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12. Jesus, who didst wash the disciples'
feet,
13. Jesus, the bread of life,
14. Jesus, concealed in the Eucharist.
15. Jesus, abandoned by Thy disciples,
16. Jesus, despised by Herod and his army,
17. Jesus, whose face was spat upon,
18. Jesus, struck in the face,
19. Jesus, crowned with thorns,
20. Jesus, mocked with the words: 'Hail,
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21. Jesus, blindfolded and mocked,
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24. Jesus, the last of men,
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26. Jesus, the opprobrium of men,
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36. Jesus, obedient unto death,
37. Jesus, obedient to the death of the
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38. Jesus, who didst debase and humble
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39. Jesus, drenched with opprobrium,
40. Jesus, who didst cry out with a loud
voice: 'My God, my God, why hast
thou abandoned me?'

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the world, ***pardon my sins of pride!***
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
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LET US PRAY.

O Jesus, who didst suffer so much to leave
us a perfect model of humility, and who
didst command us to learn of Thee that
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make me docile to Thy lessons and
faithful to their practice! By Thy
humiliations, by Thy infinite love, which
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grant me humility, O Thou that livest and
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