

Second Sorrowful Mystery

The Scouring at the Pillar

Pilate went out again to the Jews and said, 'I find no case against him. But according to a custom of yours I should release one prisoner at the Passover; would you like me, then, to release the king of the Jews? At this they shouted: 'Not this man,' they said 'but Barabbas'. Barabbas was a brigand. Pilate then had Jesus taken away and scourged (Jn 18,38-19,1).

Meditation from the Byzantine liturgy

For our Salvation You allowed your Sacred Body to be covered with wounds, your Head to be crowned with thorns, your countenance to be spat upon, blows in your face, vinegar and gall upon your lips, blasphemies in your ears, scourge blows upon your back, a reed in your hand, nails through your feet and hands and a lance to pierce your side. You bore your Passion in your own Body in order to free us from our passions; You humbled yourself out of love for us so that we might be raised up to You. O Saviour, have mercy on us.

Intention

Mysterious God, You permitted Pilate to deliver up your innocent Son, in whom is all your goodness and love, to be scourged. Bring the tyrants of our times to their senses and may their victims, healed by the wounds of Jesus, soon experience the joy of a new and better life.



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