

Thomas More's Tower Works:

A Treatise to Receive the Blessed Body

Manuscripts

- B526. British Library MS Royal 17 D. XIV, folios 315–24. [*CW* 13: xx–xxvi.]
- B527. Oxford Bodleian Library, MS Bodleian 431, folios 138–146^v. [*CW* 13: xviii–xx.]
- B528. Cardinal Hayes Library, Bronx, New York, MS Manhattan College, fols. 59^v–65^v. [*CW* 13: cxxiv–cxxvii. Probably copied from Fowler's 1576 edition below. From the John Burns collection.]
- B529. University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen MS 185, fols. 217–220. [*CW* 13: cxxvii–cxxix. MS belonging to Robert Parkyn.]
- B530. British Library, MS Harley 6208, fols. 43–50. [*CW* 13: cxxix–cxxx. Made 1575.]
- B531. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Rawlinson C 587, fols. 4–13^v [*CW* 13: cxxx–cxxxii.]

Editions

- B532. More, Thomas. "*A treatise to receaue the blessed body of our lorde, sacramentally and virtually bothe, made in the yeare of our Lorde .1534. by syr Thomas More knyght, whyle he was prysoner in the towre of London . . .*" *The Workes of Sir Thomas More knyghte . . .* London: J. Cawod, J. Waly, and R. Tottell, 1557. sigs. LL₄^v–LL₇. [1264–1269] **Available online** at http://www.thomasmorestudies.org/1557Workes/Treatise_body.pdf. [See STC 18076; Gibson 73 + Smith 1981:35 + 1988:139; *CW* 13: cxxiii. Base text for Yale edition.]
- B533. Fowler, John, ed. *A brief fourme of confession: instructing all Christian folke how to confesse their sinnes, [and] so to dispose themselues, that they may enioy the benefite of true penance, dooing the woorthy frutes thereof, according to th'vse of Christes Catholique Church. Newly translated into English, and set forth together with certaine other godly brief treatises and praiers, as is to be seene in the side folowing.* Antverpiae: Apud Iohannem Foulorum, M.d.lxxvi. [1576]. sigs. e₁₀–f₁₂ [fols. 52–67]. [STC 11181; ESTC S121597; Gibson 96 + Smith 1981:41; ARCR 2:313; Delcourt 1914:400; *CW* 13: cxxiii–cxxiv.]
- B534. Mahon, Thomas, ed. "A Treatise on the Blessed Sacrament By Blessed Thomas More." *The Ecclesiastical Review* (June 1926): 569–578. **Available online** at <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=2974&repos=1&subrepos=0&searchid=451034>

B535. Hallett, Philip E., ed. "Treatise on the Holy Eucharist." *English Prayers and the Treatise on the Holy Eucharist by St. Thomas More*. London: Burns Oates & Washbourne, 1938. Rpt. as *The English Prayers of Sir Thomas More*. Springfield, IL: Templegate, 1995. 55–87. [Geritz C006; Wentworth 785; Sullivan 2:77–78.]

B536. Haupt, Garry E., ed. "A Treatise to Receive the Blessed Body." *Treatise upon the Passion, Treatise on the Blessed Body, Instructions and Prayers*. Vol. 13 of *The Complete Works of St. Thomas More*. New Haven: Yale UP, 1976. cxxiii–cxl, 189–204, 297–299. [Add.&Corr.: *CW* 9: 460; Geritz B018; Wentworth 793. See **A Treatise on the Passion** for reviews. The standard edition.]

B537. "A Treatise on the Holy Eucharist." *Prayers of St. Thomas More with A Treatise on the Holy Eucharist*. London: Catholic Truth Society, 1979. 25–44. [Geritz C016.]

B538. Haupt, Garry E., ed. "A Treatise to Receive the Blessed Body of Our Lord." *The Tower Works: Devotional Writings*. Selected Works of St. Thomas More. New Haven: Yale UP, 1980. 171–185. [See **A Treatise on the Passion** for reviews. Modern spelling edition.]

B539. *A Treatise to Receive the Blessed Body of Our Lord*. (CTMS 2014). [Pages and line numbers correspond to *CW* 13 with standardized spelling.]

Reference Works

B540. *Concordance of Treatise on the Blessed Body, CW 13*.
<http://www.thomasmorestudies.org/TreatiseOnTheBlessedBodyConcordance/framconc.htm>

Translations

B541. Marc'hadour, Germain, trans. "Traité sur la Communion." *Thomas More et la Bible: La place des livres saints dans son apologétique et sa spiritualité*. Collection de Pétrarque à Descartes XX. Paris: Vrin, 1969, 2000. 315–326. [Complete French translation.]

B542. Taillé, Michel, ed. "Traité pour recevoir la communion avec fruit." *Thomas More: Histoire, Église et spiritualité. Textes et correspondance*. Paris: Bayard, 2005. 170–174. [Selections from Marc'hadour's translation.]

B543. Gangale, Giuseppe, trans. "Tommaso Moro, Il corpo benedetto di Cristo." [The blessed body of Christ]. *Città di Vita: Bimestrale di Religione, Arte e Scienza* [Florence] 60:6 (Nov.–Dec. 2005): 633–642.

Selections

B544. Nugent, Elizabeth M., ed. "Treatise on the Blessed Body." *The Thought and Culture of the English Renaissance: An Anthology of Tudor Prose, 1481–1555*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1956. 449–54. [A substantial extract from the *Treatise on the Blessed Body*.]

B545. Foord, Dame Bede, ed. "To Receive the blessed body of our Lord." *Conscience Decides: Letters and Prayers from Prison Written by Sir Thomas More*. Intro. Germain Marc'hadour. London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1971. 99–106. [Sum.: Gertiz C001; Wentworth 781.]

Review(s):

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B546. Marc'hadour, Germain, ed. "Treatise on How to Receive Holy Communion." *Saint Thomas More and the Body of Christ*. Angers: Moreanum, 2001. 50–56. [Four Excerpts.]

Studies

B547. Martz, Louis L. "Treatises upon the Passion." *A Dialogue of Comfort*. Vol. 12 of *The Yale Edition of the Complete Works of St. Thomas More*. Ed. Louis L. Martz and Frank Manley. New Haven: Yale UP, 1976. lxxix–lxxxvi. [On the relationship between the brief treatise "To receive the Blessed Body of Our Lord," and the *Treatise on the Passion* and the *De Tristitia*. See also pp. 300–07 of "Thomas More: The Sacramental Life," in **De tristitia**.]