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THE NECESSITY OF
EMBODIED ALLEGIANCE



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Idols can't be discarded, they have to be displaced.

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The Kingdom is of such great value and worth that it requires our complete devotion, our utter commitment, our joyful, wholehearted pursuit.

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*Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:*

**CHRIST HAS DIED,
CHRIST IS RISEN,
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**