

all. which thyng causeth vs to meke oure selves, and Ro. vij. sendeth vs to god, thorowe Christ. And that specially because that in oure flesshe is nothyng to be founde savyng only vnstabilenes of herte, and desperacion of mynde. But contrary wyse in the promeses of god, throwe the merettes of Christ, is all surenes of mynde, and stedfastnes of herte. And he that diligently remembreth this, dieth gladly from all that he is of hym selfe, putyng his only trust and confidence in god his most mercifull father. Sonne. By what meanes myght I be assuered here of? Fa. This suerteshyppe is so wrapped in fayth, that the ferventer thy fayth is, the suerer thou mayst be there of. For yf thou sett abacke all worldely hope and trust, and earnestly indever thy silfe, to folowe Christ, and in hym to settle thyne herte, and to have thy solace only, thou sone shalt perceave by thyne owen frute, what maner mat vij. a tre [fol. 17^a.] thou arte. For this purpose sayth the lorde by Ezechiel the prophet. Halowe ye my saboth daye, Ezee. xx. that it maye be a token bitwene you and me, wherby ye maye knowe that I am youre lorde god. Wherfore yf thou fele thy silfe prompte and redy to do the workes of mercy vnto thy neghbours, and to soffre all maner of aduersities patiently. thou mayst surely knowe that god is with the. and that through his mercy he hath chaunged thyne herte. and thus by the workes be assuered of thy faythe. Son. Forthe on declare the wother poyntes of thy belefe. Fat. Which is conceived by the wholly gooste borne of Mary the virgen, which also soffered under Pons Pilate. was crucified, ded, and buried. Son. What betoken these sayinges? Fat. Seynge (as apereth by the gospell of S. Luke) that he is conceived by the opera- Luce. j. cion of the wholly gooste, I suerly afferme, that he is with out spot of synne. and nott as we are conceived and borne Psal. i. by oure mothers in sinfull iniquite. And that of the virgyn mary. to fulfill that whiche longe before was profecyed by the prophet Esaias, sayinge. A virgyn shall conceive and brynge forthe a sonne etc. And because his whole life was Esa. vij. but a continuall sufferinge of grett paynes, [fol. 17^b.] laboures, and thrauldoms for owre synnes only. I saye whiche Jo. x. vj. soffered vnder Pons Pilate. etc. For he cam into the worlde to fulfill his fathers will, and so to delyver hyme silfe to death