, as they are obedient in worke and in word to God & to his law, and further not (to my knowlege) not for any earthly power, dignitie or state, thorow the helpe of God. But sir I pray you tell me, if after your bidding, I shall lay my hand vpon the booke, to what entent: to swaie thereby? And the Archby. sayd to me, yea, wherfore els? And I said to him. Syr a booke is nothing els but a thing coupled together of diuers creatures, and to swere by any creature both Gods law and mans law is agaynst it.

But Syr, this thing I say here to you before these your clerkes, with my foresayd protestation, that how, where when, and to whom, men are bound to swaie or to obey in any wile after Gods law, and saynts, and true Doctours, according vnto Gods law: I will thorow Gods grace be euer ready thereto, with all my cunning and power. But I pray you sir for the charitye of God, that ye will before y^e I swaie (as I haue here rehearsed to you) tell me how or whereto, that I shall submit me: and shew me wherof that ye will correct me, and what is the ordinauce that ye will thus oblige me to fulfill.

And the Archbischop sayd vnto me: I will shortly that now thou swaie here to me, that thou shalt forsake al the opinions which the sect of Lollordes holde, and is flandered with: so that after this tyme, neither priuily nor aperyly, thou hold any opinion which I ha' (after thou hast swome) rehearse to thee here. For thou shalt fauor no mā

The true notes of the true church,

What heresie in this beleue, I pray you my Lord?

The old Testament and newe

Doctours so to be followed, as they follow the word.

To swaie by a booke whether it be lawful.

How, where, and when to swaie.

That is, vnder the creatures of bread and wine.

What is the holy church