



☞ *How to use this book:*

This book is divided in eight sections according to the days in Holy Week.

At the beginning of each section is a summary of the events that occurred on that particular day, along with references so that the narrative may be located in any of the Gospels.

A mystical interpretation of the event is given for personal application.

Afterwards, a verse of scripture which sets a general reflection for the whole day is given, as well as a prayer for the day.

There are three emblems given, one for Morning, Midday, & Evening. Each is accompanied by a motto & a verse of Scripture. The reader should spend a few minutes considering the emblem & its verse in the context of that particular day.

For example, in the evening, on Palm Sunday, the reader might consider how he is set free by Christ's entry into his heart. Christ entered into Jerusalem as the heir of David, & its rightful king. This threatened the power of the earthly leaders in Jerusalem. Christ also enters into the reader's heart as its rightful king. This threatens the powers of earthly attachments in the heart.

The reader may spend as much time as she wishes in meditation. However, it is effective to focus intently on the emblem & verse for a short time (maybe 5-10 minutes), & then to go about the work of the day - keeping this little meditation in the background of the mind. And in doing so, endeavoring to be a doer of the word, & not a hearer only. (James i.22.)

☞ *The prayers are taken from the Book of Common Prayer. The emblems are taken from Emblemata Sacra of Daniel Cramer. (1642).*

A Collection of

DEVOTIONS

for

HOLY WEEK



Morning, Midday, & Evening

*With Prayers, Scriptures, Emblems,
& Summaries of the Events recorded in
the Gospels*



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Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday

At Morning

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

S. Matt. xxi.1-11.

S. Mark xi.1-11.

S. Luke xix.28-44.

S. John xii.12-19.

Christ's triumphal entry into the heart.



I illuminate thee,

& thou art enlightened.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold thy King cometh unto thee.

Zechariah ix.9.

A Prayer

ALMIGHTY & Everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, & to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, & also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For thou wilt light my candle; the LORD my God shall make my darkness to be light.

Psalm xviii.28.

Palm Sunday

At Midday



*I heal thee,
& thou art cured.*

Palm Sunday

At Evening



*I liberate thee from the earth
so that thou art free to mount the heavens.*

Come, & let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, & he will heal us; he hath smitten, & he will bind us up.

Hosea vi.1.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, & reaching forth unto those things which are before.

Philippians iii.3.

Holy Monday

The purging of the temple. Christ curses the barren fig tree.

S. Matt. xxi. 12-22.

S. Mark xi. 15-19.

S. Luke xix. 45-48.

S. John ii. 13-17.

The purging of the human soul.

But who may abide the day of his coming? & who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, & like fullers' soap:

And he shall sit as a refiner & purifier of silver: & he shall purify the sons of Levi, & purge them as gold & silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Malachi iii. 2 & 3.

A Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain, & entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant, that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life & peace: through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Monday

At Morning



*I afflict thee,
& thou art chastised.*

For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth;
Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs iii. 12.

Holy Monday

At Midday



*I buy thee back,
& thou art redeemed.*

Holy Monday

At Evening



*This world cometh to an end.
So too he that loveth this world.*

I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Isaiab xl. 1.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

S. Matt. vi. 21. & 1 John ii. 15.

Holy Tuesday

The Olivet Discourse. The End of this Age. The Apostles see again the cursed fig tree. The religious leaders attempt but fail to arrest Jesus.

S. Matt. xxi.23-xxiv.51.

S. Mark xi.20-xiii.37.

S. Luke xx.1-xxi.36.

S. John xii.20-38.

In this world, death. In the world to come, life.

O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of death?

The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life & peace.

Romans vii.24. & viii.6.

A Prayer

O LORD God, whose blessed Son, our Saviour, gave his back to the smiters & hid not his face from shame; Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Tuesday

At Morning



*Remember O man,
Thou art dust & to dust thou shalt return.*

Man dieth & wasteth away; yeah, man giveth up the ghost, & where is he?

Job xiv.10.

Holy Tuesday

At Midday



*In the light of the Sun
I increase.*

Holy Tuesday

At Evening



*The world shall be made new.
I longeth for the day of the restitution of all things.*

But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest & good heart, having heard the word, keep it, & bring forth fruit with patience.

Luke viii.15.

And the dove came in to him in the evening; & lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

Genesis viii.11.

Holy Wednesday

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Jesus & his Apostles rest in Bethany. Jesus' head is anointed by an unnamed woman. (Similar stories occur at different times in Luke and John, which some scholars believe are the same event.) Judas, indignant that the costly ointment was poured out, goes to the priests, and offers to betray Jesus for money.

S. Matt. xxvi.6-16.

S. Mark xiv.3-11.

Take rest & reflect upon the good, the noble, & the true. How will man live if he has not first considered life, his nature & his being? How can he do good if he does not first know the good?

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, & if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians iv.8.

A Prayer

ASSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation: that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given unto us life & immortality; Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

At Morning



Thy Word I have hid in my heart.

Day & night I ponder these mysteries.

The heavens declare the glory of God; & the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard.

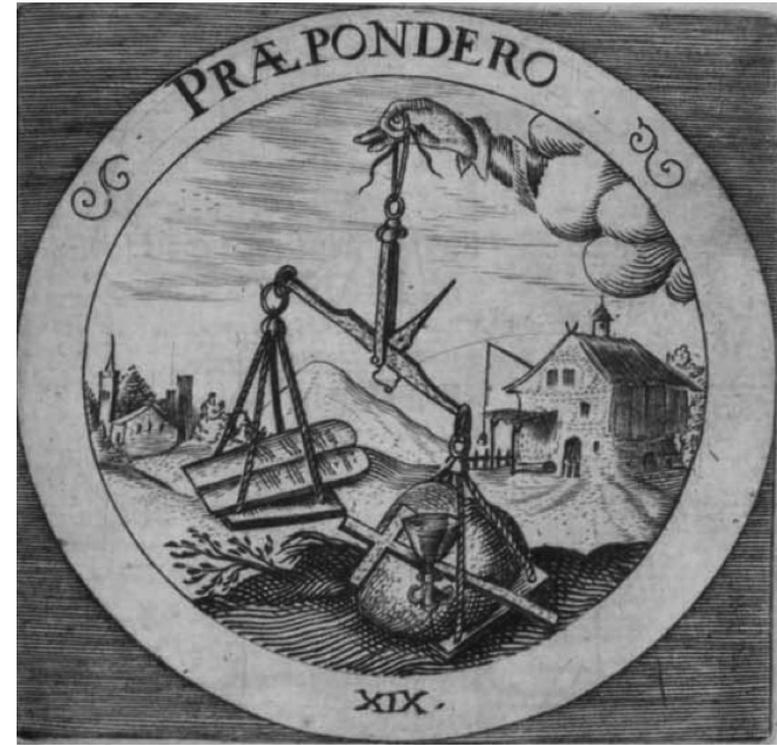
Let the words of my mouth, & the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight. *Psalm xix.*

Holy Wednesday

Holy Wednesday

At Midday

At Evening



*I have done no good.
I am evil & nothing.*

*I am become all things in him who is all things. The
righteousness of Christ outweighs the righteousness of the law.*

Though I have the gift of prophecy, & understand all mysteries, & all knowledge; & though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, & have not charity, I am nothing.
Luke viii.15.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. And he is before all things, & by him all things consist.
The man that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit with him. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
Colossians i.17, 1 Corinthians vi.17. & Galatians ii.20.

Maundy Thursday

At the observance of the Passover, our Lord institutes the Sacrament of his Supper. He washes the Apostles' feet. Afterwards, the agony in the garden, his prayer, & bloody sweat. He is arrested & tried. The Apostles disband. Peter denies him.

S. Matt. xxvi.17-75

S. Mark xiv.12-72.

S. Luke xxii.7-62.

S. John xiii.1-38.

The soul is nourished by the food of Christ. Humility becomes the godly. Persecution follows the righteous.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? *1 Corinthians x.16.*

A Prayer

ALMIGHTY Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body & Blood; Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him, who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal; the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who not liveth & reigneth with thee & the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Maundy Thursday

At Morning



*Whomsoever asketh to drink, to him shall it be given.
And in him shall spring up a fountain unto everlasting life.*

Every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, & he that hath no money; come ye, buy, & eat; yea, come, buy wine & milk without money & without price.

Isaiab lv.1.

Maundy Thursday

At Midday



I lift up mine heart.

*This is a feast, neither for Jays nor Sparrows,
But for Eagles who soar to the Body where it lieth above the
world.*

Maundy Thursday

At Evening



*I wander, seeking my home.
For it is not found here below.*

For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

S. Matthew xxiv.28.

For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. He hath raised us up, & made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews xiii.14. & Ephesians ii.6.

Good Friday

Judas hangs himself. Christ's trial before the Sanhedrin continues. He is delivered to Pilate. The multitudes demand his crucifixion. He is mocked by soldiers with a crown of thorns. He is crucified & dies.

S. Matt. xxvii.1-62.

S. Mark xv.1-47.

S. Luke xxii.63.-xxiii.56.

S. John xviii.28.-xix.37.

The Death of Christ. The Death of Man in the God-Man. The Christian soul's union in Christ's Death.

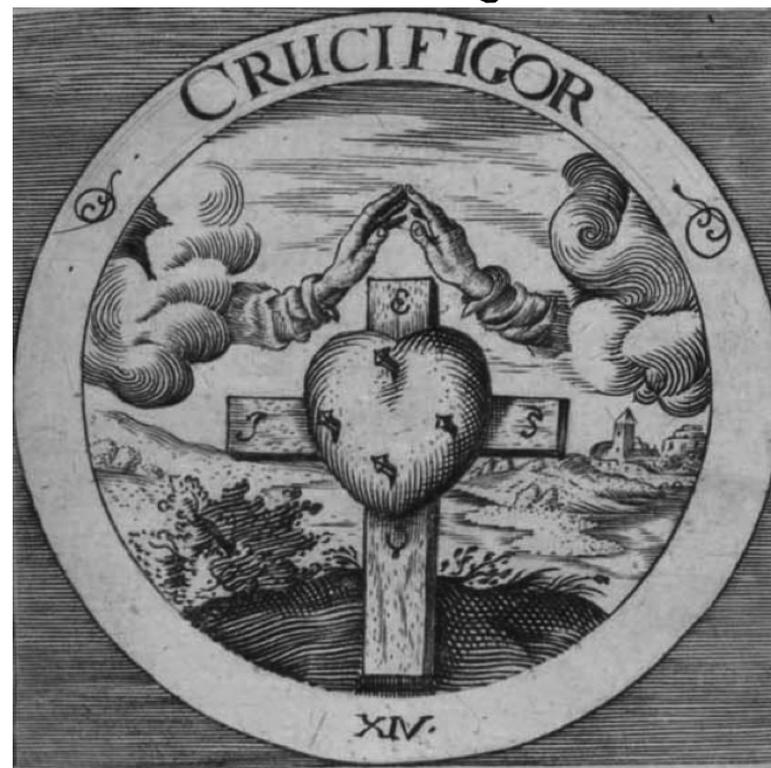
Surely he hath borne our griefs, & carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, & afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; & with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; & the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiab liii.4-6.*

A Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, & given up into the hands of wicked men, & to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth & reigneth with thee & the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Good Friday

At Morning



*Though I am crucified by sinful men,
yet in my body is crucified the sin of men.*

Cursed is he that hangeth on a tree .

The assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

John xii.32. & Psalm xxii.16.

Good Friday

At Midday



*I have engraven thy name upon the palms of my hands,
And absolved thee with the blood pouring out.*

Good Friday

At Evening



*The tree of death is become a tree of life.
Its sweetness draweth the living. But the dead are repelled by it.*

He blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, & took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.
It is finished.

Colossians ii.14. & S. John xix.30.

If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me.
We are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, to them that perish the savour of death unto death; & to them that are saved the savour of life unto life.

Galatians iii.13. & II Corinthians ii.15 & 16.

Holy Saturday

Christ lies dead in the tomb. Nicodemus ministers to his body with aloes & myrrh. The Gospel is preached in the realms of the dead.

S. Matt. xxvii. 62-66.

S. Mark xvi. 1.

S. Luke xxiii. 56.

S. John xix. 40.

I Peter iii. 18-20.

The endurance & duty of faith in life's bleakest days.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians xv. 26.

A Prayer

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continuing mortifying of our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; & that through the grave, & gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, & was buried, & rose again for us, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Saturday

At Morning



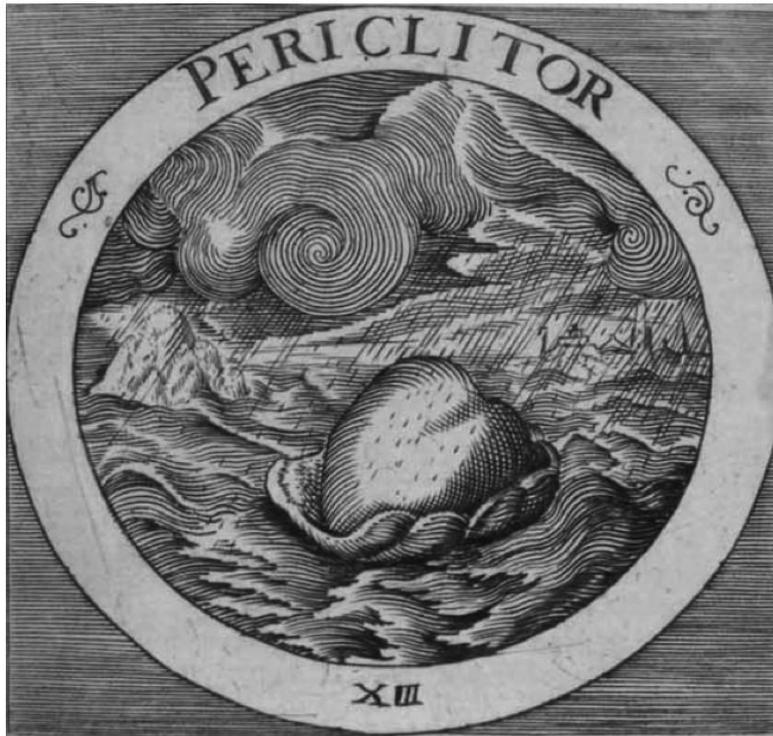
*The teeth of hell have enclosed me and I fear.
Yet my trust is in the Lord who shall deliver me.*

The sorrows of death compassed me, & the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid. The pains of hell came about me; the snares of death overtook me.

Psalm xviii. 4-5.

Holy Saturday

At Midday



*I am endangered in the depths,
but I shall again be brought into the land of the living.*

Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.

Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Psalm xvi.10. & lxxi.20.

Holy Saturday

At Evening



*Through much tribulation & sighing
I follow my Lord.*

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.

He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

Philippians i.29. & S. Matthew x.38.

Easter Sunday

Christ's Resurrection. The women go to the tomb and are met by an angel who tells them that Christ is risen. The women tell the Apostles (except for Thomas), who rush to see the empty tomb. Later, the Apostles tell Thomas who does not believe them. (Christ reveals himself to Thomas 8 days later.)

S. Matt. xxviii.1-13.

S. Mark xvi.1-14

S. Luke xxiv.1-49.

S. John xx.1-23.

Christ has endured all things & overcame all things. Through him, we too endure all & overcome all.

He is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. *Mark xvi.6. & Job xix.25*

A Prayer

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only begotten Son to the death of the Cross, & by his glorious resurrection hast opened unto us the gate of life & delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Easter Sunday

At Morning



Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He who was dead liveth evermore.

Jesus, whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Acts ii.24.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday

At Midday

At Evening



*I am dead unto the world.
I live unto God in Christ.*

*He that runneth the narrow way of Christ
Shall also share in the Victory of his Lord.*

We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans. vi.4.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

I Corinthians xv.57. & I John v.4.



*I am built upon the Foundation of Christ.
I endure all things together with him,
And I share in his glory.*

Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: & the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, & gave himself for me. *Romans xix.33. & Galatians ii.20.*

ALMIGHTY God & heavenly Father; Open thou our eyes that we may see ourselves to be sinners in thy sight, partakers of a fallen nature, & actual transgressors against thee. Enable us to realize our continual need, both of thy pardoning mercy & of thy quickening grace, & to receive Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of our souls. May we trust in his atonement, & rely on his intercession, as our only hope. Rejoicing in thy free salvation, & renouncing our own righteousness, may we walk in the way of thy commandments, serving thee faithfully, & striving against every sin; through the grace that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, & hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted & live; Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the Gospel of thy Son; & take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, & contempt of thy Word; & so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, & that we all may be made one fold together under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth & reigneth with thee & the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, & I unto the world. *Galatians vi.14.*