

## THE HOLY DAYS OF THE MONTH.

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S. THOMAS, A.P.M. December 21.

"Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed ;  
blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."—  
S. JOHN xx. 29.

"Our Lord the Saint enjoin'd  
By sense to satisfy his mind ;  
With trembling he drew nigh,  
Into his Saviour's wounds to pry,  
Search'd His gored hands, and feet, and gaping  
side,  
And loud, 'My Lord, my God !' in rapture cried.

"My Lord, Thy love be praised,  
Thou by the doubt which Thomas raised,  
Our doubting did'st prevent,  
We without sight give firm assent,  
With joy thy benediction we receive,  
They blessed are, who see not, yet believe."  
BISHOP THOS. KEN, 1637.

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
God, and the Word was GOD."—S. JOHN i. 1.

"From Virgin's womb this day did spring  
The precious Seede that onely saued man :  
This day let man reioyce and sweetly sing,  
Since on this day saluation first began.  
This day did Christe man's soule from  
death remoove.  
With glorious saintes to dwell in heaven  
aboue.

"O sing vnto this glittering glorious King ;  
O praise His name, let euery liuing thing.  
Let heart and voice, like belles of siluer, ring  
The comfort that this day did bring.  
Let lute, let shalme, with sound of sweet  
delight,  
The ioy of Christe's birth this day  
resight."

FRANCIS KINWELMERSH,  
From "The Paradise of Dayntie Deuises," 1576.

S. STEPHEN, D.M. December 26.

"They conspired against him, and stoned him with stones."  
—2 CHRONICLES xxiv. 21.

"Lord, with what zeal did Stephen breathe  
Thy truth to such as him withstood !

How stoutly did he meet his death,  
To seal Thy Gospel with his blood !  
This constancy Thy grace hath crown'd,  
And so by dying, life he found.

"With his hot zeal our hearts inflame,  
So kind, so constant let us be,  
In life so let us praise Thy name,  
In death, so let us look on Thee ;  
And when our sleep in death we take,  
With Him to life let us awake."

GEORGE WITHER'S "Hallelujah," 1588-1667.

ST. JOHN, A.P. EVAN. December 27.

"There was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples;  
whom Jesus loved."—S. JOHN xiii. 23.

"You had of dying Jesus view,  
On His dire cross remembering you,  
His dearest Mother, deeply grieved,  
He will'd by you should be relieved ;  
His Mother, He your Mother styled,  
And in His room yourself her child.

You, most beloved, loved Jesus best,  
You lean'd on loved God Filial's breast

What loves, what heights you there  
attain'd  
Could ne'er be by yourself explain'd ;  
If envy on a Saint could seize,  
All Saints would envy you that ease ;  
If earth with Heaven in joy can vie,  
'Tis next to Jesus' heart to lie."

BISHOP KEN, 1637.

HOLY INNOCENTS, MM. December 28.

"They are without fault before the throne of God."—  
REVELATION xiv. 5.

"Go, smiling souls, your new-built cages break,  
In Heav'n you'll learn to sing ere here you  
speak ;  
Nor let the milky founts that bathe your thirst  
Be your delay ;  
The place that calls you hence is, at the worst,  
Milk all the way."

RICHARD CRASHAW, c. 1615-1650.

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