



HOUR OF ADORATION

Jesus is crowned with thorns

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Et plectentes coronam de spinis, posuerunt super caput ejus et arundinem in dextera ejus.

And plating a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand.

MATTHEW XXVII, 29.

I. — Adoration.

Nothing is so contagious as the example of the great. Pilate had several times given to Jesus the title of King of the Jews. The soldiers thought it was through mockery. Not satisfied, therefore, at seeing Him covered with blows in the flagellation, they wished to ridicule His royalty by clothing Him with regal insignia and rendering to Him the honors due a king. They began by despoiling Him a second time of his garments, and then threw over His shoulders an old piece of red cloth, to take the place of the purple mantle worn by emperors and the generals of armies.

For this King, now clothed in purple, a throne was necessary. The base of an old column will serve that purpose, and there they roughly seat the Saviour. Now comes the crowning. A diadem of thorns is quickly woven in such a way that it not only covered the brow, but the whole head under a network of thorns. With