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**OBJECT NAME** Aspergillum

**ACCESS POINTS** church  
holy water

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A handheld instrument with a silver ball on the end with holes in it. This ball comes off of the base and there is a sponge inside. The base is a short wooden handle

#### ORIGIN

An aspergillum is a liturgical implement used to sprinkle holy water. It comes in two common forms: a brush that is dipped in the water and shaken, and a perforated ball at the end of a short handle. Some have sponges or internal reservoirs that dispense holy water when shaken, while others must periodically be dipped in an aspersorium (holy water bucket, known to art historians as a situla).

#### CITATION

Aspergillum, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/20/24.