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in plantis, vegetativum est anima // . [Book II, lectio III (end) to lectio IV (start): *Sancti Thomae Aquinatus ... in Aristotelis Stagiritae commentaria*, iii (1866), pp. 47–9.] Rear Leaf: // autem sensibus dicebant oportere quod e conuerso sensibile perueniebat ad sensum. Et hoc quod in tactu et gustu manifeste uidetur accidere ... Sed dicitur quod gustus et tactus possunt considerari dupliciter. Vno modo quantum ad modum // . [Book II, lectio XX (end) to lectio XXI (start): *ibid.*, pp. 86–8. Reference letters ‘A’ to ‘F’ down the margins beside each column. Nota lines (sometimes elaborated into faces) and pointing hands, contemporary with the text, probably by the original scribe(s).]

SCRIPT

Anglicana, not especially regular, heavily abbreviated; slightly enlarged for the start of Lectio IV. Probably one scribe throughout (the difference in manner observable in the bottom 11 lines and one word of front

leaf, column 1, as also for the 2 supply lines in the margin immediately below this same column, is feasibly explained as the same hand working with greater compression).

DECORATION

Lectioes are headed by blue initials, 3 lines high, flourished in red, the quality of the flourishing rudimentary. Subsections (generally new citations) are marked by paraphs, alternately red then blue. A running heading (a blue ‘II’ flourished in red) survives (cropped) on the front leaf.

HOST BOOK

Arnobius, *Commentarius in Psalmos* (Basel, 1522); donor: John Arden, scholar at Trinity, 1556–8. Olim O.5.7. Not in Ker, *Pastedowns*; nor in H. V. Shooner, *Codices manuscripti operum Thomae de Aquino III* (Montréal and Paris, 1985); nor in Thomson, *Aristotle*.

PDI8. Old Library, K.2.23–25

Missal

England; s. XII^{ex}

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Six leaf fragments, one at the front and one at the back of each volume, all now raised. Parchment. Cut down to 113 × 67 mm. Original size and written area uncertain, but the column width can be reconstructed as c.65 mm, while the preserved blank margins of 60+ mm suggest gracious dimensions. Lines: parts of up to 13 preserved (space, 9 mm; height of minims, 4 mm). Pricking: none survives. Ruling: lead.

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K.2.23, front, recto: // consilii et fortitudinis [spiritus] scientie et pietatis et re[ple]bit eum spiritus timoris domini ... arguet, sed iudicab // [Isa. II: 1–5 or 6, imperfect]. K.2.23, rear, verso: // uoluisti concede quesumus ... protectione gaudere, per eum. *Ad philippenses*. Fratres christus factus est pro no // . K.2.23, rear, recto: // ens pondera que sola fuisti ... *Secundum Mattheum*. Ascendens iesus ierosolimam, assumpsit duodecim

discipulos ... Ecce // . K.2.23, rear, verso: // Adesto nobis domine deus [noster et] quos sancte crucis let[ari] ... defende subsidiis. *Maria per aduen[tum]*. Rorate celi desuper et nube[s] // . K.2.24, front, verso: // dei genitricis orati[o] etsi per conditione carnis [mi]grasse cognoscimus ... Mense celestis par[ticipes] effecti imploramus cl[ementiam] tuam domine deus noster ut // K.2.24, front, recto: // de cuius assumptione gaudent ... *Lectio liber sapientie* ... Tunc precepit // . K.2.24, rear, verso: // Deus qui beatum petrum apostolum a uinculis ab[solutum] ... Corporis sacri et p[er] sanguinis reple // . K.2.4, rear, recto: // interuentione nos ... *Ad ephesios*. Fratres. Iam non estis // . K.2.25, front, recto: // et deducet te ... in eternum. *Secundum lucam* // . K.2.25, front, verso: // rima. Porro ... *Officium*. Felix namque e[s] sacra uirgo maria et omni laude di[gnissima] quia] ex te ortus est sol iustitiae [Christus deus] noster. Alleluia. *Secundum* // . K.2.25, rear, verso: // confortatus est principatus eorum ... duo filii mei [Matt:

20: 20–3] // . K.2.25, rear, recto: // [dexte]ram meam ... patre meo [end of same reading] ... Oblationes pop[uli] ... placita eius [deprecati]one. Per. *Prefatio* // .

Includes small portions of mass texts for feast of St James (25 July; K.2.25, rear), Peter's chains (1 Aug.; K.2.24 rear), Assumption BVM (15 Aug. 15; K.2.24 front; K.2.25, front), and Holy Cross (14 Sept.; K.2.23, front and back). Four apothegms were added to the leaves in K.2.23, s. xvi–xvii (after they had been reused): 'Sen[eca]: Mens impudicam facere non casus solet'; 'Vincit amor patriae laudumque immensa cupido' [*Aeneid* 6. 820]; 'Sequester is est apud quem plures eandem rem de qua controversia est deposuerunt'; 'Gloria nostra haec est testimonium conscientiae nostrae 2 Cor. 1'.

SCRIPT

Transitional Protogothic to Textualis. Additional rubric added to K.2.23 front leaf by a cruder s. xii/xiii hand. The apothegms on K.2.23 were written in Italic in very dark ink.

DECORATION

Capitals, 2+ lines high, plain or slightly embellished, red, green, or blue.

HOST BOOK

Biblia, 3 vols. (Paris, 1537–40); donor: Thomas Rawe, Canon of Windsor (d. 1556). Oxford binding: Ker, *Past-downs*, p. 26 (no. 272).

PDI9. Old Library, K.3.1+K.3.2

Seneca, *Epistolae*

Northern Europe; s. XIII^{2/2}

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Eight folios: parts of four bifolia, opened, brutally cut down, and *in situ* as front and rear pastedowns of both volumes; those at the front are further obscured by a bookplate. Parchment. Sheet size: 125 × 185 mm. Page width: 125 mm. Two columns (column width, 38 mm). Lines: 38 preserved (space, 3 mm; height of minims, 1.5 mm). Pricking: awl; survives in the inner margin only (showing that pricking for the horizontals was done in both margins). Ruling: ink. Single verticals flank both columns (two in total in the intercolumnar space); unclear whether any horizontals have been extended.

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K.3.1, front: // clausuris aures, quibus ceram parum est obdere, firmiore spissamento opus est quam in sociis usum ... fama non faciet nec ostentatio tui et nominis demissa noticia. Nemo nouit deum multi // [Ep. 31]. K.3.1, back: // lucet. Patricius socrate non fuit. Cleantes aquam traxit et rigando orto locauit manus. Platonem non accepit nobilem philosophia sed fecit ... ipsa illos velocitas implicat Vale. [Ep. 44]. Librorum istic inopiam

esse quereris, non refert quam multos, sed quam bonos habeas ... et ambiguum significationem verbis illigamus ac deinde dissoluimus, tantum nobis vacat. Iam viuere // [Ep. 45]. K.3.2, front: // et in priuato circulantur; sed eos qui vitam docent, qui cum dixerint quid faciendum sit ... si modo non institorem sed antistitem nacta [*sic*] est. [Ep. 52.] 54. Quid non potest persuaderi cui persuasum est non nauigare? Solui mari languido. Erat sine dubio celum graue sordidis nubibus ... usque puteolos surripi posse, quamuis // [Ep. 53]. K.3.2, back: // eo inquit proposito in asiam ueni ut non id acciperem quod dedissetis ... qui miserat, respuit. Vale. [Ep. 53.] 55. Longum mihi comitatum dederat mala ualitudo, repente me inuasit ... Quomodo uolet dum modo non ex animo suspirem // [Ep. 54].

Portions, more or less complete, of epp. 31, 44, 45, 52–4, etc. Typically the fragments preserve much of both columns on one folio but only part of one from the conjoint folio; it is the contents of the better preserved half of the sheets that are outlined above. The main face at the front of K.3.2 immediately preceded that in the rear of the same volume. Each