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MS 481.46 Southern Germany, s. XI/XII

Psalter

f. 1 //meus inebrians quam preclarus ... Quia unicus//

Psalm 22.5 - 24.16.

f. 2 //et in umbra mortis ... uultus tui ambulabunt//

Psalm 87.7 - 88.16.

f. 3 [exarde]//scet sicut ignis ... sperabo in eum//

Psalm 88.47 - 90.2.

Parchment. 3 folios. Fol. 1 measures 305 x 203 mm; fol. 2 measures 289 x 202 mm; fol. 3 measures 289 x 193 mm (written space 230 x 140 mm). 1 column. 28 lines. Dry-point ruling on the hair side. Double vertical and single horizontal bounding lines. Prickings for horizontal rulings on inner vertical bounding line of outer margin; prickings for vertical lines on horizontal bounding lines.

Written in Caroline minuscule. The beginning of each psalm has a 4-line initial in orange or brown square capitals with a single round form of D, occasionally filled with yellow and green wash; they are not set apart from the text. 1-line initials at the beginning of verses alternate in brown and orange filled with yellow wash and are set apart from the text between double bounding lines. Other 1-line initials are in brown rustic capitals and uncials. Rubrics are

written in orange minuscule except for the phrases "Psalmus David" and "Christi Regnum", which are written in rustic capitals. Punctuation consists of the punctus, the punctus elevatus and the punctus interrogativus.

This psalter was written by the same scribe who wrote the breviary preserved in Beinecke MS 481.26 and may have formed part of the same volume; both fragments have the same style of pricking and almost the same measurements. Fol. 1 has been cut in half horizontally, each piece measuring 205 x 150 mm. This size corresponds to that of the breviary fragments in MS 481.26, which were used in the binding of Lambach, Stiftsbibliothek, Ccl 320. Another leaf of the psalter is still in the binding of Lambach Ccl 315.

Fol. 1 was formerly Beinecke MS 482.24A, Zinniker 72; fol 2 was formerly Zinniker 253; fol. 3 was Beinecke 481.89, Zinniker 266.

Bibliography:

Babcock, *Reconstructing a Medieval Library*, 99 and fig. 12.