



## HOOR OF ADORATION

### JESUS IS LED TO THE HOUSE OF ANNAS

#### I. — Adoration.

Jesus, His hands bound, a rope around His neck, is led like a criminal toward the city of Jerusalem. St. John Damascene thinks that the Jews, after leading Jesus out of the Garden of Olives, dragged Him through the torrent and over sharp stones, so that, on leaving it, His face and whole person were bruised. He adds that, hurried along at a rapid pace and for almost a league over thorns and stones, His feet were all bloody, and they left their mark over the road on which He passed.

"Behold your Saviour," says St. Bonaventure; "see how this rabble hurries Him along, His hands bound behind His back, weighed down by weariness, and advancing rapidly toward Jerusalem."

Human reason is confounded when it beholds the only Son of God thus humiliated, the Son of Justice, Sanctity itself, before whom we have seen all nature tremble, at whose voice sepulchres have given up their dead, the demons have fled from the possessed, the sea become calm,—before whom every infirmity, every malady disappeared without resistance.

We know that Jesus, by a single word, could put an end to the barbarous joy of His executioners. But He shows His power, not by chastising, but by enduring all with the sweetness of a lamb. It would have cost Him only one word to overthrow in an instant the whole city of Jerusalem, and to include in the same chastisement all who were found within its walls. But no, He desires it not. He will patiently endure all this bad treatment.

His patience, which reaches the highest degree of heroism, truly shows His almighty power. In it He surpassed the most