

Chapter 4

1. A dore being open in heauen he saw one fitting in a throne, 4. and round about him foure and twentie Seniors fitting, 6. and the foure beasts here described, 9. which with the 24. Seniors continually glorified him that sat in the throne.

The 2. part.
First, the booke with 7. verses.
Secondly,
7. Angels with trumpets.

After these things I looked, & behold a doore open in heauen, and the first voice which I heard, was as it were of a trumpet speaking with me, saying: Come vp hither, and I will shew thee the things which must be done quickly after these. ² And immediately I was in spirit: and behold there was a seat set in heauen, and upon the seat one fitting. ³ And he that sat, was like in sight to the Jasper stone, and the Sardine: and there was a rainbow round about the seat, like to the sight of an Emerald. ⁴ And round about the seat, foure and twentie seats: and upon the thrones, foure and twentie Seniors fitting, clothed about in white garments, and on their heads crownes of gold. ⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, and voices, and thunders: and seven lamps burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. ⁶ And in the sight of the seat, as it were a sea of glass like to crystal: and in the middes of the seat and round about the seat ^afoure beasts full of eyes before and behind. ⁷ And the first beast, like to a Lion: and the second beast, like to a Calfe: and the third beast, having the face as it were of a man: and the fourth beast, like to an Eagle flying. ⁸ And the foure beasts, every one of them had fixe wings round about: and within they are full of eyes. And they had no rest day and night, saying:

THE 2. VISION.
In which is represented vnto vs the glorie and maiestie of God in heauen, and the incessant honour & praises of al Angels and Saints affixing him. Which is resembled in the daily honour done to him by al orders and sorts of holy men in the Church militant also.

^a These foure beasts, and the like described *Ezech. 1.* by the iudgement of the holy Doctours signifie the 4. Euangelists, and in them al true Preachers.

The man Mathew: the Lion, Marke: the Calfe, Luke: the Eagle, Iohn. See the causes hereof in the *Summe of the 4. Euangelists. Pag. 1. S. Grego. in 1. Ezech.*

Ef. 6, 3. ♪*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God omnipotent*, which was, and which is, and which shall come. ⁹ And when those beasts gave glorie and honour and benediction to him that sitteth vpon the throne, that liueth for euer and euer: ¹⁰ the foure and twentie Seniors fell downe before him that sitteth in the throne, & adored him that liueth for euer and euer, and cast their crownes before the throne, saying: ¹¹ Thou art worthie O Lord our God to receiue glorie and honour and power: because thou hast created all things, and for they will they were and haue been created.

ANNOTATIONS

8 Holy, holy, holy.) This word is thrice repeated here, and *Efa. 6:* and to the imitation thereof, in the Seruice of the holy Church, at *Te Deum*, and at Masse, specially in the Preface next before the great mysteries, for the honour of the three Persons in the B. Trinitie, and that the Church militant may ioyne with the triumphant, & with all the Orders of Angels, who also are present at the consecration, and doe seruice there to our common Lord and Maister, as S. Chrysoftom writeth, *li. 6. de Sacerdotio*, and *ho. 1. de verb. Efa. to. 1.* The Greeks call it, the hymne *Trifagios*, that is, *Thrice holy*.

The *Sanctus* thrice repeated.