

The Course of Life of Sister Mary Mortimer
1765. I was born June 4 29 1709, in the Parish
of Leeds of Pious Parents, who attend the Church
of England in the strictest manner, was also care full
to have me Educated in the principals and practice
of the same, which I did not like, believing it time
enough to become good and Religious, when one grew
old, and not deprive ones selfe of taking pleasure in
ones younger years, but it was not long after those
reflections but I got frequent convictions about my
future State, that continued till Mr Ingham began
the Preaching in those parts, by means of which my
convictions came more upon me, and I frequently spoke
to my dearest Sav^r, who let me see my lost state and
corrupted Nature in such a manner that I was fright-
frightend into deep dispair for upwards of five weeks
together in this great distress being one day quite
alone, I could say nothing, tho' my heart was fitt to break
but dearest Sav^r make me willing to believe on Thee and
immediatly a powerfull voice made answer ask for his
Bloods sake, and this was repeated to me twice so loud
that I was almost dumb with fear and amazement,
but I spoke with a trembling voice, dear Sav^r for thy
Blood sake help me, which he did that very moment
and let me feel his rich forgiveness and total
absolution of all my Sins, I felt his Blood so powerfully
in my heart as by words I cannot express the feeling, and
those precious words was so imprinted upon my mind as if
never to be forgotten by me hence forth. I'll bear this on
my heart my all is purchased by thy Smart, Thy Blood
Signs my release. So far her own words

from this time our dear Sister became more cheerful
and conversant with Mr Ingham B^r Telleke and
others who at that time visited at her B^r House
of which she had the management and direction of
the same and there by had many agreeable opportunities
of refreshing the B^ring^s on the heavenly manner
when they called upon them, and when the Sisters
began the Economy at Holm she made frequent
little visits with her work, but did not venture
with her thoughts so far, as to think that our Sav^r
could make her to such a Sis^r as those must be who
could in fellowship unite to live together for the
Sav^r sake, the feeling of her unworthy rep made
her often doubtful & disponding about our Sav^r love
to wards her, & in the year 1740 June 9th when her
reception in the Congreⁿ was made known to her, she
was astonishingly surprisid and timorous to believe
it on this occasion and thro her B^r Rich^d & Morrey
the Sis^r House became more dear and acceptable
to her and in August following the same year
she removed for good to live amongst them, but her
shyness to wards our Sav^r made her course anxious
& disponding, till August 13th 1740 at which
time our Sav^r permitted her to become a participant
of His holy Corps & Blood, which she believed
some good Sister had interceded to our Sav^r in her
behalf, this grace brought her more to a sinners like
reliance upon her wounded Friend, and from this
time she became more familiar & conversant with
him and enjoyed right happy hours and days wth
the Congⁿ and her Choir, being fundamental

attached to the same in Principle and Practice
of the same in which she had a real joy wth ought
was done to our Sav^r Honour and when otherwise
she was also pained, she was one of those Sis^r
who moved first into the Choir House, which
happy lot of Grace was much esteemed and highly
valued by her and the fear of becoming Expensive
to her Choir has made her live an Abstemious
and very Industrious ^{Conscientious} life more so than has suited
with her Constitution, or the desire of her Choir
Sisters who often otherwise advised her, but she
would say I am much ashamed to think how my dear
-est Sav^r causes both young and old in this House
to love me and show such tender treatment as they do
therefore I ought to do my best rather than be loved
-end some in return I know I often pain my Sav^r
Heart by my anxious way of thinking, but he so gracious
he forgives me all and when you think on me in prison
which was a request she frequently made use of, in her
conversations Bands and Closes when she was with us
that she thought had a close connection with our Sav^r
having always a poor opinion of her self, the results of
the late general Synod had a moving effect upon her
our Sav^r 12 words came so clearly on her faults & deviation
that her very Marrow and Bone were soj'd with holy awe
trembling, but the obsoving Grace of her Hearts best
Friend comforted and healed all her back slidings, and
she was truly thankful that sheaken those days in
the dear Congⁿ and when spoke with by her labours
to the Holy Sacrament, she was Childlike sensible
of her great unworthyness to such grace and her great
humility gave on a real attachment to her

Person, about a 12 Month since her bodily weakness
has increased much, and with great difficulty she
has done a little Work for her diligence invited her
much beyond her strength, and about a Month before
her dissolution she retired into the Sick room, with
a real believe that no Medicine could be any healing
Blamsan to her but the last help from his heal Hands
which she childlike waited for with retired resignation
having few words and as little complaint of her
disorder as was possible for any one to speak of who
Labourd under such a bodily weakness, as proved her
dissolution in so short a time, her many thanks
and sinners Tears paid at her Bridegrooms feet
for his Electing Grace and blessed Leading her thro
this time meet with a kind acceptance from her
gracious Lord, who according to her great desire
during a sweet Littary was fetchd home into
the arms of her beloved with the blessing of her
Choir, in the 56 year of her age

departed the 27th of Dec^r 1765