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MS 481.88

Lambach, Austria, s. XII^{ex}

Psalter

ff. 1-4 [partu]//rit iniusticiam. concepit dolorem ... subtus me et non sunt//

Psalm 7.15 - 17.37. Liturgical antiphons with St. Gall neumes were added in the margins of fols. 1v (Psalm 9) and 2v (Psalm 12). These were later erased and rewritten with square notation on a 4-line staff.

Parchment. 4 folios. Fol. 1 measures 287 x 200 mm; fol. 2, 285 x 198 mm; fol. 3, 288 x 197 mm; fol. 4, 288 x 199 mm (written space 223 x 153 mm). 1 column. 28 lines. Dry-point ruling. Double vertical bounding lines.

Written in late Caroline minuscule. 3- and 4-line initials at the beginning of psalms are in red and are not set apart from the text; some are decorated with two or three small round red dots protruding into the interior of letter and/or with thin lines crossing the stem of the letter in a herringbone pattern. These initials are similar to, and may have been produced by, the artist of the initials in Beinecke MSS 481.48 and 481.52 and the Lambach Rituale (Cml LXXIII). 1-line initials at the beginning of verses are in red square capitals, with uncial M and round E, are set apart from the text when they occur at the beginning of a line. Rubrics are written in red minuscule. The first few words of each psalm are written in brown rustic capitals. Punctuation consists of the punctus and the punctus elevatus.

Fols. 1 and 4, originally a bifolium, were used as the wrappers for a volume measuring ca. 215 x 155 mm. The number "211" (which has been crossed out) on fol. 1r was probably a shelf number in the Lambach Stiftsbibliothek, although the hand is different from the one that wrote other Lambach shelf numbers; a similar hand wrote the number "146" on Beinecke MS

482.84, perhaps referring to Lambach Cml CXLVI. Fol. 4 has string tied in a chain-link pattern in the outer margin, which was once used to close the volume.

Fols. 2 and 3, originally a bifolium, were used as the wrappers of a volume measuring ca. 220 mm in height. Strings on fol. 2r are perhaps remnants from sewing on the spine of the volume.

Fol. 1 was formerly Zinniker 268. Fol. 2 was formerly Beinecke 482.68, Zinniker 52; fol. 3 was Beinecke 482.68, Zinniker 25; fol. 4 was Beinecke 481.90, Zinniker 261.

Bibliography:

Babcock, *Reconstructing a Medieval Library*, 111 and fig. 60.