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Gregory the Great, *Moralia in Iob*, fragment

f. 1r-v *Incipit liber vicesimus tercius Moraliū beatissimi Gregorii pape in Iob.*
Prefationem huius operis totiens necessario repeto, quotiens hoc in distinctionem voluminum locutionis mee pausatione succedo ... Nisi enim Deum contempnerent, nequaquam de illo perversa sentirent. Et nisi vetustatem contraerent, in nove // [vite intelligentia non errarent].

Gregorius Magnus (Gregory the Great, pope 590-604), *Moralia in Iob* (CPL 1708), 23.1.1-3. M. Adriaen, ed., CCSL 143B (1985), pp. 1143-1146.

Parchment, 1 folio, c. 380 x c. 265 mm. The upper and lower edges are somewhat irregular and the inner margin is trimmed, damaging part of the initial on the recto. Both pages are stained and the recto (hair side) is worn.

Pricking visible in the outer (rather far from the edge) and lower margins. Ruling in brown ink for two columns of 50 lines above top line. Ruling type 46 with an additional vertical line between the columns, c. 292 x 197 mm., intercolumnar space 17 mm.

Written in bold Praegothica marked by strong bifurcation at the top of the ascenders, frequent use of lengthened *i*, unusual *ct*-ligature and the Southern form of tironian *et*.

The text opens with a 6-line decorated initial P, half inset, with long tail in the margin in red and blue.

In the upper margin of the recto, in a s. XV hand, the ownership inscription "Iste liber est ***** sancti Hugonis Carthusiensis ordinis". This is the Carthusian abbey of St. Hugon in the diocese of Grenoble, founded 1172.

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