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Breviary, Winter part, unfinished

1. ff. 1r-3v Calendar in black and red, written in two columns, one column for each month. Computistical data: length of the month, Day Letters. Remarkable feasts: Walburgis (“Walpurga”) abbess of Heidenheim (25 Febr.), Godehardus (“Gothardus”) bishop of Hildesheim (5 May), 10.000 Martyrs (22 June), Kilianus (8 July), Verena (1 September, lived in Switzerland according to legend), Magnus abbot of Fuessen (6 Sept.), Theodulus bishop of Martigny (6 Sept., in other calendars 16 Sept.), Wenceslas (“Ventzlaus”, 28 Sept.), Gallus (16 Oct., in red), Othmarus abbot of Saint Gall (16 Nov., in red), Conradus bishop of Konstanz (26 Nov., in red), Lucius patron saint of the diocese of Chur (3 Dec.). f. 4 ruled but blank

2. ff. 5r-23v Nocte surgentes vigilemus omnes semper in psalmis ... [RH 12035]. Prestet. [B]eatus vir qui non abiit ... [Ps. 1] ... [f. 22r:] *Feria quarta. Invitatorium.* In manu tua, Domine, omnes fines terre ... [CAO 1087] ... [f. 23v:] [S]i vere utique iustitiam loquimini recte iudicate ... sicut aspidis surde et obdurantis aures suas, [q]ue non exaudiet vocem incantantium vene//[fici] [Ps. 57] f. 24 blank

Psalterium feriatum for Sunday up to Wednesday; ends Ps. 57:6. The final page lacks decoration, including the versals, and the text was probably never continued.

3. f. 24bis r[C]onditor alme siderum, eterna lux credentium ... [RH 3733-3734]; [V]erbum supernum prodiens, a Patre olim exiens ... [RH 21391]; [V]ox clara ecce intonat, obscura queque increpa [*sic*] ... [RH 22199]. f. 24bisv blank

Three hymns for Advent, copied by the same scribe on an inserted leaf.

4. ff. 25r-116r *Dominica prima Adventus Domini. Ad Vesperas Antiphona.* Benedictus. *Ps.* Ipsum. Ecce dies veniunt dicit Dominus... *V.* In diebus illis salvabitur Iuda ... *Ymnus.* Conditor alme syderum. *V.* Rorate celi. *Ant.* Ecce nomen Domini venit de longinquo ... *Ps.* Mag. *Antiphona.* Prophete predixerunt salvatorem nasci de virgine Maria. *Ps.* Dixit Dominus. *V.* Ave Maria ... [f. 114v:] *Sabbato Sancto ad Matutinum Antiphona.* In pace in idipsum dormiam ... *Ps.* Cum invocavero. *Ant.* Habitabit in tabernaculo tuo ... [f. 116r:] *Ad I. R.* Sepulto Domino. *V.* Exurge, Domine, adiuva nos. Cum precibus ut supra. *Ad Capitulum.* Sicut [*l.* Sicut] in Cena Domini. *Ad 3am R.* Ierusalem luge. *V.* In pace in. *Ad 6am. R.* Plange quasi. *V.* Tu autem, Domine, miserere mei. *Ad Nonam R.* Recessit. *V.* Collocavit me in obscurum sicut mortuos seculi, etc. etc. f. 116v blank

Temporale, winter part, from the first Sunday of Advent to Holy Saturday. The Lessons are numbered with arabic numerals in the outer margins.

5. ff. 117r-132v *Incipit pars hyemalis de sanctis. Et primo de Vigilia Andree apostoli. Quod si in hac prima Dominica Adventus Vigilia sancti Andree evenerit, Sabbato anticipabitur* ... [f. 132r:] *In Conversione sancti Pauli ad Vesperas Antiphona. Salus [sic] qui et Palus [sic] ...* [f. 132v:] *R. Bonum certamen certavi, cursum consummavi, fidem servavi ... V. Gratia Dei sum id quod // [sum].*

Sanctorale, winter part, from the Vigil of Andrew (29 Nov.) to the Conversion of Paul (25 Jan.); due to the loss of leaves after f. 132 the final part of the latter office and all the next ones are missing. The Lessons are numbered in the same manner as in art. 4. Offices for the following feasts (apart from those mentioned already): Andrew (30 Nov.), Barbara (4 Dec.), Nicholas (6 Dec.), Octave of Andrew (7 Dec.), Conception of the Virgin (8 Dec.), Lucy (13 Dec.), Thomas Apostle (21 Dec.), Sebastian (20 Jan.). On the inserted leaflet f. 119bis r a second hand (B) has added prayers and other office texts for the Vigil of Andrew and the feasts of Andrew, Eligius (1 Dec.), Lucius (3 Dec.) and Barbara.

6. ff. 133r-137r *De apostolis Capitulum. [Q]uam speciosi super montes pedes annunciantis bonum et predicantis salutem ...* [f. 136v:] *De angelis. [S]ignificavit Deus que oportet fieri cito ...* [f. 137r:] *[A]udivi vocem magnam in celo dicentem: Nunc facta est salus et virtus et regnum Dei nostri et potestas Christi eius.*

Chapters and Responsories for the Common of the Saints: Apostles, Evangelists, One Martyr, Several Martyrs, One Confessor, Several Confessors, One Virgin, Several Virgins, All Saints, Angels.

7. f. 137r-v [E]go mater pulchre dilectionis et timoris et magnitudinis et sancte spei [Ecclus. 24:24]. [E]go sapientia ex ore Altissimi ... [Ecclus. 24:5] ... [S]icut cynamomum et balsamum aromatizans odorem dedi; quasi myrra electa dedi suavitatem odoris [Ecclus. 24:20].

Chapters for the office of the Virgin; all rubrics are missing.

8. ff. 138r-142r [E]cce Dominus Deus in fortitudine veniet ... [Is. 40:10] ... [T]u, Domine Sabaoth, qui iudicas iuste et probas renes et corda, videam ultionem tuam ex eis; tibi enim revelavi causam mea, Domine Deus meus [Jer. 11:20].

Chapters, Versicles and Responsories for Advent through the Holy Week; all rubrics are missing.

9. ff. 142v-143v [E]xcita, quesumus, Domine, potenciam tuam et veni ... [CO IV.2554] ... [D]a nobis, quesumus, Domine, imitari quod colimus, ut discamus et inimicus [sic] diligere, quia eius natalicia celebramus qui novit etiam pro persecutoribus exorare Dominum nostrum [CO II.939].

Prayers for the office from Advent through St. Stephen (26 Dec.); all rubrics are missing.

Paper, ff. 143, 215 x 160 mm. 4° folding The additional leaves 24bis and 119bis are of smaller sizes. Watermarks: (1) Cardinal's hat, var. Briquet 3397 (1479-1494); (2) and (3) Bull's head, var. Briquet 15373 (1488-1501).

I¹² (ff. 1-12), II¹² (ff. 13-24 + a singleton, f. 24bis), III-IX¹² (ff. 25-108), X¹² (ff. 109-120 + a singleton, f. 119bis), XI¹² (ff. 121-132), XII¹² (- 12, ff. 133-143). Horizontal catchwords at right, close to the lower edge and opening with the last word(s) of the text on the same page, are visible ff. 36v (quire III), 48v (quire IV) and 60v (quire V).

Frame ruling in brown ink for one column of 30-34 lines (there are fewer lines in artt. 6-9, where the script is larger). Two prickings in the upper and in the lower margin for the single bounding lines, and one pricking in the outer margin for the unique horizontal through line at the top of the written area. Wide margins.

The main part of the codex (ff. 1r-132v, artt. 1-5) is copied by a single scribe (A) writing a bold and compressed small *Gothica Semitextualis Libraria*. Artt. 6-9 and the two inserted leaves 24bis and 119bis are copied in a larger and less careful hand (B) using the same type of script.

Rubrics and underlining, versals and 2-line (3-line on f. 25r, art. 4) plain initials, all in red. On f. 5r a 3-line initial at the opening of Ps. 1 (art. 2) is not executed. All decoration is missing on ff. 23v, 24bis r, 119bis r, f. 125v, line 12 to the bottom of f. 126r, ff. 137r-143v (artt. 7-9). On ff. 133r-136v (art. 6) there are rubrics (in pale red) but no initials. No guide letters.

Original quarter binding on two split leather thongs, square-edged beech boards; white pigskin decorated with blind-tooled fillets. One decorated brass clasp attached to the rear board, with a decorated brass catch fixed with three nails to the front board. The binding is reinforced with a strip of parchment cut from a s. XI/XII missal (?), decorated with versals and plain initials in red and a 5-line Romanesque initial in red with blue tendrils on a liquid gold background.

Produced in Eastern Switzerland. The Breviary remained unfinished, parts were lost, additions were made; the decoration is partly missing, and the absence or rarity of rubrics in some sections makes the study of the manuscript difficult. Purchased on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.

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