

A DEVOTION ON THE PASSION

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BELOVED Jesus, by thine agony in the garden, thy prayer to thy Father, and thy bloody sweat,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by the chains wherewith thou wert bound, by thy being led as a Lamb to the slaughter,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by the smiting with which thou wast smitten before Annas, by thy accusation before Caiaphas, by thy sleepless night passed in insults,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thy sentence by the unjust council of thy Church, by the stripping of thy garments, and by thy cruel scourging,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thy purple robe of scorn, by thy thorny crown, by the blows and the spitting,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by the choice of Barabbas instead of thee, by thy rejection by the people, by the torments thou didst suffer,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thine unjust sentence to death, by thy bearing the cross, by thy being led as a sheep to the slaughter,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thy nailing to the cross, and the piercing of thy feet and thine hands, by the shedding of thy Precious Blood,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thy setting between two thieves, by the blasphemies against thee, by the vinegar and the gall given thee in thy thirst, by thine hanging on the cross from the sixth to the ninth hour,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thy offering thyself for us to thy Father with a strong cry at the ninth hour, by thy bowing the head and giving up the ghost,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thy shameful death on the cross, by the piercing of thy sacred side in the presence of thy most holy Mother,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by thy taking down from the cross, and by the tears of thy most sorrowful Mother,

Have mercy upon me.

Beloved Jesus, by the scars which covered thy lifeless body, by thy five wounds, by

thine anointing in death, and by thy burial,
Have mercy upon me.

CHRIST for our sake, became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross: wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a Name which is above every name.

℣. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

℞. Because by thy holy cross thou didst redeem the world.

Let us pray.

OR LORD Jesus Christ, who didst come down from heaven to earth from the bosom of thine eternal Father, and didst shed thy Precious Blood for the remission of the sins of all men: grant, I humbly beseech thee, that on the day of the last judgment, I may deserve to be placed at thy right hand and hear the words, Come, ye blessed. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

¶ See also the Litany of the Passion p. 286.

PASSION HYMN

THIRTY years among us dwelling,
 His appointed time fulfilled,
 Born for this he meets his Passion,

For that this he freely willed:
On the Cross the Lamb is lifted,
Where his life-blood shall be spilled.

He endured the nails, the spitting,
Vinegar, and spear, and reed:
From that holy body broken
Blood and water forth proceed:
Earth and stars and sky and ocean
By that flood from stain are freed.

Faithful Cross, above all other
One and only noble Tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be:
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Bend thy boughs, O Tree of glory,
Thy relaxing sinews bend:
For awhile the ancient rigour
That thy birth bestowed, suspend:
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend.

Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's ransom to sustain;
That a shipwrecked race forever
Might a port of refuge gain:
With the sacred blood anointed
Of the Lamb for sinners slain.