

abridged by St. Gregory, in which were contained all the prayers and ceremonies practiced in the celebration of the sacraments. *Encyc.*

2. A sacramentarian; a term of reproach applied by papists to protestants. *Stapleton.*

SACRAMENTARY, { *a.* Pertaining to
SACRAMENTARIAN, { sacramentarians and to their controversy respecting the eucharist.

SACRE. [See *Saker*.]

SA'CRED, *a.* [Fr. *sacré*; Sp. It. Port. *sacro*; from L. *sacer*, sacred, holy, cursed, damnable; W. *segyr*, that keeps apart, from *ség*, that is without access; *segru*, to secrete, to separate. We here see the connection between *sacredness* and *secrecy*. The sense is removed or separated from that which is common, vulgar, polluted, or open, public; and *accursed* is separated from society or the privileges of citizens, rejected, banished.]

1. Holy; pertaining to God or to his worship; separated from common secular uses and consecrated to God and his service; as a *sacred* place; a *sacred* day; a *sacred* feast; *sacred* service; *sacred* orders.
2. Proceeding from God and containing religious precepts; as the *sacred* books of the Old and New Testament.
3. Narrating or writing facts respecting God and holy things; as a *sacred* historian.
4. Relating to religion or the worship of God; used for religious purposes; as *sacred* songs; *sacred* music; *sacred* history.
5. Consecrated; dedicated; devoted; with *to*.

A temple *sacred* to the queen of love.

6. Entitled to reverence; venerable. *Dryden.*

Poet and saint to thee alone were given,
The two most *sacred* names of earth and heav'n. *Cowley.*

7. Inviolable, as if appropriated to a superior being; as *sacred* honor or promise. Secrets of marriage still are *sacred* held. *Dryden.*

Sacred majesty. In this title, *sacred* has no definite meaning, or it is blasphemy.

Sacred place, in the civil law, is that where a deceased person is buried.

SA'CREDLY, *adv.* Religiously; with due reverence as of something holy or consecrated to God; as, to observe the sabbath *sacredly*; the day is *sacredly* kept.

2. Inviolably; strictly; as, to observe one's word *sacredly*; a secret to be *sacredly* kept.

SA'CREDNESS, *n.* The state of being sacred, or consecrated to God, to his worship or to religious uses; holiness; sanctity; as the *sacredness* of the sanctuary or its worship; the *sacredness* of the sabbath; the *sacredness* of the clerical office.

2. Inviolableness; as the *sacredness* of marriage vows or of a trust.

SACRIFIC, { *a.* [L. *sacrificus*. See *Sacrificial*.]
SACRIFICIAL, { *a.* [L. *sacrificus*. See *Sacrific*.] Employed in sacrifice. *Johnson.*

SACRIFICABLE, *a.* Capable of being offered in sacrifice. [Ill formed, harsh and not used.] *Brown.*

SACRIFICANT, *n.* [L. *sacrificans*.] One that offers a sacrifice. *Hallywell.*

SACRIFICA'TOR, *n.* [Fr. *sacrificateur*.] A sacrificer; one that offers a sacrifice. [Not used.] *Brown.*

SACRIFICATORY, *a.* Offering sacrifice. *Sherwood.*

SACRIFICE, *v. t.* *sac'rifize*. [L. *sacrifico*; Fr. *sacrifier*; Sp. *sacrificar*; It. *sacrificare*; L. *sacer*, sacred, and *facio*, to make.]

1. To offer to God in homage or worship, by killing and consuming, as victims on an altar; to immolate, either as an atonement for sin, or to procure favor, or to express thankfulness; as, to *sacrifice* an ox or a lamb. 2 Sam. vi.
2. To destroy, surrender or suffer to be lost for the sake of obtaining something; as, to *sacrifice* the peace of the church to a little vain curiosity. We should never *sacrifice* health to pleasure, nor integrity to fame.
3. To devote with loss.

Condemn'd to *sacrifice* his childish years

To babbling ignorance and to empty fears. *Prior.*

4. To destroy; to kill.

SACRIFICE, *v. i.* To make offerings to God by the slaughter and burning of victims, or of some part of them. Ex. iii.

SACRIFICIUM, *n.* [Fr. from L. *sacrificium*.]

1. An offering made to God by killing and burning some animal upon an altar, as an acknowledgment of his power and providence, or to make atonement for sin, appease his wrath or conciliate his favor, or to express thankfulness for his benefits. *Sacrifices* have been common to most nations, and have been offered to false gods, as well as by the Israelites to Jehovah. A *sacrifice* differs from an *oblation*; the latter being an offering of a thing entire or without change, as tithes or first fruits; whereas *sacrifice* implies a destruction or killing, as of a beast. *Sacrifices* are *expiatory*, *impetratory*, and *eucharistical*; that is, atoning for sin, seeking favor, or expressing thanks.

Human sacrifices, the killing and offering of human beings to deities, have been practiced by some barbarous nations.

2. The thing offered to God, or immolated by an act of religion.

My life if thou preserv'st, my life

Thy *sacrifice* shall be. *Addison.*

3. Destruction, surrender or loss made or incurred for gaining some object, or for obliging another; as the *sacrifice* of interest to pleasure, or of pleasure to interest.

4. Any thing destroyed.

SACRIFICED, *pp.* Offered to God upon an altar; destroyed, surrendered, or suffered to be lost.

SACRIFICER, *n.* One that sacrifices or immolates. *Dryden.*

SACRIFICIAL, *a.* Performing sacrifice; included in sacrifice; consisting in sacrifice. *Shak.*

SACRILEGE, *n.* [Fr. from L. *sacrilegium*; *sacer*, sacred, and *lego*, to take or steal.]

The crime of violating or profaning sacred things; or the alienating to laymen or to common purposes what has been appropriated or consecrated to religious persons or uses.

And the hid treasures in her sacred tomb

With *sacrilege* to dig. *Spenser.*

SACRILEGIOUS, *a.* [L. *sacrilegus*.] Violating sacred things; polluted with the crime of sacrilege.

Above the reach of *sacrilegious* hands.

Pope.

2. Containing sacrilege; as a *sacrilegious* attempt or act.

SACRILEGIOUSLY, *adv.* With sacrilege; in violation of sacred things; as *sacrilegiously* invading the property of a church.

SACRILEGIOUSNESS, *n.* The quality of being sacrilegious.

2. Disposition to sacrilege. *Scott.*

SACRILEGIST, *n.* One who is guilty of sacrilege. *Spelman.*

SACRING, *ppr.* [from Fr. *sacrer*.] Consecrating. [Not in use.] *Temple. Shak.*

SACRING-BELL, *n.* A bell rung before the host. *Dict.*

SA'CRIST, *n.* A sacristan; a person retained in a cathedral to copy out music for the choir, and take care of the books.

Busby.

SACRISTAN, *n.* [Fr. *sacristain*; It. *sacristano*; Sp. *sacristan*; from L. *sacer*, sacred.]

An officer of the church who has the care of the utensils or movables of the church. It is now corrupted into *sexton*.

SACRISTY, *n.* [Fr. *sacristie*; Sp. It. *sacristia*; from L. *sacer*, sacred.]

An apartment in a church where the sacred utensils are kept; now called the *vestry*.

Dryden. Addison.

SACROSANCT, *a.* [L. *sacrosanctus*; *sacer* and *sanctus*, holy.] Sacred; inviolable.

[Not in use.] *More.*

SAD, *a.* [In W. *sad* signifies wise, prudent, sober, permanent. It is probable this word is from the root of *set*. I have not found the word in the English sense, in any other language.]

1. Sorrowful; affected with grief; cast down with affliction.

Th' angelic guards ascended, mute and *sad*.

Milton.

Sad for their loss, but joyful of our life.

Pope.

2. Habitually melancholy; gloomy; not gay or cheerful.

See in her cell *sad* Eloisa spread. *Pope.*

3. Downcast; gloomy; having the external appearance of sorrow; as a *sad* countenance. *Matt. vi.*

4. Serious; grave; not gay, light or volatile.

Lady Catherine, a *sad* and religious woman.

Bacon.

5. Afflictive; calamitous; causing sorrow; as a *sad* accident; a *sad* misfortune.

6. Dark colored.

Wood or woad is used by the dyers to lay the foundation of all *sad* colors.

Mortimer.

[This sense is, I believe, entirely obsolete.]

7. Bad; vexatious; as a *sad* husband. [Colloquial.] *Addison.*

8. Heavy; weighty; ponderous.

With that his hand more *sad* than lump of lead.

Obs.

Spenser.

9. Close; firm; cohesive; opposed to light or friable.

Chalky lands are naturally cold and *sad*.

Obs.

Mortimer.

[The two latter senses indicate that the primary sense is *set*, fixed; W. *sadiaw*, to make firm.]