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marginal notes, running headings, foliation, and quire signatures; probably also for the brown ink 'Nota's.

DECORATION

Each book begins with a capital, 6+ lines high, red flourished in blue (or vice versa), the flourishing based around bulb-like forms and tendrils: 1^r, Book XIV; 17^v, XV; 30^v, XVI; 60^r, XVII; 79^r, XVIII; 109^v, XIX; 130^v, XX; 159^r, XXI; 183^r, XXII. Chapters generally headed by a plain capital, 3+ lines high, alternately red then blue. Subsections flagged with red paraphs; sentence capitals stroked in red.

PROVENANCE

(1) House of Augustinian Canons (s. xvi *ex libris*, 88^r and 199^r, both unfortunately cropped: 'Iste liber est Canonicorum Regularium diu[in]i Augustini in po'la?n/?r//'). (2) S. xx ?bookseller's code ('m/x/x') and note ('a portion only Books 14–22 of//') pencilled on front pastedown. (3) John Raymond Danson (1893–1976) (bookplate on front pastedown, covering part of aforementioned pencil note). (4) Trinity College, by bequest of Danson, in 1976. College shelfmark: 'MS. 102' added in pencil to Danson bookplate.

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Breviary (portable, rubricated)

Flanders (?Bruges); s. XV^{4/4}

Pl. XXXIV(b)-
XXXIV(d)
Fig. 100

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Parchment: thin, fine, smooth, and even. Arranged: FH, HF. Tabs (attached at an uncertain date) on the fore-edges of the leaves at the start of the major divisions with historiated initials. Fols. i (paper—glued to marbled frontleaf to make a single leaf) + 488 + i (paper—now pasted to back board). Modern pencil foliation.

Size: 135 × 95 mm. Text-block: 89 × 65 mm (except in Q. LXIV, fols. 483–8, where 85 × 62 mm). Two columns (width, 30 mm). Lines: 26 (except fols. 483–8, where 24) (space, 4 mm; height of minims, 1.5 mm). Pricking: none preserved. Ruling: ink (purple—except fols. 483–8, where light brown). Single verticals on either side of both columns; first and last horizontals extended. (On fols. 483–8, the first two horizontals are extended.)

Collation: I²; II–XVI⁸; XVII–XVIII⁶; XIX–XLVI⁸ (in Q. XXIX, the originally conjoint leaves 1 and 8 (fols. 217 and 224) have broken into two singletons); XLVII⁶; XLVIII–LXII⁸; LXIII⁴; LXIV⁶ (= 8 with leaves 5 and 8 cancelled). First leaves: 1; 13, 21, 29, 37, 45, 53, 61, 69, 77, 85, 93, 101, 109, 117, 125; 133, 139; 145, 153, 161, 169, 177, 185, 193, 201, 209, 217, 225, 233, 241, 249, 257, 265, 273, 281, 289, 297, 305, 313, 321, 329, 337, 345, 353, 359, 367, 375, 383, 391, 399, 407, 415, 423, 431, 439, 447, 455, 463, 471, 479, 483.

2° folio: KL februarius habet dies xxviii. Of main text (14^r) -cumque faciet prospera

BINDING

Sewn on four supports; the twine of the head and tail bands alternately white and blue; pasteboard boards, covered in plain brown ?calf; gilt title ('Preces piaie') on a green leather strip applied to spine; marbled endpapers; 144 × 98 × 50 mm, s. xviii–xix. Traces from the turn-overs of an earlier binding visible on 488.

CONTENTS

- (a) Fols. 1^r–12^v. Kalendar. Entries in brown and red. Notable inclusions in original stratum: Anselm (21 Apr.), Clare (11 Aug.), Louis of France (25 Aug.), Francis (4 Oct.), Thomas Becket (in red on 29 Dec., with a further entry in brown on 30 Dec. crossed through in red as an original correction). Additions in a s. xvi cursive hand on 4^v–5^r (end April to start May) including: Eutropius of Saintes (30 Apr.), Monica (4 May), Conversion Augustine (5 May), William archbishop (7 May; identity uncertain).
- (b) Fols. 13^r–129^r. (Ferial) Psalter. Fol. 13^r. *Incipit psalterium secundum cursum romane curie*. Hymn for nocturns for Sundays from Octave of Epiphany to first of Lent, and from October to Advent: *Primo dierum omnium quo mundus extat conditus* [Chev.

- 15450]. Fol. 13^v. Hymns from Pentecost to October (fol. 13^v): Nocte resurgentes uigilemus omnes semper in psalmis meditemur, atque uiribus totis domino canamus dulciter hymnos ... [AH 51, p. 26.] Ps. Beatus vir ... Fol. 36^v. *Symbolum*. Quicumque uult. Fol. 38^r. Regi seculorum immortalis et inuisibili ... + verses and responses. *Confessio generalis*. Confiteor deo omnipotenti, beate marie uirgini, beato .N. et tibi p[astor]i me grauitate peccasse ... Fol. 40^r. *Absolutio*. Dominus autem dirigat corda et corpora nostra in caritate dei et patientia christi ... *Ad terciam ymnus*. Nunc sancte nobis spiritus [Chev. 12586]. Fol. 42^v. *Ad vi. Ymnus*. Rector potens uerax deus [Chev. 17061]. Fol. 44^v. *Ad ix. Ymnus*. Rerum deus tenax uigor imotus [Chev. 17328]. Fol. 46^v. *Feria ii. Inuit*. Venite exultemus. Ps. Iubilemus. *Ymnus*. Sompno relectis artibus [Chev. 19210]. Ps. Deus illuminatio mea. Fol. 57^r. *feria tertia. Inuitatorium*. Iubilemus deo. Ps. Venite. *Ymnus*. Consors paterni luminis [Chev. 24952]. Fol. 57^v. Ps. Dixi custodiam. Fol. 66^r. *feria ? uiii. Inv*. In manu tua domine. *Ymnus*. Rerum creator optime, rectorque noster aspice [Chev. 17322]. Fol. 66^v. Ps. Dixit insipiens ... Fol. 75^r. *feria xi. Inv*. Dominum qui fecit nos. Uenite adoremus. Ps. Uenite. *Ymnus*. Vox ... Ps. Saluum me fac. Fol. 87^v. *Feria vi. Inuit*. Adoremus dominum. Ps. Uenite. *Ymnus*. Tu trinitatis unitas [Chev. 34149]. Ps. Exultate deo. Fol. 97^r. *Sabbato. Inv*. Dominum deum nostrum. Uenite adoremus. Ps. Uenite. *Ymnus*. Summe deus clementissime [Chev. 33742]. Fol. 97^v. Ps. Cantate domino. Fol. 111^r. *Dominicis diebus ad uesperas A*. Dicit dominus. Ps. Dixit dominus domino meo ... Fol. 113^v. *Canticum Beate marie*. Magnificat anima mea ... *Feria ii* to [120^v] *Feria vi ad uesperas*. Fol. 123^v. *Sabbato deo ad uesperas*.
- (c) Fols. 129^r–132^v. Litany and prayers. Fol. 129^r. *letania* (notable inclusions: Lambert and Gertrude). Fol. 131^r. *Preces*. Saluos fac seruos tuos ... [SM, p. 49]. Deus cui proprium est miserere semper et parcere suscipe deprecationem ... [CO 1143]. Exaudi quesumus domine supplicium preces ... [SM, p. 402]. Ineffabilem misericordiam tuam quesumus domine clementer ostende ... [CO 3129]. Deus qui culpa offenderis penitentia placaris preces ... [CO 1511]. Omnipotens sempiternus deus miserere famulo tuo pontifici nostro et dirige eum secundum tuam clementiam ... [CO 3859]. Deus a quo sancta desideria
- recta consilia ... [CO 1088a]. Ure igne sancti spiritus renes nostros et cor nostrum ... [SM, p. 400]. Fidelium deus omnium conditor et redemptor animabus famulorum famularumque ... [CO 2684b]. Actiones nostras quesumus domine aspirando preueni at adiuuando prosequere ... [CO 74]. Omnipotens sempiternus deus qui uivorum dominaris simul et mortuorum omniumque misereris ... [CO 4064].
- (d) Fols. 133^r–138^v. Temporale: Advent to Epiphany. Fol. 133^r. *Dominica prima in aduentu domini. Ad uesperas. Hymnus*. Conditor alme siderum eterna lux [Chev. 3733–4]. *Ad nocturnum*. Verbum supernum prodiens [Chev. 34456]. Fol. 133^v. *Ad laudes. Ymnus*. Uox clara ecce intonate [Chev. 34796]. Fol. 133^v. *In natiuitate domini ad Uesperas. Ymnus*. Criste redemptor omnium ex patre patris unice [Chev. 2960]. Fol. 134^r. *Laudes. Ymnus*. A solis ortus cardine [Chev. 21]. Fol. 134^v. *In epiphania domini. Ymnus*. Hostis herodes impie [Chev. 8072]. Fol. 134^v. *Sabbato quadragesime hymnus*. Audi benigne conditor [Chev. 1452]. Fol. 135^r. *Ad nocturnum hymnus*. Ex more docti mystico [Chev. 5611]. *Ad [audes] ymnus*. Iam Christe sol iusticie mentis dehiscent tenebre [Chev. 9205]. Fol. 135^v. *In dominicis diebus in quadragesima. Ymnus*. Aures ad nostra deitatis preces [Chev. 1613]. Fol. 136^r. *Dominica in passione domini ad uesperas. Ymnus*. Uexilla regis prodeunt [Chev. 34492]. Fol. 136^v. *Ad noct' Hymnus*. Pange lingua gloriosi prelium certaminis [Chev. 14481]. *Ad laudes. Hymnus*. Lustris sex qui iam peractis [Chev. 10763/65]. Fol. 137^r. *In assumptione BVM et in omnibus festiuitatibus et commemorationibus eius. Ad uesperas. Hymnus*. Ave maris stella dei [Chev. 1890]. Fol. 137^v. *Ad nocturnum. Ymnus*. Quem terra pontus ethera colunt adorant [Chev. 16347]. *Ad laudes ymnus*. O gloriosa domina excelsa [Chev. 13042]. Fol. 138^r. *Sequuntur absolutiones et benedictiones lectionum in festis et ferialibus diebus dicendis. Absolutio*. Exaudi domine iesu christe preces seruorum tuorum ... *Benedictio*. Benedictione perpetua benedicat nos pater eternus ... Fol. 138^v. *Quando legitur euangelium*. Euangelica lectio sit nobis salus et protectio. Amen. *Quando uero euangelium non legitur, prima benedictio erit hec sequens*. Ille nos benedicat qui sine fine uivit et regnat ...
- (e) Fols. 139^r–144^r. Office of the Dead. *Incipiunt uigilie defunctorum*. Placebo domino in regione uiuorum ... [Ends with the rubric:] *Notandum quod psalmus,*

De profundis *ad laudes defunctorum in ferialibus diebus; et festis trium lectionum etiam si laudes immediate post vigiliam dicantur nulloque alio tempore in laudibus defunctorum dicitur.*

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(f) Fols. 145^r–181^v. Commune sanctorum. Fol. 145^r. *Incipiunt commune sanctorum. Ymnus.* Exultet celum laudibus resultet terra gaudiis apostolorum [Chev. 5832]. Fol. 149^r. *In natalitiis evangelistarum ... De expositione Sancti Gregorii Pape super ezechielem lectio prima.* Sancta quatuor animalia que prophecie ... Fol. 150^v. *In natali unius martyris.* Beatus uir qui inuentus est sine macula ... *Ymnus.* Deus tuorum militum sors et corona [Chev. 4534]. Fol. 151^r. *De uno martyre pontifice.* Fol. 154^v. *In nat. etiam unius martyris. Sancti maximi episcopi lectio 1^a.* Ad exhibendum ... Fol. 156^r. *In natalitiis plurimorum martyrum ad uesperas ... Ymnus.* Sanctorum meritis inclita gaudia [Chev. 18607]. Fol. 157^r. *Pro pontificibus martyribus.* Beatorum ... *Ymnus.* Eterne Christi munera et martyrum uictorias [Chev. 598]. Fol. 161^r. *Item alius pro pluribus martyribus. Sermo sancti augustini episcopi.* Lectio 1^a. In psalmo diximus ... Fol. 162^r. *In natalitiis confessorum pontificum. Ad uesperas. Capitulum.* Ecce sacerdos magnus qui in diebus suis placuit deo ... *Ymnus.* Iste confessor domini sacratus festa plebs [Chev. 9136]. Fol. 167^r. *In natalitiis confessorum non pontificum. Ad uesperas. Capitulum.* Beatus uir qui suffert temptationem ... Fol. 167^v. *Pro abbate confess' oratio.* Intercessio nos quesumus domine. Fol. 170^v. *In natalitiis uirginum ad uesperas.* Fratres. Qui gloriatur in domino ... *Ymnus.* Iesu corona uirginum quem mater illa concepit [Chev. 9507]. Fol. 174^v. *In festo alicuius sancte nec uirginis nec martyris ad uesperas. Capitulum.* Confitebor tibi domine rex et collaudabo te deum saluatorem meum ... Fol. 177^r. *In dedicatione ecclesie. In primis uesperis.* Domum tuam domine ... Uidi ciuitatem stantem iherusalem nouam ... *Ymnus.* Urbs beata iherusalem dicta pacis uisio que construitur [Chev. 20918].

(g) Fols. 182^r–190^f. Office of the Virgin. Fol. 182^r. *Beate marie uirginis officium secundum ritum romane curie incipit ...* Domine labia mea aperies. Et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam. Deus in adiutorium meum intende ... Fol. 190^r ... Ave regina celorum ... et pro nobis semper christum exora.

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(h) Fols. 193^r–312^v. Temporale: Easter–Advent. Fol. 193^r. *In die sancto pasche. Inuit.* Surrexit dominus uere. Alleluia. *In noct. Ant.* Ego sum qui sum et consilium meum non est cum impiis ... *Secundum Marcum.* In illo. Maria Magdalene et maria iacobi et salome [Mark 16: 1]. Fol. 194^v. *Feria ii ... Versus.* Surrexit dominus de sepulchro. *Secundum Lucam.* Duo ex discipulis iesu ibant ipsa die ... Fol. 195^v. *Feria iii. Versus.* Surrexit dominus uere ... Fol. 200^v. *Dominica in oct. pasche ... Ymnus.* Rex eterne domine rerum creator omnium [Chev. 17393]. Fols. 202^r–203^r. *Lectioes leguntur de actibus apostolorum ...* Fol. 205^r. *Feria V. Lectio Prima.* David enim dicit in eum. Fol. 206^v. *Dominica 2^a post pascha. ponitur liber apocalypsis et legitur per xv dies. Lectio prima.* Apocalypsis iesu christi quam dedit illi deus ... Fol. 208^r. *Feria iii de actibus apostolorum.* Lectio prima. Et dum complerentur dies penthecostes erant omnes discipuli in eodem loco [Acts 2: 1]. Fol. 214^r. *Dominica iii post pascha. Lectio de apoc'.* Post hec uidi et ecce ostium apertum in celo [Rev. 4: 1]. Fol. 217^r. *Dominica iiii post pascha. Ponuntur epistole canonice usque ad ascensionem. Sex lectiones leguntur de epistola sancti iacobi. Lectio 1^a.* Iacobus dei et domini nostri iesu Christi seruus ... Fol. 220^v. *Dominica v^a post pascha. Sex lectiones leguntur de epistola Iohannis prima. Lectio I.* Quod fuit ab inicio quod audimus quod uidimus ... Fol. 222^r. *Post ebdomada leguntur secunda et tria epistole iohannis et epistola Jude ...* Fol. 223^r. *In uigilia ascensionis domini ad uesperas.* Viri galilee ... *Ymnus.* Iesu nostra redemptio, amor et desiderium [Chev. 9582]. Fol. 224^r. *Ad Matut.* Alleluia Cristum dominum ascendentem in celum. Uenite adoremus ... *Ymnus.* Eterne rex altissime redemptor et fidelium [Chev. 653]. Fol. 233^v. *Sabbato infra Oct. ascensionis. Ymnus.* Iesu nostra redempcio [Chev. 9582]. *Dominica infra Oct. ascensionis. Totum officium sit de ascensione preter lectiones ...* Fol. 238^r. *In festo penthecostes ad primas.* Dum complerentur ... *Ps.* Laudate dominum omnes gentes. *Capitulum.* Dum complerentur dies penthecostes erant omnes discipuli [Acts 2: 1]. *Ymnus.* Ueni creator spiritus [Chev. 21204]. Fol. 238^v. *Ad mat. Inuit'.* Spiritus domini repleuit orbem terrarum ... *Ymnus.* Iam Christus astra ascenderat regressus unde [Chev. 9215]. Fol. 239^v. *Ad laudes ... Ymnus.* Beata nobis gaudia anni reduxit orbita [Chev. 2339]. Fol. 241^r. *Feria ii.* Spiritus domini repleuit orbem terrarum ... Fol. 242^r. *Feria iii.* Fol.

- 242^v. *Feria iiii*. Fol. 243^v. *Feria V*. Fol. 246^v. *In solemnitate sanctissime et indiuidue trinitatis ad uesperas*. Gloria tibi trinitas ... *Cap.* O altitudo diuitiarum sapientie ... *Ymnus*. Adesto sancta trinitas par splendor una deitas [Chev. 487]. *Oratio*. Omnipotens sempiterne deus, qui dedisti famulis tuis in confessione vere fidei eterne trinitatis gloriam agnoscere [CO 3920]. Fol. 247^f. *Ad matutinas*. Deum verum unum in trinitatem ... Fol. 250^f. *Ad laudes*. Gloria tibi trinitas, equalis ... *Ymnus*. O trinitas laudabilis et unitas mirabilis [Chev. 13829]. Fol. 251^f. *In solemnitate sacratissimi corporis domini nostri iesu Christi ad primas uesperas*. Fol. 251^v. *Sacerdos in eternum Christus* ... *Ymnus*. Pange lingua gloriosi corporis misterium [Chev. 14467]. Fol. 262^v. *In octaua sacratissimi corporis christi* ... *Incipit rubrica parisiens' de commemorationibus dominicarum qui ueniunt inter penthecosten et aduentum* ... Fol. 270^f. *Dominica ii post penth'*. *Oratio*. Sancti nominis tui domine, amorem ... Fol. 285^f. *Dominica xxiv post pent'*. Excita quesumus domine tuorum fidelium voluntates ... Fol. 285^v. *Sabbato proximo kl augusti. Ad mat' ant.* Sapientia edificavit ... *Dominica proxima kl augusti ponuntur libri salomonis, parabole, ecclesiastes, sapientie et ecclesiasticus et legitur de eis usque ad kl septembris*. Fol. 290^v. Variable lection schedule for September (depending on whether 1 Sept. should be a Sunday) for Job, Tobit, Judith, Esther; fol. 301^v, lections from Maccabees; fol. 306^f, from Ezechiel; fol. 308^v, Daniel; fol. 310^f, Hosea, Joel; fol. 310^v, Amos, Obadiah; fol. 311^f, Jonah, Micah; fol. 311^v, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah; fol. 312^f, Haggai, Zechariah; fol. 312^v, Malachi.
- (i) Fols. 313^f–488^v. *Proprium Sanctorum*. Fol. 313^f. *In festis sanctorum martyrum Tibertii et Valeriani et Maximi*. Anicetus, Soter. Fol. 314^f. *De pluribus siue de uno martyre*. Fol. 317^f, George. 317^v, Mark. 318^v, Cletus and Marcellinus. 319^f, Vitalis. 319^v, Philip and James. 321^v, *Inuentio sanctae crucis*. 325^f, Alexander, etc. 326^f, John Evangelist. 327^v, Gordianus, etc. 328^f, Nereus, etc. 328^v, Pancras; Boniface. 329^v, Potenciana; Urban. 330^f, Eleutherius; Pope John. 331^f, Pope Felix. 331^v, Petronella; Marcellinus, etc. 333^f, Primus and Felicianus. 334^f, Barnabas. 334^v, Basilides, Cyrinus, etc. 335^f, Modestus. 336^f, Marcus and Marcellianus; Gervase and Protasius. 338^f, Silverius. 338^v, Paul. 339^f, John the Baptist. 345^f, John and Paul. 347^f, Leo. 348^f, Peter and Paul. 355^v. Visitation. 362^v, Processus and Martianus. 364^v, *Pro vi^a die uisitationis BVM*. 365^v, *pro vii die*. 367^f, Processus and Martinianus. 368^v, Seven brothers. 370^f, Nabor and Felix. 370^f, Anacletus. 370^v, Symphorosa. 371^f, Praxedis. 371^v, Mary Magdalene. 374^f, Apollinaris. 374^f, Christina. 374^v, Jacobus. 376^f, Christopher; Panthaleon; Nazarius and Celsus. 377^v, Felix, Simplicius, etc. 378^f, Faustinus, etc. 378^v, Abdon and Sennen. 379^f, *Vincula Petri*. 382^v, Maccabees. 383^f, Pope Stephen. 384^f, *Inuentio Stephen protomartyr*. 386^f. *BVM ad niues*. Dum esset rex in accubitu suo ... 391^f, *In transfiguracione domini*. 395^v, Sixtus and Agapitus. 396^v, Donatus. 397^v, Cyriacus, Largus, etc. 398^f, Romanus. 398^v, Laurentius. 402^v, Tiburtius and Susanna. 404^f, Ypolitus. 405^v, Simplicianus; Oct. Laurentius. 407^f, Eusebius; Assumption BVM. 416^f, Agapitus. 416^v, Timotheus, Ypolitus, Symphorianus. 416^v, Bartholomew. 417^f, Zepherinus. 417^v, Louis; Augustine. 422^v, Decollation John the Baptist. 425^v, Felix and Adauctus. 426^f, Twelve brothers; Nativity BVM. 432^f, Adrian. 432^v, Gorgonius. 433^f, Prothus and Iacintus. 433^v, Exultatio crucis. 437^f, Cornelius and Cyprian etc. 438^f, Nicomedis. 438^f, Luna, Geminianus, and Eufemia. 439^v, Matthew. 440^v, Maurice. 442^f, Linus. 442^v, Cyprian and Justina. 443^v, Cosmas and Damian. 444^v, *In dedicacione S. Mychaelis*. 448^v, Jerome. 450^v, Remigius. 450^v, Sergius etc. 451^f, Dionysius etc. 451^f, Calixtus. 451^v, Lucy. 452^f, 11,000 virgins. 455^v, Hilary. 456^f, Chrysanthus and Daria. 457^v, Euaristus. 458^f, Simon and Jude. 459^f, All Saints. 465^f, Quattuor coronati. 466^f, Theodore. 466^v, Martin. 470^f, Menna. 470^v, Pope Martin. 471^v, Elizabeth. 472^v, Pontianus. 473^f, Cecilia. 475^v, Clement. 475^v, Felicitatus. 477^v Chrysogonus. 479^f–482^v, Katherine.
- Fols. 487^f–488^v blank.
- (j) Fols. 483^f–486^v. Supplementary office texts for St Paul and the Visitation; texts for St Francis. 1. Fol. 483^f–^v. *In commemoracione S. Pauli, lectio vii, Secundum Mattheum*. In illo tempore Dixit Symon Petrus ad iesum. Ecce nos reliquimus omnia et secuti sumus [Matt. 19: 27]. Grandis fiducia Petrus piscator erat diues non fuerat cibos manu et arte querebat, et tamen loquitur confidenter ... quid igitur dabis nobis premii. *Lectio viii*. Amen dico uobis quod vos qui secuti estis me in regeneratione cum sederit ... [cf. Matt. 19: 28–30]. *Lectio ix*. In regeneratione cum sederit filius hominis in sede

maiestatis ... [cf. for all this section *The Primitive Cistercian Breviary*, ed. C. Waddell (Fribourg, 2007), p. 442.] 2. Fols. 483^v–484^r. *In uisitatione beate marie lectio uii*. In illo tempore exurgens maria abiit in montana ... Elysabeth. [Luke 1: 39.] *Om. sancti ambrosii*. Morale est omnibus ut qui fidem exigunt, fidem astruant ... [Ambrose, *Expositio evangelii secundum Lucam*, ed. M. Adriaen, CCSL 14, p. 39.] *Lectio uiii*. Ubi ergo audiuit hoc maria non quasi ... gratia. *Lectio ix*. Discite et vos sancte mulieres sedulitatem quam pregnantibus debeatis exhibere ... in domo. 3. Fols. 484^r–486^v. *In sancti Francisci confessoris. Oratio*. Deus qui ecclesiam tuam beati francisci meritis fetu noue prolis amplificas tribue nobis ex eius imitatione terrena despiciere et coelestium donorum semper participation gaudere. *Lectio I*. Apparuit gratia dei saluatoris nostri diebus istis nouissimis in seruo suo francisco, quem pater misericordiarum ... *Lectio ix*. Egressus itaque semel ad meditandum in agro cum deambularet iuxta ecclesiam sancti damiani ... causa orationis intrasset, prostratus ante ymaginem crucifixi non modicum in orando consolationis suauitate repletus. [Nine lections; mainly from Bonaventure, *Vita Maior S. Francisci*, Prologue and chs. 1–2.]

SCRIBES AND SCRIPT

Hybrid Textualis semi-quadrata with Bâtarde elements. ?Three scribes: (1) Fols. 1^r–12^v (item (a)); (2) Fols. 13^v–482^v (items (b)–(i)); (3) Fols. 483^r–486^v (item (j)). Titles and rubrics written in red, instructions in ordinary ink, underlined in red. Antiphons, verses, responses, cues, and directions written to a smaller gauge than lections, prayers, and hymns.

DECORATION

The main divisions of the text are introduced by a historiated initial (4 to 9 lines high), the page or column in question being surrounded by a decorative border consisting of naturalistic plants and stylized foliate scrolls set against a coloured ground. Full-page borders are reserved for the most important divisions, where figures, animals, and grotesques also appear amidst the foliage (13^v, two birds; 133^r, bird and hybrid with woman's head; 145^r, bird and hybrid with man's head; 193^r, bird and hybrid with man's head; 224^r, two hybrids, one with king's head, the other with both a stork's head and a human head; 238^r, two birds; 246^v, two angel musicians, one bowing a fiddle, the other

blowing a shawm; 251^v, two praying angels; 407^r, bird and centaur; 459^r, bird and dog).

The subject matter of the initials is as follows.

- 13^r (Preface), male figure, entirely golden and glowing, holding a scroll.
 13^v (Ps. 1), David kneeling in prayer before God (a blessing bust-figure in the heavens), his crown and harp (in a bag) on the ground; set in a grassy courtyard with a palace in the background.
 46^v (Ps. 26) David kneeling before God, pointing to his eye; set in a courtyard.
 57^v (Ps. 38) David kneeling before God, pointing to a pathway; set in a landscape.
 66^v (Ps. 52) Fool (depicted as a court jester) before king enthroned; set in a tiled courtyard or interior.
 75^r (Ps. 68) David, naked, up to his waist in a pool, praying to God; landscape setting.
 87^v (Ps. 80) David seated, playing bells in a frame; set in an interior.
 97^v (Ps. 97) Crowned king leads three clerics in singing from an open book on a lectern; vaulted ?church setting.
 111^r (Ps. 109) Trinity: dove hovers above father and son who are seated on a double throne (Son has grey robe and brown hair and beard, Father has white robe and grey hair and beard; both raise their right hand in blessing and hold a T-globe with their left hand).
 133^r (Advent) Trinity (as 111^r) with crowned BVM kneeling between them.
 145^r (Apostles) Community of Apostles, standing; Andrew (with cross), Paul (bald and bearded), and Peter (bearded, with sword) occupy the front line.
 193^r (Easter) Christ (wounds bleeding) stepping out of tomb, an angel supporting his cross-staff, three guards slumbering below; landscape setting.
 224^r (Ascension) 'Disappearing' Christ above kneeling apostles and Maries; Christ's footprints on grassy knoll.
 238^r (Pentecost) Descent of Dove upon praying apostles and BVM, set before a church in a landscape.
 246^v (Trinity). 'Mercy seat' Trinity within a chamber; border includes musician angels.
 251^v (Corpus Christi) Two angels placing host reliquary-monstrance on an altar; praying angels in border.
 339^r (John the Baptist) Standing John, wearing hair coat under blue robe, holds books with left hand while with right hand he points at cross-nimbed

lamb nearby; set in a landscape before a town with multiple towers.

355^v (Visitation) Mary and Elizabeth embrace beside an open church door; walled enclosure; landscape beyond.

371^v (Mary Magdalene) Kneeling Mary, holding small pot; set in a chamber with a tiled floor.

386^v (BVM, feast of snow shower) King, Pope (?Liberius) blessing, cleric with processional cross, and well-dressed layman under a snowing cloud (in an otherwise blue sky), the first and last brandishing spades.

391^r (Transfiguration) Golden-faced Christ flanked by half-length Moses and Elijah (the former horned and holding tablets of law) above the three apostles (two shielding their eyes) in the foreground; deep landscape setting with a walled town in the distance and another beyond it.

407^r (Assumption BVM) Crowned, praying BVM, hands clasped over breast, borne aloft by four angels, God blessing from above.

426^r (Nativity BVM) Midwife holds swaddled baby (with cross-nimbed halo) in front of Anna in bed.

459^r (All Saints) group of standing saints, Catherine, a woman in a red robe (?Mary Magdalene), a pope, and an archbishop in the front row; the only individualized figure behind them is a cardinal.

The style and palette affiliate the work to the milieu of Willem Vrelant, active at Bruges s. xv^{3/4}, dead by 1481 (on whom see Bousmanne, *Wylant*). Notwithstanding their small scale, many of the scenes have ambitious, deep spatial settings, the illusionism accentuated by gradation of colour tones, the sky becoming lighter, the ground bluer as it nears the horizon. The figures are disproportionately large in relation to their settings. They are fully modelled in (bright) colours and gold. Notable iconographic details are: the king who leads the customary clerics singing their new song at Psalm 97, and the cross-nimbed halo afforded

to the new-born Mary on fol. 426^r. Principal subdivisions (and the KL monograms) are introduced by 2- or 3-line-high initials, alternately blue and red on a gold ground. Tertiary divisions are headed by 1-line-high gold initials set alternately on red and blue grounds. Line-fillers (gold on red and blue grounds in alternation) in the litany.

PROVENANCE

(1) S. xvii, the unknown individual responsible for the partially erased inscription(s) on fol. 1^r, which seem to have included a name (currently irrecoverable), the year '1659' (legible by UV light), a reference number ('no 2739') with a further number ('no ?8?2') below it. (2) S. xviii–xix (presumably before 1826; less probably 1826×56), someone with the initials 'E.N.N.' (inscribed in ink on flyleaf verso). (3) A certain M. Watts of Norwich, 1826 (endleaf inscription: 'M. Watts, Norwich, 12th apl 1826'). (4) George Weare Braikenridge (1775–1856), merchant and antiquary (pencil inscriptions 'GWB' and 'George Weare Braikenridge' on front flyleaf; ink 'GWB' on endleaf). (5) By descent to William Jerdone Braikenridge (1817–1907). The volume is likely to be the second of the two 'Preces MS. on vellum of 16th century French execution' listed on p. 466 of R. S. Faber, *Catalogue of the Library at Claremont, Clevedon and 16 Royal Crescent, Bath, Collected by George Weare Braikenridge* (London, privately printed, 1894), given that the binding of that one is said to be 'Calf', whereas the binding of the other is 'Green morocco'. (6) Presumably auctioned by Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge on 18–21 May 1908 (*Catalogue of the Library of the late W. Jerdone Braikenridge Esq...* [not seen]) and, having passed through the hands of one or more intermediate owners, acquired by John Raymond Danson (1893–1976) (bookplate on front cover). (7) Trinity College, by bequest of Danson, in 1976. College shelfmark: 'MS. 103' pencilled on flyleaf verso.