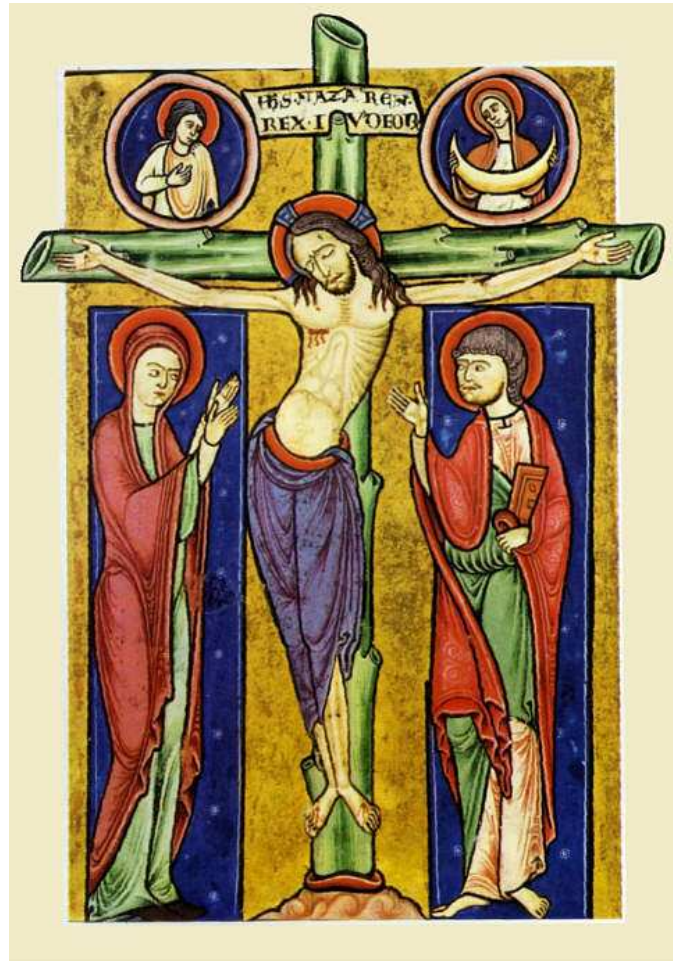


JEWELS

IN THE CROWN OF THORNS

Standing near the Cross of Jesus
were his Mother,
and his Mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.
When Jesus saw his Mother
and the Disciple whom he loved
standing beside her,
he said to his Mother:
'Woman, behold your son.'
Then he said to the Disciple:
'Behold your mother.'
And from that hour, the Disciple
took her into his own home.

John 19:25-27



O ye two celestial jewels, Mary and John,
two lights divinely shining before God,
chase away by your bright beams
the clouds of our offences.

In the sweetness of Christ's most sacred love,
through which as mother and son you were joined to each other,
we commend to you this day our bodies and souls;
that at all hours and moments
you would vouchsafe
to be our steadfast guardians and devout intercessors before God;
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen