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ABSTRACT

In light of the recent literature on the polyphonic settings of the *Ordinarium Missae* in the fifteenth century, and of new discoveries regarding the figure of Firminus Caron, a reassessment of his corpus of Masses has become necessary. This thesis seeks to examine the five settings composed by Caron, as well as to re-evaluate modern attribution to him of a further seven Masses; these reveal to be a useful case study that allows a scrutiny of some of the most debated issues of Medieval and Renaissance musicology.

Chapter 1 examines the situation of the textual tradition, describing the manuscripts that transmit Caron’s Masses, and provides an analysis of the *cantus firmi* used and their treatment. Chapter 2 assess the modern attribution to Caron of the *Missa Thomas cesus* transmitted in the manuscript VatSP B80, the context put forward for the composition of this Mass, and the implications it would have on Caron’s biography. Both the attribution and the context are rejected on the basis of an examination of the historical and cultural context, and of the stylistic methodology used. Chapter 3 and 4 deal with the fifteenth-century tradition of *L’homme armé* settings, from both a musicological and historical point of view. In Chapter 3 the origins and early chronology of the tradition are discussed, along with a new analysis of Caron’s *Missa L’homme armé*. There is also a discussion on the modern attributions, to Caron and others, of the six anonymous settings transmitted in NapBN 40. Chapter 4 explores the fifteenth-century crusading movement, its propaganda, and the link with *L’homme armé* tradition. The manuscript NapBN 40 is used as a case study: a new identification of the coat of arms in the manuscript is proposed, with an assessment of its donation to Beatrice of Aragon. Chapter 5 evaluates the methodologies adopted by critical editions of fifteenth-century sacred music, in order to find methodologically sound criteria for the edition of Caron’s Masses. Chapter 6 and 7 focus in detail on some philological issues related to text underlay and accidental inflections, arguing that in some case they reveal an authorial intervention. These are followed by a new complete critical edition of Caron’s Masses.

These chapters contribute towards a new understanding not just of Caron’s Masses but also of some general matters concerning the history of fifteenth-century music. Also, the critical edition provides a methodologically up-to-date text that can be used for any further investigation on this topic.
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INTRODUCTION

The figure of Caron, who flourished between the 1450s and 1470s, has enjoyed a sort of double reputation, from being internationally famous, as witnessed by his conspicuous presence in fifteenth-century Italian manuscripts and frequent references by his contemporaries, to almost total oblivion in modern times, relegated as a minor composer by most musicologists until recently, when scholarship slowly began to re-establish his place in the history of late fifteenth-century music. An explanation for the relative lack of interest in Caron, at least compared to the composers associated with him in fifteenth-century treatises such as Okeghem or Busnoys, can be found in the (until recently unchallenged) way musicological scholarship has tended to focus for the late fifteenth century mainly on the trio Du Fay, Okeghem, Josquin, to the near-complete neglect of other composers, as well as in the paucity of biographical data, undoubtedly curious for such an important composer, available until recent archival research has been able to establish with some certainty who Caron was.

This introductory chapter focuses on the reception of Caron in musicological scholarship, showing how scholars have for long time concentrated their efforts on trying to identify who Caron was and where he was active, paying therefore less attention to his works. I then discuss the challenges posed by the lack of documentary evidence and how this influences research on Caron’s Masses, which consists of five settings ascribed to him (Missa Accueille ma la belle, Missa Clemens et benigna, Missa Jhesus autem transiens, Missa L’homme armé, and Missa Sanguis sanctorum) transmitted in six manuscripts.

1 Beside this dissertation, Caron’s music has been recently revived by a number of recordings, as well as by the ongoing publication of a critical edition of Caron’s works by the Corpus Mensurabilis Musicae edited by Murray Steib and Sean Gallagher.
Caron is widely mentioned in theoretical treatises of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Johannes Tinctoris, arguably nowadays considered as the most important theorist of the second half of the fifteenth century, refers to Caron three times: in the prologues of his *Proportionale musices* (1472-73) and *Liber de arte contrapuncti* (1477), as well as in the *Complexus effectuum musices* (1472-5). In the *Prohemium* of the *Proportionale musices*, Caron is cited, along with Johannes Okeghem, Antoine Busnoys, and Johannes Regis, in a list of *moderni* considered by Tinctoris as the foremost in composition. In the prologue of the *Liber de arte contrapuncti*, Caron is named again in a list of composers, who had as teachers John Dunstaple, Gilles Binchois, and Guillaume Du Fay. It has also been hypothesised that Caron and Tinctoris might have known each other, or at least met, as both their names are present in Loyset Compère’s motet *Omnium bonorum plena*. This work, composed around 1470, has attracted the attention of scholarship due to the list of composers in the text of the *secunda pars*. Caron’s name appears alongside Jean Du Sart and Busnoys as masters of song (*magistri cantilenarum*). Joshua Rifkin suggests that the motet was composed to celebrate composers variously associated with Cambrai; while Rob Wegman has proposed that it originated «for a meeting held probably in or near Cambrai in the early 1470s (and organized, in all likelihood, by Compère himself)».

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5 Caron’s name is further reported at the end of the third chapter of Book III, where he is said, along with Regis, Boubert, Faugues, and Courbet, to be among those *minime litterati*, namely poorly educated.

6 The other composers named by Tinctoris are, again, Okeghem, Regis, and Busnoys, as well as Guillaume Faugues.


Caron’s name is also mentioned by the fifteenth-century theorist John Hothby in his *Dialogus in arte musica*, and in the sixteenth century by Sebald Heyden in *De arte canendi* (1537), where again he is discussed with Okeghem and Busnoys. In the second half of the sixteenth century Caron still appears in the theoretical writings of Adrianus Petit Coclico and Hermann Finck. Coclico writes about Caron in the *Compendium musices* (1552) criticising him, with Tinctoris, Gaffurius, Du Fay, Busnoys, Binchois, and Johannes Ghiselin, for being too occupied with speculation and theoretical rules. Finck follows Coclico in criticising those musicians in his *Practica musica* (1556). Caron’s name continues to be mentioned, albeit only in passing, all the way into the eighteenth century, for example in Johann Gottlieb Walther’s *Musicalisches Lexicon* (1732) and Charles Burney’s *A General History of Music* (1776–1789). In the nineteenth century and in the first part of twentieth century, Caron is only briefly referred to in a few music histories, which sometimes also touch upon some of his works.\(^\text{10}\) The first major scholarly study on Caron is the 1960 PhD dissertation by James Thomson. Thomson’s dissertation was the first attempt to provide a complete overview on the figure of Caron and his works, as well as presenting a complete edition of Caron’s music. Thomson also published, a few years after his dissertation, a short introductory monograph to Caron as well as a critical edition of his compositions.\(^\text{11}\) These studies, while meritorious, are now inevitably methodologically outdated, and many of the conclusions put forward by Thomson have been superseded by subsequent musicological research; however, for a long time, they remained the main reference for any further publication that considered this composer. One of the clearest shortcomings of Thomson's research has been his dismissal of fifteenth-century evidence regarding Caron’s first name, which gave rise to a number of contributions trying to exactly identify who Caron was.

**While the first name of Caron, Firminus, is given twice by Tinctoris, scholars have hesitated to accept it. A Firminus le Caron does appear in an eighteenth-century**


transcript of accounts from Amiens Cathedral, where he is accounted for as *primus musicus* in a list of Vicarij, alongside two other musicians, Jacques Balochart and Pierre Boulet. This document, however, has not been considered as referring to our Caron, as it bears the date 1422. Thomson suggested that there were two musicians named Caron: Firminus, active at Amiens Cathedral in 1422, and Philippe, a musician in Cambrai in the second half of the century, mentioned as an *enfant du chœur* in a document from Cambrai Cathedral in 1470s. He also argued that Tinctoris was referring to Philippe Caron in his treatises, confusing him with Firminus, as this latter would have already been an adult in the 1420s, and in all likelihood dead by the time Tinctoris mentioned him in the 1470s. Thomson’s theory of discarding Firminus as the first name of Caron has been widely accepted, and several figures have been variously identified by Thomson and other scholars as the composer. As Craig Wright summarises it:

Parmi les candidats les plus plausibles, on cite Firminus le Caron qui en 1422 était à la cathédrale d’Amiens; Jean Caron qu’on trouve à la cour de Bourgogne en 1436–74; Jean Caron qui était petit vicaire à la cathédrale de Cambrai dans les années 1450 et Philippe Caron qui était enfant de chœur puis petit vicaire à Cambrai dans les années 1470 et 1480.14

After much speculation, both Gerald Montagna and Sean Gallagher rejected the various identifications of Caron, stating that Firminus was most likely his first name. Montagna writes:

The issue of Caron’s forename is hardly as thorny as it has been made to seem. […] The objection to ‘Firmin’ has been much overstated. Names tend to run in families, and it is possible that the Firmin at Amiens was some degree of relation to the composer. The ease with which scholars have dismissed Tinctoris is disconcerting; is it likely that the most erudite and careful musical scholar of the Burgundian era would confuse a contemporary composer with a minor musician at least a generation older?15

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12 Amiens, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 516, f. 183r.
15 Montagna, "Caron, Hayne, Compère: A Transmission Reassessment," 120.
Similarly, Gallagher states that: «attempts to identify the composer with a Philippe Caron have been predicated on the assumption that Tinctoris got Caron’s first name wrong (twice), something for which there really is no justification». As Montagna has observed, there has still been resistance in identifying the Firminius Caron mentioned by Tinctoris with the Firminius le Caron present in the account from Amiens Cathedral. However, Rob Wegman has recently been able to provide a convincing explanation for the 1422 date. Caron is named along with a Jacques Balochart, which appears also in other documents dating from 1461 until 1481, making also for him an activity in 1422 rather unlikely. Wegman notes that it is highly probable that the accounts reported in the eighteenth-century Amiens manuscript begin in 1422 but continue for a few decades, and since we know that Balochart was active after 1461, the section mentioning him and Caron could be argued to refer to the 1460s.

Once established that the Firminius Caron mentioned in the account can indeed be identified as the same person cited by Tinctoris, Wegman focussed his attention on documents from Amiens city archive, in order to find more information about Caron’s life. He found a plausible candidate among the various Fermin Carons present in the documents of the Amiens city archive, both the name Fermin (and its variants) and the family name Caron being well established in medieval Amiens. This candidate is Fremin le Caron, mentioned as maistre d’école (schoolmaster) in three documents from 1459. In these documents we can infer that the instruction he provided was partly musical, including lessons in playing the organ, that he was probably a cleric in minor orders and that he was about 25 years old, therefore being born around 1435. The name Fremin le Caron surfaces in other two later documents, from 1473 and 1475, where he is mentioned respectively as maistre and sire, meaning that he had obtained a Master of Arts degree from a University and had been ordained to the priesthood. After these last documents, no other source mention Fremin le Caron anymore, so we can suppose that

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his life came to an end between 1475 and 1480.\textsuperscript{18} Beside this evidence of activity in Amiens, the name of Caron also emerges in a document referencing to a “messe per Caron” copied in a music book from Cambrai Cathedral in 1472.\textsuperscript{19} According to Montagna, Caron’s Masses are indicative of a position involving the practice of liturgical music, and it may well be that Caron was employed at Amiens Cathedral throughout his life.\textsuperscript{20}

**CARON AND THE COURT OF BURGUNDY**

Another hypothesis concerns the presence of Caron at the court of Burgundy, especially during the 1460s and 1470s. A “Carron” appears in a list of singer of the Burgundian chapel dated 1474,\textsuperscript{21} which implies that he was present at the siege of Neuss along with Busnoys and Robert Morton.\textsuperscript{22} Barbara Haggh proposed that this Caron might have been the sommelier Jean Caron, documented at the Burgundian court since 1436, although as Haggh herself noted: the name «comes further down in the list than where Jean’s name usually appears»;\textsuperscript{23} she suggested that the omission of the first name, Jean, otherwise given in a 1468 escroes, would simply be a peculiarity of the scribe.\textsuperscript{24} Haggh has also found other mentions of Caron in escroes from the 1470s, which she assumed to refer to Jean Caron. She investigated the presence of Caron in escroes, reporting:

> A considerable lapse of time separates Caron entries, none of which includes a first name. After being absent from the escroes of 8 March, 11 March, and 23 March 1471, Caron reappears on 30 March 1471, when the court spent the night at the gates of the city of Amiens. He also visited Péronne and left the next day, just as the court departed for Abbeville. His name is absent from the surviving lists of 1472, from the summit at the abbey of St Maximin in Trier in 1473, reappears briefly in lists of July 1473, and more

\textsuperscript{18} Wegman, "Fremin le Caron at Amiens: New Documents," 12-20.
\textsuperscript{20} Montagna, "Caron, Hayne, Compère: A Transmission Reassessment," 119.
\textsuperscript{21} Jeanne Marix, *Histoire de la musique et des musiciens de la cour de Bourgogne sous le règne de Philippe le Bon (1420-1467)* (Strasbourg: Heitz & Co., 1939), 262.
\textsuperscript{22} Montagna, "Caron, Hayne, Compère: A Transmission Reassessment," 119.
\textsuperscript{24} Haggh, "Busnoys and ‘Caron’ in Documents from Brussels," 304.
regularly in the last half of 1474, and periodically from April to December 1475. After Charles the Bold’s death, Caron received retroactive payments for his work in 1474 and 1475. But he was not with the chapel during the battle of Neuss in the first three months of 1475; other singers were also absent.  

Montagna holds a different view on the matter, stating that Caron’s relationship with the court of Burgundy can be considered similar to the one Du Fay had. Caron would have been required to compose secular music by the court, being associated with it only intermittently.  

Gallagher too suggests that Caron may have been active at the Burgundian court in the 1470s alongside Busnoys, which would elucidate «why the two composers’ chansons show up in so many of the same sources, in some cases with conflicting attributions». This would be consistent with the escroes from the Burgundian court that refer to Caron only sporadically. Also, it is quite a coincidence that some accounts report Caron’s presence when the court was in or near Amiens. Since the surname Caron was quite common in the Amiens area, it is plausible that the registers refer to two different Carons, namely the sommelier Jean and the composer Firminus. It would then be possible that some of these entries, perhaps those associated to Amiens, where we can suppose Firminus Caron was permanently employed, and the one mentioning Caron with other composers, are indeed referring to Firminus Caron.

**A Life with No Style**

As said above, following Thomson, most scholarship until the end of the twentieth century has been dedicated to investigating Caron’s life, as well as his first name, dealing only marginally with his works, if at all. This emphasised interest towards Caron’s biography can be explained by looking at the way music history has dealt with composers in general. In a compelling essay, Vincenzo Borghetti shows how one of the most common methodologies of investigation of historical musicology has been to narrate the life and works of a composer as a single intrinsic entity. Borghetti argues that since the eighteenth century it has been considered fundamental to explore a composer’s

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27 Gallagher, "Caron and Florence: A New Ascription and the Copying of the Pixérécourt Chansonnier," 84.
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graphy in order to understand their works, as biographical data are often regarded as «the necessary prerequisite so that the works of a composer can be meaningful, as they represent in some way the artistic transfiguration of a phase or of an existential condition of that composer». The “life and works” method, despite having been criticised, has been widely adopted also in Medieval and Renaissance musicology, and has enjoyed a preeminent, if not leading, position in scholarship since the 1960s which endures until today.

Borghetti then focuses his examination on the figure of Johannes Okeghem, which is an extremely interesting case for the investigation of issues regarding biographical information. We do have a good amount of data regarding Okeghem’s life, though it is completely meaningless to understand his artistic production. There is not a single piece of information that we can use to establish when, for whom or on which occasion, he composed certain works. As Borghetti argues: «the narration of Okeghem’s biography could be the life’s story of another man, interesting from many points of view, though not those musicology is looking for». Therefore, he argues that the one of Okeghem is a ‘biography without style’, namely it does not help scholarship in understanding Okeghem’s works, or how Okeghem changed his style throughout his life. The lack of biographical data and documentary evidence, which could clarify when a determinate work was composed results in scholarship turning towards an investigation on stylistic grounds; however, especially in Okeghem’s case, this methodology reveals itself to be completely unreliable since his works are stylistically extremely various. Notwithstanding the various efforts of scholars in trying to interpret Okeghem’s artistic life through a stylistic analysis, style and life «remains two realities poorly intertwined


30 «La narrazione della biografia di Ockeghem potrebbe essere il racconto della vita di un altro uomo, interessante da molti punti di vista, ma non quelli di cui la musicologia è in cerca». Borghetti, "Una biografia senza stile – Uno stile senza biografia," 47.


one with each other, or, better, considering the lack of definite evidence, unconvincingly intertwined. Hence, Okeghem’s style is a style without life, since between the Okeghem who lives and the Okeghem who composes cannot be established any relationship worthy of the name».  

THE Masses of Firminus Caron

Caron’s situation is in many aspects similar to Okeghem’s as described by Borghetti. We do have some information about his life, but none of them elucidate when, in what order, or for what occasions Caron might have composed any of his works. His mentions in documents as a schoolmaster, as a maistre, or, possibly, as an occasional member of the Burgundian chapel or courtly environment do not help at all in discovering when or for whom he composed, for example, his Missa L’homme armé or one of his twenty chansons. Similarly, Caron’s Masses constitute a small but interesting corpus in which it is possible to observe stylistically different approaches and, more broadly, many developments in compositional techniques, such as: the integration of the Tenor voice in the four-part texture, the proliferation of the cantus prius factus into voices other than the Tenor, the increasing freedom of exposition and organisation of the cantus firmus within the polyphonic texture, and the use of the so-called ‘parody technique’. This variety poses in itself a challenge to our understanding of Caron as composer. As Wegman points out, Mass composers, while exploring different musical languages that resulted in personal stylistic features, they were also influencing one another, due to the high circulation of their works throughout Europe. His comments about Okeghem’s sacred works, are definitely also applicable to Caron’s corpus: «if his entire sacred oeuvre had survived anonymously, one could easily believe it to be the work of four or five composers».  

And with Caron too an evaluation conducted exclusively on stylistic grounds might produce unreliable results.

33 «Rimangono due realtà tra loro poco permeabili, o, meglio, data la mancanza di prove certe, non permeabili in modo convincente. Lo stile di Ockeghem è insomma uno stile senza biografia perché tra l’Ockeghem che vive e l’Ockeghem che compone non si riesce a stabilire alcun rapporto degno di questo nome». Borghetti, "Una biografia senza stile – Uno stile senza biografia," 49.

Caron’s Masses are an extremely interesting case study since many of the usual methodological approaches are here challenged by a stylistically variegated corpus as well as by a lack of relevant documentary evidence. How is it then possible to construct a narrative around Caron’s Masses if no biographical landmarks are available? This dissertation, whose aim is to reassess Firminus Caron’s polyphonic settings for the Ordinary in the context of late fifteenth-century music, moves within this problematic interpretative framework. As mentioned above, the corpus of Caron’s Masses is limited to five settings, which have been transmitted to us with an ascription to him preserved in at least one witness. These are: the *Missa Accueille ma la belle* based on Caron’s own *chanson*, the *Missa Clemens et benigna*, the *Missa Jhesus autem transiens*, the *Missa L’Homme Armé*, based on the famous tune on which around forty Masses have been composed between the fifteenth and the seventeenth century, and the *Missa Sanguis sanctorum*. In addition to these five, modern scholars have also attributed to Caron the *Missa Thomas cesus* and the six anonymous Neapolitan Masses based on *l’Homme Armé*, although these attributions raise some issues and have as a result been discussed controversonally.

The only type of evidence available are the texts of the Masses themselves, copied in some of the most important manuscripts of fifteenth-century music. They constitute the obvious starting point for any research on this topic; these texts can be considered as the repository of Caron’s authorial intent and require to be restored, namely critically edited, in order not only to reach a textual level as close as possible to the author, but also to contribute towards a different and new understanding of Caron’s music. Thus, this thesis provides a new methodologically up-to-date critical edition of Caron’s Masses, according to the most valid principle of textual criticism. The rest of the dissertation is in constant dialogue with this critical edition, namely with the texts and their compositional features, which is the necessary prerequisite for any further discussion on Caron’s Masses. The analysis of these compositional techniques as well as the characteristics of the textual tradition, which have often been neglected, help us to start answering questions related to Caron’s personal style. Additionally, the remarkable heterogeneity of Caron’s corpus of Masses has allowed me to confront some of the most problematic issues related to
Medieval and Renaissance music scholarship, such as: methodologies of attribution, the fifteenth-century tradition of polyphonic works based on *L’homme armé* tune with their cultural and historical contexts, the methodologies of edition, and the examination of issues in the textual tradition, like text underlay or accidental inflections. From this perspective, Caron’s Masses become the opportunity to examine in depth issues that are among the most debated by musicologists working on this period, and in some case to challenge widely accepted assumptions.

The first chapter provides an overview of the textual tradition, by describing its witnesses, investigating their origins and dating (in some cases highly controversial), and by examining some of the most important issues encountered in the preparation of the edition. In this chapter, I deal exclusively with the texts that have been ascribed to Caron by coeval music manuscripts. In addition, I also provide a discussion of the models used as *cantus prius facti*, and deal with their treatment within Caron’s settings. I then shift my attention towards the Masses attributed to Caron by modern scholarship. In chapter two, I discuss Christopher Reynold’s attribution to Caron of the *Missa Thomas cesus*, copied in the manuscript Città del Vaticano, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, San Pietro B80. Reynolds also suggests a possible context for the composition and performance of this Mass, namely the arrival in Rome of the Byzantine prince Thomas Palaiologos in 1461. I demonstrate how this hypothesis cannot be accepted for a number of reasons, suggesting that the historical context related to the papal efforts of promoting a crusade argues against the writing of this setting for Thomas Palaiologos. I examine the proposed attribution to Caron, advocating against it and showing how the evidence used by Reynolds is not conclusive. I then examine Reynold’s claim of a presence of Caron in Rome, and suggest how this would be highly unlikely, concluding that the most plausible context for the composition of this Mass would be an English institution in Bruges. In chapter three, I debate the attribution to Don Giller’s attribution to Caron of the six anonymous *Missae L’homme armé* preserved in the manuscript Naples, Biblioteca Nazionale, VI.E.40, discussing also the competing attribution of these settings to Busnoys by Richard Taruskin. I scrutinise how both hypotheses suffer from
methodological aporias and should be rejected; I also suggest that Judith Cohen’s original theory that these Masses should be attributed to different composers, possibly under the supervision of a single figure, still stands as the most likely. I also examine, from a more theoretical point of view, the ways and the reasons for which scholars often propose new attribution of anonymous works.

Chapters three and four take into consideration one of the most controversial topics of fifteenth-century musicology, namely the tradition of *L’homme armé*; this is conducted from two distinct, but entwined, perspectives: one which prioritise the musical tradition, while the other is centred on the historical and cultural context. In chapter three, I examine more generally the fifteenth-century tradition of works based on *L’homme armé*, as well as Caron’s *Missa L’homme armé*. I examine the relative early dating proposed for one of the manuscripts transmitting Caron’s setting, highlighting how it is unlikely that it can be included in the first generation of Masses. I discuss the copious literature published on the tradition, noting how several hypotheses on the origin and chronology of *L’homme armé* settings have been put forward, although none of them prevailed. Despite its unclear origin, it is undeniable that *L’homme armé* sparked the interest of fifteenth-century composers. I evaluate the various hypotheses on the relative chronology of the first settings, pointing out some of their methodological fallacies. I then discuss in detail Caron’s setting, presenting a new analysis of its structure, which corrects a previous one. I also analyse the relations of intertextuality with other coeval polyphonic settings. In chapter four I use an interdisciplinary approach to investigate the historical and cultural context of *L’homme armé*, namely the promotion of a crusade against the Turks, in the aftermath of the fall of Constantinople in 1453. I note how musicologists almost exclusively focussed on the Burgundian Order of the Golden Fleece, not considering that the late medieval crusading movement deeply influenced many aspects of cultural, social, and political life in the fifteenth century. I discuss how crusading propaganda was not pursued exclusively through political means, but also, and mainly, through the commission of visual, literary, and musical works. I argue how the *L’homme armé* tradition is relevant to crusading also outside the Order of the Golden
Fleece. I examine in particular the Neapolitan manuscript containing six anonymous *Missae L’homme armé*, presenting an original analysis of its origin, identifying the original owner with the courtier Philibert de Janly, a member of the Burgundian lower nobility. I show how this manuscript is imbued with crusading propaganda and can indeed be linked to the crusading movement that pervaded Burgundy in the fifteenth century. I also deal with the manuscript’s dedication, and subsequent donation, to Beatrice of Aragon. I contend that she was the intended recipient of the manuscript, correcting a previous claim that suggested the manuscript being meant for her husband, the King of Hungary. My hypothesis is supported by insights from gender history which reveal the distinctive role of women in the crusading movement.

Chapter five discusses different methodologies for the critical edition of fifteenth-century sacred music. Here, I evaluate some of the most important critical editions, such as those of Okeghem, Josquin, Obrecht, and Busnoys, which are considered among the best for their editorial standards, and then I examine the various critical editions of Caron’s Masses. I briefly describe the editions, and then analyse in depth some of the fundamental aspects of their editorial criteria, namely those that are considered most problematic for the edition of Medieval and Renaissance music, such as the treatment of notation and the translation from the mensural system to the modern one and the methodology of evaluation of witnesses. For the former, I discuss for each edition their criteria, highlighting their flaws, concluding that the substantial difference between the mensural notational system and the modern one is often misinterpreted, and results in various hybrid systems. Regarding the evaluation of witnesses, I note how the editions examined frequently present the two same issues. Their level of update is limited to Paul Maas and the Lachmannian method, and they do not consider the main contributions made by philologies other than the classical, limiting their methods to those proposed for the edition of classical texts.

In the last two chapters, I deal with two philological issues connected with the critical editions of Medieval and Renaissance polyphonic settings, namely text underlay and accidental inflections. In both chapter I discuss the pertinent literature, and examine
specific features of Caron’s Masses, both from a theoretical and from an editorial point of view. For text underlay, examined in chapter six, I consider the errors and textual interpolations, as well as the distribution of the text in the voices, showing how copyists often prioritised an aesthetic approach rather than a performing one. I examine some specific and problematic cases from Caron’s Masses, and conclude by presenting the editorial criteria for the edition of the text that I have adopted. As for accidental inflections (chapter seven), after presenting some of the various trends of the scholarly literature, I discuss some interesting examples of manuscript and editorial accidental inflections, justifying some the decisions taken in the critical edition. Both text underlay and accidental inflections show the presence of different attitudes in the textual tradition of Caron’s settings. I argue that in some instances it is possible to suppose a direct intervention of the composer, and highlight how these aspects are of fundamental importance in a critical edition, as they can show compositional decisions rather than mere scribal initiatives; therefore, they should not be underestimated, as it often happens.

After these chapters, there is the critical edition with its critical apparatus. I present the general editorial criteria, and discuss the organisation of the critical apparatus, which involves three different layers: the first one reports information regarding the single movements, specifying their position in the witnesses, the mensural signs, voices, clefs, and paratexts. The second layer contains the annotation relative to the edition, which discuss errors and their corrections. Finally, in the third layer I compare the readings present in other witnesses.
Table 1: The Masses of Firminus Caron.

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1. **Firminus Caron’s Masses: an Overview**

**Witnesses**

The textual tradition of Caron’s Masses does not present itself as overly complicated. Of the five Masses ascribed to Caron, two have a single witness tradition, namely *Missa Accueille ma la belle* and *Missa Ihesus autem transiens* both copied in VatS 51, while the other three are transmitted by two witnesses, those are: *Missa Clemens et benigna* transmitted in ModE M.1.13 and TrentC 89, *Missa L’homme armé* copied in VatS 14 and VatSP B80, and *Missa Sanguis sanctorum* present in VatS 51 and VerBC 755. I will briefly present the manuscripts in which Caron’s Masses were copied and discuss some of the issues related to the textual tradition.

*Città del Vaticano, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Cappella Sistina 14 (VatS 14) and Città del Vaticano, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Cappella Sistina 51 (VatS 51)*

VatS 14 and VatS 51 are amongst the most important and renowned manuscripts of polyphonic music of the late fifteenth century, being also the oldest sources of the Cappella Sistina. These two manuscripts were copied together, therefore they are here descripted together. VatS 14 measures 580x430 mm, it is made of 170 folia, and transmits 14 settings of the Ordinary of the Mass, as well as seven other movements (two Kyries, one Gloria, and two Kyrie and Gloria pairs). VatS 51 measures 554x414 mm, it consists of 214 carte, and inside it there are 17 Masses, one Gloria, and six Credos; it can be divided into three different parts: the first one, which is also the main corpus of the manuscript, was copied by the same scribes of VatS 14; while the second and third were copied later in Rome, for use by the Sistine Chapel. Part II was copied by a single scribe, who also intervened in the other two parts; while Part III was copied by the same scribe of another Cappella Sistina manuscript (VatS 35). Adalbert Roth has demonstrated that

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these two manuscripts were copied in Italy in the last quarter of the fifteenth century, by two scribes: α, who was from Northern France or the Low Countries, and A, an Italian; whereas, the miniatures and the decorated initials were added at a later time. As Agnese Pavanello notes, these two manuscripts are of crucial importance as they «epitomize a major cultural phenomenon of the time, the transfer of Franco-Flemish polyphony to the Italian states». Nevertheless, there has been much debate on their actual place of origin, and no consensus on this has been reached yet.

Roth has demonstrated that these manuscripts were in possession of the Cappella Sistina no later than 1487, during the pontificate of Innocentius VIII. However, Roth remains sceptical about a possible origin in Rome; he suggests that the manuscripts were copied in Naples in 1474 for the Aragonese court chapel and were brought to Rome by King Ferrante a year later during a state visit for the Holy Year. Roth’s evidence is multifaceted, as he takes into account the physical characteristics of the manuscripts, the textual tradition of the repertory there copied, as well as composers’s biographies. Although, Roth’s main point to support his theory lies in his analysis of the various iconographic elements, such as crowned heads in decorated initials being portraits of King Ferrante, he also points out that there is a similarity between the illuminations of VatS 14 and VatS 51 and those present in some Neapolitan manuscripts.

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2 Other eight scribes entered some music or intervened in the two manuscripts. Among these, the so-called Hand D is responsible for the Kyrie of Caron’s Missa flesus autem transiens. Mitchell Brauner suggested to identify Hand D as the scribe of Città del Vaticano, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Cappella Sistina 15. Mitchell P. Brauner, "Review of A. Roth, Studien zum frühen Repertoire der päpstlichen Kapelle..." Journal of the American Musicological Society 46, no. 2 (1993): 307.
4 Roth, Studien zum frühen Repertoire, 328-88.
5 Many works and composers included in VatS 14 and VatS 51 are also mentioned in various works by Johannes Tinctoris, active in Naples from the 1470s.
6 Roth, Studien zum frühen Repertoire, 254-68. Roth’s methodology of identifying some of the decoration as evidence of a Neapolitan origin has been recently criticised in Agnese Pavanello, "A Flemish Venus in Milan: Gaspar van Weerbeke’s Missa O Venus bant," Early Music History 38 (2019): 111-15. However, Pavanello, while discarding Roth’s hypothesis that the vase in the illumination of van Weerbeke’s Mass would be an emblem of the Este house, suggests that it would be similar to one of the emblem of Ferrante of Aragon.
Roth’s hypothesis has been challenged in reviews\(^7\) which generally agreed with another theory about the provenance of the two manuscripts elaborated by Flynn Warmington. Warmington, in two papers presented at conferences in 1991 and 1994, proposed first Florence and then Venice as places of origin of VatS 14 and 51. It has to be noted that she never published her hypotheses, although they are widely reported in the literature, therefore it is almost impossible to judge their merit, but they seem again to be based on an evaluation of the illuminations. While the Florentine origin has been dismissed in Roth’s article written in response to it,\(^8\) as well as by Warmington herself as she changed idea a few years later, the Venetian theory merits to be briefly discussed. In the abstract of the 1994 paper it is suggested that three of the miniaturists whose works are present in VatS 14 and 51, although only two are mentioned, would have been active in Venice between the 1470s and 1480s. Therefore, she proposed to date the two manuscripts to c. 1480, basing her hypothesis «largely on the evolution of the floral borders and initials of one of the miniaturists, the Maestro di Pico della Mirandola».\(^9\) Furthermore, watermarks would suggest Venice as the place of origin. However, Warmington does not offer any explanation on who, or what institution, might have commissioned the manuscripts, and how they ended up in Rome. The identification of the Masters of the Pico Pliny and of the Rimini Ovid as authors of some of the miniatures has also been confirmed by art historian Lilian Armstrong. Jeffrey Dean has instead proposed that the two manuscripts were commissioned by a papal agent from a stationer in Padua and the decoration were added in Venice and elsewhere.\(^10\) In addition to these theories, Emilia Talamo has proposed to identify one of the miniaturists as Franco de’ Russi, and suggested that


\(^8\) Adalbert Roth, "Napoli o Firenze? Dove sono stati compilati i manoscritti CS 14 e CS 51?," in La musica a Firenze al tempo di Lorenzo il Magnifico, ed. Piero Gargiulo (Firenze: Olschki, 1993), 69-100. The impossibility of an origin in Florence is further discussed in Pavanello, "Fortuna on the Dolphin. Notes on an iconographic motif in Cappella Sistina 14 and 51."

\(^9\) The abstract is reported in Jeffrey J. Dean, "Verona 755 and the Incomprehensibilia Composer," in Manoscritti di polifonia nel quattrocento europeo, ed. Marco Gozzi (Trento: Soprintendenza per i Beni librari e archivistici, 2004), 95. The other miniaturist cited by Warmington is the Master of the Rimini Ovid.

\(^10\) Dean, "Verona 755 and the Incomprehensibilia Composer," 96.
Ferrara should be taken into consideration as place of origin for the two manuscripts, as she recognise several iconographical elements as typical of the Ferrarese school; they would have been copied there in the late 1470s and then brought to Rome by Ercole d'Este in 1486.\textsuperscript{11} The Ferrarese origin is also supported by Richard Sherr, as some manuscripts decorated by the Pico Pliny Master were made in Ferrara too, where he may have possibly been born as well as trained. Moreover, Ferrara had a renowned court chapel, in which the repertory of the two manuscripts could have been performed, as well as being in close contact with Naples, as he agrees with Roth that the repertory may have been the one of the Aragonese chapel. Sherr argues that the cardinal Giovanni d'Aragona, son of Ferrante, might represent the link to explain how the manuscripts were brought to Rome.\textsuperscript{12}

While none of the hypotheses mentioned is conclusive, still a number of considerations can be made. First, as Pavanello wisely points out, the Masters of the Pico Pliny and the Rimini Ovid have not been identified yet, therefore any information about their biography is mere speculation and cannot be used as evidence to establish the origin of the manuscripts.\textsuperscript{13} In addition, there would be a way to reconcile some of the theories put forward, namely that the manuscripts originated in Naples and the illumination were either added by miniaturists active in Venice and Ferrara, or by northern artists working in Naples.\textsuperscript{14} Sherr countered this hypothesis by arguing that if this was the case, there would be other Neapolitan manuscripts with the work of these miniaturists,\textsuperscript{15} but we cannot know for sure as the sequence of events of the Aragonese library is still the object


\textsuperscript{12} Sherr, Masses for the Sistine Chapel. Vatican City, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Cappella Sistina, Ms. 14, 15-18.

\textsuperscript{13} Pavanello, "Fortuna on the Dolphin. Notes on an iconographic motif in Cappella Sistina 14 and 51," 63. Furthermore, Pavanello points out that «no certain identification can be made without a precise analysis of hands, conducted in person in order to verify all details of the mise-en-page and techniques of painting, type of brush stroke and pigments, in addition to motifs, spatial organization and so on». This is also the conclusion of Pavanello. Pavanello, "Fortuna on the Dolphin. Notes on an iconographic motif in Cappella Sistina 14 and 51," 63-64.

\textsuperscript{14} Sherr, Masses for the Sistine Chapel. Vatican City, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Cappella Sistina, Ms. 14, 14.
of research, and after the library was dismantled in 1501 many of the manuscripts were dispersed around Europe.\textsuperscript{16}

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Figure 2: VatS 51, f. 6v; Firminus Caron, Missa Accueil la belle, Kyrie.
Città del Vaticano, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, San Pietro B80 (VatSP B80)

VatSP B80 is a parchment manuscript made of 249 folia, measuring 357x255 mm. It contains 16 settings of the Ordinary, 14 Magnificats, 27 hymns, and 28 motets. Charles Hamm suggested that the place of origin of the manuscript was northern France and reached Italy at a later stage; he based this on the repertory and paleographical analysis pointing towards the Flemish area. Christopher Reynolds has argued instead for a Roman origin for VatSP B80, identifying the northern scribe Nicholas Ausquier as its main scribe. Through archival research, Reynolds has also argued that the compilation of the manuscript would have been started in 1474 and completed by March 1475. Reynolds also noted that the repertory there copied was already dated between one and three decades when it was copied in VatSP B80, therefore arguing that the manuscript would contain music from other older Roman collections. He hypothesised the existence of three different layers, which would present works from sources copied respectively in 1458-1461, 1463, and 1473. The first six gatherings would belong to layer one, the seven following gatherings, among which there is Caron’s Missa L’homme armé, were copied from a 1463 manuscript, although further works not belonging to the 1463 exemplar were also copied in this section; while the last seven fascicles would represent the earliest layer of music originally copied between 1458 and 1461. Some final additions were included around 1500 by scribes different than Ausquier. While interesting, the evidence adduced does not seem to be conclusive, and Roth has briefly criticised Reynolds’s views, suggesting instead a northern provenance for the manuscript. While some of the points made by Reynolds are largely open to criticism,

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24 Roth, *Studien zum frühen Repertoire*, 567-77.
the fact that the manuscript is made of quinternions would point against an origin in northern France or the Low Countries, where quaternions were the norm for music manuscripts.

Figure 3: VatSP B80, f. 99r; Firminus Caron, Missa L’homme armé, Kyrie.
Modena, Biblioteca Estense, α.M.1.13 (ModE M.1.13)

ModE M.1.13 is a parchment manuscript made of 224 folia, measuring 560x395 mm, containing 18 settings of the Ordinary of the Mass; there are no ascriptions in the manuscript, except for the Missa L’homme armé attributed to Guillaume Faugues, though the majority of the works are by Johannes Martini. The manuscript was copied in Ferrara for the court of Duke Ercole d’Este probably around 1479-1481 by the copyist Fra Filippo de San Giorgio, as suggested by a letter to the duke. As Lewis Lockwood notes, the manuscript presents some substantially different readings from the other witnesses transmitting the same works. Several interpretations have been put forward to explain this peculiarity, arguing in particular about a possible editorial intervention by Martini. Lockwood was the first to hint at the possibility that the different versions would be the result of an editorial revision, possibly by Martini. This hypothesis has been criticised by Elaine Moohan, who argued that the different versions are the result of an authorial intervention by the composers, and by Francesco Rocco Rossi, who suggested that absolutely Martini did not acted as editor, and the different versions are the product of the usual process of copy. More recently, Murray Steib returned on the matter, arguing that the different readings ModE M.1.13 can be the result of an intervention both of the copyist and an independent editor, identified as Martini; furthermore, Steib suggests that several Masses present a section created not by their original composers.

26 Lockwood, Music in Renaissance Ferrara, 1400-1505. The Creation of a Musical Center in the Fifteenth Century, 249-50.
27 Lockwood, Music in Renaissance Ferrara, 1400-1505. The Creation of a Musical Center in the Fifteenth Century, 266.
28 Lockwood, Music in Renaissance Ferrara, 1400-1505. The Creation of a Musical Center in the Fifteenth Century, 266.
provided by the copyist, while more substantial modifications can be explained by the
destination of the manuscript and its commission. ModE M.1.13 was in fact
commissioned by Duke Ercole for his chapel, therefore both the selection of repertory to
be included and their readings were probably supervised by someone close to the Duke,
who was also active as a singer. The choices in terms of text underlay can therefore be
explained as guided by political and religious reasons in order to adhere as much as
possible to the Duke’s wills. Martini seemed to have updated some of his works,
appearing in this manuscript, and acted also as editor for others. 31 The cause of these
changes seems to be mostly musical and related also to the performance of the works
copied, as Steib explains: «Martini must have sung all of these masses with the court
cappella and determined that the changes outlined in this article were necessary for one
or another of a small number of reasons». 32

31 Steib, "Herculean Labours: Johannes Martini and the Manuscript Modena, Biblioteca Estense, MS
32 Steib, "Herculean Labours: Johannes Martini and the Manuscript Modena, Biblioteca Estense, MS
Figure 4: ModE M.1.13, f. 140r; Firminus Caron, *Missa Clemens et benigna*, Kyrie.
TrentC 89 is one of the manuscripts of the so-called Trent Codices, consisting of seven manuscripts, which can be valued as the most important collection of fifteenth-century European polyphony. The manuscripts were copied between c. 1433 and 1477 in different areas of Europe, and they transmit almost two thousand polyphonic works, mainly liturgical, from the main composers of the period, being therefore amongst the most important sources for fifteenth-century sacred and secular polyphony.

TrentC 89 is a paper manuscript consisting of 427 folia, copied in Trent between 1460 and 1466. It measures 305x215 mm, and is made of 36 gatherings bound together not in the order they were copied. The level of decoration is very low, it was written in a *cursiva cancelleresca* by several copyists. Half of the works in TrentC 89 were copied by the same scribe, the principal copyist, who can be identified as Johannes Wiser, a German priest, active in Trent since 1455. He is also the principal scribe for the later Trent Codices, namely TrentC 88, TrentC 90, and TrentC 91 copied between 1453 and 1477. As mentioned, TrentC 89 does not preserve the original order in which the various gatherings were copied. Therefore, it is difficult to interpret the internal ratio of its content. In addition, as Rebecca Gerber points out, it is difficult to provide a more precise dating of the different sections, as often different inks were used at the same time, and later addition were provided. However, this manuscript can be divided in seven sections, as proposed by Robert Mitchell, with Caron’s *Missa Clemens et benigna*, copied

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by Wiser, appearing in section six, which contains three Ordinarius cycles and various works, such as motets, Magnificat, and secular pieces.³⁶

Figure 5: TrentC 89, f.378v; Firminus Caron, Missa Clemens et benigna, Kyrie.

³⁶ Robert James Mitchell, "The Paleography and Repertory of Trent Codices 89 and 91, together with Analyses and Editions of Six Masses Cycles by Franco-Flemish Composers from Trent Codex 89" (PhD dissertation, University of Exeter, 1989), 8-64.
Verona, Biblioteca Capitolare, DCCLV (VerBC 755)

VerBC 755 is a paper manuscript, measuring 337x241 mm, composite of two different parts copied in different places and at different times. It is a rather plain manuscript in terms of decoration, although it seems to be unfinished as there are many empty spaces left to insert decorated initials.\(^{37}\) The main corpus of the manuscript, containing Caron’s Missa Sanguis sanctorum, arrived in Verona probably in the last quarter of the fifteenth century, while the second part was copied there no later than the beginning of the sixteenth century.\(^{38}\) The first part contains ten polyphonic settings of the Ordinarium, of which only five are attributed, as well as three anonymous motets. While the second part presents only anonymous works: two Masses, one Introit, and one Kyrie. Roth argues that the scribe who copied the first part of the manuscript was French or from the Low Countries, and had some kind of musical literacy, although he rules out a professional scribe.\(^{39}\) Roth also suggests that VerBC 755 is closely connected with VatS 14 and VatS 51, and that they may have been copied from the same exemplar.\(^{40}\) They would be a representation of Masses of the Neapolitan Aragonese court, with VerBC 755 and VatS 51 sharing four Masses, with readings similar between the two, as well as both including Tinctoris’s works; therefore, Roth places the copy of VerBC 755 in Naples around the same time, or slightly later, the compilation of the two Cappella Sistina manuscripts, namely 1474.\(^{41}\)

However, this manuscript has also been object of scrutiny by Dean, who reached different conclusions from Roth.\(^{42}\) Dean is sceptical about the musical literacy of the copyist, noting that, despite the presence of corrections, still several mistakes remain; he argues that the copyist might have been a student at a northern Italian university, probably Padua, a semi-professional scribe and musician temporary working at a

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\(^{37}\) Only a few cadels were added, especially at the beginning of the manuscript. Other, less decorated, initials appear also in the second part of the manuscript.

\(^{38}\) Roth, "Napoli o Firenze? Dove sono stati compilati i manoscritti CS 14 e CS 51?," 87.

\(^{39}\) Roth, Studien zum frühen Repertoire, 558.

\(^{40}\) Roth, "Napoli o Firenze? Dove sono stati compilati i manoscritti CS 14 e CS 51?," 87.

\(^{41}\) Roth, Studien zum frühen Repertoire, 556-66.

\(^{42}\) Dean, "Verona 755 and the Incomprehensibilia Composer," 93–108.
stationery.\footnote{Dean, "Verona 755 and the Incomprehensibilia Composer," 95-96.} Hence, he suggests that VerBC 755 was made to be sold by a university stationer where it was «display[ed] on his shelves along with all his other books for sale»,\footnote{Dean, "Verona 755 and the Incomprehensibilia Composer," 95.} and that it was bought by a Veronese religious institution, related to the local cathedral.\footnote{Dean suggested that also VatS 14 and VatS 51 might have been produced in order to be sold. Dean, "Verona 755 and the Incomprehensibilia Composer," 96.} Dean’s hypothesis is interesting, although not entirely convincing; the appearance of the manuscript does not seem the one of a manuscript displayed to be sold. The manuscript is not finished, lacking most of the initials. On the other hand, it seems quite implausible that the spaces for the initials were left empty for a decoration to be added at a later time, as, indeed, some initials were added here and there throughout the manuscript. Furthermore, the quality of the text with many corrections present, some of them very evident, does not suggest that it had the appearance of an item created to be sold.
Figure 6: VerBC 755, f. 36v; Firminus Caron, Missa Sanguis sanctorum, Kyrie.
ISSUES IN THE TEXTUAL TRADITION

As mentioned above, the textual tradition of Caron’s Masses does not present any particular challenge. The main problem in the two settings transmitted exclusively by a single witness, namely Missa Accueil ma la belle and Missa Jhesus autem transiens, is the presence of difficult readings, due to corruption of the manuscript, that often require a conjectural editorial solution. The Missa Accueil ma la belle also presents interventions made at a later time by another hand, which imply that this setting was actually performed in the Cappella Sistina as they mostly deal with added accidental inflections. A fermata sign in the Credo of Missa Accueil ma la belle was also added later in order to have a section break before the Et incarnatus. An intervention to the Missa Jhesum autem transiens also related to performance can be seen in the Tenor of the Gloria, where someone tried to propose a Resolutio for the canon.

The tradition of the Clemens et benigna setting presents some interesting variants, with a fairly correct text both in ModE M.1.13 and in TrentC 89. The main difference between the two is the tradition of the Credo, which in TrentC 89 lacks completely the second three-voice section intonated on the Et in Spiritum. The copying of the two manuscripts is between fifteen and twenty years distant, therefore it is quite likely that they had different antigraphs. Both Steib and Robert Mitchell have argued against the originality of the Et in Spiritum section,\(^46\) although in my opinion the evidence produced is not enough to conclude that Caron was not its author. TrentC 89 version of Clemens et benigna features the Credo divided in four sections, while ModE M.1.13 presents five sections.

Table 2: Structure of Credo, Missa Clemens et benigna.

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According to Steib, the Trent version should be considered the original one, as the second trio of the Credo is spurious, being a later addition composed not by Caron, but by Martini ad hoc for ModE M.1.13. Steib identifies several different elements that constitute evidence of this theory, namely: the symmetry between the Gloria and Credo, the elaboration of the *cantus firmus*, the use of repeated notes, the rhythmic motion, the use of parallel thirds, sixths, and tenths, the use of duple metre, the octave–leap cadence, and the use of imitation. Against Caron’s authorship, one of the strongest elements is, according to Steib, the fact that the structure of the Credo with the second trio would not be symmetric with the Gloria since Caron often planned the two movements symmetrically. It is true that often Caron composed the Gloria and the Credo with the same structure in the *Jhesus autem transiens* and *Sanguis sanctorum* settings, at the same time though his other two Masses, *Accueil ma la belle* and *L’homme armé*, feature asymmetric movements, with the Credo having a section more than the Gloria. The Credo in ModE M.1.13 also is symmetric in structure with the Sanctus, which has the same structure of the Credo with two three-voice sections. Steib also argues that the elaboration of the *cantus firmus*, the presence of repeated notes, the slower rhythmic motion, and the use of duple metre are not consistent with the rest of the Mass. As for the *cantus firmus*, Steib points out that the other three-voice sections paraphrase a portion of the chant, and the *Et in Spiritum* section would present an out-of-place section of the chant. However, it has not yet been established definitively what was the model used by Caron and we do not know what was its original structure of the model, moreover, as Steib himself admits, the paraphrase in the *Et in Spiritum* «does not disrupt the overall structure of the cantus firmus».

As for the other elements, it is indeed true that they are not diffusely used in the rest of the Mass, but still there is ample evidence of their...
presence in other Caron’s settings. Their use is not something alien to Caron’s style, although, as Steib notes, their employment in this Mass is scarce. However, one could not exclude that Caron’s intention might have been to compose a section that precisely featured those elements. Steib concludes that this section was likely written by Martini, who acted as editor for the entire manuscript. Evidence supporting this are, according to Steib: the use of imitation, the presence of parallel thirds, sixths, and tenths, and the octave-leap cadence; but all three of these features are, more or less extensively, present also in Caron’s settings.

Mitchell, instead, argues that both TrentC 89 and ModE M.1.13 do not transmit the original Credo. He believes that the Credo in TrentC89 is incomplete and that the Et in Spiritum section of ModE M.1.13 is «a ‘repair job’ that may contain some element of a lost original». He claims that the Et in Spiritum is different from the other three-voice sections, being declamatory in style, and with a simple texture, featuring also some ‘awkward moments’, concluding that these characteristics are not those of Caron’s style. Mitchell suggests that the original trio would have been similar in size, as if it were one measure longer, then the Credo would have constituted the 40% of the entire setting. He concludes that the trio was «made up from memory», in order to have a complete Credo. Mitchell’s theory is not entirely convincing for the same reasons outlined above. It is indeed possible that Caron decided to have a declamatory section with a simpler texture. As for the ‘awkward moments’, it has to be noted that the rest of the Mass is not free of passages that at a first sight seems to go against the style of the period.

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48 The exception being the use of duple metre in the three-voice sections, which are present exclusively in the Missa Clemens et benigna.

49 Different features of this Mass are quite unique in the landscape of fifteenth-century music, such as the different signature between inner and outer voices; it seems that this Mass can be considered quite experimental in style, therefore it should not be excluded a priori Caron’s will to compose a section entirely different from the rest of the Mass. Also, Steib seems to contradict himself as he write: «Whoever composed this Et in Spiritum clearly knew the rest of the mass and wrote in a very similar style». Steib, "Herculean Labours: Johannes Martini and the Manuscript Modena, Biblioteca Estense, MS α.M.1.13," 226.


51 Mitchell discusses these ‘transgressions’, but fails to recognise that they are not so different from those moments that he identifies as awkward in the Et in Spiritum section.
Hence, I do not see any convincing evidence to invalidate a Caron’s attribution of the *Et in Spiritum* section transmitted in ModE M.1.13. The version in this manuscript transmits the Credo in its most complete form, and both Steib and Mitchell’s arguments do not present enough evidence to argue against it.

The *Missa L’homme armé* is transmitted in VatSP B80 and VatS 51. The quality of the text is generally better in the former, as VatSP B80 is far more accurate VatS 14. This latter in fact presents numerous errors, often irreparable if one does not consult with VatSP B80. Beyond contrapuntal errors, often easily emendable, there are many counting mistakes. The two texts seem therefore to stem from different branch of the tradition. VatSP B80 presents far better readings and it has been used as reference for the edition. This can perhaps be explained if we look at Nicholas Ausquier, which has been hypothesised being the main copyist of VatSP B80. If indeed he was from Amiens, as Wegman suggests, it would be possible to speculate that he had access to a copy of this setting very close to Caron, if not even the autograph.

The tradition of the *Missa Sanguis sanctorum* is among the multi-witness settings the least complex. Both VerBC 755 and VatS 51 have a fairly correct text, often they share the same readings, and both lacks the Agnus Dei movement. The variants between the two witnesses are mainly notational, and while there are some errors in both manuscripts; overall, the text is not badly affected by their presence. The presence of rather visible corrections in VerBC 755 is noteworthy, while often VatS 51 has the correct reading. VatS 51 has some errors corrected by a later hand, which, in turn, also introduced some more on his own. However, the two witnesses do not seem to present any disjunctive error; therefore, they are related in terms of tradition. While it is not possible to establish with certainty if one of the two acted as antigraph, this would strengthen the hypothesis that they were both copied in Naples, as Roth suggests.

*CANTUS PRIUS FACTI* AND TREATMENT OF THE TENOR

The choice and treatment of *cantus prius facti* made by Caron for his Masses is particularly variegated and demonstrates the array of options available to composers in the late fifteenth century, spanning from chant, to secular tune, to one of his own polyphonic
chansons. The *Missae Jhesus autem transiens* and *Sanguis sanctorum* are based on chants, while *L'homme armé* uses the homonymous famous tune, and *Accueille ma la belle* is composed from Caron’s chanson bearing that title. As for the *Missa Clemens et benigna*, a definitive answer on what melody or polyphonic work was chosen by Caron for this Mass has not been reached yet.

*Missa Jhesus autem transiens*

The *Missa Jhesus autem transiens* makes use of the Vespers antiphon *Jesus autem transiens per medium illorum ibat* sung on Monday of the third week of Lent. This antiphon is widely attested in various sources all around Europe and can be found also in some manuscripts from the area near Amiens, where Caron was active. The same melody used by Caron, who transposed it a fourth above in his Mass, is in fact copied in: Arras, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 893, f. 128r (Figure 7), a breviary from St. Vaast monastery in Arras copied in the fourteenth century; Cambrai, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 38, f. 90r, which is a thirteenth-century antiphoner from Cambrai Cathedral; and Valenciennes, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 114, an antiphoner copied in the twelfth century at the monastery of St. Amand.

![Figure 7](image)

*Figure 7: Jesus autem transiens* as in Arras, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 893, f. 128r, detail.

It has to be noted that while the *cantus firmus* comes from the liturgy sung during Lent, the Mass still contains the Gloria, which was not sung during this period, along with the Alleluia. This Mass, therefore, is unlikely to have been composed for performance during Lent, as its *cantus firmus* would otherwise suggest; at the same time, it is true that the
validity of the liturgy came not from the singers, but the officiant. Polyphonic settings may not reflect the liturgical prescriptions at all. A similar situation can be observed in those polyphonic Masses which have a Credo, but were composed in contexts where the Credo would not be sung, or only performed in chant. Still, it is rather implausible that this setting was performed during a period in which one of its movement would have been liturgically inappropriate. Nevertheless, there is no evidence that could indicate for which specific occasion the Missa Ihesus autem transiens was composed.

The elaboration of the cantus firmus in the Mass is quite rigid, with the melody exposed in the Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus at the beginning with large values, with repetition in many sections, and freely elaborated, with shorter values, towards the end of a section. The Gloria and the Credo instead present the cantus firmus with large values and a textual canon prescribes how the tune should be performed in the three sections. The canon, however, is not quite precise in its prescription, and requires the performer to interpret it. This may be the reason for which part of the canon, though the least problematic one, was originally resolved in VatS 51. The canon is: Recte sursum quartam superade colori, post color aufertur remeando per dyapente, ut prius hinc iterans cum pausis tolle colores. It can be interpreted as requiring at first the addition of a note a fourth above each coloured note. Then the melody should be sung in retrograde inversion, without the coloured notes. Finally, it should be performed forward, with the exclusion of colores and rests.\(^{52}\)

*Missa Sanguis sanctorum*

The Missa Sanguis sanctorum is based on the antiphon Sanguis sanctorum martyrum pro Christo effusus est. This antiphon was widely diffused in Europe, and variously used for the celebration of martyrs; in the majority of the sources transmitting it, the chant appears as the fifth antiphon of the second Nocturn of the Matins of the Commune plurimorum Martyrum (Common of several martyrs). However, in the area of northern France, it appears that this chant was also used for the feast of a specific saint. The manuscripts Valenciennes, Bibliothèque Municipal, Ms 114 and Arras, Bibliothèque

\(^{52}\) Emily Carolyn Zazulia, "Verbal Canons and Notational Complexity in Fifteenth-Century Music" (PhD dissertation, University of Pennsylvania, 2012), 189.
Municipal, Ms 893 (Figure 8), which also both transmit the chant *Jesus autem transiens*, use *Sanguis sanctorum* also for the feast of Saint Nicasius of Reims, celebrated on 14 December. Nicasius was a bishop of Reims, founder of the cathedral church there, and was martyred at the beginning of the fifth century. He was one of the most popular saints venerated in the archdiocese of Reims. Both abbeys where the manuscripts were copied were under the diocese of Arras, which was a suffragan diocese of Reims until the reorganisation of 1559; hence, it is not surprising to find a section dedicated to this saint in these two manuscripts. The diocese of Amiens was also part of the ecclesiastical province of Reims, and in the Amiens cathedral an apsidal chapel was dedicated to Saint Nicasius in 1340. It was later renamed after Saint Francis of Assisi in 1494, and it was the chapel of the Amiens corporation of clothiers and sock-makers. It may be possible, hence, that Caron composed his *Missa Sanguis sanctorum* for this chapel, on the day of the feast of St. Nicasius.

![Figure 8: Sanguis sanctorum as in Arras, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 893, f. 502v, detail.](image)

The melody is treated quite freely throughout the Mass. There is a predominance of long values, which tend to become shorter towards cadences. The melody is usually presented once per each movement, with the exception of the Credo, which restates the incipit at the *Et in Spiritum*, which, however, is not the beginning of a new section.
**Missa L’homme armé**

The Missa L’homme armé uses the monophonic tune of L’homme armé, extremely popular in Mass composition during the fifteenth century and later in the sixteenth. Due to its popularity, composers frequently referred to previous settings in their own treatment of the melody. Therefore, to understand how Caron developed this Mass, what and who were his points of reference, and possibly where this Mass sits in the relative chronology of the L’homme armé settings, it is necessary to discuss in detail the entire tradition of works on L’homme armé.  

**Missa Accueille ma la belle**

The Missa Accueille ma la belle is the only setting by Caron that elaborates more than just the Tenor of another work. It is based on Caron’s chanson Accueilîly m’a la belle au gent atour (Figure 9). The chanson is transmitted in seven witnesses, among which there are some of the most important fifteenth-century chansonniers. There are two versions of the chanson, one with an added Contratenor, and, as Perkins and Garey note in their edition of the Mellon Chansonnier, its textual tradition is generally quite complicated. The same music was also re-used for the lauda A Maria, fonte d’amore, texted by Francesco d’Albizo, featuring the practice of the Cantasi come.

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53 See Chapter 3.

54 The chanson is transmitted in: Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, fonds français 15123 (“Pixérécourt Chansonnier”), ff. 6v–7r; Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Ms Gr. Rés.Vm 676, ff. 47v–48r; Firenze, Biblioteca Riccardiana, Ms 2356, ff. 40r–50r; Firenze, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Magliabechiana XIX.176, ff. 59v–60r; Dijon, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 517 (“Dijon Chansonnier”), ff. 10bisv–11r; Trento, Museo Provinciale d’Arte, Castello del Buonconsiglio, Ms 1378 (“Trent 91”), f. 12r; Trento, Biblioteca Comunale, Ms 1947–4, ff. 4v–5r; New Haven, Beinecke Library for Rare Books and Manuscripts, Ms 91 (“Mellon Chansonnier”), ff. 3v–4r. The text only can also be found in the anthology Le Jardin de plaisance et fleur de rhétorique, compiled anonymously and printed by Antoine Vérard in Paris around 1502.

The *Missa Accueille ma la belle* has been considered one of the most elaborated and accomplished settings of Caron, with the characteristics typical of a parody Mass. Throughout the entire setting, the four voices quote various excerpts of the chanson, and clearly the duets at the beginning of each movement resemble closely the incipit of the chanson, with a striking similarity especially in the Kyrie and Gloria. It is generally thought this Mass to be one of the last composed by Caron; however, it has to be noted that the treatment of the *cantus prius factus* has no implication towards the relative chronology of Caron’s Masses, and not necessarily this setting was composed as last.

There has been much debate around Masses based on chansons, as the choice of a *cantus prius factus* undoubtedly had some relation with the liturgy and carried some meaning. As Andrew Kirkman suggests:

> To build a Mass setting around a borrowed melody is to unlock the potential of that melody for symbolic and emblematic significance. With its presence in each section of the Ordinary it weaves a continuous metaphorical thread through the
entire musical setting, and hence also through the ritual enactment of which it is part.\(^{56}\)

The use of secular works in sacred music is, also, not surprising since, as Michael Long notes: "late medieval culture was so thoroughly permeated by Christian symbolism that there could be neither “an object nor an action, however trivial, that was not constantly correlated with Christ or salvation”."\(^{57}\) The choice of a courtly love song, such as *Accueilly m’a la belle*, as the base for the Mass can be interpreted as a parallel for Marian devotion. As M. Jennifer Bloxam argues, the juxtaposition between a chanson and a Mass, namely between secular and sacred love, has a long tradition in the Middle Ages, with several examples not just in musical works, but also in the visual and literary traditions.\(^{58}\) Since the twelfth century, the Virgin Mary was represented in literary and visual works with «themes and attitudes expressing her embodiment of the female virtues of humility, submissiveness, and tender motherhood».

These themes would emphasize the human aspect of the Virgin, and they must have been familiar to Caron too, since the portals of Amiens Cathedral represent Mary with these characteristics.\(^{59}\) This interpretation, well-established also throughout the fifteenth century, helps us to understand also the framework of the *Missa Accueille ma la belle*, as well as other settings based on similar chansons, where an analogy is established between the courtly lady and the Virgin Mary. The Mass was possibly composed on commission, as a devotional work, namely a votive Mass, endowed by an individual, or a group such as a confraternity, in order to seek Marian intercession for its patron. It was part of the fifteenth-century trend of the courtly Marian worship, in which «the language of secular love, be it musical, or


visual, as the communicative vehicle best suited to transport the listener, reader, or viewer into contact with the divine.\textsuperscript{61}

\textit{Missa Clemens et benigna}

The \textit{Missa Clemens et benigna’s cantus prius factus} is an enigma. Several options have been put forward, although each and every one of them has some issues. The Tenor is treated rather freely throughout the Mass after a similar beginning in each movement, a feature common also to other Caron’s settings; and this, naturally, does not help clarifying what the \textit{cantus firmus} might have been. The opening of each movement features the same ascending pattern, and also internal and final sections often seem to share fragments of the same melodic material.

\textbf{Figure 10:} Tenor of \textit{Missa Clemens et benigna}, Kyrie.\textsuperscript{62}

James Thomson noted that the text of the sequence \textit{Clemens et benigna iugi laude digna Maria} is a trope to the Osanna, associated to Marian liturgy.\textsuperscript{63} This sequence is found also in manuscripts from northern France, such as Arras, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 888, however as one can see the melody does not correspond to the Tenor of the Mass (Figure 11).

\textsuperscript{63} Thomson, "The Works of Caron: A Study in Fifteenth-Century Style," 85-86.
It is indeed possible that Caron based his setting on this sequence, although set on a different melody. More recently Mitchell has suggested that scholarship should look at models that do not match the text Clemens et benigna. At the same time, he argued that since the Tenor has a range of more than an octave, the cantus prius factus should be looked for outside chant repertoire.\(^{64}\) Hence, Mitchell proposed to identify the four-voice anonymous motet Ave Jhesu Criste verbum patris, copied in TrentC 88,\(^{65}\) as the model for the Missa Clemens et benigna. A comparison of the Tenor of Ave Jhesu Criste and the one of the Missa Clemens et benigna suggests that the first three movements of the latter share some melodic material with the Tenor of the motet (Figure 12).

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\(^{65}\) Trento, Museo Provinciale d’Arte, Castello del Buonconsiglio, Ms 1375 ("Trent 88"), ff. 247v–248r.

Mitchell suggested that also other sections of the Tenor of the motet were used in the Mass by Caron, such as the conclusion of internal sections in the Gloria and Credo (Figure 13).

![Comparison of internal sections of the Tenor of Ave Jhesu Criste with Tenor of Missa Clemens et benigna.](image)

Figure 13: Comparison of internal sections of the Tenor of Ave Jhesu Criste with Tenor of Missa Clemens et benigna.

Here, however, the resemblance is less compelling, as the two works shares only a few notes, arranged in a way that does not seem particularly specific of the piece, but that could have had a polygenetic origin. Nonetheless, while arguing that the motet would have been used by Caron as a model for his Mass, and identifying also other places where the Mass resembles the four-voice motet, Mitchell suggested that only the «the first-section Tenors are clearly derivative from anything external», while the rest of the Mass would rely largely on material invented by Caron. Despite sharing some melodic material, there is however a feature that Mitchell underplays in his theory of the motet Ave Jhesu Criste as the model for Caron’s Mass, namely the signature. The motet does not present in fact any flat signature in any of the voice. The flat signatures are supplied editorially by Mitchell who argued that they are required. However, this does not seem the case, as in many places throughout the motet the b mollis should be solmized as durum, to avoid any prohibited interval, that in the version transmitted by TrentC 88 are simply not present, as there is no flat signature at all. The melodic profiles of the two Tenores, therefore, are simply quite different as one present b mollis while the other does not.

If, indeed, we have to look at melodies that do not match the text *Clemens et benigna*, and if Mitchell is right in suggesting that only the first sections present derivative material, then there is also another option that could be taken into account as a model. That is the second responsory of the second Matins for the fourth Sunday of Lent, *Moyses famulus domini* (Figure 14).

![Figure 14: Responsory Moyses famulus domini, as in Arras, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms 893, f. 130v.](image)

The resemblance of the incipit of the Responsory, if transposed a fourth above, is striking with the beginning of the Tenor of *Clemens et benigna*. Still, why the Tenor of the Mass would report as paratext *Clemens et benigna* and not *Ave Jhesu Criste*, or *Moyses famulus domini* remains a question. It may also well be that there was a melody for *Clemens et benigna* that simply we have not yet discovered. Still, for this Mass there is not yet a convincing answer on what was the model that Caron chose.
2. **Attributions to Caron in San Pietro B80: the *Missa Thomas cesus***

Having discussed, in the previous chapter, the Masses that can be securely attributed to Caron, thanks to the presence of an ascription to him in at least one of the witnesses that transmit them, I now come to examine those Masses that have been attributed to Caron only by modern-day scholars. This chapter, and part of the next one, will hence focus on the seven anonymous Masses, one in VatSP B80 and six in NapBN 40, for which musicologists have identified some elements that led them to consider Caron as the author of those settings. I will examine the evidence put forward by scholarship and assess their validity as tools for attribution.

In addition to Caron’s *Missa L’homme armé*, San Pietro B80 contains another mass attributed to Caron by Christopher Reynolds in his monograph on musical life at the Roman basilica of St. Peter.¹ This is the *Missa Thomas cesus*, transmitted anonymously at ff. 166v–181r, suggesting also a possible context for its composition and performance, which connects three different Thomases: the Byzantine prince Thomas Palaiologus, the theologian Thomas Aquinas, and the English saint Thomas Becket (Thomas of Canterbury). Neither of the hypotheses put forward by Reynolds seems entirely convincing for a number of reasons, and, in this chapter, I shall discuss and argue against them, and propose a different context for this Mass.

The Tenor of the Mass is taken from the seventh responsory of Matins, *Mundi florem*, of the thirteenth-century rhymed office for Thomas Becket *Pastor cesus in gregis medio*, celebrated on 29 December, and refers to his martyrdom, with the text reading: *Thomas cesus dum datur funeri / Novus Abel succedit veteri* (Figure 15).²

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¹ Reynolds, *Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380–1513*.
² “When Thomas, murdered, is given to burial, a new Abel succeeds the old», trans. after Kay Slocum, *Liturgies in Honor of Thomas Becket* (Toronto: Toronto University Press, 2004), 190.
Figure 15: outline of the Tenor presented in the first Kyrie (26a) and the Christe (26b).

The feast of St Thomas Becket was widely celebrated across Europe since the early thirteenth century; its office was adopted not just in the Sarum liturgy but also by various European monastic communities which included the celebration of St Thomas in their liturgical calendar. This has resulted in the Office Pastor cesus in gregis medio being transmitted in more than three hundred manuscripts from Britain, Continental Europe, and Scandinavia. Furthermore, the liturgy in honour of St Thomas provided both words and music for several medieval and renaissance polyphonic works. Therefore, while the Office undoubtedly originated in an English context, having been composed by Abbot Benedict of Peterborough at the end of the twelfth century, it is not possible to automatically assume an English provenance for the Missa Thomas cesus. James Cook has argued that while this would be the only known continental Mass for an English saint, the evidence suggests that Thomas cesus is indeed a continental Mass, with some English influence. Rob Wegman also notes that this would be the earliest four-voice Mass written on the continent.

3 Figure taken from Reynolds, *Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter's, 1380–1513*, 204.
6 Hughes, "Chants in the Rhymed Office of St Thomas," 185.
A Crusading Context?

Reynolds proposed as the context for the composition and performance of the *Missa Thomas cesus* the arrival of Thomas Palaiologos in Rome on 7 March 1461, the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas. Thomas Palaiologos (1409/10–1465) was the last-born son of the Emperor Manuel II and Elena Dragaš, he was brought up in Mistra, then considered as the cultural capital of the Byzantine Empire, and from 1430 was Despot of Morea, sharing the government first with his elder brothers Theodore and Constantinos, later Emperor, and then solely with his brother Demetrios.⁹ Although being a single entity, the Despotate of Morea was in reality split between various principalities each ruled by a member of the Palaiologos family, with Thomas governing over the Principality of Achaia, due to his marriage with Caterina Zaccaria, daughter of the Genoese prince Centurione Zaccaria. After the fall of Constantinople, Thomas and his brother Demetrios remained in Morea, as they did not pose a real threat to the Sultan Mehmed II, due to their renowned incapacity of collaborating. Already in 1439, there was the suspicion that Demetrios asked for the Turkish support of his bid to become the next Emperor. And when the Emperor John VIII died in 1448, Demetrios was perceived as a powerful opponent by Constantinos due to his association with the anti-unionist faction, which was opposing the reunion of the Latin and Greek Churches, ratified by the Council of Florence in June 1439. The terms imposed by Mehmed II greatly reduced the territory of the Despotate of Morea but allowed Thomas and Demetrios to continue being its rulers, with the payment of an annual tribute. Being confined in a reduced territory, towards the end of the 50s, Thomas and Demetrios were fighting again, and both asked for a support: Demetrios turned to the Sultan, while Thomas asked the pope Pius II for help. However, Mehmed II decided in April 1460 to annex the area, resolving in this way the continuous quarrel between the two brothers. Demetrios soon surrendered and was imprisoned, while Thomas, along with his family, fled to Corfu. In November 1460,

⁹ This information and the following are largely taken from Donald M. Nicol, *The Immortal Emperor. The Life and Legend of Constantine Palaiologos, last Emperor of the Romans* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992).
Thomas decided to go to Italy, later reaching Rome after an invitation by the pope, and spent his last years there until his death in 1465.

Reynolds found the text of the cantus firmus, with the reference to Abel, as particularly fitting to Thomas Palaiologus, due to his rivalry with his brother Demetrios. Also, he believed that Thomas’ arrival in Rome on the day of the feast of Thomas Aquinas was not a coincidence, as often «the arrival of a visiting dignitary [was] often carefully timed so as to coincide with some auspicious anniversary». The feast of Thomas Aquinas was usually celebrated in Rome with a sung Mass during a service at the church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva. In 1457, the sermon delivered on this day compared Thomas Aquinas to the Greek John of Damascus, in an attempt to reconcile the scholastic and patristic thoughts, and the arrival of Thomas Palaiologos in Rome on this day would have offered, according to Reynolds, another occasion for associating this feast with the reconciliation between the Latin and Greek Churches. Reynolds also argued that the choice of a cantus firmus from the office of Thomas Becket was to celebrate the martyrdom, intended as «Christian struggles and suffering». As Reynolds suggested: «the choice of cantus firmus welcomed the fugitive Thomas as a living martyr, a “new Abel” victim of a “new Cain”», being also relevant to the relic of St. Andrew’s head, brought to Rome by Thomas from Patras. Furthermore, Reynolds believed that the omission of the filioque clause as well as the mention to the apostolic church in the Credo would have been relevant, being politically motivated by the presence of Thomas, a member of the Byzantine imperial family.

However, further research on this reveals that this context is not tenable. First of all, there is no mention at all of Thomas Palaiologos attending the celebrations for St. Thomas Aquinas, and especially the service at Santa Maria sopra Minerva, where the Mass could

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10 Reynolds, Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380–1513, 205.
12 Reynolds, Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380–1513, 207.
13 Reynolds, Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380–1513, 207.
15 Reynolds, Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380–1513, 207–08.
have been sung. It is rather reported that Thomas was received by Pius II in a consistory at the Apostolic Palace, specifically in the Camera del Pappagallo, today known as Sala dei Chiaroscuri. Furthermore, it seems unlikely to say the least that the Credo, which lacks the entire section from *Et in Spiritum Sanctum* to *Et unam, sanctam...Ecclesiam*, hence omitting the famous and controversial clause *qui ex patre filioque procedit*, would have been curtailed for the reason advanced by Reynolds, namely a reconciliation between the Catholic and Orthodox denominations. Thomas Palaiologos was in fact one of the participants of the Byzantine imperial family delegation at the Council of Florence in 1439, in which the controversy on the *filioque* clause of the Credo was overcome. Thomas Palaiologos is indeed depicted in the Cappella dei Magi, a famous cycle of frescoes by Benozzo Gozzoli at the Palazzo Medici Riccardi in Florence: it represents a celebration of the Council of Florence, being also an allegory of the Westernisation of the Byzantine culture. The cycle was started in 1459, and it is probable that it was commissioned also in connection to the Council of Mantua, and its *terminus ante quem* is October 1461, as attested by the exchange of correspondence between Benozzo and Piero de’ Medici. The identification between the Magi and the Byzantine delegates is also supported by a 1461 letter from Pius II to Philip the Good of Burgundy in which the pope highlights the unification of the two Churches: «Ecce Magi venerunt ab Oriente ad stellam [...] pacem [...] et unionem cum occidentalis...» Moreover, Thomas Palaiologos is addressed by Pius II as *vir catholicus* in

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17 Reynolds, *Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380-1513*, 207-08.
20 «Here the Magi, coming from East towards the star [...], bringing peace [...] and the union with the West». Ronchey, "Tommaso Paleologo al Concilio di Firenze," 138.
his 1459 encyclical *Moveat Vos*. As Silvia Ronchey argues, while in 1439 Thomas Palaiologos was the youngest member of the imperial family, being therefore almost neglected in the various accounts, twenty years later at the Council of Mantua he represented one of the last descendants of this family, as well as being an heir to the throne. It is worth sketching here Pius II's plan of the western rescue of Byzantium, devised with the help of the powerful cardinal Bessarion. The fall of Constantinople implied that there was no longer a Roman Emperor, and, therefore, the premises of the temporal power of the papacy, through the *Donatio Constantini*, already at the centre of debate after Lorenzo Valla's philological argument, were wavering. This plan envisaged the constitution of a new “occidental” sovereignty, Christian and Byzantine, allied with the West and under the auspices of the papacy. The “occidental refoundation” of Byzantium was a concept already devised in the first decades of the fifteenth century, through the *Heiratspolitik*, i.e. the marriage policy, of Manuel II Palaiologos and pope Martin V. It was supported by several Italian noble families, the Malatesta and the Gonzaga above all, not only financially but also politically and culturally. Thomas Palaiologos had a central role in these plans, as he would have been the first *basileus* of this New Byzantium: hence, the crusading project of reconquering Morea promulgated by the Council of Mantua in 1459. It seems evident here that Thomas Palaiologos was considered instrumental for the success of the crusade of Morea, and that he was evidently considered as a Catholic; therefore, it seems unlikely that he would have had any issue with the presence of the *filioque* clause or the mention of the apostolic church in the Credo sung to celebrate him.

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Also, Reynolds proposed that the use of a melody originally destined to a martyred saint, such as Thomas Becket, would suit Thomas Palaiologos’ exiled condition, as well as the fact that he brought with him the relic of the head of St. Andrew Martyr. However, here too, some historical circumstances argue against the relevance of this. The courtier George Sphrantzes writes in fact in his memoirs that Thomas was just visiting the pope and other Italian princes, and one could argue that he was likely planning to return, since he left behind his family and his court. The original plan of the Council of Mantua, as mentioned, was in fact to promote a crusade for Morea and to reinstall Thomas as its ruler; therefore Pius II and Bessarion summoned him only for a “temporary exile”. Regarding the relic of St. Andrew, it has to be noted that Thomas played little part in it. When he arrived in Italy it was kept by the prefect of Narni, and only on 12 April 1462 was brought to Rome and presented to the pope, not by Thomas, but by a delegation of three cardinals: Andrea Oliva, Bessarion, and Francesco Piccolomini. Furthermore, as Maya Maskarinec convincingly shows, Pius II in his Commentaries suggests that the exile of St. Andrew’s relic was only temporary, and that it would have been returned to its proper place in Greece. Hence, the use of such a cantus firmus seems less specific than what Reynolds suggested. It could not have been used to celebrate the arrival of the relic in Rome, as this did not happen in the March of 1461, but only a year later. The reference to Thomas Palaiologus’s exile, as well as to the ‘exile’ of St. Andrew’s head, may not be considered as a martyrdom, due to the fact that at the time it was perceived as only a temporary and necessary one. In conclusion, for all these reasons, the context proposed by Reynolds cannot be considered fitting the Missa Thomas cesus.

25 Ronchey, ”Il piano di salvataggio di Bisanzio in Morea,” 530.
Coming now to the attribution to Caron that Reynolds argued for this Mass, here too the evidence presented can be refuted. Reynolds’s argument uses two different evidence: melodic and stylistic analogies between Caron’s works and the *Missa Thomas cesus* and the similar use of mensuration and conflicting signatures. Reynolds also postulates that Caron would have spent some time in Rome. The Roman context as well as the proposed authorship of Caron have also been extensively discussed by James Cook.  

As for the melodic similarities, Reynolds noted that the *Missa Thomas cesus* seems to extensively quote Caron’s chanson *Le despourveu infortunée*, the text of this latter also being relevant to the exiled condition of Thomas Palaiologus. I have already discussed on Thomas’s personal situation, and therefore I do not consider the text as particularly significant; however, also the melodic similarities identified by Reynolds are problematic. As also Cook notes, due to the different key signatures the quotations are not exact, and «it is clear that the B♮ in *Thomas cesus* drastically changes the melodic profile, and this may well preclude identifying the two with one another». Reynolds also identifies a number of quotations between *Missa Thomas cesus* and Caron’s Masses, but they all seem rather commonplace, as Cook also points out, and cannot be specifically used to suggest any kind of authorship. And even if the author of *Thomas cesus* decided to quote Caron, or any other composer, this cannot be used as evidence for authorship, but it rather may be that the author’s intention was to pay a homage, or perhaps it was a just an allusion. Other stylistic features, considered by Reynolds as evidence of a possible attribution to Caron, such as the structural parallels or the cadential typologies equally seem to be not specific to Caron’s style, and are profusely present in other composers’s works.

Considering now the mensuration and the conflicting signatures. The mensurations used in *Thomas cesus* it is similar of some the patterns used by Caron in his Masses, however these are also quite common for fifteenth-century Masses in general, and again cannot be

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28 Cook fundamentally agrees with the proposed context, the entry of Thomas Palaiologos in Rome, put forward by Reynolds; although he is sceptical about a possible attribution of this Mass to Caron. Cook, "Mid-Fifteenth-Century English Mass Cycles in Continental Sources," 315–42.

used as evidence for attributing authorship. The only instances in which Caron seems to depart from the usual are the Missa Accueille ma la belle, limited to the Gloria, and, more extensively, the Missa L’homme armé. However, the peculiar use in these two works is not matched anywhere in the Missa Thomas cesus. On the contrary, the use of tempus perfectum prolatio minor in the second Agnus, present in Thomas cesus, does not present any parallel with Caron’s Masses.

As for the conflicting signature, in the Missa Thomas cesus the Contratenor altus bears one flat in all sections of the Mass, except the Et incarnatus in the Credo and the Pleni and Osanna I in the Sanctus. As Reynolds notes, it is quite unusual, being found only in one other work, namely the virelai Joieux de cuer en seumellant estoy by Solage. Indeed, some ficta issues arise from this rare signature; however, they do not seem particularly problematic. The only place where the b flat in the altus conflicts with another b is at the beginning of the Sanctus, but here the scribe provides a flat in the lower voice, in order to avoid the clash.30 The example that Reynolds presents as highly problematic, namely the beginning of the Christe, is just the result of an erroneous reading on his part, as the first line of the Superius is notated on a six-line stave and the correct reading of the cadential movement is a d rather than b (Figures 16–17).

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30 I am not considering here those passages in which the b appears as a passing note.
Reynolds suggests that the use of a conflicting signature would be a feature that could help attributing the piece to Caron. He notes that most of Caron’s Masses use conflicting signatures, such as in *Accueille ma la belle*, *L’homme armé*, and *Clemens et benigna*: the first two present a flat in the three lower voices while the Superius appears with no flat signature, while *Clemens et benigna* presents flat signature only in the inner voices. Moreover, Reynolds observes that the signatures in *Clemens et benigna* are varied in some movements, as in *Thomas cesus*.

The use of conflicting signatures as evidence for attributing the *Missa Thomas cesus* does not seem to be a conclusive element. First, the conflicting signature in *Accueille ma la belle*, *L’homme armé*, and *Sanguis sanctorum* is not used uniquely by Caron, and it is rather found in other polyphonic settings of the fifteenth century. The case of *Clemens et benigna* is different, as, to my knowledge, is the only Mass presenting this peculiar signature. However, it cannot be compared to *Thomas cesus*. First, contrary to what Reynolds affirms, the variation of signatures in *Clemens et benigna* happens on movement level, not within it, as in *Thomas cesus*, and it is not consistent in the two witnesses of the setting. This inconsistency is, with all probability, an error of the scribe who was not

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32 He fails to note that also *Sanguis sanctorum* has the same signature as *Accueille ma la belle* and *L’homme armé*.
34 Modena α.M.13 transmits the Mass with no flat signature in the inner voice in the Sanctus and Agnus, while TrentC 89 presents the Gloria with no flats.
familiar with this odd signature. Furthermore, the use of this signature in *Clemens et benigna*, as well as the use of accidentals in general, is a precise compositional feature, through which Caron constantly plays with the co-existence of *b* _durum_ and *b* _molle_ in the entire setting. This is not observed at the same level in the *Missa Thomas cesus*, where the presence of the two qualities of *b* in the altus and in one of the other three voices is carefully avoided most of the time.

**CARON IN ROME**

Reynold’s hypotheses of attributing the *Missa Thomas cesus* to Caron and to contextualise it within the celebration for the arrival of Thomas Palaiologus in Rome on the day of the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas led him to conclude that Caron must have spent some time in Rome. It is not clear if the implication of a Roman period in Caron’s life is a consequence of his attribution of the *Missa Thomas cesus*, or rather, as some of Reynold’s arguments suggest, it is not a direct conclusion drawn exclusively from the attribution to Caron and the Roman context. The evidence presented by Reynolds to support his hypothesis are: the prevalence of Italian witnesses in the textual tradition of his works, iconographical evidence, and melodic resemblances between Caron’s works and those by Johannes Pullois.

Reynolds starts his argument on an Italian period for Caron, drawing from Leeman L. Perkins’s view that Caron must have spent a good part of his career in Italy, probably in Florence, due to a strong presence of his compositions in Italian sources, and especially in two Florentine manuscripts, namely ParisBNF 15123 and FlorBN BR 229. This theory has been criticised by Allan Atlas, who argues that “we need not insist that direct transmission by the composer was the only means of migration”. Indeed, the place of

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35 Reynolds, *Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380–1513*, 221.
copy of a manuscript has often little to do with the provenance of the works transmitted inside it; the abundance of Italian sources transmitting music from composers who never worked in Italy is a clear evidence of this. Moreover, it has widely been pointed out that the lack of a substantial number of fifteenth-century French and Burgundian sources does not help in representing a realistic review of the textual transmission of plenty of fifteenth-century music. The scarce biographical data that we now possess on Caron points in a different direction from Italy, and there are a number of reasons that could explain the abundance of his works, as well of the others, in Italian sources.  

Furthermore, Reynolds argued that the two manuscripts transmitting Caron’s Missa L’homme armé do include a portrait of him that would therefore provide iconographical evidence of an Italian period (Figure 18). He identified as portraits the stylised profile of a man’s visage at the beginning of the Mass in VatSP B80, under the capital letter “K” of the superius of the first Kyrie, and the slightly more well-defined profile of a face present in the capital letter of the second contratenor at the beginning of the Et expecto section of the Credo in the Missa L’homme armé transmitted in VatS 14.

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39 For example, the wide presence of northern composers in Italy, as well as the activities of Italian merchants and bankers in the Low Countries can indeed help to explain this situation.

40 Reynolds, Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380-1513, 221-22.
As anyone can clearly see, the two portraits, if indeed they can be considered as such, do not seem to portray the same person. We do not have any information about how Caron might have looked like, therefore it is not possible at all to argue, as Reynolds did, that they represent him. Moreover, in the copy of Caron’s Missa L’homme armé transmitted in VatS 14, there are multiple human faces present as decoration of initials, so it would be interesting to know why Reynolds decided that the one present at f. 133r is Caron, but he did not offer any explanation about his choice. While the provenance of VatS 14 is debated, Rome does not appear as the place of its copy, therefore one should presume that Caron’s profile was widely known in different places of Italy. Also, these would be the only instances in which a composer is portrayed in a manuscript of this period.\textsuperscript{41}

Furthermore, Reynolds suggested that, along with the supposed portrait in VatSP B 80, also the ascription to Caron of the Missa L’homme armé would be significant. It is surely interesting that the one to Caron is the only ascription present in VatSP B80, although one could argue that if indeed the Missa Thomas cesus is by Caron too, then why the

\textsuperscript{41} The only manuscript to my knowledge transmitting portraits of the composers whose works are copied within it is the Squarcialupi Codex (Florence, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, Mediceo Palatino 87). Naturally, the circumstances of this manuscript, as well as the geographical and chronological data, are quite different from both VatSP B80 and VatS 14.
ascription is present exclusively for the Missa L'homme armé? Perhaps the explanation to this ascription can be sought by looking at the copyist of VatSP B80, Nicholas Ausquier, since he may have come from the same city of Caron, Amiens.\textsuperscript{42}

Lastly, Reynolds connected a possible Roman period for Caron with melodic similarities between his works and those of Pullois. It is not clear, however, if Reynolds used this as an evidence to prove Caron’s presence in Rome or rather the other way around. He writes at a few pages distance both that: «a Roman period for Caron would explain several striking melodic resemblances between his works and those by Puyllois», and that: «I have dwelt on the musical resemblances between them because they suggest that Caron worked not merely in Italy but, at least for a time in the early 1460s, specifically in Rome in close proximity to Puyllois». Again, it seems that Reynolds argument is rather circular, as evidence used can be considered also a consequence of his hypothesis of positioning Caron in Rome. It has to be noted that Pullois was also active, both before and after his work at the papal chapel, in the Low Countries, receiving also ecclesiastic benefices in Cambrai and Utrecht,\textsuperscript{43} therefore Caron may have come into contact with his works, and vice versa, during those periods.

Overall, it seems extremely unlikely that Caron spent any time in Rome; the scarce biographical information does not suggest it, and Reynolds hypothesis is not supported by valid evidence. Furthermore, both the context and the attribution of the Missa Thomas cesus proposed by him are not tenable, and therefore research should move in another direction in regard to this Mass.

**BRUGES OR ROME?**

I have so far argued against Reynold’s argument which situates the composition of the Missa Thomas cesus for the arrival of Thomas Palaiologos in Rome, and attributes it to Caron. However, this is not the only hypothesis put forward for the context of this Mass. Cook too, as mentioned, has examined the Mass, and offered some ideas in regard to its

\textsuperscript{42} Wegman, “Fremin le Caron at Amiens: New Documents,” 11.

context. He argues that this Mass, while undoubtedly continental, is “too English” to be positioned outside an English context. For Cook, the most plausible one would be the Hospital of St Thomas in Rome. While admitting that this is a speculation, Cook points out that VatSP B80 contains other works having an English context: the “Two Kyries” Mass, Le Rouge’s Missa So ys emprentid, and the Missae Sine nomine at ff. 113v–120r and ff. 122v–120r. However, Cook does not offer any explanation on how these works, appearing in a manuscript copied for the chapel of San Pietro, would be related to the Hospital of St Thomas. The fact that VatSP B80 was copied in Rome does not imply that its repertoire was necessarily linked to the Roman context. Repertoire, as well as musicians, travelled extensively in Europe, and the link to Rome for the Missa Thomas cesus does not seem to be stronger than other places.

There is also another city that could provide a plausible context for this Mass: Bruges. This hypothesis was first presented by Strohm, also briefly discussed by Cook, who argued that the Missa Thomas cesus was part of a group of six settings, among which the only attributed one is to Petrus de Domarto, that were brought from Bruges to Rome by four singers. The possible institution in which the Mass could have been composed is the English Merchant Adventurers, founded in Bruges in 1344, which had a chapel dedicated to St Thomas Becket in the Carmelite friary. As Strohm notes, Bruges, as well as other Flemish centres, were known for their international culture, and indeed there is ample evidence of English music composed and performed there. Furthermore, the Carmelite version of the office for St Thomas Becket are closer to those of the Sarum rite, and, as Cook notes: «they are the only continental order which can be shown to have

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used the *Mundi florem* chant in the version used in the *Thomas cesus Mass*. While there is no direct evidence that the *Missa Thomas cesus* was composed in Bruges, it seems to me that the hints are compelling in suggesting that this Mass could have been composed for an English institution, the English Merchant Adventurers, whose chapel was dedicated to St Thomas Becket and where a Mass was sung every week, in a city, Bruges, where English music was largely known.

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49 Cook, "Mid-Fifteenth-Century English Mass Cycles in Continental Sources," 337.
50 Strohm, *Music in Late Medieval Bruges*, 64.
3. Caron and the Fifteenth-Century Tradition of Missae L’homme armé

As mentioned, Firminus Caron’s Missa L’homme armé is transmitted by two witnesses, both preserved at the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana: VatS 14 and VatSP B80. VatS 14 contains also Missae L’homme armé by Du Fay, Busnoys, Regis, and Faugues, and was copied between the middle 1470s and c. 1480; VatSP B80 was probably copied in Rome between 1474 and 1476, although Christopher Reynolds has argued that Caron’s Mass belongs to a discrete internal layer dating back to 1463.¹ These two manuscripts are the earliest among fifteenth-century music sources that transmit complete Masses composed on the L’homme armé melody. An earlier source, the Lucca Choirbook, includes a fragment of Du Fay’s Mass, and has been dated around 1463 by Reinhard Strohm.² In terms of the relative chronology of the L’homme armé tradition, there is also a document from Cambrai Cathedral that cites a missa sus l’ome arme by Regis that was copied by Simon Mellet in 1462.³ Therefore, if we accept that Caron’s Mass in VatSP B80 dates back to 1463, his Mass, Du Fay’s and the one by Regis would be the ones for which we have the earliest termini ante quem. However, it seems unlikely that the two Masses by Regis and Caron can be considered the first composed on this tune.

The Origin of L’homme armé

Before addressing the hypotheses on the relative chronology of the Masses belonging to L’homme armé tradition, it should be noted that many questions still pose a problem to modern scholarship, remaining substantially without a definitive answer. On the origin of the melody many hypotheses have been suggested since the discovery of the Naples manuscript, transmitting six anonymous Missae L’homme armé, in 1925, which provides

³ Sean Gallagher, Johannes Regis (Turnhout: Brepols, 2010), 59.
the complete text of the *L’homme armé* tune. Dragan Plamenac speculatated that the melody originated as the tenor of a polyphonic chanson, an idea that gained strength after the combinative chanson *Il sera par vous conbatu – L’homme armé* was discovered in the Mellon Chansonnier. Leeman Perkins proposed that *L’homme armé* melody might have circulated as a monophonic song before being adopted as a chanson tenor. Howard Mayer Brown characterised it as a *chanson rustique*, while Reinhard Strohm proposed that it should be considered as an artistic imitation of a *chanson rustique*, made by someone who was skilled enough to notate it in *prolatio maior*; the melody would have originated in an urban environment, and it imitates the signal a watchman gives when an enemy army is approaching. Maria Caraci Vela, Laurenz Lütteken, and Adalbert Roth indicate instead the promotion of a crusade against the Turks, during the Feast of the Pheasant at the Palais du Rihour in Lille on 17 February 1454, as the occasion for which the melody was composed. Alejandro Planchart shares Strohm’s hypothesis that *L’homme armé* is a «work of art», although he notes that its length is atypical, and discards Strohm’s idea that the song had an urban origin, affirming that it was written to resemble a *chanson*

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10 Strohm, *Music in Late Medieval Bruges*, 130.

11 Planchart points out that the length of the melody does not correspond to the usual fifteenth-century rhythmic phraseology of works of art; he emphasises the numerology of the number 31, namely the number of members of the Order of the Golden Fleece, after the birth of Charles the Bold, Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of *L’homme armé*" 311.
rustique by a composer at the court of Burgundy, after 1433, year of birth of Charles the Bold, and in connection with the Order of the Golden Fleece.\textsuperscript{12} Jaap van Benthem, instead, hints also at the possibility that the \textit{L'homme armé} melody might have had some link with an English carol, \textit{Princeps serenissime}.\textsuperscript{13} He notes, after Manfred Bukofzer, that some carols shares the same stylistical features of \textit{L'homme armé}, such as the opening fourth leap or the return of the first section at the end, and some of them have a text rich with military references. Hence, Van Bentheim suggests that it is possible that these carols were known in France during the years of English occupation and that they might have influenced the melody and structure of \textit{L'homme armé}.

Two theorists mention the earlier tradition of \textit{L'homme armé} in their treatises, namely Pietro Aaron in his \textit{Toscanello in musica} (1527) and Pietro Cerone in the \textit{El melopeo y maestro} (1613). Aaron, in the first book of his treatise mention \textit{L'homme armé} in the chapter where he talks about the way to sing with different mensural signatures;\textsuperscript{14} here he says: «Si esistima, che da Busnois fussi trovato quel canto chiamato l'ome armé, notato con il segno puntato, et che da lui fussi tolto il tenore».\textsuperscript{15} That led Oliver Strunk to link the origin of the tradition, and even the invention of the melody, to Busnoys. However, as Strohm points out, Aaron’s affirmation has been misinterpreted and, consequently, wrongly translated: «'Trovato' is 'found', not 'composed': the perfect participles 'chiamato' and 'notato' suggest that the song already had a name and a mensuration when Busnoys found it. If they had been invented by Busnoys, Aaron would probably have written 'che chiamò lome armé e notò...'».\textsuperscript{16} According to Strohm, Aaron intended to suggest that Busnoys was the first to use the pre-existing \textit{L'homme armé} melody in

\textsuperscript{12} Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of \textit{L'homme armé}" 312; Alejandro Enrique Planchart, ed., \textit{Guillaume Du Fay Opera Omnia 03/05: Missa \textit{L'homme armé}} (Santa Barbara: Marisol Press, 2011), 42-43.
\textsuperscript{14} «Cognizione, et modo di cantar segno contra a segno necessarii», Pietro Aaron, \textit{Toscanello in musica} (Venezia: Marchio Sessa, 1523), I, chapter 38.
\textsuperscript{15} Aaron, \textit{Toscanello in musica}, I, chapter 38. «It is believed that by Busnois was found that song called “the armed man”, notated with the dotted sign and that by him was taken the tenor» trans. after Strohm, \textit{The Rise of European Music}, 470.
\textsuperscript{16} Strohm, \textit{The Rise of European Music}, 470.
another work, but also it has to be noted that Aaron’s choice of verb means that the theorist was only reporting a hearsay.\textsuperscript{17} Cerone, almost a century later, quotes Aaron in his belief that Busnoys was the first to use the tune, and adds the crucial information that the first to compose a Mass on this tune was Okeghem.\textsuperscript{18}

While the context in which the melody of \textit{L’homme armé} originated is not clear yet, it is evident that the melody attracted the attention of composers that started using it as the tenor for numerous polyphonic works. Earlier scholarship suggested that the first Masses on \textit{L’homme armé} were all based on the polyphonic chanson \textit{Il sera par vous conbatu}, however, again Strohm argues that, with the exception of the Masses by Busnoys and Obrecht, the early tradition would not be connected with the combinative chanson. Against the theory that the melody would have originated as the tenor of \textit{Il sera par vous conbatu}, Caraci Vela argues that the chanson’s allusion to war, through the use of \textit{L’homme armé} melody in the lower voices, would have been meaningful only if it was already well known, therefore «necessarily recalling something else, earlier and outside the chanson».\textsuperscript{19}

Rob Wegman, following Strohm’s criticism, proposes a polygenetic explanation for \textit{L’homme armé} tradition, affirming that: «perhaps the \textit{L’homme armé} theme combined and attracted historical meanings in the same way as any other musical or literary text […], and perhaps its polyphonic history eroded and engendered many such meanings».\textsuperscript{20} He also points out that the Masses using this melody do not show any particular internal coherence, and that to look at the Mass tradition through its relationship with \textit{Il sera par vous conbatu} would result in taking into account a «historical and explanatory weight»

\textsuperscript{17} Strohm, \textit{The Rise of European Music}, 470.
\textsuperscript{18} «Como vemos aver hecho Prenestina en su Missa de Lomme armè: subiecto muy antiguo, hallado (porquanto escribe D.Pedro Aaron en el Cap. 38 del prim. lib. del Toscanello) de Busnoys; sobre del qual, el primero que compusiesse Missa, fue un contemporaneo suyo y Maestro de Iusquin, llamado Ocheghen» Pietro Cerone, \textit{El melepeo y maestro} (Napoli: Gargano, Nucci, 1613), XIII, 756.
that probably was not relevant in the creation of this tradition. A similar view is shared by Jesse Rodin, who affirms that L’homme armé had many «cultural associations», and that composers may have soon forgotten the political and historical context in which the first Masses were composed.

The idea that the chanson and the Mass tradition are to be studied and considered separately led some scholars to look for a different interpretation, particularly outside the court of Burgundy. Paula Higgins proposes to move the origin of the entire L’homme armé tradition from the Burgundian ducal court to French courtly circles in the Loire Valley. She notes, in fact, that almost no composer of the early tradition could be linked to the Burgundian court when the tradition presumably originated; instead, composers such as Okeghem and Busnoys were together in Tours around the early 1460s.

Perkins, instead, in his analysis of the Masses by Okeghem and Busnoys, looks at the cultural exchanges between the French and the Burgundian courts, noting that, since in the early 1460s the relationship between the two was relatively peaceful, cultural exchanges could very well have happened between composers working for the different sides; however, he still places Burgundy as a place of crucial importance for the tradition. That Burgundy is of primary importance for the L’homme armé tradition is affirmed also by other musicologists. William Prizer proposes to connect the Missae L’homme armé with the Burgundian Order of the Golden Fleece, noting that «masses on this cantus firmus would have been peculiarly suitable for the ceremonies of an order consisting entirely of ‘armed men’ (chevaliers or knights) and one that had as an original

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22 Jesse Rodin, "The L’homme armé tradition – and the limits of musical borrowing," in The Cambridge History of Fifteenth-Century Music, ed. Anna Maria Busse Berger and Jesse Rodin (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 70. Rodin notes that it is hard for modern scholarship to disentangle all the possible cultural meanings of the L’homme armé tradition; he also, rather pessimistically, affirms that «this issue points up the futility, in most cases, of trying to link fifteenth-century sacred works with specific contexts». Rodin, "The L’homme armé tradition – and the limits of musical borrowing," 70.
24 Higgins, "Tracing the Careers of Late Medieval Composers. The Case of Philippe Basiron of Bourges," 16-17.
goal the maintaining of the faith of the Church against the infidels». Drawing on Prizer’s hypothesis, Richard Taruskin noted that the number 31, namely the total number of knights of the Order of the Golden Fleece since 1433, is structurally relevant, being the total number of tempora in the Et incarnatus section from the Credo of both the Masses by Busnoys and Okeghem; it is also present in all sections of Mass III and in the Credo of Mass IV of the Neapolitan set. However, Alejandro Planchart notes that of the manuscripts that transmit the Missa L’homme armé by Okeghem only one of them, namely Cappella Sistina 35, transmit the Credo with the 31 tempora section. He hypothesises that the version in the Chigi Codex is the original one and that the interpolated one in VatS 35 would be a revision: «one intended to assimilate the Okeghem mass to a tradition that stresses the symbolic importance of the number 31», proposing therefore that the Credo version in VatS 35 would have been reworked by Busnoys himself.

If the importance of Burgundy for the L’homme armé tradition is undeniable, through the Order of the Golden Fleece and the crusading movement, it is likewise true that not all the Masses should be connected to these themes. Agostino Magro, for instance, proposes as context for the composition of Okeghem’s Missa L’homme armé the ceremony for the translation of the relics of Saint Martin of Tours, and at the same time the celebration for the victory of the Hundred Years’ War, that took place at the homonymous basilica of

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29 The two manuscripts transmitting the mass are: Città del Vaticano, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Ms Chigi C.VIII.234 (so-called Chigi Codex), and Città del Vaticano, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Ms Cappella Sistina 35 (hereafter, VatS 35). Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of L’homme armé." 336-37.
30 Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of L’homme armé." 337.
Saint Martin in Tours on 10 March 1454. Here, Magro hints to Higgins’s hypothesis of a French genesis of the *L’homme armé* tradition, but also to Lockwood’s suggestion that the melody would have originated within the context of French army reorganisation happened in the 1440s.

**Hypotheses of Relative Chronology of the Missae *L’homme armé***

Beside the problem of the origin of the melody, one of the most debated issues in *L’homme armé* scholarship, given the paucity of chronological information, has been to identify who is the author of the first Mass and, subsequently, to provide a relative chronology of the fifteenth-century Masses. As Lockwood puts it:

> When we realize that we have more or less positive datings for only two of these [Masses] (Regis and Basiron), based on evidence that is something less than conclusive, it becomes clear that the largest and most intransigent problem is that of grouping the earliest Masses of the tradition, and of establishing a plausible chronology.

Several hypotheses have been suggested on the matter, though not always validated by clear evidence; as Caraci Vela notes, there is the need to discern from what can be considered certain and can be used as evidence for further research, and what constitutes only a hypothesis. An analysis based exclusively on stylistic considerations cannot be

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34 Maria Caraci Vela, "Un capitolo di arte allusiva nella prima tradizione di messa *L’Homme Armé*," *Studi Musicali* 22, no. 1 (1993): 4. As Strohm sums it up: «Hypotheses are always welcome, as long as the available facts have all been taken into account but still require an interpretation», Reinhard Strohm, "Letter," *Journal of the American Musicological Society* 40, no. 3 (1987): 576. Klaas van der Heide’s hypothesis of Regis’s Mass as the first of the tradition, and the consequent postdating of Busnoys’s, Du Fay’s, and Okeghem’s Masses after 1467, is not supported by any evidence at all and remains highly speculative, not considering the fact that, for example, Du Fay’s Mass is already attested in the Lucca Choirbook, Klaas van
used to establish a chronology of the *L'homme armé* tradition, and it should go along with
documentary and palaeographic evidence, since «the dialectic between archaism and
innovation […] is combined with assorted situations of cultural stratification, different
from place to place and from case to case, and they influence the formation of every
musician».\(^{35}\) Caraci Vela notes also that the issue around the chronology has been often
tackled as a sort of “sports competition”, «in which each scholar wants to see his favourite
musician in first place and to reach this purpose invokes the most beneficial stylistical
evidence and tries then to confirm them with external elements».\(^ {36}\)

Notwithstanding the fact that the Masses by Regis and Caron are among those for which
we have a relatively early dating, most of the scholarship considered unlikely that they
are the earliest. Instead, the settings by Okeghem, Busnoys, and Du Fay, for which we
have an occurrence of his Mass in the Lucca Choirbook dating around 1463, have been
generally regarded as the first ones. Lockwood divides the Masses in four different
groups: in the first he places the settings of Du Fay and Okeghem, affirming that they
were composed no later than 1460; the second group comprises the Masses of Regis,
Caron, Faugues, and Busnoys, all composed between 1460 and 1465; to the third group
(1465-1470) belong the works of Tinctoris, Basiron, Vaqueras, and Josquin; in the fourth
group Lockwood places the Masses composed between 1470 and 1475, namely those by
Obrecht, Compère, La Rue, Brumel, Pipelare, and De Orto.\(^ {37}\) Perkins proposes to
consider the settings by Busnoys and Okeghem as the first of the tradition, due to their
relationship to both the chanson *Il sera par vous conbatu* and to Okeghem’s own chanson

\(^{36}\) "In cui ciascuno studioso vuole vedere come primo arrivato il suo musicista preferito e a questo scopo
invoca le ragioni stilistiche che più gli sembrano utili all’assunto, e cerca poi per esse la possibile conferma
settings, and places both the Masses of Josquin and both those of La Rue in the same group. More recently,
Caraci Vela lists twenty-four fifteenth-century Masses, excluding one of La Rue, and adding the
anonymous settings from Bologna Q 16 and NapBN 40.
L’autre d’antan, which is in turn related to Il sera par vous conbattu. He places Du Fay’s and Regis’s Masses to a later stage of the tradition, being «considerably further removed from their putative models in particularities of mensural and notational detail».\(^\text{38}\) He suggests also that Busnoys would be the first and Okeghem the second, due to the way he treats the borrowed materials in a more refined way, followed by Du Fay and then Regis.\(^\text{39}\) Taruskin too makes a case for the primacy of Busnoys setting, following a suggestion by Oliver Strunk, mainly based on the notation of \textit{cantus firmus} with \textit{prolatio maior}, used exclusively with augmentational meaning.\(^\text{40}\) Taruskin’s hypothesis has, however, been subject to criticism, and it is now disregarded.\(^\text{41}\) As Caraci Vela notes, one cannot consider as archaic the mensuralistic treatment of \textit{cantus firmus} in itself, as it can be used together with other stylistic elements and compositional techniques that can be more or less advanced.\(^\text{42}\) However, the importance of Taruskin’s contribution lies in establishing the fundamental role that Busnoys had in the subsequent tradition of \textit{L’homme armé} Masses.\(^\text{43}\)

Both Perkins and Taruskin admitted the possibility that Okeghem might have been the first who composed a Mass on \textit{L’homme armé}, and this hypothesis would also be supported by what Cerone says in his treatise. Fabrice Fitch makes a compelling case


\(^{39}\) Perkins, "In Memoriam Dragan Plamenac: The L’Homme Arme Masses of Busnoys and Okeghem: A Comparison," 389–91. Perkins also turn over the argument and affirms that the settings by Busnoys and Okeghem could also belong to a later stage of the tradition, one that witnesses «a more sophisticated and self-conscious attempt to combine recognizable quotations of the borrowed material with subtle and skillful transformation of it», Perkins, "In Memoriam Dragan Plamenac: The L’Homme Arme Masses of Busnoys and Okeghem: A Comparison," 390.


\(^{43}\) Taruskin himself admits that «even if his Missa L’homme armé should eventually turn out to be the second one to have been composed, Antoine Busnoys still stands as \textit{fons et origo} of the great tradition», Taruskin, "Antoine Busnoys and the "L’Homme Armé" Tradition," 292–93. He also eventually hints at the possibility that Okeghem composed the first Mass, Taruskin, "Antoine Busnoys and the "L’Homme Armé" Tradition," 288. The centrality of Busnoy’s Mass can be seen in some of the later Masses clearly indebted to his, such as those by Faugues, Caron, Basiron, Obrecht, Josquin, the six anonymous in NapBN 40, and the one in Bologna Q 16; Caraci Vela, "Un capitolo di arte allusiva nella prima tradizione di messe \textit{L’Homme Armé}," 19.
about an early date for Okeghem’s Mass, drawing a stylistic comparison with his Missa Caput. Basing his theory on Wegman’s dating of Okeghem’s Caput and other Masses, Fitch concludes that Okeghem’s L’homme armé may be dated in the early 1450s, and may well be considered the first setting. Caraci Vela substantially follows Perkins’s theory, and places Okeghem’s as the first Mass, followed by Busnoys’s and Du Fay’s settings, suggesting that Busnoys’s might have composed his Mass before Du Fay, which would presuppose Busnoys’s setting; then, immediately after these three, would come Regis’s and Caron’s Masses.

Planchart, instead, proposes that the tradition would have started with three works, namely Il sera par vous combattu, and the two Masses by Okeghem and Du Fay, which should be dated after 1460. He suggests that the chanson is by Du Fay and that it would have been composed before 1460, probably in 1459, in relation to the Congress of Mantua and the declaration of war against the Turks. He strongly links the origin of the melody and the entire tradition to the Order of the Golden Fleece and he also posits the occasion in which Okeghem’s Mass was composed between 1461 and 1463, namely the

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44 “The evidence of the part-writing in favour of an early date is both internal and external: internal, in that its greater metrical dependence on the c.f. contrasts with Ockeghem’s usual practice; and external, in that its contrapuntal practice conforms to an early style. When the stylistic and theoretical affinities with Caput are also weighed in the balance, the inference that L’homme armé is a relatively early work is hard to resist,” Fitch, Johannes Ockeghem Masses and Models, 56.


46 Fitch, Johannes Ockeghem Masses and Models, 56-64. Fitch’s dating would also support Magro’s hypothesis for the composition of Ockeghem’s Mass in 1454, cf. Magro, “Basilique, pouvoir et dévotion: Ockeghem à Saint-Martin de Tours.”

47 In an earlier article, Caraci Vela highlights that the relationship between Okeghem’s and Busnoys’s Masses is mainly based on the motives, although the two works are stylistically very different, and the relationship between Busnoys’s and Du Fay’s can be seen mainly on a structural level, Caraci Vela, “Un capitolo di arte allusiva nella prima tradizione di messe L’Homme Armé,” 19. On the priority of Du Fay’s setting over Busnoy’s, she disagrees with those scholars who think that the third Agnus in Du Fay’s setting would have been the model for Busnoys. On the contrary, Caraci Vela affirms that Du Fay’s canon is more elaborate than Busnoy’s, Caraci Vela, “Intersestualità allusiva e tecniche ipertestuali nelle messe l’Homme Armé del secolo XV,” 42.


50 Planchart, Guillaume Du Fay Opera Omnia 03/05: Missa L’homme armé, 43.
only period in which the relationship between France and Burgundy allowed Philip the Good to request from Okeghem a Mass for the Order,\textsuperscript{51} therefore rejecting Fitch’s and Magro’s hypotheses of an earlier date for Okeghem’s setting.\textsuperscript{52} In his edition of Du Fay’s Mass, Planchart reiterates his hypothesis that both Masses were commissioned by the Order of the Golden Fleece, that they were performed during the \textit{chapitre général} held in Saint-Omer in May 1461, and that Du Fay’s setting can be dated between late 1460 and early 1461.\textsuperscript{53} In his most recent monograph, he reaffirms that the Masses «were surely sung during the meeting at St-Omer».\textsuperscript{54} However, there is no evidence at all to support this hypothesis. Planchart admits that the connection between the chanson and the Masses is tenuous, although he speculates that Du Fay would have sent \textit{Il sera par vous conbatu} to Okeghem, and that the Masses would have been composed «almost contemporaneously and that both composers knew that the other was writing a mass on that cantus firmus».\textsuperscript{55} However, he also contemplates the idea that Okeghem’s Mass would have been composed in response to Du Fay’s, proposing «that Okeghem had access to Du Fay’s mass when writing his own».\textsuperscript{56}

Gallagher in his study on Regis makes a convincing case that the \textit{missa sus l’ome arme} copied at Cambrai in 1462 is Regis’s \textit{Missa L’homme armé/Dum sacrum mysterium} and not a lost work.\textsuperscript{57} He also notes that the context for Regis’s Mass would be liturgical, and that it does not have any relationship with the court of Burgundy and the Order of the Golden Fleece, thus reinforcing Wegman’s hypothesis of a tradition with multiple meanings.\textsuperscript{58} He agrees with the theory that Du Fay’s setting predate Regis’s, and that he

\textsuperscript{51} Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of \textit{L’homme armé}" 334.
\textsuperscript{52} Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of \textit{L’homme armé}" 355. Recently, Planchart corrected his statement, affirming that Philip the Good had already received the permission by Charles VII to recruit in France for the crusade, and that would also include commissioning a Mass to Okeghem for the occasion, Alejandro Enrique Planchart, \textit{Guillaume Du Fay. The Life and Works} (Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 273.
\textsuperscript{53} Planchart, \textit{Guillaume Du Fay Opera Omnia 03/05: Missa L’homme armé}, 43.
\textsuperscript{54} Planchart, \textit{Guillaume Du Fay. The Life and Works}, 274.
\textsuperscript{55} Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of \textit{L’homme armé}" 326-27.
\textsuperscript{56} Planchart, "The Origins and Early History of \textit{L’homme armé}" 332-33.
\textsuperscript{57} Gallagher connects the Mass with the liturgical context of the feast of St. Michael and the procession endowed by the canon Michel de Beringhen at the end of the 1450s.
\textsuperscript{58} Gallagher, \textit{Johannes Regis}, 59-114.
took the former as model for his Mass, with the intent to pay homage to him.\textsuperscript{59}

Following Gallagher, Rodin proposes that Regis’s setting was part of the first layer of Masses, together with Du Fay and Okeghem, stating that each Mass has some unique features that were later reprised in the tradition.\textsuperscript{60}

To sum up, at the moment there is no agreement on which Mass would have been composed as the first, and also which can be placed in the first layer of the fifteenth-century tradition of Missae L’honne armé; the hypothesis that Okeghem’s setting initiated the tradition seems at the moment the most convincing, confirmed also by Cerone; Du Fay and Busnoys probably can be considered in the first group as well;\textsuperscript{61} the Masses by Regis and Caron would come right after, both connected to Du Fay’s.

However, ultimately, answering the question of who wrote the first Mass, or establishing a precise relative chronology of the various settings, becomes less important compared to studying the intertextual relationship between the Masses or retracing their historical and cultural framework.\textsuperscript{62}

**TREATMENT OF L’HOMME ARMÉ IN CARON’S MASS**

The treatment of the *cantus prius factus* in Caron’s Mass is rather free, and, according to Planchart, does not resemble any of the other settings.\textsuperscript{63} Caron uses the following version

\textsuperscript{59} Gallagher, *Johannes Regis*, 92–93, 98.

\textsuperscript{60} Rodin, “The L’homme armé tradition – and the limits of musical borrowing,” 71.

\textsuperscript{61} Busnoys’s setting seems to be the most controversial one in terms of relative chronology; it is undeniable that is related both with Du Fay’s and Okeghem’s Masses. It has been rather widely accepted that his Mass cannot be considered as the first of the tradition, however, both the options of it predating or postdating Du Fay’s seems equally plausible, as Caraci Vela notes: “Poiché il trattamento canonico nell’*Agnus III* di Dufay è meno complesso di quello di Busnois, e poiché i frammenti motivici comuni anche a Ockeghem e Busnois sembrano nella messa di Dufay più embrionali, se ne dovrebbe dedurre una prova della priorità di quest’ultimo. Ma sulla validità di quell criterio si possono anche avere dei dubbi, ed è possibile che per il Dufay della maturità l’apertura alla musica altrui si configurasse, piuttosto che come veicolo di omaggio ed emulazione, nei modi e nei limiti della nitida ma non insistita allusione, della citazione corsiva, della ripresa dei spunti nella misura e nei limiti più funzionali al proprio personale progetto”, Caraci Vela, “Un capitolo di arte allusiva nella prima tradizione di messa L’*Homme Armé*,” 20–21. What is certain is the crucial role that Busnoys’s setting played in the later tradition.

\textsuperscript{62} As noted by Caraci Vela, the most important and evident feature of each work on *L’homme armé* is the web of intertextual and allusive relationships that they entertain both with works on the same *cantus prius factus* and other compositions, Caraci Vela, “Un capitolo di arte allusiva nella prima tradizione di messe L’*Homme Armé*,” 22; Caraci Vela, “Intertestualità allusiva e tecniche ipertestuali nelle messe l’*Homme Armé* del secolo XV,” 35.

\textsuperscript{63} Planchart, “The Origins and Early History of L’honne armé” 350.
of the *L’homme armé* melody (Figure 19), notably choosing not to introduce the ‘underthird-reading’, as van Benthem defines it,\(^6^4\) as Du Fay does, following therefore the reading of the melody present in both Okeghem’s and Busnoys’s settings and in the Naples Masses.

![Figure 19: *L’homme armé* melody as in NapBN 40, f. 63v.](image)

Caraci identifies the sectional structure of the *cantus firmus* as: \(A^1, A^2, A^2, A^3, B^1, B^2, A^2, A^3\); but the sections are frequently rhythmically and melodically varied, often with the insertion of additional free material, especially towards the end of a section.\(^6^5\) However, closer scrutiny reveals that Caraci’s structure is not used consistently in the settings, although the different sections of the *L’homme armé* melody do broadly appear in the order as identified by Caraci’s. From an analysis of the Mass it is also possible to observe that some fragments of the *cantus prius factus*, especially \(A^2\) and \(B^1\), are often quoted in other voices, such as the *altus* or the *bassus* (Table 2).

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\(^6^4\) This reading substitutes, in the second occurrence of \(B^1\), the last \(G\) with an \(E\). van Benthem, *Johannes Ockeghem, Masses and Mass Sections. Missa L’homme armé*, x.

However, the general modal structure and the use of conflicting signatures can be seen as modelled on Du Fay.\textsuperscript{66} Beside the use of \textit{L'homme armé} melody, Caron’s Mass, as usual from the \textit{Missae L'homme armé} of this period, has a complex web of intertextual references. Caraci Vela hints at the possibility that Caron reused the incipit of Busnoy’s chanson \textit{Quant j'ay au cueur} in his Mass,\textsuperscript{67} and that the pervasive presence of four different non-cantus-firmus motives in structurally important places in Caron’s Mass can be linked to Du Fay’s (Figure 20).\textsuperscript{68} The first two motives (A, in two variants, and B, in two variants) identified by Caraci Vela are present in all the incipits of the internal sections in

\textsuperscript{66} Planchart, “The Origins and Early History of \textit{L'homme armé}” 350.

\textsuperscript{67} Caraci Vela, “Un capitolo di arte allusiva nella prima tradizione di messe \textit{L'Homme Armé},” 14-16.

\textsuperscript{68} Caraci Vela, “Intertestualità allusiva e tecniche ipertestuali nelle messe \textit{L'Homme Armé} del secolo XV,” 46-52.
Du Fay’s setting and are used by Caron in the *Superius* in four of the five movements of his Mass, at the beginning of various sections, always accompanied by another motive in one of the lower voice.\(^6\) The other two motives (identified by Caraci Vela as F and G), variations on the same fragment, appearing in both Busnoys and Okeghem’s Masses, are recurrent in Du Fay’s, and have been variously reprised by Caron.\(^7\) Therefore, it seems legitimate to affirm that Caron’s Mass can be considered closely related to the one by Du Fay.

![Figure 20: Non-cantus-firmus motives in Du Fay’s and Caron’s Missae L’homme armé.](image)

Beside the clear debt that Caron’s Mass has to Du Fay’s, Reynolds also identifies places in Caron’s Mass containing quotations and allusions to other works. An example is the quotation of Busnoys’s chanson *Je suis venue vers mon amy*, transmitted in the Pixérécourt Chansonnier (Figure 21),\(^7\) present in the Benedictus of Caron’s setting (Figure 22).\(^2\)

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\(^7\) Caraci Vela, "Intertestualità allusiva e tecniche ipertestuali nelle messe l'Homme Armé del secolo XV," 52.

\(^7\) Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, fonds français 15123, ff. 127v–128.

The Agnus II has been seen by Reynolds as related to a Missa Sine nomine à 3 that he attributes to Okeghem,\textsuperscript{73} to an anonymous Mass transmitted in VatSP B80,\textsuperscript{74} to the Missa Groß Sehnen transmitted in TrentC 89,\textsuperscript{75} and the sixth Mass from the Naples manuscript. According to Reynolds, Caron built his second Agnus on the same section from the

\textsuperscript{73} The ascription to Okeghem has been rightly questioned by Andrew Kirkman and Fabrice Fitch, cf. Andrew Kirkman, \textit{The Three-Voice Mass in the Later Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Centuries: Style, Distribution and Case-Studies} (New York, London: Garland, 1995), 249-60., Fitch, \textit{Johannes Ockeghem Masses and Models}, 177-78. The Mass is transmitted in Verona, Biblioteca Capitolare, Ms 759, dating from the 1490s.

\textsuperscript{74} The Mass is transmitted at ff. 122-129; Reynolds argues that is stylistically similar to Bedyngham’s style, Reynolds, \textit{Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s}, 1380-1513, 266.

\textsuperscript{75} TrentC89, ff. 26v-41. According to van Benthem, the Mass is attributable to Johannes Tourout, Jaap van Benthem, ed., \textit{Missa Mon oeil, Missa Groß Sehnen ich im Herzen trage}, Johannes Tourout. Ascribed and attributable compositions in 15th-century sources from Central Europe (Utrecht: Koninklijke Vereniging voor Nederlandse Muziekgeschiedenis, 2015).
Missa Sine nomine à 3; consequently, his Agnus would have been taken as model by the anonymous composer of the sixth Neapolitan Mass (Figures 23-24).76

Figure 23: Examples taken from Reynolds, 64a) Anonymous Missa in SP B80, ff. 122v–129r, Agnus II, 1-9; 64b) Okeghem(?), Missa, Agnus II, 1-9; 64c) Caron, Missa L’homme armé, Agnus II, 1-11.77

76 Reynolds, Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380-1513, 266. Reynolds suggests that also the Agnus ii from the second Neapolitan Mass might be related with Caron’s one, however only the Superius and Tenor survives.

77 Reynolds, Papal Patronage and the Music of St. Peter’s, 1380-1513, 268-69.
Moreover, Reynolds argues that the same motivic material also appears at the beginning of several further chansons, and that the relationship between Caron’s Mass, the sixth Neapolitan setting and the Missa Groß Sehnen would be strengthened also by a common

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quotation of the chanson *Mort ou mercy* by Caron (Figure 25).  


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As fascinating as Reynolds' hypothesis appears, it has to be qualified in several respects. First, the motive at the beginning of the second Agnus in the higher voice (g-f-b-a-g-d) appears also in Caron’s Missa Clemens et benigna, both at the beginning of the Kyrie, in a slightly ornamented version, and the Credo. Secondly, the motive in the lower voice in the Benedictus of the sixth Naples setting is clearly the above-mentioned motive A, pervasively used both in Okeghem’s and Du Fay’s settings on L’homme armé, as well as in Caron’s one. Far less convincing is the relationship between the chanson Mort ou mercy and the various Masses. The motive at the beginning of the Qui tollis section in Caron’s Mass is more reminiscent of Caraci’s motive F, and, in general, the correspondence between Caron’s chanson and Mass and the Naples one seems rather generic. Despite that, the correspondence between Caron’s and the Naples’s Masses was observed by Don Giller and led him to attribute the anonymous settings to Caron.82

THE NEAPOLITAN ANONYMOUS MASSES: THE QUESTION OF ATTRIBUTION

Giller’s attempt to attribute the Naples Masses is not the first, since the anonymity of these settings has long interested scholarship. Already in 1929, a few years after the discovery of the manuscript, Dragan Plamenac suggested a close proximity between their style and that of Tinctoris.83 This hypothesis has been proven untenable mainly by Judith Cohen in her survey of the Masses, in which she convincingly demonstrates that these six Missae L’homme armé originated in the Burgundian context.84 According to Cohen, the bâtarde script and other paleographical evidence, such as the shape of the notes, support an origin outside of Italy, as well as some elements of the dedicatory poem, namely: the praise of Queen Beatrice’s virtues that reached a region different far from hers, and that she brings culture to those regions, probably of Hungary. All these elements combined help us in excluding Naples and Hungary as places where the manuscript could have been copied. A stronger evidence of the Burgundian origin of this manuscript was

83 Caraci, "Fortuna del tenor L’Homme Armé nel primo Rinascimento," 177.
produced only a few years ago, when Klaas van der Heide pointed out that one of the copyists of Naples also compiled the earlier layer of the manuscript Br 5557.\(^{85}\)

Once the hypothesis of Tinctoris as the author of the Masses had been discarded, two other speculations have been put forward. The first, already mentioned, is the attribution to Caron by Giller, mainly based on a comparison of some motivic references, such as four different phrases used as head motives as well as four closing cadential formulas, that induced him first to consider the six Masses as the creation of a single composer, and then to affirm that «given the web of thematic references in the Naples masses along with a further interlacing of motifs in Caron’s works that relate to different sections of each Naples mass, it seems that only one conclusion can be drawn: that Caron composed the Naples complex».\(^{86}\) However, as Giller himself notes, the melodic fragments can be found also in works from other composers, albeit their appearance is less frequent compared to Caron’s. Giller’s hypothesis could also work the other way around, namely the composer, or the composers, of the Neapolitan settings could have decided to pay homage to Caron and quote some motives from his Masses.

A few years later, Taruskin proposed instead to attribute the anonymous settings to Busnoys, based on their structural features which would show an isorythmic organisation, shared with his Missa L’homme armé; another element that would point in favour of an attribution to Busnoys is the presence of inversion and retrograde canons as well as verbal ones.\(^{87}\) Taruskin’s article started a vivid debate, including also the issue of the authorship of the Naples Masses. Giller’s argued that the structural features examined by Taruskin were not sufficient as the primary evidence for attribution, affirming that the melodic preferences would be «the virtual signature of a composer».\(^{88}\) But as Taruskin noted in his article, Giller’s chose melodic fragments that are present in other composers’s

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works and therefore are not characteristic enough to be used as an evidence towards Caron’s authorship. To this Giller responded, in a circular argument, that he chose those motives because he understood them «to be unique to Caron’s melodic style», arguing also that no evidence had yet been presented to challenge his theory. In his response to Taruskin, Giller argues that the relationship between Charles the Bold and Busnoys cannot be used as an evidence towards Busnoys’s authorship of the six settings, since it is possible that Caron encountered Charles the Bold as well. In fact, Charles spent almost two weeks in Amiens in the spring of 1466, and that would have offered Caron the chance to meet not only the future duke but also Busnoys, who probably joined Charles between 1465 and 1467.

Both hypotheses of attribution suffer from a methodological fallacy. Giller’s most evidently, and by his own admission, in that he decided to base his attribution on the sheer quantity of melodic correspondence between the Naples Masses and Caron’s. The accumulation of melodic similarities does not constitute an evidence at all that they should be attributed to a specific composer. Taruskin, on the other hand, considers only the structural features of the Masses, which equally cannot be considered a sufficient evidence.

The conferral of attribution is not a neutral operation, as noted by Caraci Vela, and has several consequences. Lisa Colton states that:

Authorial attribution can add weight to the perceived significance of music, and invites us to reflect on questions of genesis, reception, personal style, influence and value. In short, it

90 Giller, "Letter," 144.
91 Giller, "Letter," 145. Taruskin’s criticism to this possible meeting was based on the belief that Caron was mentioned as primus musicus in 1422 and therefore it could have been unlikely that he would have met Charles forty-four years later, Richard Taruskin, "Letter," Journal of the American Musicological Society 40, no. 1 (1987): 150-51. However, as Wegman has shown, it seems that Caron would have been born between 1430 and 1435, making therefore at least possible Giller’s speculation, Wegman, "Fremin le Caron at Amiens: New Documents."
has helped writers to view pieces as worthy of modern scholarly activities such as edition, public performance, critical contemplation and recording, often at the expense of anonymous repertoire.\textsuperscript{94}

Notwithstanding, it could be considered one of the most delicate operations that a musicologist, or a scholar in general, can do. Attributing authorship has often lacked a proper methodology and relied heavily on a scholar’s own competence and intuition. This is evident in Giller’s contribution, as it is based exclusively on his “feeling” that those melodic features are constitutive of Caron’s style. Needless to say that this course of action has been heavily criticised. Already Gianfranco Contini pointed out that «a great caution is required to determine if a certain stylistic feature or system of stylistic features can really be considered as an internal signature»,\textsuperscript{95} concluding that the statistical analysis cannot be considered a valid method for attribution since «those indicators, or some of them, identify ‘genre’ structures common for more than one person, while conversely more than one structure coexist in the same person».\textsuperscript{96} Caraci Vela also addresses this issue, from a musicological perspective, affirming that often scholars misunderstand the concept of style, confusing it with features that can be found in composers belonging to the same culture, and that the accumulation of those features cannot be used to establish who was the author of a certain work, but rather its geographical and chronological setting.\textsuperscript{97} Barry Brook, in a seminal contribution, strongly disapproved the method, or better the lack of method, used by scholars to establish the authenticity of a work, as he notes: «usually in fact there is no method involved at all but only the superficial

\textsuperscript{95} «Occorre una grande oculatezza nel determinare se un certo stilema o sistema di stilemi possa davvero essere considerato una firma interna», Gianfranco Contini, \textit{Breviario di ec dotica} (Milano – Napoli: Ricciardi, 1985), 56.
\textsuperscript{96} «Quegli indici, o una loro parte, individuano strutture di ‘genere’, comuni a più personalità, mentre viceversa in uno stesso individuo convivono più strutture», Contini, \textit{Breviario di ec dotica}, 56.
\textsuperscript{97} «Una pericolosa tendenza a confondere lo stile, proprio ad un individuo – che non si coglie a livello di superficie, nella presenza di particolari stilemi, beni a livello profondo, nei modi peculiari del loro impiego – con il complesso delle scelte tecnico-compositive, formali, di linguaggio musicale, di organico e così via, che possono essere comuni a più individui afferenti ad una medesima cultura. La frequenza statistica di questi ultimi elementi […] può provare l’appartenenza di un testo musicale ad un ambito cronologico e geografico particolare o addirittura ad una scuola, ma non quella ad un autore piuttosto che ad un altro», Caraci Vela, \textit{La filologia musicale. Istituzioni, storia, strumenti critici. Approfondimenti}, 2, 195.
comparison of a few characteristics in a few pieces, with equal portions of dubious intuition and wishful thinking thrown in». Brook too noted how scholars often relied on their personal intuition, and proposed a methodology in which a thorough stylistic analysis may be used with external evidence, trying therefore to eliminate subjectivity from these kind of operations. His methodology consists of establishing a full stylistic profile of a composer, that takes into account the different genres and the span of a composer’s life, and then to analyse the works of the composer comparing them to significant different samples. The results of this analysis, according to Brook, can only tell us if a certain work may be attributed to a specific composer, without any assurance. Brook’s theory, while methodologically sound, is not really practical; furthermore, it still relies heavily on a stylistic approach, which cannot give any certainty if not supported also by external evidence.

Caraci Vela, in another article, addressed specifically the attribution of the Neapolitan settings. She agrees with the fact that the Masses can be considered close to Busnoys’s style. Even so, Caraci Vela resolutely argues against an attribution to Busnoys; she identifies seven features that can be associated with Busnoys’s style, namely: a) the mensural treatment of the cantus firmus; b) the expansion of the vocal range, especially in the lower range; c) the presence of imitation in structurally relevant passages; d) fragments in progression in the melodies; e) complete, long-range melodies in the voices; f) melodies that span over the entire vocal range and reach the climax by ascending steps. However, as Caraci Vela notes, these features can be found in the works of others, both on their own and in combination, invalidating their usefulness as an attribution tool. In

the Naples settings, the features a), c) and d) are consistently present, while others are occasionally or not at all present, as well as not being featured in all the six settings.\textsuperscript{102}

In conclusion, it seems likely that Cohen's original hypothesis that the Masses are the product of a joint effort of different composers, perhaps under the supervision of Busnoys himself, is still the most valid one.\textsuperscript{103} It may be possible that Caron and Busnoys, as well as others, took part in the composition of one of these settings, but one can only affirm it as a speculation.\textsuperscript{104}

The lack of attribution, and the consequent status of anonymity, of these Masses is not an uncommon feature for the polyphony of this period. As Lütteken notes:

> From an historical perspective [...] authorship stands as a secondary and comparatively recent determinant of the work concept. Until well into the fifteenth century, authorial attribution was not a dominant feature of musical transmission but only one of several possibilities. [...] It is thus clear that only as a result of complicated historical processes did authorship become an essential condition for work character. It was neither necessary nor inevitable.\textsuperscript{105}

Colton too notes that often it was considered superfluous to ascribe music works, drawing a comparison with other pieces of art that remained anonymous, such as stained

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\textsuperscript{102} Caraci Vela, "Intertestualità allusiva e tecniche ipertestuali nelle messe l'Homme Armé del secolo XV," 32.
\textsuperscript{103} Cohen, \textit{Six Anonymous L'homme armé Masses}, 68-70.
\textsuperscript{104} Caraci Vela too supports the hypothesis of a multi-authorial project; she also notes that «pur tenendo presente che il \textit{cantus firmus} è in ciascuna messa solo un frammento della melodia L'homme armé, un compositore che si fosse cimentato per sei volte (sette, se si dovessero accettare le attribuzioni a Caron o a Busnois [...], ciascuno dei quali è autore anche di una messa sull'intera melodia) con lo stesso tipo di soggetti [...] sarebbe stato un autentico \textit{monstre} e avrebbe di gran lunga superato in anticipo compositori come Josquin, Morales, Palestrina, che, scrivendo ciascuno due messe su quello stesso \textit{cantus firmus}, intesero dare prova della eccezionale fertilità della propria fantasia». [«Keeping in mind that the \textit{cantus firmus} in each mass is only a fragment of the \textit{L’homme armé} melody, a composer that took on for six times (seven, if one accepts the attribution to Caron or Busnois [...], who authored each a mass on the complete melody) the challenge to write on the same subjects [...] would have been considered a real prodigy and surpassed composers such as Josquin, Morales, Palestrina, who, writing each two masses on the same \textit{cantus firmus}, intended to show the exceptional fertility of their creativity»] Caraci Vela, "Un capitolo di arte allusiva nella prima tradizione di messe \textit{L’Homme Armé}," 6-7.

glass windows or devotional images.\textsuperscript{106} The necessity of attributing authorship is an operation, as already noted, that has an impact on modern scholarship, but it should be kept in mind that it is possible that sacred works might have been purposely copied without an attribution, due to their link with religious devotion. The case of the Neapolitan Masses may well represent a good example of music that was conceived with a specific purpose that transcended the work of art and for which an authorial attribution was expendable.\textsuperscript{107} However, without any new evidence, the survey of the intricate web of allusions, and intertextual relationships, as well as allegorical and political subtexts, conveyed in this manuscript, is far more interesting than answering the question of who wrote these Masses.

\textsuperscript{106} Colton, \textit{Angel song. Medieval English music in history}, 65.

\textsuperscript{107} It should be pointed out that the lack of ascriptions in this manuscript is the result of a loss of the first pages of each setting; hence, we do not know if the Masses actually reported their author(s).
As observed, scholarship has long been connecting fifteenth-century *L’homme armé* settings, as well as the origin of the melody itself, with the crusading movement, and especially with the Burgundian environment and the Order of the Golden Fleece. The first scholar to draw attention to this was Ruth Hannas in 1952, who suggested to associate *L’homme armé* settings with the crusading against the Turks, also positing that the melody may have been «expressly composed for propaganda purposes».¹ Hannas mentioned in particular the chanson *Il sera par vous combattu – L’homme armé* transmitted anonymously in the Mellon Chansonnier, which provides a direct link to the fight against the Turks by combining *L’homme armé* with different material: the Superius sings an irreverent poem about a member of the Burgundian chapel, Symon le Breton, who is about to go on a crusade against the Turks, while the Tenor and the Contratenor sing various portions of *L’homme armé* simultaneously. In 1972, Geoffrey Chew proposed to consider the armed man of the song as an allegory of the Turk which needed to be vanquished, and linked the *Missae L’homme armé* with papal attempts to commit rulers all over Europe to take part in a crusade against the Turks.² However, it was only in 1985 that scholarship started to focus specifically on the Burgundian crusading movement. William Prizer suggested a connection between the *Missae L’homme armé* and the Order of the Golden Fleece, a chivalric order founded by the duke Philip the Good in 1430.³ However, it has to be noted that reducing the investigation of the Burgundian crusading movement only to the Order of the Golden Fleece, as many have done, it would be a serious misrepresentation of its reality, which was much more nuanced and complex than the interpretation given by most of musicological scholarship. Also, until recently, scholarship on late medieval crusading has tended to focus on the Burgundian evidence,

³ Prizer, "Music and Ceremonial in the Low Countries: Philip the Fair and the Order of the Golden Fleece."
often leaving aside other European crusading movements; this overexposure of the Burgundian crusading environment is the result of an abundance of evidence related to this entity, as much as a tendency to often focus on Western Europe.

Over the past few years, there has been a growing interest in the literary, artistic, and cultural manifestations of the late medieval crusading movement, resulting in an interdisciplinary turn in the field of crusading studies. It is in fact undeniable that the crusading movements impacted the cultural and artistic sphere, and many stimulating and innovative studies on this have been published.\textsuperscript{4} Unfortunately, the musical side does not feature along the literary and visual material in these studies, and the musical dimension of crusading still has to be made known to crusade scholars in general.\textsuperscript{5} On the other hand, musicologists have often overlooked the importance crusading played in shaping the European cultural environment and did not engage with crusading scholarship.\textsuperscript{6}

It is worth noting that historical scholarship has tended to overlook late medieval crusading; often considering this movement as residual of the earlier crusading efforts and not worthy of studying. In the traditionalist and classical view on crusading, the fall of Acre in 1291 coincides with the end of crusading, even though medieval society did not perceive that crusading was a concluded effort. It is true that many great changes occurred after the thirteenth century, but crusading was far from fading in the fifteenth century, being still of central interest for many. The crusading movement and its rhetoric deeply permeated European society and many people’s lives in this period and beyond. Yet, crusading changed itself to something quite different from what it used to be until the fourteenth century, shaping European society in new ways. As Norman Housley


\textsuperscript{5} Some research has been published over the past few years on how crusading interacted with liturgy, although mainly from a textual point of view. See Amnon Linder, \textit{Raising Arms: Liturgy in the Struggle to Liberate Jerusalem in the Late Middle Ages} (Turnhout: Brepols, 2003); M. Cecilia Gaposchkin, \textit{Invisible Weapons. Liturgy and the Making of Crusade Ideology} (Ithaca, NY − London: Cornell University Press, 2017).

\textsuperscript{6} In the few instances in which crusading has been considered by musicologists in relation to late medieval music works Richard Vaughan’s monographs on the dukes of Burgundy is often the only scholarship cited.
argues: «the deepest impact of the crusade lay not, as in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, in the raising and despatch of large armies of armed pilgrims, but in the way preaching, rhetoric and liturgy of the crusade moulded a rapidly changing European society». It is true that various endeavours continued, such as in Iberia where the Catholic powers moved war against the Emirate of Granada, or in the Baltic, with the war between the Teutonic Order and Lithuania, even though often they did not involve large scale armies but rather small groups or individuals. Also, crusading ceased to be almost exclusively perceived as armed intervention, as the risk of failure was too high, resulting in a possible invasion of Europe by Ottoman armies. However, it remained an «inspirational ideal, commanding consistent interest and respect», and the cultural array of propaganda it solicited, especially after the crucial event of the fall of Constantinople in 1453, constituted a fundamental pillar of cultural life in the late Middle Ages. The threat posed by the Ottoman Empire towards Europe spans almost two centuries, from 1396 until the end of the sixteenth century, and it could be considered one of the most important crusading issues that European rulers had to deal with during the fifteenth century. In 1444 Turkish armies reached Belgrade, and had conquered most of the territories of the Byzantine Empire, but it is only with the capture of Constantinople in 1453 that a crusading effort against them started being perceived as necessary, and even then it was strongly influenced by the Western political situation.

The Burgundian Crusading Movement and Cultural Propaganda

Amongst all European powers, Burgundy was by far the one in which the crusading message appealed most to its rulers. They had nurtured various crusading projects since the end of the fourteenth century, with the duke Philip the Bold, and his son John the Fearless, who took part in the so-called “Crusade of Nicopolis” in 1396 against the Turks,

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9 For a general overview of the Ottoman military actions and European responses see Housley, The Later Crusades: From Lyons to Alcazar, 1274-1580, 80-150.
resulting in a decisive defeat for the European armies and in the capture of John the Fearless, held prisoner by the Ottomans for almost a year. As Housley points out, Nicopolis was perhaps the worst defeat and a crushing humiliation of the Western allies against the Turks, with longstanding political and financial implications. After being released, both Philip the Bold and John the Fearless, who became duke in 1404, did not plan for any other crusading enterprise, mainly due to the European political circumstances, above all the Hundred Years’ War, which prevented the organisation of another crusade and monopolised the resources. However, Nicopolis resulted in the affirmation of Burgundy, and its ruler, as a major European power, especially from a financial point of view, and in a shift from the king of France to the Burgundian duke as focal point of the crusading effort. It was John’s son, Philip the Good, duke from 1419 until his death in 1467, who started planning new crusading endeavours. In the first thirty years of his reign, Philip sought both internal and external support for a crusading effort to reconquer the territories once occupied by Christians, as outlined in Jean Germain’s homily at the chapter of the Order of the Golden Fleece held at Mons in 1451.

The support for a crusade was not universal amongst Burgundian courtiers and feudal vassals, and a considerable number of nobles were explicitly against a crusade. The duke not only faced an internal lively debate, but also needed to establish a leading position on the late-medieval geopolitical stage. The affirmation of a crusading identity, through propaganda, was seen by the dukes of Burgundy as a powerful tool that could help them achieving the necessary political capital in order to fulfil their aims both in Burgundy and in Europe. As Rolf Strøm-Olsen notes: «the symbolic landscape of crusade was cleverly and intricately joined to a discourse designed to promote the emerging dynastic goals

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13 Andrew Glen Heron, "'Il faut faire guerre pour paix avoir' : crusading propaganda at the Court of Duke Philippe le Bon of Burgundy (1419–1467)" (PhD dissertation, University of Cambridge, 1991), 4.
and political expression of the Burgundian house».\textsuperscript{15} One of the main issues was the relationship between the Burgundian rulers and the king of France, as the Burgundian Valois family had originally derived from the royal family of France, hence, was still formally subordinated to the French crown. Furthermore, some of the Burgundian Valois’s domains were vassals of the Holy Roman Emperor. Hence, the duke found himself between two of the most powerful rulers of Europe, both having a “special relationship” with the pope: as Richard Walsh notes, the Emperor «had always enjoyed a titular pre-eminence among medieval rulers in the West», and the Kings of France «whose unique position in the eyes of the Church was signified by the title of Most Christian King».\textsuperscript{16} The duke’s first need was therefore to emancipate Burgundy from both the Emperor and the French king. Crusading, with the construction of a Burgundian crusading tradition through propaganda, was perceived as a suitable mean to achieve this with the creation of a separate cultural identity. French rulers, in particular, were not occupying anymore a foremost position as crusading leaders.\textsuperscript{17} However, Philip’s goal was not to openly declare independence, as he was more interested in reinforcing his power and political authority, and becoming the leader of a European crusading enterprise would have well served these aspirations.\textsuperscript{18} Crusading was indeed perceived as a crucial dimension of rulership: being a ruler implied that one should be a crusader.\textsuperscript{19} Consequently, being recognised as a crusading leader was seen as a sign of

\textsuperscript{15} Strøm-Olsen, “Political Narrative and Symbolism in the Feast of the Pheasant (1454),” 340.


\textsuperscript{17} Eliza\-beth Johnson Moodey, "Illuminated Crusader History for Philip the Good of Burgundy (1419-1467)" (PhD dissertation, Princeton University, 2002), 289.

\textsuperscript{18} Strøm-Olsen, “Political Narrative and Symbolism in the Feast of the Pheasant (1454),” 321.

prestige and could be considered a sort of political and moral counterbalance to their lack of official independence.\textsuperscript{20}

Crusading became central in fifteenth-century Burgundy and imbued deeply its cultural life. As Elizabeth Johnson Moodey suggests, crusading was not promoted in Burgundy exclusively through political means but also, and especially, through works of art, which constituted the essence of crusading propaganda.\textsuperscript{21} The importance of crusading propaganda, and particularly of the Burgundian model, has been highlighted by scholarship as fundamental in order to understand properly the later crusading movement. Jacques Paviot talks of Burgundy as a «repository of an older idea of crusade»,\textsuperscript{22} and Andrew Heron speaks of its propaganda as «a vital register and reflector of civic unity and morale since it reacts, as a “conservative force”, against perceived changes within society».\textsuperscript{23} Furthermore, crusading propaganda in Burgundy served as an internal political and social unifying element through the Turkish threat towards Christian society, as well as a tool to increase the power of its rulers in the fragmented European political framework. Therefore, artistic patronage thrived in Burgundy and served the purpose of defining the national identity and strengthening the power of the duke.

Philip sought support for a crusade both among his own courtiers and nobles, and in other European courts, through a careful mix of diplomacy and ceremonial appeals, as well as the creation of the Order of the Golden Fleece in 1430.\textsuperscript{24} As Robert Desjardins argues, these were also sustained through literary propaganda, in the forms of reworked traditional chivalric literatures, which «flattered Burgundian self-perceptions and excited the chivalric imagination; they also served to underwrite ducal crusading polices».\textsuperscript{25}

Furthermore, this kind of literary production fulfilled also the purpose of distinctively

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\item \textsuperscript{20} Walsh, "Charles the Bold and the crusade: politics and propaganda," 60.
\item \textsuperscript{21} Moodey, "Illuminated Crusader History for Philip the Good of Burgundy (1419-1467)."
\item \textsuperscript{22} Paviot, "Burgundy and the Crusade," 70.
\item \textsuperscript{23} Heron, "Il faut faire guerre pour paix avoir’ : crusading propaganda at the Court of Duke Philippe le Bon of Burgundy (1419-1467)," 31.
\item \textsuperscript{24} Robert B. Desjardins, "Writing and Imagining the Crusade in Fifteenth-Century Burgundy: The Case of the Expedition Narrative in Jean de Wavrin’s Anciennes Chroniques d’Angleterre" (PhD dissertation, University of Alberta, 2010), 53-54.
\item \textsuperscript{25} Desjardins, "Writing and Imagining the Crusade in Fifteenth-Century Burgundy: The Case of the Expedition Narrative in Jean de Wavrin’s Anciennes Chroniques d’Angleterre," 53.
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identifying the Burgundian Valois dynasty from the French royal one; in their appropriation and reworking of the past these works resulted in being highly politicised, as David Wrisley points out, with their aim being «to reshape a political landscape through the writing of history». Philip’s early crusading project were ignored by European courts, one of the reasons being the lack of papal leadership; and also the internal support by Burgundian aristocrats seemed to be rather precarious. But the situation was soon to change significantly.

**The Cultural Impact of the Fall of Constantinople**

On 29 May 1453, after a siege lasting only fifty-three days, Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, fell to the Ottoman armies led by the young Sultan Mehmed II. It was reported, perhaps hyperbolically, that the last Byzantine Emperor, Constantinos XI Palaeologus, died while defending the walls of the city and that during the siege and after the fall, around four thousand inhabitants were killed, women and boys were raped, hundreds of citizens were enslaved, and, after its fall, the city was sacked by Turks soldiers. The loss of the capital of Christendom’s eastern empire produced a profound emotional impact in the rest of Europe, not only for the military and political implications of the Ottoman possession of one of the most important cities in the Mediterranean Sea, but also, and more importantly, because now the Turks were actively threatening all of Europe. This meant that a united response was felt both necessary and appropriate: «suddenly a holy war against the Turks seemed not only politically but also morally inescapable». However, as Housley points out, «both the scale of the efforts involved and their impact on contemporaries’ […] lives are undeniable. This was the last substantial attempt by the Church to persuade the faithful to take collective military action […] to defend shared values and achieve common goals». Nevertheless, the

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27 Desjardins, "Writing and Imagining the Crusade in Fifteenth-Century Burgundy: The Case of the Expedition Narrative in Jean de Wavrin’s Anciennes Chroniques d’Angleterre," 54.
28 Housley, Crusading and the Ottoman Threat, 1453–1505, 55; Desjardins, "Writing and Imagining the Crusade in Fifteenth-Century Burgundy: The Case of the Expedition Narrative in Jean de Wavrin’s Anciennes Chroniques d’Angleterre," 55.
range of intellectual responses and cultural propaganda after the fall of Constantinople, investigated by Nancy Bisaha in her seminal monograph, are of fundamental importance, not only for the understanding of late fifteenth-century culture but also for later events.

Thanks also to the almost coeval invention of letterpress printing, a wide range of literature on the Turks started circulating in Europe. The array of it was much more varied than during previous crusading periods and resulted in different kinds of perceptions of the Ottoman enemy, based on the audiences’ various expectations, which were determined by their cultural «milieu, education, and proximity to the Ottoman frontier». The fall of Constantinople thus stands as a watershed moment in perceptions of the Turks: as Housley argues, the imago Turci, the ‘image of the Turk’, was more nuanced than the previous existing imago Saraceni, ‘image of the Saracen’, and it «impacted in different ways in different parts of the Catholic world». Especially humanists, one of the most dynamic and ambitious cultural groups, crafted an entirely new rhetoric to justify and encourage the war against the Ottomans. They were, as Bisaha notes, one of the most affected categories, and led to a change in their discourses, «precipitating a crystallization of rhetoric into a recognisable discourse on the Turks», in which they were portrayed as the ‘new barbarians’, and disseminating a portrayal of them as enemies of civilization. Before 1453, the perception of Islam against Christendom was only one of the many factors in the crusading movement, as often European Christians pursued other objectives such as the possession of Holy Land or the expansions of their influence, territory and wealth, and Islam was perceived as a mere obstacle in fulfilling those ambitions. By contrast, in the second half of the fifteenth century, humanists created something completely new and tremendously influential:

33 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 61.
34 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 62.
35 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 15.
their responses to the Ottoman advance continued to impact Western thoughts on Turks and Islam for centuries, affecting even our contemporary perception.

The events of 1453 provided «compelling conditions under which humanists constructed a coherent vision of Western culture and its inherent superiority to other societies». 36

This became a «crucial moment of cultural self-definition in responding to the Turkish outsider» while simultaneously crafting a powerful notion of Western society. 37 As Bisaha demonstrates, this challenges Edward Said’s model of a Western discourse of the East: shifting the attention from colonialism to the humanistic rhetoric on the Turks, encompassing a judgement of European moral and cultural superiority to the East. 38

Humanists extensively turned to earlier examples, medieval but especially ancient, often adapting them to strengthen their argument. They reinvented the humanistic concept of ‘Western civilisation’, in terms that could still nowadays be considered valid, and fashioned the European notion of the other. Humanistic cultural propaganda portrayed the Turks as «brutes who savagely destroyed books» and pauperised the classical heritage of the Greek East, even though they were aware of Ottomans’ cultural and literal achievements. 39 The humanistic interpretation of the classical tradition, modelled into an even broader and more powerful notion than the Greeks or Romans knew, became one of the most important modes to estimate, and usually dismissing, other cultures. Walter Mignolo has noted how literary works ignoring the classical style established by the humanistic culture especially by authors with heterogeneous ancestry or cultural background were often overlooked. 40 Humanists used the classical past as a guide for everything they wrote, including crusading. However, the ancient models were strained very creatively to fit the humanistic agenda. As Bisaha brilliantly summarises:

The image of the barbarian provided humanists with a powerful, multifaceted discourse of Self and Other. Deceptively simple and seemingly redundant of

36 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 182.
37 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 7.
38 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 6.
39 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 182.
classical tropes, the Turks as barbarians invited a complex set of cultural, historical, and psychological tools with which humanists envisioned and sought to control them intellectually. It comforted humanists to feel that even as Europeans were losing ground to the Turks they were somehow “better” than their foes and would certainly rise again. And yet, despite the specific context in which “barbarian” became synonymous with Turk, humanists soon began to stretch their use of the word. They started to apply the term indiscriminately to the larger Muslim world – even though for several centuries Westerners had regarded Arab culture as highly advanced.\(^{41}\)

In the end, a crusade was promulgated on 14 January 1460 by Pope Pius II, but nothing substantial came from it, mainly due to the lack of interest of European powers. Nevertheless, in the aftermath of the fall of Constantinople, the pope, as well as other European rulers, started to perceive more favourably the diplomatic efforts of Philip the Good, who in turn tried to build consensus within his noblemen through a spectacular ceremonial appeal, the *Banquet du Vœu du Faisan*, one of the grandest events of late medieval society. The Feast of the Pheasant was a spectacular event held at the Palais du Rihour in Lille on 17 February 1454, organised by the duke to promote a crusade for the liberation of Constantinople. Its fall presented Philip with the pretext to pursue further his emancipation from France, as he could now claim rights on the Eastern imperial throne, through his kinship with Baldwin of Flanders-Hainaut, Latin emperor in 1204.\(^{42}\)

The Feast has been seen as a «ceremonial Gesamtkunstwerk» in which music, theatre, images, and motifs played all a crucial role.\(^{43}\) In fact, the entire staging of the Feast was a complex web of references and allusions designed to represent the duke as the heir of the early medieval Christian crusading tradition, as well as to position Burgundy, through a lavish display of luxury, as the only political power with enough resources to undertake a crusade. The role of luxury and splendour in Burgundy was pivotal in the affirmation of

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\(^{41}\) Bisaha, *Creating East and West*, 78.

\(^{42}\) Paviot, “Burgundy and the Crusade,” 73.

\(^{43}\) Strøm-Olsen, “Political Narrative and Symbolism in the Feast of the Pheasant (1454),” 317–18.
its “independence” from the king of France and in the neutralisation of the duke’s lack of royal status.\textsuperscript{44} Not only did the dukes appropriate the French rituals, but they exploited their symbolic language and imagery of crusading culture as well.\textsuperscript{45} As far as concerning the internal debate, as Arjo Vanderjagt notes, the decades of propaganda, realised through neo-chivalric literature, reworking of historical and mythical past, and rituals, provided a strong ideology and a common identity among the Burgundian aristocracy that might be considered preliminary to a sense of national identity.\textsuperscript{46} The importance of rituals in Burgundian society has been highlighted already by Johan Huizinga in his seminal work \textit{Herfstij der Middeleeuwen},\textsuperscript{47} in which he argued that they were important both on a political and emotional level: ceremonies achieved political aims through an emotional response, induced by intricate and highly refined rituals: the stimulation of senses were of capital importance.\textsuperscript{48}

Even if nothing substantial resulted from the Feast of the Pheasant, the dukes of Burgundy started to be identified in Europe as a crusading role model, rulers from which help might be obtained when planning a crusade. Their power and prestige increased, implicitly diminishing their subordination to the Emperor and the King of France. And this attitude can be observed also in the heir of Philip the Good, Charles the Bold. He fashioned himself throughout his life as a crusader, and actively propagated representations of himself as a virtuous prince and faithful catholic; and even if he never really planned a crusade as his father had done, he was well aware of the potency of crusading propaganda for strengthening his political ambitions.\textsuperscript{49} With Philip the Good, crusading became a central aspect of kingship, with many rulers, even well into the

\textsuperscript{44} Vincenzo Borghetti, "Music and the representation of princely power in the fifteenth and sixteenth century," \textit{Acta Musicologica} 80, no. 2 (2008): 191.
\textsuperscript{45} Strøm-Olsen, "Political Narrative and Symbolism in the Feast of the Pheasant (1454)," 322.
\textsuperscript{46} Arjo J. Vanderjagt, "Ritualizing Heritage: Jason and the Argonauts at the Burgundian Feast of the Pheasant (1454)," in \textit{Negotiating Heritage. Memories of the Middle Ages}, ed. Mette B. Bruun and Stephanie A. Glaser (Turnhout: Brepols, 2008), 183.
\textsuperscript{47} Huizinga, \textit{The Waning of the Middle Ages. A Study of the Forms of Life, Thought, and Art in France and the Netherlands in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries}.
\textsuperscript{48} Andrew Brown and Graeme Small, eds., \textit{Court and Civic Society in the Burgundian Low Countries c. 1420-1530} (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2007), 28–32.
\textsuperscript{49} Walsh, "Charles the Bold and the crusade: politics and propaganda," 76–77.
sixteenth century such as Francis I of France, the Holy Roman Emperors Charles V and Maximilian II, and Henry VIII of England, expressing enthusiastic, although often artificial, crusading claims.\(^50\)

**Music and Crusading Propaganda**

The presence of music during the Feast of the Pheasant is testified by Olivier de la Marche in his *Mémoires*: in the chronicle he recounts performances of instrumental music, motets and chansons; he also recalls two songs with their titles, as part of the *L’entremectz du serf*: *Sauvegard de ma vie* and *Je ne vis oncques la pareille*, variously attributed to Binchois and Du Fay.\(^51\) Another work has been linked to the *Banquet*, namely one of Du Fay’s lamentations on the Fall of Constantinople, *O tres piteulx – Omnes amici eius*, also known as *Lamentatio Sanctae Matris Ecclesiae Constantinopolitanae*. This has been confused with the lament performed by a personification of the Mother Church during the Feast, which has a completely different text.\(^52\) This lament, along with three others also on the fall of the Constantinople, is mentioned in a letter Du Fay wrote to Giovanni and Piero de’ Medici:\(^53\) the year is not given in the letter, and it has variously been dated either to 1454 or 1456.\(^54\) Both Fallows and Planchart agree on 1456 since, as Armand Grunzweig argued, in the letter is mentioned a journey that Du Fay, along with the rest of Duke Louis of Savoy’s household, took to France and the only possible one that would chronologically fit with the composition of the Lament is the journey that happened in December 1455; therefore the letter must be dated to 1456.\(^55\) However, even if it can reasonably be ruled out that the *Lamentatio* was written for the


\(^{51}\) M. Jennifer Bloxam, "'I have never seen your equal': Agricola, the Virgin, and the Creed," *Early Music* 34, no. 3 (2006): 391–95.


\(^{53}\) Firenze, Archivio di Stato, Mediceo avanti il Principato, Filza 6, 765r.


occasion of the Feast of the Pheasant, its close connection with Burgundian crusading rhetoric and propaganda is quite evident.

The Ottoman advance contributed to the creation of many laments, which were often sung as well as copied and printed so that they could be transmitted to a broad audience, both literate and illiterate, to apprise them of the events. They functioned as “repositories of memory” and kept alive the fall of Constantinople and the Turkish threat in the minds of several generations. Rima Devereaux discusses Du Fay’s Lamentatio, along with other two texts produced for the Duke Philip the Good, as they concern «the West’s painful experience of the frontier between itself and Byzantine Constantinople, reinforced by the Ottoman Turks’ conquest of the city». Devereaux shows the complexity of the relationship between West and Constantinople throughout medieval literature, and how the West “imitated and assimilated” Constantinople, taking the city as a sort of utopia. She argues that in Dufay’s Lamentatio the imagined frontier between East and West is prevailed through solidarity, as the text draws a parallel between Constantinople and Jerusalem, as both are compared to Christ’s suffering. She notes that solidarity and compassion are part of Burgundian propaganda; in fact, as David Wrisley suggests: «the first reaction to loss is […] to forge a community around a shared notion of what is lost», and «from the shock of the loss of Constantinople, Philip […] “seemed to” forge a community around such complex mythological and historical imagery». Devereaux also points out that the illuminations in Broquière’s Voyage d’Outremer are a step further than Du Fay’s text, as they entertain the possibility of a crusade not only to reconquer Constantinople, but also to reconstruct and colonise it; and Molinet’s Complainte «transforms the historical crusading context that was implicit in the illuminated

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56 Bisaha, Creating East and West, 61.
57 The other two texts discussed are: Bertrandon de la Broquière, Voyage d’Outremer (Paris, Bibliothèque National, fonds français, 9087) and Jean Molinet, Complainte de Grèce.
59 Devereaux, "Reconstructing Byzantine Constantinople," 299-300.
60 Devereaux, "Reconstructing Byzantine Constantinople," 302.
manuscript of Broquière into an explicit programme». These three texts are therefore closely related one to another in their setting out Burgundian’s crusading programme: while Du Fay outlines it in theological terms, Broquière and Molinet plainly discuss the recovering of the city and its reconstruction «in the imminent and concrete future of the crusade». As Wrisley notes, the “codicological performances” of Broquière’s text, in which the miniatures are a “logical extension” of the text, «illustrate the ability of ideologues at the court of Burgundy to consolidate the histories and myths of the crusades in their attempt to situate the duke in the political geography of a nascent Europe» and these “codicological readings” are a tool for understanding the political ideology behind these cultural artifacts.

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63 Devereaux, "Reconstructing Byzantine Constantinople," 306.
64 Devereaux, "Reconstructing Byzantine Constantinople," 310.
65 The six illuminations represent the presentation of the manuscript to its patrons Philip VI of France and Philip the Good, the preparation for the military expedition, the siege of Constantinople, and Jerusalem. Wrisley, "The Loss of Constantinople," 98.
Figure 26: Paris, Bibliothèque National, fonds français, 9087, f. 207v; miniature representing the Turkish siege of Constantinople.
In an engrossing essay, Gabrielle Spiegel notes that «the power of any given set of representations derives in large part from its social context and its relation to the social and political networks in which it is elaborated», and suggests that the best way to analyse a text would be to concentrate on its “moment of inscription”, as «it represents the moment of choice, decision, and action that creates the social reality of the text». In fairness, this was not new to medieval historians, who for long time had looked at the social milieu in their research, although, Spiegel’s article provided a social approach to literary texts and their «situated uses of language», combining the needs of literary criticism and historical research, and, therefore, suggesting that «only a minute examination of the form and content of a given work can help to define its relationship with its context». Donovan shows how this would be relevant not just for literary texts but also for illuminations: the historical importance of a manuscript can be investigated through its patron’s motives and the artist’s creative choices; miniatures are present «according to the patron’s wishes, representing the conjunction of the patron’s and the artist’s choices, both of which are informed by the historical context of each’s interests». This methodology can also be applied to works of music, extending it also to later receptions and appropriations, as in the case I am about to discuss.

CRUSADING AND MISSAE L’HOMME ARMÉ

The polyphonic settings of the Ordinarium Missae, the highest of the genres of fifteenth-century music, can indeed be seen also through the lens of propaganda. The Missae L’homme armé are a clear example of the Burgundian cultural policy, as the armed man of

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68 Spiegel, "History, Historicism, and the Social Logic of the Text in the Middle Ages," 84.
the cantus firmus can be identified, among other things, with the duke himself. As Laurenz Lütteken argues, the l'homme armé song directly refers to the crusading ideal of a war against the Turks, as well as to its main supporters, the dukes of Burgundy; and this can be identified as the political context of inscription, which in turn, when used as the cantus prius factus, makes the Mass itself a call for a crusade. According to Lütteken, the Mass can be interpreted as a ritual act essentially intended to create and strengthen a common social identity, through a standardised sequence of action, texts, and gestures. Furthermore, the execution of this ritual can be seen as an eminently political act, due to its goal of generating a consensus, that is a common identity, between members of different social structures. While usually the political meanings remain implicit and are not directly alluded to in the Mass, Lütteken claims that the late fifteenth century was primarily a moment of crisis, and the threat posed to the Christian identity by the Turks made it necessary to explicitly politicise the political message of the Mass. In affirming this, he draws from the works of Peter Burke and the sociologist Edward Shils. Burke affirms that the functionality of rituals is endangered when the identity they seek to establish is shattered; while Shils offers a drastic interpretation arguing that rituals are always modes of reacting against crisis phenomena. Rituals and crises are therefore deeply intertwined in a complicated and constant relationship.

In relation to the L'homme armé tradition, one manuscript, in particular, stands out as the product of Burgundian propaganda, that is the manuscript NapBN 40, which contains six anonymous Missae L'homme armé. These Masses have mostly attracted the attention of musicologists due to the combination of anonymous transmission with a highly intriguing genre, but especially because they survive in such a beautiful and uniquely laid

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74 Lütteken, "Ritual und Krise," 214.
out source, as well as having a unique structure: each of the first five Masses, composed for four voices, uses a different consecutive portion of the L’homme armé melody as cantus firmus in the tenor. A verbal enigmatic canon suggests to the singer how the cantus firmus of each Mass should be executed. The sixth Mass, for five voices, finally, sets the complete melody. The canons, as argued by Vincenzo Borghetti, act as a gloss to the cantus firmus and highlight both its musical and symbolical pre-eminence. This is also visually conveyed in the manuscript both by the mise-en-page, where the Tenor is always clearly separated from the other voices, but especially by the fact that the absence of L’homme armé, namely when the Tenor tacet, is signalled in the other voices by the use of red ink, a unique feature amongst music manuscript of this period. It is evident that these Masses must be considered as a whole, or even a “cycle”. Under the historical circumstances of late fifteenth century, the semantic field of these six Masses becomes clear to understand. Here the crusading call suggested by Lütteken becomes stronger and stronger throughout each Mass, culminating in the final settings, where the complete melody of l’homme armé is finally presented. The canons, as well as the tropes in the Kyrie and Gloria, clarify further the crusading context. The text is therefore complemented and reinforced by clarifying contexts and paratexts. The subordination of the ritual text to the song on which the Masses is here evident, as in order to be performed they require paratextual canons. This reflects the process of crisis argued by Lütteken: the political meaning of the Mass is threatened and needs to be highlighted by the explicit inclusion of political references.

The exceptional and interlinked structure of these settings points towards a planned effort to create something coherent and unique, that can, in all likelihood, be connected with the ducal attempt to identify himself as leader of the crusade. The link to the duke of Burgundy is provided in the dedicatory epigram, on the last page of the manuscript, where we find mentioned the name ‘Charolus’, identified as Charles the Bold. This, together with palaeographical evidence, would point towards a Burgundian origin of the

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77 Borghetti, "Music and the representation of princely power in the fifteenth and sixteenth century," 205.
manuscript, sometime between 1465 and 1475.\textsuperscript{78} As mentioned, one of the most interesting features of the six Masses is the use of canons and tropes intertwined with references to classical literature and crusading rhetoric, as Lütteken has shown.\textsuperscript{79} In order to perform each \textit{cantus firmus}, one has to decipher an enigmatic canon full of Virgilian allusions. The final canon unveils that most of the verses can be traced directly back to the \textit{Aeneid} by recalling the first verse of the epic, and through this key it is possible to recognise a number of other citations.\textsuperscript{80} The \textit{Aeneid} was a central text during the Middle Ages and had undergone a process of Christianization since the late fourth century. It was also used for crusading propaganda, by drawing a parallel between the fall of Troy and the fall of Constantinople or Jerusalem, and Aeneas was a symbol of the prince-armed man.

The presence of references to Aeneas in settings of the \textit{Ordinarium Missae} would also reinforce the concept of Christians as true heirs of Troy. This was necessary as between the fourteenth and fifteenth century a small but important minority of humanists, such as Coluccio Salutati, one of the most important humanists as well as the powerful chancellor of Florence, argued that one of the reasons the Turks had to invade the West, and in particular Italy, was their right to reclaim it, as they were the heirs of Trojans. Some even started comparing the Turks and their leaders to the ancient Romans, especially for their military skills.\textsuperscript{81} The sultan Mehmed II himself referred to this belief in an alleged letter to the pope Nicholas V.\textsuperscript{82} These interpretations were strongly opposed by the majority and especially by Enea Silvio Piccolomini, later pope Pius II, who instead depicted the Ottomans as savages and descendants of the barbarian Scythes and affirmed that the Romans were the true heirs of Troy.\textsuperscript{83} In the aftermath of the fall of Constantinople this latter opinion became prevalent, but still, the late medieval crusading movement strikes

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\item[78] Cohen, \textit{Six Anonymous L’homme armé Masses}.
\item[79] Lütteken, "Ritual und Krise."
\item[80] Lütteken, "Ritual und Krise," 210.
\item[82] Strøm-Olsen, "Political Narrative and Symbolism in the Feast of the Pheasant (1454)," 329.
\item[83] Bisaha, \textit{Creating East and West}, 90.
\end{footnotes}
sometime as rather incoherent. This is evident in Burgundy, where crusading was still strongly tied to chivalry and the threat posed by the Ottoman armies was less pressing than in other parts of Europe; as Housley brilliantly sums it up: «if fighting the Turks was to have chivalric value then the enemy must be a worthy opponent».84 From this perspective the chivalric duel proposed during the Feast of Pheasant by the Philip the Good against Mehmed II in order to defend the Church acquires profound significance: the duel of Aeneas and Turnus can indeed be interpreted as a model for the challenge set by Philip the Good.85 Furthermore, the choice of Aeneas was not accidental as the dukes of Burgundy claimed to be his descendants through the Frankish king Clovis and, most importantly, Charlemagne, perceived at the time as a crusading hero.86 The relevance of ancestry has been proven of crucial value by historiography on crusading. As Nicholas Paul argues, it constituted one of the most important source of identity for the members of a noble family and it «can reveal how members of particular noble communities thought about crusading».87 Moreover, the transmission of stories about crusading ancestors created a dynastic identity that would be «mutually intelligible throughout the community of European nobility».88 The importance of material objects was also crucial for nobility, with Elisabeth van Houts arguing for the existence of a «material culture of memory».89 Numerous luxury objects existed with the aim to preserve and pass down the past of a family. These objects, labelled by anthropologist Annette Weiner as “inalienable wealth”, act «as a vehicle for bringing past time into the present, so that the histories of ancestors, titles, or mythological events become an intimate part of a person’s present identity».90 Paul also suggested that the unique appearance of these objects played a key role in establishing their function as memorabilia. The possibility that music manuscripts

85 An interpretation strengthened also by the biblical parallel drawn between the duel of Aeneas with Turnus and the one between David and Goliath Lütteken, "Ritual und Krise," 212.
88 Paul, To Follow in Their Footsteps. The Crusades and Family Memory in the High Middle Ages, 60.
89 Elisabeth van Houts, Memory and Gender in Medieval Europe: 900-1200 (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 1999).
were not necessarily meant for performance and that they could offer a different aesthetic experience is a concept already explored,\(^1\) and I would argue that the Naples manuscript may be considered as one of those objects.

**A New Hypothesis for NapBN 40**

While the name of the duke Charles is mentioned in the epigram, this manuscript cannot be directly linked to the duke. In fact, along with the dedication the last folio of the manuscript (f. 64r) presents, below the epigram, a coat of arms along with a *devise* (motto), so far unidentified. Judith Cohen, in her monograph on this manuscript, mentioned that research in some European library was fruitless,\(^2\) and the hypothesis, put forward by Barbara Haggh,\(^3\) to identify the coat of arms as the one of the de Clercq family, and specifically of Charles de Clercq, a prominent courtier at the Habsburg-Burgundian court at the beginning of the sixteenth century does not bear scrutiny.

While Charles was a renowned bibliophile, and indeed a music manuscript has been linked to him,\(^4\) the coat of arms present in NapBN 40 cannot be identified as his, as a close examination of the manuscript reveals.\(^5\) Haggh describes the coat of arms as having a blue field with a fess and three besants, two above and one below the fess.\(^6\) Whereas, de Clercq’s arms present a golden fess, the one in NapBN 40, even though oxidised, still has some silver traces, and the three charges are not besants but I would suggest they be described as cinquefoils; moreover, within the fess it is possible to recognise a red

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\(^2\) Cohen, *Six Anonymous L’homme armé Masses*, 11. Cohen researched the coat of arms in: Naples (Biblioteca Nazionale Vittorio Emanuele III), Venice (Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana), Budapest (Egyetemi Könyvtar), and Brussels (Koninklijke Bibliotheek van België - Bibliothèque royale de Belgique).


\(^5\) The manuscript has been examined in person on 6 March 2020.

crescent. Finally, a close examination of the *devise* shows that the reading “Que par dieu soit”, proposed by Cohen, is erroneous and it should instead be read as “De par dieu soit” (Figures 27–28), which is not associated to any motto of the de Clercq family.

Indeed, a coat of arms like the one just described along with the *devise* “De par dieu soit” appears also in a 1476 incunabulum of Cristoforo Landino’s Italian translation of Pliny

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the Elder’s *Historia Naturalis*, published in Venice by Nicolaus Jenson, today preserved at
the British Library.\(^9^8\) Copies of this edition were printed in an elegant humanist font
with blank spaces left and no capital letters at the beginning of each book and chapters so
that each copy could be customised with illuminated capitals and decoration, often with
the coat of arms of the buyer.\(^9^9\) The coat of arms appears twice in the copy of the British
Library: at the beginning of the *Libro primo* as a decoration of the illuminated capital
letter and at the beginning of the *Prohemio* where the coat is inserted in a bas-de-page
decoration (Figure 29). Along with the arms, the *devise* can be found in the decoration of
the border both at the beginning of the *Libro primo* and in the borders of the *Prohemio.*
Moreover, it appears at the end of the book in a handwritten *bâtarde* rubric below the
colophon, along with the name Ianly (Figure 30). This de Janly family, whose name is
variously spelled, was a Burgundian noble family which had a coat of arms described as:
«d’azur a une fasce d’argent, accompagnée de trois quinte-feûilles de mesme».\(^1^0^0\) This coat
of arms along with the *devise* can thus be identified beyond any reasonable doubt as the
same one that appears in NapBN 40.

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\(^1^0^0\) “Blue with a silver fess combined with three cinquefoils of the same colour”. Louvan Geliot, *Le vraye et parfaite science des armoires ou l’indice armorial de feu maistre* (Paris: Frederic Leonard, 1664), 458.
Among the various members of the de Janly family, three of them are possible candidates for an association with NapBN 40 for reasons of chronology: Jean de Janly and his two sons. In an eighteenth-century list of Philip the Good’s household there is a reference to a Jean de Tenarre, lord of Janly, who acted as adviser and chamberlain, and was ennobled by Philip the Good in 1433 and since then known as «Compte Jean Girard de Janly».  

Philip the Good nominated him bailiff and grenetier of the salt-granary of Chalon-sur-
In the ducal *Comptes de l'argentier*, Jean (d. after 1474) is mentioned as ducal councillor and *maître des requêtes de l'hôtel* under Philip the Good and Charles the Bold, namely the person in charge of examining commoners’ requests and petitions to the ducal household. In 1467, he was also duke Philip’s envoy to the King of Naples, according to the *Comptes* and the memoirs of Philippe de Commynes, a nobleman and diplomat. His name appears in the list of the members of the Grand Conseil de Malines, also known as the Parliament of Mechelen, namely the highest court of law in the Burgundian Low Countries, founded and chaired by the duke Charles the Bold in 1473, he was probably promoted there sometimes in the first half of 1474 as mentioned in the *Comptes*. Due to his role as *maître*, it is possible to infer that he had a university education, a background also common to other ambassadors. In 1426, Jean de Janly married Jeanne de Mâlain, daughter of Oudot of Mâlain; he had two sons and one daughter: Antoine, Philibert, and Odette. Antoine (d. after 1519) was lord of Verchisy and Lays, he is variously mentioned in the *Comptes* as *grand page* of Charles the Bold in

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102 Jean Martin, "L'église cathédrale Saint-Vincent de Chalon-sur-Saone. Pierre tombales & documents historiques," in *Mémoires de la société d'histoire et d'archéologie de Chalon-sur-Saone* (Chalon-sur-Saone: Émile Bertrand, 1906), 13. The *grenetier* was the officer responsible for the *grenier à sel*, namely the place where all the salt produced in the region was stored so that the ducal monopoly was ensured. The *grenetier* was also in charge of the *gabelle*, the tax due for the purchase of salt. Malcolm G. A. Vale, *Charles VII* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1974), 244.


107 Lord of Lux and Demigny, ennobled by Philip the Good in 1433, and then appointed as his counsellor in 1439, cf. Henri Beaune and Jules D’Arbaumont, *La noblesse aux états de Bourgogne de 1350 à 1789* (Dijon: La Marche, 1864), 230.

valet servent in 1470, and écuyer tranchant, namely the person responsible for cutting the meat and serving the duke, in 1471. Philibert (d. c.1512) was protonotaire of the Holy See, dean of the cathedral of Chalon-sur-Saône in 1475, and member of the Parlement of Burgundy in Beaune in 1474, he was also famous for his singular erudition and for his mastering of Hebrew. It is quite clear that, notwithstanding their recent rise to nobility, we are dealing with members of a prominent family and well-regarded by both dukes Philip and Charles, given their roles in the government of the Burgundian domains.

Both Jean and Antoine can be excluded as their coat of arms is undifferentiated, i.e. not presenting a crescent within the fess, as they were the successive heads of the family; Antoine’s coat of arms probably had a brisure, a mark of cadency, in his coat while his father was alive, but usually the eldest son’s one is a lambel, while the croissant, the crescent, was usually reserved for younger sons. Therefore, it is most likely that Philibert de Janly was the member of the family using the coat of arms with the crescent; this is also testified by the presence of a handwritten rubric in the incunabulum reading: “Prothonotaire de Rouray”. As mentioned, Philibert was renowned for his erudition, and it is not unlikely that he had an interest in a book such as the Pliny translation. Furthermore, his status of new courtiers can be helpful in interpreting his choices in terms of book and manuscript collection. The Burgundian court, as Hanno Wijsman notes, was a socially mobile environment: office holders were often granted a noble title for their service by the duke. Many of these new courtiers, such as the de Janly family,

112 Martin, ”L’église cathédrale,” 13.
115 Rouray was a small village under the diocese of Chalon-sur-Saône as well as seat of a maison de plaisance of the duke of Burgundy, Jean Joseph d’Expilly, *Dictionnaire géographique, historique et politique des Gaules et de la France*, vol. 6 (Amsterdam: Desaint & Saillant, 1770), 541.
were coming from the French Burgundy, being this a deliberate choice of Philip the Good in order to even out the administrative elite and unify his various domains in the Low Countries. They generally had a different educational background from that of the high nobility, with most of new courtiers having a university education. Their position was further strengthened through political marriages, especially in the generations subsequent to their original ascent, and their status was enhanced through arts patronage, such as the commission (or, in the case of the Jenson incunabulum, the purchase) of lavishly illuminated manuscripts and books. There is a trend in book and manuscript ownership in Burgundy: the taste of the duke was emulated by high nobility, and they were in turn imitated by new courtiers; however, this latter category, due to its university educational background, also used to collect scholarly, humanistic books.\footnote{Hanno Wijman, \textit{Luxury Bound. Illustrated Manuscript Production and Noble and Princely Book Ownership in the Burgundian Netherlands (1400–1550)} (Turnhout: Brepols, 2010), 481–83.}

Jane Alden has shown how the bibliophile interest of new courtiers regularly extended to books of polyphony, as the Loire Valley Chansonniers belonged to the milieu of the French \textit{noblesse de robe}, secretaries and notaries ennobled for their service to the crown and higher nobility.\footnote{Jane Alden, \textit{Songs, Scribes, and Society. The History and Reception of the Loire Valley Chansonniers} (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), 167–241. Joanna Frońska has also established the association of the chansonnier London, British Library, Royal Ms 20 A.xvi to a French noble family belonging to the new courtiers, Joanna Frońska, "London, British Library, Royal Ms 20 A. XVI," in \textit{The Production and Reading of Music Sources. Mise-en-page in manuscripts and printed books containing polyphonic music, 1480–1530}, ed. Thomas Schmidt and Christian T. Leitmeir (Turnhout: Brepols, 2018), 263–68.} Alden notes that the new courtiers’ efforts of emulating the higher nobility involved the commission and acquisition of works of arts as well as manuscripts and literary works, being also this social category quantitatively more accountable than the royals and aristocratic families.\footnote{Alden, \textit{Songs, Scribes, and Society}, 169.} She also points out that musical competence was sought by new courtiers, due to its association to the more established nobility.\footnote{Alden, \textit{Songs, Scribes, and Society}, 187.}

While the Pliny text is a good example of humanistic ambitions, NapBN 40 well represents an alignment with one of the duke’s foremost interests: crusading. There is considerable evidence that Philibert, and the de Janly family more generally, shared this involvement with the crusades, an interest that was of pivotal importance in the
Burgundian court. Odette, the daughter of Jean de Janly and Philibert’s sister, was the first wife of Olivier de la Marche, who married her around 1455. Olivier de la Marche was a central figure of the Burgundian state under Philip the Good and Charles the Bold: he had a distinguished career as courtier and diplomat and, more importantly, played a pivotal role in the organisation of the ceremonies at the court. Above all else, he was deeply involved in the organisation of the Feast of the Pheasant. Furthermore, the choice of a crescent as a *brisure* for Philibert’s coat of arms might have been a way to show his support for the ducal crusading effort. The *croissant* was in fact a charge that was added by nobles to show their involvement in a crusade, or that of their ancestors.

THE DEDICATION TO BEATRICE OF ARAGON

The epigram at the end of the Naples manuscript clearly states at the beginning: “Ad serenissimam Ungarie Reginam”, explicitly naming Beatrice of Aragon in the first line. Since the dedicatory epigram at the end of the manuscript is in a hand different from that of the main body of the manuscript and added onto a blank page, it is not possible to establish if the manuscript was commissioned by de Janly specifically to be donated to Beatrice or if it was gifted to her at a later date. It is unlikely that Philibert de Janly

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121 Alistair Millar, "Olivier de la Marche and the Court of Burgundy, c.1425-1502" (PhD dissertation, The University of Edinburgh, 1996).
123 Beatrice of Aragon (1457-1508) was the daughter of King Ferrante I of Naples and Queen Isabella of Clermont. She was engaged with King Matthias ‘Corvinus’ Hunyadi of Hungary in 1474 and married him in Hungary two years later, being also crowned as Queen of Hungary. After Matthias’s death in 1490, she continued to be Queen and married with Vladislaus II in 1490, King of Bohemia and of Hungary. In 1500, Beatrice’s marriage was declared void by the pope, and Beatrice decided to return to Naples, arriving there in 1501. She then spent her final years at the Castello Aragonese on the island of Ischia, near Naples. The entire epigram reads: “Ad serenissimam | Ungarie Reginam | Regia pro<ge>nies regi nupta beatrix | Qua sub sole viget nulla probandi magis, | Te tua virtutum series lustrata per orbem | Nunciat; ut nostris seria, | Tu modo divinos cultus regionibus istis | Extollens, cantus aducis ipsa modos, | O pietas miranda | Quo quoque nota locis, | Tu modo divinos cultus regionibus istic | Eustolens, cantus aducis ipsa modos, | O pietas miranda | Quos natura facit moribus esse pares, | Hinc licet ignotus, dominam te munere tantam | Ausus adire fui, servulius ipse tuus, | Charolus hoc princeps quondam gaudere solebat | Conveniet, certum est, moribus idque tuis, | Hoc capias igitur quaeo, videos que liberenter | Munus ab ignoto saepe placere solet, | I<ae>as foelix cum caro coniuge semper | Augeat in nostram fortis uterque fident”. 

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directly knew Beatrice, as testified in the dedication where it is said that the manuscript is a “munus ab ignoto”, a gift from one unknown; it is however probable that Jean de Janly was a figure known to the Neapolitan Aragonese household, due to his role as duke’s envoy there. As for the motives, Marcel Mauss, in his seminal book *Essai sur le don*, highlighted that gifts are part of a system of exchange implying some sort of reciprocation, with Natalie Zemon Davis suggesting that books were specifically donated for social purposes going outside the range of strict reciprocity. It may well be that Philibert’s intent was to establish a relationship with Beatrice in order to enhance his status as noble. As Schmidt argues, there is a “public relations” value of being associated with a person of high rank or social status, with the possible benefit of achieving a higher standing in one’s own professional context or in society at large. Manuscripts participated in what Brigitte Buettner defines “asymmetric relationships”, being almost exclusively presented as gifts from those of lower rank to members of the higher nobility. Buettner investigates the early fifteenth-century ceremony of the étrennes, the ritual exchange of gifts on New Year’s Day at the Valois court. These gifts (also called étrennes) were used among nobles to strengthen their position and their social connections. Manuscripts rarely featured as presents among same-rank nobles, being often considered simply not enough; established nobles preferred jewels, goldworks, and other items of decorative art, while manuscripts were gifted by new courtiers to rulers.

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128 Buettner, "Past Presents,” 600.
and aristocrats. Wijsman notes how from 1445 duke Philip the Good largely received manuscripts from new courtiers. While there are instances in which members of the higher nobility, such as Lodewijk van Gruuthuse and Louis de Luxembourg, gave manuscripts as gifts, often this was still upwards, and generally it was much more common as choice of gift for new courtiers.

Despite her explicit mention, Beatrice has been considered by Ronald Woodley as a mere intermediary, her husband King Matthias ‘Corvinus’ Hunyadi of Hungary being the real recipient of this gift. According to Woodley, the reason to dedicate the manuscript to Beatrice and not to Matthias was motivated by the delicate political situation between Burgundy and Hungary. Although the two realms were on friendly terms, an alliance was not possible at the time due to the political tensions with the Holy Roman Emperor. Woodley also assumed that the crusading allusions better suited Matthias, because of his war efforts against the Ottomans. However, we should still consider Beatrice as the intended recipient of the manuscript. Recent scholarship has highlighted that a continuous alliance did exist between Burgundy and Hungary. Moreover, Beatrice’s role could have been rather more active than what one might imagine. She was surely capable of understanding the allusions contained in the manuscript, since she received the same education of boys, as customary for the House of Aragon, and was therefore familiar with Virgil, having received manuscripts of his works as a gift from his father.

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130 Wijsman, Luxury Bound, 246.
131 Lodewijk van Gruuthuse presented a manuscript to Charles VIII of France and Edward IV of England, and Louis de Luxembourg probably gave a manuscript to the duke of Savoy.
132 Wijsman, Luxury Bound, 539-45.
she was described as a strong woman and in 1477 accompanied Matthias on active
campaign against the Turks, being present at the military camp in Pozsnoy. She had a
good knowledge of music, having been tutored by one of the most important music
theorists of the time, Johannes Tinctoris, who dedicated to her three of his treatises and
also compiled the Mellon Chansonnier as a wedding gift, which contains the chanson *Il
sera par vous – L’homme armé*. Therefore, she might have been already familiar with the
tune. Moreover, she was coming from a family with a strong crusading tradition, and
research has re-evaluated the involvement of women in the crusading movement.

Women were invested with the role of preserving the family tradition and often were
the repository of its crusading past. They were, as Nicholas Paul argues, «strong,
although often invisible links in the chain of family memory». Both Beatrice and her
husband Matthias were deeply imbued with the new humanistic rhetoric. In a letter from
1480, the humanist Marsilio Ficino exhorts Matthias to fight the Turks
and compares him to Hercules. A sharp contrast appears in humanistic writings between
Matthias and the Turks, with the former portrayed as a protector of high culture due to
his patronage of humanism and arts. The Virgilian references in the six Neapolitan
Masses become therefore applicable also to the new owners of the manuscript. In fact,
Hercules, as Matthias was called, appears in Virgil’s epic, and stands clearly as a model for
Aeneas. Moreover, it is quite plausible that both Beatrice and Matthias, with their strong
crusading familiar traditions and acquaintance with humanistic writings, understood the
classical references as part of the new cultural framework.

It is here evident how the manuscript NapBN 40 can be considered as a unique witness
of the various sides that crusading propaganda entailed in the late Middle Ages. Its
unique structure as well as the network of protagonists of the later crusading history

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136 Valery Rees, ""A woman of valour": towards a reappraisal of the presence of Beatrix of Aragon in the
Hungarian Court," ed. István Draskóczy et al., *Matthias Rex 1458–1490 – Hungary at the Dawn of the
137 Paul, *To Follow in Their Footsteps. The Crusades and Family Memory in the High Middle Ages*, 16.
138 Bisaha, *Creating East and West*, 75.
unravelled by its commission and donation show how we are in front of one of the most extraordinary objects of its period.
5. MODELS OF FIFTEENTH-CENTURY MUSIC EDITIONS

In this chapter I will examine various models of critical editions of fifteenth-century sacred music. I will discuss their criteria and highlight their merits and criticalities. I have chosen in particular to focus on four editions, namely those of Josquin, Obrecht, Okeghem, and Busnoys, since they are regarded today as among the best critical editions of fifteenth-century music, and are often praised as a model for others. Furthermore, these editions present the works of four of the most renowned and studied late medieval and Renaissance composers, and due to the variety of the repertoire they are an interesting case study that can illuminate how to set the criteria for other critical editions of fifteenth-century works.

While they share the same publisher, namely the Koninklijke Vereniging voor Nederlandse Muziekgeschiedenis, the New Josquin Edition, the New Obrecht Edition and the edition Johannes Ockeghem, Masses and Mass Sections greatly differ in various terms, such as the number scholars involved in the project (from more than twenty to one) and the editorial criteria.¹

Preparations for the New Josquin Edition can be traced back to the 1970s, with a series of ‘Reports of the Josquin Meetings’ published by Willem Elders, in which were discussed the editorial procedures to adopt in the edition.² The first volume of the edition, however, reached publication only in 1987 and the last one has been published in 2016. In total, 30 volumes, of which the first contains a complete inventory of the sources, have been published with more than twenty musicologists involved in this magnum opus. The

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editorial criteria adopted in the actual edition are formalised in the General Introduction, present in every volume, and sometimes differ from what was published in the Short Reports.

The New Obrecht Edition, or Jacob Obrecht, Collected Works, consists of 18 volumes spanned between 1983 and 1999, under Chris Maas as general editor and a few other editors. It was preceded solely by an article by Maas himself, which is a complete survey of Obrecht’s works and sources. The editorial criteria are presented in the General Introduction, published in each volume.

Johannes Ockeghem, Masses and Mass Sections was published between 1994 and 2005, in three volumes, each one divided in four fascicles, all edited by Jaap van Benthem. In 1997 van Benthem published an article illustrating some of the editorial principles used in his edition, these principles are also present at the beginning of every fascicle, as Editorial Preface.

To these three editions, a fourth needs to be added: Richard Taruskin’s edition of the Latin-texted works of Antoine Busnoys. Busnoys’s edition, published in 1990 by The Broude Trust, is divided in two volumes, the first presenting a general introduction and the music, and the second devoted to the commentary. Although, compared to other editions here discussed, it is not a complete edition of the works of Busnoys, it is worth of discussion due to the relevance of the author for fifteenth-century sacred music and some interesting solutions elaborated by the editor.

METRE AND MENSURATION

Regarding metre and mensuration, it is possible to observe different approaches in the critical editions mentioned above. One of the most used is the reproduction of the mensuration signs from the original source with unreduced note values. This

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combination is adopted in the *New Josquin Edition* justified with the intent of preserving the main features of both the original notation and the proportional signs.\(^6\) Other editions retaining mensuration signs and note values without reduction are those edited by Jaap van Benthem, the one of Okeghem’s Masses as well as the more recent one of Johannes Tourout’s works.\(^7\) In both van Benthem declares that the editions transmit the original note values of the various manuscripts, but their realisation is based on completely different rules compared to those of the mensural notation, following modern practice, such as, for example, by providing all ternary values with a dot.\(^8\)

Another approach is offered by the *New Obrecht Edition*: here we find no indication of time in the main text, although the mensuration signs are reproduced in the diplomatic *incipit* preceding every section, and a reduction of the note values (1:2) is generally applied.\(^9\) Reduction of values has been the common practice until recent times, and has been justified with the desire to use short values, instead of longer ones, as they are more habitual for the readers.\(^10\)

Busnoys’s edition by Richard Taruskin, instead, presents a text with a ratio of note values to the original notation as 2:1 in *integer valor*, 4:1 when *diminutio* is applied and 1:1 with *augmentatio*. One of the most interesting features of this edition is its interpretation of «tempo relationships», as called by Taruskin, particularly for the various exegeses related to ¾, even in the same piece.\(^11\)

The several disadvantages of applying a reduction to original values have been masterfully explained by Ruth DeFord. She believes that original notation’s features go

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\(^{7}\) Jaap van Benthem, ed., Johannes Tourout, Ascribed and Attributable Compositions in 15th-century Sources from Central Europe (Utrecht: Koninklijke Vereniging voor Nederlandse Muziekgeschiedenis, 2015–).


further than the «literal representation of note durations», and their transmission is easier if the notation is preserved as it is, i.e. without reduction. DeFord also compares the reduction of note values to pitch transposition, affirming that the connotations of the latter are far more complex than just intervals’ representation. Furthermore, she affirms that the application of reduction to original values entails issues regarding the use of barlines and beams.\(^{12}\)

The choice of preserving original mensuration signs is particularly favoured by James Grier, who wrote that there is no need to have modern time signature, as it can deceive the readers; moreover, the beats implied in modern time signatures were unknown to this music.\(^{13}\) Although very common, this attitude leaves itself open to criticism. In particular, Maria Caraci Vela tackled the question more than once, wisely stating that the syntactic order between different notational systems (the mensural and the modern) is never identical and therefore it is impossible to faithfully reproduce one in the other.\(^{14}\) The notation is not a self-referential system, but something that continuously interacts with the musical thought and its cultural reference framework and it is explained through them.\(^{15}\) Therefore, an interpretative and critical operation is required when translating from a notation to another: it cannot be just a pre-set correspondence of symbols. Alternative solutions are therefore legitimate, due to the ambiguities typical of the notation.\(^{16}\) She concludes affirming that: «The renunciation of interpretation […] is then combined with a worship of the sign, which is always diplomatically preserved,  


according to the usual misinterpretations; the result is that a notation already not much
talkative becomes in fact silent».  

Caraci Vela, in her seminal book on music philology, also gives useful insights on the use
of mensuration signs. In her opinion, the editor should not keep the original mensuration
signs nor create non-existent modern time signature. In her words: «A transcription that
does not manage to transliterate in an adequate manner, and *safeguard not the literal
content but the spirit* of whatever is being transcribed, will not, even through discussion
elsewhere, improve any problems that were not resolved *in the text*».  

In addition to
these considerations, the conflation between two different notational systems results in
something that is neither one nor the other, producing a new type of notation, often
different from one edition to another. This is not limited to the use of original
mensuration signs but involves also, for example, the renounce to ties and the use of
mixed barlines for value exceeding the measure.

Furthermore, this practice is not particularly friendly to performers or even scholars; a
case in point is the second Agnus Dei from the *Missa L’homme armé super voces musicales*
by Josquin as edited by Jesse Rodin. Here each of the three voices bears a different
mensuration sign (♯, ♦, and ♣) and the transcription with unreduced values presents
three different *semibreves* each one having a different value: three *semibreves* of the
Superius are equal to one of the Altus and two of the Bassus. This attitude of respect of
the “original” is often considered praiseworthy in a critical edition, although, most of the
time, it proves to be quite uncritical. As Thomas Schmidt points out: «The measure of a
critical edition is not the degree of closeness with which it follows the extant sources, but

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17 «La rinuncia a interpretare […] si combina poi con il culto del segno e la sua tutela a oltranza affidata,
secondo il consueto equivoco, alla diplomatica e così può accadere che una notazione per noi poco loquace
si trasformi di fatto in una scrittura musicale muta». Caraci Vela, “Le specificità dei testi musicali e la
filologia: alcuni problemi di metodo,” 56.

MacDonald, vol. 1 (Pisa: Edizioni ETS, 2015), 166.

Vereniging voor Nederlandse Muziekgeschiedenis, 2014).
whether the changes and decisions made by the editor are well-documented and well-reasoned».20

Different and interesting approaches can be found, for example, in critical editions of other repertoires, such as the Italian Ars Nova and sixteenth-century sacred music. Well-thought criteria for transcribing the original notation into modern notation are formulated by Michele Epifani in his critical edition of Italian Ars Nova cacce,21 and, more relevant to the repertoire here examined, in the National Edition of the Works of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, whose criteria are elaborated by Francesco Luisi.22 In contrast to the approach of the editions discussed above, Luisi agrees with Caraci Vela on the principles of translation from the mensural to the modern notation. In his opinion, a thoughtful consideration of the semiology and a correct interpretation of the notation prevent from an uncritical attitude, helping also the performance.23 Therefore, the edition renounces to the original mensuation signs in the text, employing exclusively fractional markings, since «the survival in modern notation of some of these signs, carrying connotations too distant from the original intent, is a strong risk: it can lead to inaccuracy and misleading effects».24

Strictly related to these matters, there is also the choice of what kind of barlines the editor should adopt and also where they should be placed. According to DeFord, a score needs barlines for the alignment of different voices, and they should regularly separate significant mensural units.25 She suggests taking as point of reference the compositional tactus and placing the barlines accordingly since this attitude let readers and performers «to see where the rhythm conform to the mensuration and where they do not».26 However, this choice could lead to shorter bars than the common standard of modern

25 DeFord, Tactus, Mensuration, and Rhythm in Renaissance Music, 471.
26 DeFord, Tactus, Mensuration, and Rhythm in Renaissance Music, 471.
scores, so DeFord advises that the editors should choose between a regular barring on tactus and an irregular one based on rhythmic groups, although both approaches are discretional. Among the most used types of barlines we find barlines through the staff (i.e. standard barlines), and Mensurstriche, which are barlines that go between the staves and not through them. There are also editions which do not print any barlines and some which use smaller barlines or a tick only on the fifth line of the staff, although these can produce practical difficulties in the reading of music. Mensurstriche are praised, among others, by Grier as it looks like a middle ground between the original notations, with no bars, and the modern one. The advantages, according to him, would be avoidance of ties, values not split between different bars, helping, therefore, the performers in avoiding accents, as it would be with standard barlines.  

Grier stressed the fact that Mensurstriche avoid «metrical stress in non-metrical music» although he admitted that present users are now educated enough not to stress the first note after the barlines; also, barlines make easier rhythm comprehension and relationships between voices. This practice has been criticised by Edward Lowinsky, and, more recently, by DeFord, who points out that impossible independent barring of voices is one of the major setbacks of Mensurstriche.  

The editions of Josquin, Okeghem, and Obrecht here considered use standard barlines except when note values exceed the measure, in this case they retain the value (i.e. beams between barlines are not used), adopt dotted barlines, and the note value is not given in the next measure; this procedure has the same practical problem of Mensurstriche when used in the end of a line, as most values will continue in the following stave, thus necessitating anyway the use of ties to help performers and other users. Moreover, barlines are omitted when color temporis is present. Taruskin’s edition adopts modern barlines as well, though Taruskin stresses their danger in performance, since they could convey a modern metrical interpretation. Hence, he opts for a solution that, from his

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point of view, is convenient for both scholars and performers, by leaving internal “beats”, as he called them, without beams or ties.\textsuperscript{32}

**Methodology and Evaluation of Witnesses**

The general methodology of an edition and the criteria for evaluating witnesses are among the most important aspects in a critical edition. Obviously, the method for critical editions does not exist, and therefore we face different modi operandi in editions of fifteenth-century sacred music.

The *New Obrecht Edition* is substantially based on the principles elaborated by the so-called *New Stemmatics*, which is the application of «stemmatic criteria in the area of criticism of medieval and Renaissance musical texts, with the aim of giving coherence to the witnesses in complex manuscript or mixed traditions and of evaluating the value of the reciprocal relations».\textsuperscript{33} However, one of the main limits of this tendency, illustrated by Caraci Vela, is its massive reliance on outdated methodological literature, such as Paul Maas’ *Textkritik*.\textsuperscript{34} Supporters of *New Stemmatics* did and do not engage with neo-Lachmann trends of Italian philology, and, as Caraci Vela notes, their latest update is Giorgio Pasquali’s *Storia della tradizione e critica del testo*,\textsuperscript{35} published in 1934.\textsuperscript{36}


\textsuperscript{34}Paul Maas, *Textkritik* (Leipzig: B. G. Teubner, 1927).

\textsuperscript{35}Giorgio Pasquali, *Storia della tradizione e critica del testo* (Firenze: Le Monnier, 1934).

\textsuperscript{36}Caraci Vela, *Musical Philology: Institutions, History, and Critical Approaches*, 1, 100-01. This criticism has been extended by Caraci Vela to Anglo-American musical philologists in general: «Negli ultimi anni ci siamo abituati ad un certo *modus operandi* dei filologi musicali anglosassoni, che indefetribilmente presenta due costanti. La prima è che essi leggono e studiano esclusivamente (o, nella migliore delle ipotesi, quasi esclusivamente) quanto è scritto in inglese: ma in filologia le scuole più avanzate e gli studiosi più autorevoli non si esprimono necessariamente in quella lingua. La seconda è che, nel pur apprezzabile tentativo di arricchire la propria formazione (di solito solidamente lachmanniana, senza ulteriori aggiornamenti), invece di rivolgere l’attenzione in prima istanza ai contributi disciplinari pertinenti, essi pensano d’integrare il quadro con letture critico-esegetiche...»
Specifically, the aim of the New Obrecht Edition «has been to reproduce a text as close to the archetype as possible. [...] Where the source material allows, the approximation of the archetype has been achieved through stemmatic reconstruction. [...] Where a reconstruction has been attempted, the interrelationships of the sources for each composition are indicated by a stemma, and its divisions into the various branches are justified by the citation of one or more significant variants for each».\(^{37}\) A few problems arise from this declaration of intent: first, the division between different lines of tradition of the stemma cannot be justified by significant variants but by the presence of conjunctive monogenetic errors. This can be a difficult task due to the fact that in Medieval and Renaissance music the concept of error is indefinite and can be confused with an alternative reading or a licence.\(^{38}\) Moreover, the New Obrecht Edition often offers uneconomical stemmata with “anomalous” readings that contradict them. This methodology has been criticised by Caraci Vela, since is not always possible to produce a stemma, especially when this cannot be sufficiently supported. The feeling here is that the results of applying such a methodology is a «sterile stemmatic obsession».\(^{39}\)

According to Caraci Vela, the philology of medieval and Renaissance musical texts should rely more upon the coeval literary philologies rather than on the classical one. Some interesting perspectives come indeed from Romance philology, in particular Cesare Segre and D’Arco Silvio Avalle formulate stimulating reflections, relevant also to musical philologists. According to them, two originals exist: one of the author, and one of the scribe. The latter is real and the former is, to quote Segre, «an ideal entity, not a material one: it is the transcription of the original as the author wished to do, but could not do».\(^{40}\) These two originals institute a dialogue between them, since no scribe copies

\(^{38}\) Jacob Obrecht, Collected Works (New Obrecht Edition), General Introduction.

«Un ente di carattere ideale, non materiale: è la trascrizione dell’originale quale l’autore desiderava fare, ma non ha mai potuto fare». Cesare Segre, “Riflessioni sulla critica testuale,” in L’edizione critica tra testo
completely passively; therefore, Segre coined the term «diasystem»,\(^{41}\) which he defines as the system resulting from the compromise between the text’s linguistic and stylistic system and the own system of the copyist.\(^{42}\) Avalle writes about the existence of different «points of view», the one of the original and the one of the manuscripts, and their relationships.\(^{43}\) He criticised those editions which regard the manuscripts as pure abstractions,\(^{44}\) writing:

> The original of the scribe presents, indeed, some advantages on the scientific level. In fact, it constitutes a reality that is only waiting to be read and possibly interpreted. The reconstructed original of the author, instead, is a mere working hypothesis. Moreover, what is interesting from an historical-reconstructive point of view is not the author’s message, often misunderstood and humiliated, either transmitted by original autographs or somehow reconstructed by keen editors, but rather the way in which this message has been read and interpreted.\(^{45}\)

Moreover, due to the different layers of a text, Segre, along with the majority of romance philologists, suggests accepting in an edition the language of one manuscript because of its undeniable historical reality instead of the ahistorical language of the editor.\(^{46}\) On musical texts, a similar attitude is favoured by Margaret Bent, who points out that the

\(^{41}\) Cesare Segre, *Avviamento all’analisi del testo letterario* (Torino: Einaudi, 1985), 376-77.

\(^{42}\) Segre, "Riflessioni sulla critica testuale," 5.


\(^{46}\) Segre, "Riflessioni sulla critica testuale," 5.
faithful reproduction of all features of a text was not always a scribe’s priority. A copy may represent just the reception of a piece, with intentional and legitimate variations from the composer’s text.\footnote{Margaret Bent, “Early Music Editing, Forty Years On: Principles, Techniques, and Future Directions,” in \textit{Early Music Editing: Principles, Historiography, Future Directions}, ed. Theodor Dumitrescu, Karl Kügle, and Marnix van Berchem (Turnhout: Brepols, 2013), 258-59.}

The \textit{New Josquin Edition}'s method, instead, adopt the best-text approach, which involves the \textit{recensio} and \textit{collatio} of all witnesses; the results of these operations are then used by the editor to establish the main witness or witnesses on which the edition is based on.\footnote{\textit{The New Josquin Edition (NJE)}, General introduction.}

However, in the Critical Commentary of the edition we find a \textit{stemma}, that does not follow the principles of the so-called Lachmann method but, here too, relies upon different readings rather than conjunctive monogenetic errors. Taruskin’s edition of Busnoys uses the method of the best-text as well. A close examination of the different witnesses is conducted by the editor which correctly establishes relationships between them through the presence of conjunctive errors, and not variants. However, the editor chooses not to report differences of clefs, ligatures, and \textit{minor color}. Van Benthem’s Okeghem edition does not offer in the introduction any hints on the method followed by the editor. From the exam of one fascicle of the edition,\footnote{Jaap van Benthem, ed., \textit{Johannes Okeghem, Masses and Mass Sections. Missa De plus en plus}, 3 vols., vol. 2/1 (Utrecht: Koninklijke Vereniging voor Nederlandse Muziekgeschiedenis, 1995).} it looks like a \textit{Quellenmischung}: the text presented is a conflation of readings from different witnesses, since variant readings given concurrently with the music are taken from each witness, creating a probably never existed textual level, thus, lacking any critical sense. The apparatus is somehow hierarchically differentiated as some variants are given with the music while others are in the remarks at the end of each volume.

\section*{Accidental Inflections and Text Underlay}

Other areas interesting in the evaluation of critical editions are those tackling aspects of the text which were not accurately pinned down, particularly accidentals and \textit{musica ficta}, and text underlay. Generally speaking, the application in the text of accidentals and text underlay is mainly editorial, often based on musical theorists (although not always coeval)
and on readings of the witnesses; therefore, what we observe is the result of a mere hypothesis, more or less supported according to different editions. The main issue here is that often editors do not discuss in detail what is their rationale behind the application of accidental inflections or the placement of text underlay. In many cases there is no discussion at all, and, when there is one, often it is quite meagre, with a consequent mechanical application of rules taken from treatises. It has also to be noted, as Thomas Schmidt argues, that somehow text underlay is hierarchically subordinated to musical text and also to accidentals and ficta.\textsuperscript{50} Hence, editions often have various problems when addressing this issue. The \textit{New Obrecht Edition} does not record variants of syllable underlay but only those of phrase underlay and does not offer different formal readings in the Critical Commentary. The \textit{New Josquin Edition}, instead, places phrase underlay according to the source which «seems to give the proper correlation between music and text»,\textsuperscript{51} while syllable underlay is the result of different parameters like underlay in sources, musical structure and style of composition. A more radical approach has been used by Jaap van Benthem in his editions: all text underlay is editorial, retaining fifteenth century spelling but with modern capitals and punctuation, relegating a complete survey of original text underlay in the Additional remarks.

\textbf{Editions of Caron’s Masses}

Currently there are available two complete editions of Caron’s Masses and three partial editions. The two complete editions are: James Thomson’s from his PhD dissertation, and Jaap van Benthem’s edition made for the ensemble “The Sound and The Fury”.\textsuperscript{52} Other editions including Caron’s Masses are: Richard Sherr’s edition of manuscript Cappella Sistina 14, Rex Eakins’s edition of Cappella Sistina 51, and the edition of Trent 89 by Robert Mitchell.\textsuperscript{53} Van Benthem’s edition lacks any commentary or introduction.

\textsuperscript{50} Schmidt-Beste, "Editorial Text Underlay Revisited."
\textsuperscript{51} The \textit{New Josquin Edition (NJ E)}, General introduction.
being conceived for the practical use of an ensemble. However, it has substantially the same approach of other editions procured by van Benthem, such as: unreduced values, retaining of mensural signs, and use of dotted barlines. Although generally accurate, due to the lack of any apparatus or commentary, it is impossible to understand some of editor’s decision, like for example on which witness van Benthem based his edition in those cases where more than one is available.

Thomson’s PhD dissertation on the works of Caron has been the first survey on the composer, offering a study on both his sacred and secular works and a complete edition. Thomson’s dissertation dates back to 1959, hence it inevitably bears the signs of time, especially in the edition. Values have been quartered, C-clefs have been retained for the inner voices, and much of the barring is irregular, according to what the editor believed being the rhythmic and logical grouping of notes. Attention is paid to text underlay and *ficta* problems. There is no critical apparatus, and no justification for the editor’s choices. Moreover, Thomson does not acknowledge the existence of the Veronese witness for the *Missa Sanguis sanctorum*.

Richard Sherr edited the manuscript Cappella Sistina 14 in which is transmitted Caron’s *Missa L’homme armé*. His editorial principles stand out for the use of unreduced values, the translation of mensural signs with modern signatures, and the use of modern barlines; nevertheless, an infelicitous choice is the changing of time signatures for long passages in *tempus imperfectum*, justifiable only in the case of proportional time. Unfortunately, almost no information is devoted to the application of *musica ficta* and to text underlay. Moreover, he declares that «while the concordant sources have been collated, not all details of these other sources are recorded. Significant alternative readings are listed in footnotes to the music or in the commentary».  

Thus, the reader lacks important information regarding other sources and the absence of structured critical apparatus is noticeable.

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54 Sherr, *Masses for the Sistine Chapel. Vatican City, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Cappella Sistina, Ms. 14, 47.*
Between 1999 and 2005, Rex Eakins edited the manuscript Cappella Sistina 51, which preserves three of Caron’s Masses. Despite being a meritorious initiative, it is impossible not to notice a few issues in its realisation. Regarding editorial criteria, values have a reduction ratio of 2:1, the mensural signs are preserved in the edition, barlines have been substituted by a tick barline on the fifth line and there is no use of beams. Some indication regarding *musica ficta* have been implemented but none is present about text underlay. The apparatus is not clearly formalised, mixing different levels of information, and it should be noted that the section dedicated to the other witnesses bears the title «Concordances», which philologically is not the correct term, although widely used.

The critical edition of TrentC 89 by Robert Mitchell presents Caron’s *Missa Clemens et benigna*, and it can be accessed through the website of the Digital Image Archive of Medieval Music (DIAMM). The editorial principles are accessible through the DIAMM website, as well. Original note values have been retained and modern barlines are used, although they are not diversified when simultaneous mensurations are present. Mensuration signs have been preserved with equivalents suggested in those pieces with more than one mensuration; however, Mitchell tends to favour the equivalence of the Minim between \( \diamond \) and \( \chi \), which has been questioned by more than one scholar. Also, in this edition there is no reference to any policy regarding *musica ficta* and text underlay. The Critical Commentary is fairly accurate, albeit there is no explanation about its organisation, therefore sometimes it is hard to understand. In regard to Caron’s Mass preserved in TrentC 89, this edition has the merit of offering some interesting insights

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57 Minim equivalence is supported by only two theorists in fifteenth century, Johannes Tinctoris and Franchino Gaffurio. Anna Maria Busse Berger has demonstrated that most theorists prefer the equivalence of the Brevis, and that Tinctoris and Gaffurio would not reflect the coeval practice, but rather wish to propose a notational reform. This equivalence would also present a problem in performing sections in \( \chi \). Since it would result in a 2:1 ratio between \( \diamond \) and \( \chi \), resulting either in a tempo too slow in the former, or too fast in the latter. Anna Maria Busse Berger, *Mensuration and Proportion Signs: Origins and Evolution* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993), 51-86; Alejandro Enrique Planchart, “The Relative Speed of “Tempora” in the Period of Dufay,” *Royal Musical Association Research Chronicle* 17 (1981).
on its model. However, a major inconsistency of the editor is present, since Mitchell believes that one section of the Credo is spurious, it is puzzling to find it in the main text.
6. Manuscript and Editorial Accidental Inflections

As already observed, mensural notation is rather under-prescriptive, compared to the modern one, when it comes to the exact definition of pitches, especially when we consider accidental inflections, both written and implicit. The determination of a pitch came after the performer evaluated closely the part he was singing, and this could also be modified by how his part interacted with the other voices. Therefore, pitches established on the manuscript could be modified by the performer after their placement in both linear and vertical contexts. As Margaret Bent, amongst others, rightly points out, the term *musica ficta*, widely used to talk about editorial interventions on pitches, is just partially correct, as accidentals (notated and non-notated) are not always *extra manum*, since they may belong also to the realm of *musica recta*. It would be better to talk about accidental inflections, as Karol Berger suggests, in general, distinguishing those that appear in manuscripts from those that should be added by the editor, always remembering that it would be a limitation to «equate *musica ficta* with editorial accidentals». It should be however clear that ‘accidental’ can be a problematic term as well since its meaning in modern notational practice only partially overlaps with the one it had in the Medieval and Renaissance theoretical frame of reference. The issue of editorial accidentals and *musica ficta* has been one of the most discussed in the musicological literature, and it would go beyond the aim of this chapter examining the whole problem, least of all proposing a ‘univocal solution’. Instead, here I will present the numerous problems that emerge from a philological point of view, being conscious that often more than one solution is available to the editor. As David Fallows amusingly observes: «if a group of musicologists were absolutely to agree on the principles they could then be sent into different rooms and would almost certainly produce entirely different solutions for the same piece». The fact that more than one solution is often possible clearly leads towards the domain of performance, as it is evident that where and when inflecting a note was a decision left to the singer-performer most of the time. It

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1 Margaret Bent, *Counterpoint, Composition and Musica Ficta* (New York: Routledge, 2002), 105.
should, however, be clear that it would not be an acceptable solution to leave the text as it appears in its witnesses, both because accidental inflections are part of the text and because in a critical edition there is a translation from a notational system into another, the latter being much more prescriptive than the former, requiring, therefore, the integration of all the features common in modern notation. Karol Berger in his seminal monograph draws an interesting comparison between the abbreviations used in literary language and implicit accidentals in music, stressing that both these practices did not mean that the author was not interested in their decoding. Berger affirms that accidental inflections belong to the text of the work, and its identity did not change in performances, as it happens with dynamics or fingering. As he points out:

It is true, of course, that implied accidental inflections were a matter of performance practice, but it does not follow that they belonged to what I have called here the domain of variable performance as opposed to the domain of invariable text. Once we realize that most of the implied inflections belong to the musical text, and that the modern attitude to notation, unlike the attitude shared by early musicians, requires that the text be fully notated, we must conclude that spelling out the inflections implied in the sources is the inescapable responsibility of the editor. 

As mentioned, there is no agreement on where and how heavily the editor should intervene adding editorial accidentals. When we look at the primary evidence, namely treatises, we soon realize that they often are difficult to interpret, and theorists often disagreed one with each other. Treatises often come from a broad range, both geographical and chronological; also, it is not easy to distinguish if their instructions on the matter were meant to be relevant for composers or performers. The two main issues raised in treatises are those named respectively *causa necessitatis* and *causa pulchritudinis*. The former deals with the correction of dissonant

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5 Berger, *Musica ficta, Theories of Accidental Inflections in Vocal Polyphony from Marchetto da Padova to Gioseffo Zarlino*, 166. Carl Dahlhaus deals with the two domains by elaborating the concept of *abstrakter Kontrapunkt* which strongly highlights the difference between notation and its realisation. He distinguished between two different kind of counterpoint: the abstract counterpoint which is present in the ‘text’, and the harmonic counterpoint, dealing with concrete intervals and the application of accidentals, which is typical of the performance, therefore being susceptible of modifications every time it is performed. Carl Dahlhaus, “Tonsystem und Kontrapunkt um 1500,” *Jahrbuch des Staatlichen Instituts für Musikforschung Preußischer Kulturbesitz* (1969).

structural intervals, such as augmented or diminished fourths, fifths, octaves, and unisons, while the latter is about the colouration of an imperfect consonance moving to a perfect consonance. However, theorists do not always agree when specific intervals should be inflected as some gave precedence to correction of melodic intervals while others state that simultaneous intervals should have the precedence over melodic ones. This led to different interpretations of accidentals by musicologists, especially on the number of interventions required both for *causa necessitatis* and *pulchritudinis*. Edward Lowinsky and Margaret Bent can be ascribed to the category of musicologists who believe that the editor should try to correct imperfect intervals that are created from the placement of an accidental in order to rectify a non-harmonic relation, in a sort of 'chain reaction'. Other musicologists propose a pre-eminence of vertical relations over horizontal, such as Hughes, who writes that «almost no evidence of the period supports the conventional modern claim that melodic tritones were prohibited in early music: if anything, there are more hints suggesting the opposite conclusion in certain circumstances». Urquhart, instead, proposes that the correction of linear imperfect intervals should prevail over vertical ones. And at the opposite end, there is Thomas Brothers, who affirms that «the music has been precisely and completely notated»; he sees *musica ficta* (i.e. accidentals) «as a tool available to the composer […] for expressive purpose, more than as an issue that is clarified by

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performance practice».

Brothers’s theory has some aporias, highlighted by Bonnie Blackburn in her review of his monograph. Blackburn questions Brothers, stating that he «is selective in accepting the evidence of the sources, and rather too willing to explain away evidence that does not fit his theories». She concludes her review with some reflection that can be considered of general interest for the issues here discussed:

We can depend neither on the sources to provide a full notation of accidentals nor on the theorists to give us hard-and-fast rules for the performance of unnotated inflections: we must approach the notation in the knowledge that it is neither complete nor faulty but rather underprescriptive from our modern perspective though not from theirs, and attempt to bring to its realization the skills and training of the musician of the time.

One of the most consistent insights on accidentals is the already mentioned Berger’s monograph. Berger notes that there are two kinds of evidence: theory and music sources. They are strictly related as the latter cannot be clearly interpreted without the former. He thinks that an understanding of the various treatises is the conditio sine qua non that then leads to the examination of sources; therefore, his book deals only with theoretical literature. Berger’s approach encountered some criticism, however, it is undeniable that it offers a fundamentally consistent theory and should be considered as the essential basis for every further consideration on the matter, therefore it has been used as the main point of reference in this chapter.

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10 Thomas Brothers, *Chromatic Beauty in the Late Medieval Chanson: an Interpretation of Manuscript Accidentals* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), 43.
12 Blackburn, "Reviewed Work: Chromatic Beauty in the Late Medieval Chanson: An Interpretation of Manuscript Accidentals by Thomas Brothers," 636.
MANUSCRIPT ACCIDENTAL INFLECTIONS

Caron’s Masses witnesses generally do not present many written accidentals, a feature common with many fifteenth-century music manuscripts. One of the things that emerge from the analysis of manuscript accidentals is that it can be difficult to find a logic in the way accidentals are placed, as sometimes witnesses of the same Mass display accidentals in different places. Also, it is not always easy to find a rationale, as sometimes they can be found in obvious places, while, in ambiguous situations, we do not have any clue on how they should be interpreted. For example (Figure 31), in the Credo from Missa Accueille ma la belle we find:

![Figure 31: Missa Accueille ma la belle, Credo, Supremum, bars 90-92.](image)

It is evident that the bb, here is placed to avoid the tritone with the preceding f, moreover, at the same time of bb, we have the Altus singing an f. Therefore, the placement of this accidental seems quite redundant, the equivalent of a modern cautionary accidental. A case in which the addition of an accidental would have been helpful can be found at the beginning of the Kyrie of the Missa Accueille ma la belle (Figure 31).

![Figure 32: Missa Accueille ma la belle, Kyrie, bars 14–15.](image)

Here it is not obvious how one should consider the bb at 15,2. From a horizontal point of view, it should be considered bb–mi, as it goes towards the e at the end of the bar, while from a vertical point of view the presence of F in the bassus would require that the bb would be solmized as fa. In this case, my preference went towards bb–fa, considering what Tinctoris
states in his *Liber de natura et proprietate tonorum*, namely that in case of a conflict between vertical and horizontal relations, the former prevails on the latter.\(^\text{16}\)

In other cases, we have the so-called cautionary accidentals. This notion as elaborated by Don Harrán has been heavily criticised.\(^\text{17}\) However, in some cases, it is clear that they suggest to the singer on how to solmize a note. For example, in the Kyrie of *Missa Accueille ma la belle*, bar 93, the Supremum has \(ff\), here, clearly, the accidental does not tell the performer to lower a semitone the note, but just to solmize it as \(fa\), since the movement of the Altus is \(a-b\), preventing, therefore, a \(mi\) contra \(fa\).

The majority of manuscript accidentals deal with correction *causa necessitatis*, most of them are \(B\)\(^\text{5}\) (or, as in the case of the *Missa Jhesus autem transiens*, \(E\)\(^\text{5}\)), which have been inflected to correct fourths and fifths, or octaves, both vertical and horizontal. A few cases are worthy of further discussion, such as bar 39 of the Sanctus from *Missa Accueille ma la belle* (Figure 33).

\[\text{Figure 33: Missa Accueille ma la belle, Sanctus, bars 37-39.}\]

Here, the \(f\)\(^\text{5}\) in the Supremum produces an interesting chain reaction with the other \(F\)s present in the lower voices, namely the \(f\) in the Altus, which along with the \(g\) creates a parallel unison.

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with the Supremum, the second $f$ still in the Altus at b. 39.3, and the $F$ in the Bassus at b. 39.5. It also prevents the $bb$ in the *supremum* to be solmized as $fa$, and, basically, shifts all the voices on a hexachord built on D for a few bars.

The same situation happens also at the end of the Credo of the *Missa Jhesus autem transiens* (Figure 34). This would perhaps suggest that it can be regarded as a distinguishing compositional feature; considering also the unique partial signature that can be found in the *Missa Clemens et benigna*, it would be possible that Caron used accidental inflections as a tool to variegate the music and to play with the expectations of the listeners.

![Figure 34: Missa Jhesus autem transiens, Credo, bars 165–167, with editorial accidentals.](image)

Another manuscript accidental which is rather interesting is the $b\flat$ at b. 148 in the Altus of the Agnus from again the *Missa Accueille ma la belle* (Figure 35). Here, one would have to solmize it as $fa$ because of the key signature having one flat, but also because of the phrase $F$-$G$-$a$-$b$-$a$-$b$-$c$ etc. Instead, here we have a $#$ on the first $b$, placed under the note probably by a later hand, resulting in the creation of a major third between the $G$ in the Bassus and the $b$ in the Altus.

The entire passage remains however problematic, because the second $b$ in the Altus is in a vertical relation with the $f$ of the Tenor, and then the third $b$ is related with the $e$ of the Tenor. So, we would have $b\text{-}mi$, $b\text{-}fa$, and then again $b\text{-}mi$ in order to avoid a *mi contra fa*. My decision, however, is that the first *mi*-sign should prevail over vertical considerations for the second $b$ since they are both properly resolved, namely the $b\text{-}mi$ is going a diatonic semitone
up and the f-fa is going a diatonic semitone down, and also it is placed in a weak metrical position.\textsuperscript{18}

![Figure 35: Missa Accueille ma la belle, Agnus, bars 147-149.](image)

Most of the manuscript accidentals deal with correction causa necessitatis, especially in Masses with conflicting signatures most of them are B, present in the top voice, this is also the case of the E present the Missa Jhesus autem transiens. E are also occasionally found in all the other Masses apart from Clemens et benigna, and, accordingly, A in Jhesus autem transiens. This might show that, often, when an accidental beside B was required causa necessitatis the scribe was rather meticulous in its explicitation.

Caron’s Masses have also clef-signatures, namely a flat placed on the staff immediately after the clef in two or more voices.\textsuperscript{19} The only Mass which presents clef-signature in all voices is Jhesus autem transiens. Three Masses omit signature in the highest voice (Accueille ma la belle, L’homme armé – except in the second and third Agnus where we have a flat signature also in the Discantus –, and Sanguis sanctorum), while Missa Clemens et benigna omits flat signature in both

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\textsuperscript{18} The persistence of the natural sign beyond the first B seen here can be compared to the concept of ‘appendancy’, as defined by John Milsom. In his edition of Thomas Tallis’s and Willam Byrd’s Cantiones Sacrae 1575, he defines ‘appendancy’ as the «continued force beyond the note it [the accidental] immediately precedes», and that an on-stave flat or sharp would be in force until there is a rest, a stave-end, or another accidental. The case here examined, however, present a stave-end after the second b in the Altus, while the solmization as b-mi is carried on also in the next stave, John Milsom, ed., Thomas Tallis and William Byrd, Cantiones Sacrae 1575, vol. 56, Early English Church Music (London: Stainer & Bell, 2014), xxiv-xxxvi.

\textsuperscript{19} The term clef-signature was first defined by Milsom in Milsom, Thomas Tallis and William Byrd, Cantiones Sacrae 1575, xxv.
the Discantus and the Bassus. In these cases, we have the so-called partial signatures or conflicting signatures, an issue which has been variously interpreted by musicologists.\textsuperscript{20} Berger, talking about signatures in general, distinguishes between ‘accidental signatures’ and ‘key signatures’. As he explains ‘key signature’ denotes the transposition of the melody retaining all the intervals. Regarding conflicting signatures Berger affirms that they were used to avoid imperfect fifths and to provide the clausula cantizans automatically in a cadence, agreeing here with the conclusion reached by Lowinsky forty years earlier.\textsuperscript{21} He argues that «in a piece with different signatures in different voices, the function of the signature in the mode-defining part was to effect a transposition of the mode, while differing signatures in other parts should be considered to ‘conflict’ with that of the mode-defining one mainly in order to ensure perfect fifths against it».\textsuperscript{22} On how to treat them in an edition, Christian Berger proposed to ignore the fact that one voice has no signature and treat it exactly like the others.\textsuperscript{23} Conversely, Kevin Moll offers an interesting approach, using as a case in point the Credo from Liebert’s Mass;\textsuperscript{24} Moll’s theory offers a consistent approach on how to choose between B-fa and B-mi, namely whether or not to add a , according to what Marchetto da Padova says in his Lucidarium. After considering potential accidentals that should be introduced due to causa pulchritudinis and necessitatis, he prefers B-mi when the melody is ascending and B-fa when descending.\textsuperscript{25} The advantage of Moll’s hypothesis is that it does not conflict with what Berger affirms about the reason for the existence of conflicting signatures. In my edition, Moll’s interpretation has been of help, however, it should be noted that what he proposes should not be automatically and systematically adopted indiscriminately but it requires evaluation on a case-by-case basis.

The signature of the Missa Clemens et benigna is unique among fifteenth-century works. The witnesses of this Mass disagree on the placement of the signature in the movements, ModE M.1.13 has this particular signature in the first three movements, while both the Sanctus and

\textsuperscript{22} Berger, \textit{Musica ficta, Theories of Accidental Inflections in Vocal Polyphony from Marchetto da Padova to Gioseffo Zarlino}, 69.
\textsuperscript{23} Moll, "Realizing Partial Signatures around 1400: Liebert's Credo as a Test Case," 249.
\textsuperscript{24} Moll, "Realizing Partial Signatures around 1400: Liebert's Credo as a Test Case."
\textsuperscript{25} Moll, "Realizing Partial Signatures around 1400: Liebert's Credo as a Test Case," 250.
the Agnus do not present any signature. TrentC 89, instead, has this signature in all movements except the Gloria. According to Steib, this is a lapse of the copyists of both manuscripts, and he suggests retaining the signature in the Altus and Tenor for the whole Mass. In my edition I retained this signature in all movements, as I believe that it was a deliberate choice of the composer to use the alternation between $B\text{-}fa$ and $B\text{-}mi$ as a compositional technique. This can be suggested especially from the Bassus, which shows evidently that the voice has been composed with particular care towards the use of $B$, also considering the presence of manuscript accidental inflections in that voice.

Table 4: Signatures in Caron’s Masses.

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**EDITORIAL ACCIDENTAL INFLections**

With regards to editorial interventions, I opt for right intervals vertically, often sacrificing the horizontal line. Also, successive false relations are often tolerated. However, accidental inflections *causa pulchritudinis* pose a challenge to the editor. They should be used in cadential movements, but it is not always straightforward when we are facing a cadence and when not. How many voices should be involved, for example, is a question that often is raised; is the presence of a *clausula cantizans* and a *clausula tenorizans* enough to have a cadence or should another voice be involved? Text underlay, also, most of the time does not help in establishing a cadence. And even when it is quite easy to recognise a cadence in the text adding the inflections can be rather tricky.

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26 Steib, "Herculean Labours: Johannes Martini and the Manuscript Modena, Biblioteca Estense, MS α.M.1.13," 223.
A case in point is the *Missa Clemens et benigna* which offers some interesting cadential situations (Figure 36).

The presence of a cadence here is suggested both by text, and by the typical movement of the Discantus. The usual cadence, with a *clausula cantizans* in the Discantus, would clash with the *c* in the Altus, which is preceded by a *b*-fa, and therefore should be solmized as *c*-sol. A solution would be to have a phrygian cadence, namely a semitonal descending motion on the *e* in the Tenor, which would have been solmized as *e*-fa, but it cannot be realised as it would require correcting also the *a* in the Bassus, which is not possible because of the *d* just before it.

Therefore, I chose to colour the Discantus to realise the *clausula cantizans*, although this operation is not immune of its own issues. This would in fact results also in the correction of the *c* in the Altus, in order to avoid a simultaneous false relation with the *cc* in the Discantus. The *c#* means that the previous *b* should be interpreted as *mi*, requiring therefore the *f* in the Tenor to be solmized as *mi*. However, I put this last accidental inflection between brackets as both the voices resolve by semitone in contrary motion, therefore a diminished fifth would be tolerated.
Here too the procedure is similar to the example above (Figure 37). The realisation of a *clausula cantizans* in the Discantus would result in a clash with the *c* in the Altus. As in the example above, a phrygian solution, with an *e♭* is not possible, since it would encounter the same issue discussed above. I opt therefore to realise the *cantizans* in the Discantus, and inflect the *c* in the Altus as well. But the colouration of the *c* in the Altus requires, also, the correction of the *f* in b. 25, to preserve the perfect fourth, making the following Fs too as *mi*; this choice is supported also by the use of F♯ in the Missae *Accueil ma la belle* and *Jhesus autem transiens*, as seen above.

This approach, which corrects the false relation between the *ce* in the Discantus and the *c* in the Altus, would not be shared by Theodor Dumitrescu, who in a 2004 journal article analyses the status of sharps, arguing that they were not associated with solmization as *mi*. He analyses Tinctoris’s and other theorists’s theoretical writings, highlighting that *mi contra fa* would not apply in cadential situations, where a sharp sign causes a false consonance. This view stems from the fact that in a cadential leading tone coloured with a *diesis* sign the solmization would not apply. Therefore, he claims that «Notes sharpened through *diesis*-function do not cause *mi contra fa*. [...] If the prohibition of *mi contra fa* does not cover the cases of sharpening associated with the *diesis*, then the theoretical disapproval of the latter situations [clashes caused by *diesis*—

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function] is reduced significantly. However, the examples discussed by Dumitrescu, namely Regis’s Missa L’homme armé and Okeghem’s Missa Au travail suis, present a leading tone sharpened with a diesis that are found in the manuscripts that transmit those works. He does not discuss how an editor should behave in a controversial situation such as the one we find in Caron’s Missa Clemens et benigna. One cannot rule out that the scribe simply forgot to add a diesis sign to the voices that do not present it, and therefore create a false consonance, or that it in performance the diesis would have been added by the singers. Furthermore, as I argue, Caron’s Missa Clemens et benigna is a highly experimental work, that constantly plays with the audience with the different qualities of B, and these cadential situations, that undoubtedly are exceptional, are just another example of his choices in the use of accidentals.

Cadences on A can be realised both with a clausula cantizans G♯-A or with a tenorizans B♭-A. Usually it is preferable to opt for the sonority belonging to the realm of musica vera although not always is possible, as we can see in this example (Figure 38):

![Figure 38: Missa Clemens et benigna, Agnus, bars 57-59.](image)

Here, I opt to correct the b in the Tenor due to the presence of e in the Altus, and to colour the f, and subsequently the g, in the Discantus to realise the cadence. The f–mi is preserved also

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29 Dumitrescu, ”The Solmization Status of Sharps,” 283.
after the cadence, and the $b$ in the Altus is inflected as $mi$, due to both horizontal and vertical considerations.

A similar situation happens also where both the voices have the same key signature. Here (Figure 39), the presence of $E$ in the Bassus at bars 135 and 136 requires to solmize the $B$ as $mi$ in the Bassus, as well as the $b$ in the Tenor, and to inflect the $G$ and the $F$ in order to fulfil the cadence.

![Figure 39: Missa Sanguis sanctorum, Sanctus, bars 135-138.](image)

Horizontal considerations can also lead to a phrygian cadence where one would not expect it, as in this segment from the Sanctus of Missa L’homme armé (Figure 40):

![Figure 40: Missa L’homme armé, Sanctus, bars 60-63.](image)

Here, I decided for a phrygian cadence due to horizontal consideration, the colouration of $e$ in the Altus would require also to realise $b$ as $mi$, but that is prevented by the presence of $f$ in the previous bar; therefore, I opted for an $e$-$fa$ in the Discantus, and to leave the Altus as it is.

Finally, there is the matter of imitation and if the editor should preserve the same succession of intervals in different voices. I decided to respect it as much as possible, but always as an editorial suggestion, therefore the inflection is between brackets, as we can see in this example (Figure 41).
Figure 41: *Missa L'homme armé*, Kyrie, bars 36–39.

Text underlay is one of the most complex issues in the edition of sacred music of the fifteenth-century. Moreover, text underlay in the music of the second half of fifteenth century has not been investigated as much as in the music of early fifteenth century and sixteenth century. Too many questions remain without answer for this period. However, just addressing those questions can further our perception on how text was dealt with by late fifteenth-century musicians. For the editor, it is no solution to try to slavishly follow a witness which was clearly negligent in the alignment between notes and syllables, and it would be equally dangerous to underlay a text according to sixteenth-century rules. Sixteenth-century treatises surely must be taken into account since, as Honey Meconi points out, their general consensus on underlay rules leads us to believe that existed an earlier common tradition;\(^484\) they also sometimes offer insights to fifteenth-century underlay practices, such as in Thomas Morley’s *A Plaine and Easie Introduction to Practicall Musicke*, published in 1597, where he writes: «one whose name is *Iohannes Dunstaple* (an ancient English author) hath not onlie devided the sentence, but in the verie middle of a word hath made two long rests».\(^485\) As Jonathan King suggests, fifteenth-century composers were interested in music-text issues on a larger scale rather than exactly pinning down which syllable should be sung on which note. Meconi argues that more than one option was available to performers when underlaying the text, and that «instead of asking what the ‘correct’ underlay for a piece might be, we should ask what options the performer would have had».\(^486\) However, we should bear in mind that the text underlay transmitted in a manuscript, regardless of its level of accuracy, «has the support of at least one fifteenth-century musician: the scribe».\(^487\) Therefore, the editor’s starting point when it comes to text underlay should always be the witness(es). Graeme Boone suggested that scholars would be able to learn «the rules of common procedure» through a careful examination of the witnesses and by comparing them with «the hypothetical text-setting principles it [the underlay] seems to


\(^{486}\) Meconi, "Is underlay necessary?" 286.

indicate (or violate) in relation to the music». A rather different approach has been suggested by Warwick Edwards in various of his writings. He argues that the issue of text underlay is «one that lies largely outside contemporary perception of what constitutes the essence of the ‘composed’ work. At every stage in transmission – from composer through scribe to singer – it is intuitive rather than consciously learnt».

**Approaches to Text Underlay**

Text underlay involves the graphic relationship between two different systems of communication: text and music. Margaret Bent speaks about «two separate languages neither of which can be incorporated into the other». Moreover, it is impossible to establish what was the intention of the composer about it, if there was one; most of the times, in fact, we are dealing with the initiatives of the scribes. As King suggests, music memorised by the copyist is the principal starting point for the manuscript image. The ‘scribal sound–image’, i.e. the written execution, of texted music is embodied in manuscript texting. In order to understand the scribes’ intentions when copying Caron’s Masses, we have to recognise how they intended text underlay; whether their *modus operandi* was performance–oriented or the underlay of text was subject to a more aesthetical approach; Thomas Schmidt usefully points out that scribes had to carefully assess their priorities, when choosing how to lay the text; therefore, we, today, have to carefully assess these priorities, as their decisions may have been taken purely from instinct.

Scribes might have prioritised a uniform and good–looking page, rather than giving assistance

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492 King, "Texting in Early Fifteenth–Century Sacred Polyphony," 5.
to the performers, by providing them with an unambiguous note-syllable coordination. This can be done by tracking down those hints that let us suppose that the scribes were attentive towards the text placement; these are, as Margaret Bent identifies: the presence of guide-lines between note and syllable that helps the alignment of the text with the music; the coordination between text and music at stave-breaks; syllables or notes erased to refine the alignment.\footnote{Bent, "Text Setting in Sacred Music of the Early Fifteenth-Century: Evidence and Implications," 275.}

Amongst Caron’s Masses, \textit{Accueille ma la belle}, transmitted only in VatS 51, has both occasional guide-lines and breaks from line to line, not due to lacking of space, and it can be considered Caron’s Mass where the scribe placed the text with greatest care. On the other hand, the feeling that the placement is more casual, with scarce note-syllable alignment, comes from the TrentC 89 version of the \textit{Missa Clemens et benigna}; here we have a conspicuous use of abbreviation, words are rarely divided in syllables, and there is a vague relationship between textual and musical phrases. Howard Mayer Brown, talking about note-text alignment, usefully separates between «phrase underlay» and «syllable underlay»; the former pertaining to the correlation between phrases of text and phrases of music, despite the lack of accurate indication of which note belongs to which syllable.\footnote{Howard Mayer Brown, “"Lord, have mercy upon us": Early Sixteenth-Century Scribal Practice and the Polyphonic Kyrie,” \textit{Text: Transactions of the Society for Textual Scholarship} 2 (1985): 93.} Phrase underlay is also the most common type of texting found in music manuscripts of this period.

As Schmidt notes, critical editions of music before 1600 treat the problem of text and text underlay rather unevenly.\footnote{Schmidt-Beste, “Editorial Text Underlay Revisited.”} Editions of music from the Ordinary of the Mass in particular tend to focus only on the “rules” of text underlay rather than on text in general. Usually, in fact, for this type of texts it is rare to have a dedicated section in the critical editions of music of this period; this attitude comes from the fact that these texts were and are extremely well-known and therefore they bear the highest degree of standardisation and formalisation. However, one of the most problematic features that scholars encounter when preparing a critical edition is indeed the text: not only for the well-known problem of the relationship between music and text, namely the note-syllable alignment, but also for the numerous omissions that often are present, and for the discrepancies between different witness in both terms of completeness and underlay. This issue, particularly relevant to the Credo during the entire fifteenth century,
could make one wonder to what degree the text needed to be liturgically correct. But, as Bonnie Blackburn points out: «the presence or absence of words in musical settings is largely irrelevant, since the liturgical rite is entrusted to the officiant and clergy, not the singers». Blackburn’s remarks have been questioned by Jesse Rodin, who affirmed that: «this explanation only begs the question: Why do so many contemporary settings of the Credo […] include the full text?». The answer to Rodin’s question is that, as Rodobaldo Tibaldi notes: «above all it should never be forgotten that polyphonic music, even when it is composed for a liturgical text, matches it but never substitutes it». Therefore, also the possible textual interpolations, including the potential intonation of the *cantus firmus* text, do not affect the validity of the liturgical rite. In Caron’s Masses we can observe two small interpolations, both occurring in the Credo. In the *Missa Accueille ma la belle* we have «passus EST et sepultus est»; while in the *Missa Jhesus autem transiens* we can find «et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto NATUS ex Maria virgine». This particular textual interpolation can also be found in other settings of the Credo throughout the fifteenth century, two of them transmitted also in manuscripts related to Caron’s masses tradition, such as in Tinctoris’s *Missa Secundi toni irregularis* (VerBC 755, f. 21v), De Clibano’s *Missa Et super nivem dealbabor* (VarS 51, f. 14r), and in the setting of the Credo on *Homo quidam fecit* (TrentM 93, f. 291r; TrentC 90, f. 219v). It has to be noted that the presence of word *natus* in the text of the Credo has a precedent in liturgy, as it is present in another, older version of the Credo: the *Symbolum Apostolorum*, which indeed reads at the third clause: «qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto natus ex Maria virgine». This version of the Credo was still very much present in the fifteenth century, also in iconography, a famous example being the frescoes in the Siena Baptistery of San Giovanni by Vecchietta. Therefore, a contamination of the Apostles’ Creed in the Credo of the aforementioned musical settings can be hypothesized.

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500 Therefore, in my edition I have chosen to retain the interpolations, and, in the *Missa Jhesus autem transiens*, I have underlaid the text of the *cantus firmus* in the Tenor.
501 Information courtesy of Jeffrey Dean.
In the Masses of Caron, but also in most of the fifteenth-century music, usually the highest voice is the one that bears the most complete text, while the Tenor often has text cues, if not labels, and sometimes only the text of the cantus prius factus. The Altus and the Bassus are the least standardised voices for the quantity of text; the former tends to behave more like the Discantus, while the latter is usually more similar to the Tenor; but it is not unusual that, in some witnesses, the Altus have only text underlay for the beginning of each section of every movement and then only text cues, or that the text is underlaid only when this voice is in duo with the top one. Thomas Schmidt argues that notes are signs having their own patterns, which are neutral in untexted voices, as they did not imply the addition of text in performance. This is corroborated also by the presence of ligatures, showing a neutral view of the scribe on words.\textsuperscript{502} When we find omissions in the discantus, generally they are caused by the presence of rests in the voice, a scribe’s lapse, or by a deliberate decision of the scribe. Within single Masses we also find different approaches to the text underlay, the Credo and the Gloria are the movements that have usually a more accurate alignment note-syllable due to the quantity of text that there is to underlay. In these two movements we observe the highest divergence between the various voices, as here usually the Discantus, and sometimes the Altus, have much more text than the Tenor (and the Bassus, usually). Conversely the Kyrie, the Sanctus and the Agnus behave similarly as they have in common relatively short texts, that therefore are almost entirely underlaid in all voices. Although the ratio between the quantity of text and music make the alignment note-syllable less precise than in the longer movements.\textsuperscript{503} As Brown reminds us, there is a strong feeling of abstraction in these movements, differing from the longer Gloria and Credo, due to their particular words-music correlation.\textsuperscript{504} Edward Wickham proposes a helpful distinction between ‘composed’ and ‘uncomposed’ text, the latter being

\textsuperscript{503} In my edition I have chosen to present exactly the number of intonations as present in the witness on which the musical text is based on. I also have chosen to adopt the spelling leyson, without the e, as it would be pointless to decide where the e of Kyrie ends and where the e of eleyson begins. On this matter, cf. Antonio Chemotti, ed., \textit{I Kyrie di Tr93} (Roma: Istituto Italiano per la Storia della Musica, 2014), 40–49.
\textsuperscript{504} Brown, ““Lord, have mercy upon us”: Early Sixteenth-Century Scribal Practice and the Polyphonic Kyrie,” 94.
A very fine line, according to Wickham, is drawn between the functions of the composer/scribe and the performer.

The problem of interpreting these issues in a modern edition stems from the modern rigid notion of the relationship between text and music. In fifteenth century there was a rather different idea of the prescriptive value of the text, as Vincenzo Borghetti points out that ties between music and writing were quite loose in this period: the Choirbook layout, typical of fifteenth- and sixteenth-century music manuscripts, shows a common ground between two different conceptions: one that perceives music as pure sound, the other that feels the necessity of writing it down; this creates a tension between a chirographical-visual culture and an aural one.

One of the things that Borghetti argues not being exactly pinned down in writing are pitches: the visual element was not enough for performers, they required the hearing dimension as well. He writes: «for a civilisation strongly influenced by orality the written representation of a sonic reality results in an idea of the musical page necessarily different from those civilisations that have reached a higher level in the internalisation of writing».

Maria Caraci Vela points out that there are different degrees of textual definitions of written tradition, some of them able to steer memory in recalling information already internalised.

Would it, therefore, be possible to correlate the practice of text underlay to unwritten traditions? She identifies different kinds of interaction between written and unwritten traditions, one of them being of some relevance for texting issues. Namely, «when some types of notation present themselves not as finished musical writings but rather as aid to the memory, implying an experienced knowledge of coeval performance practice; after this knowledge has ceased they


508 «Nel leggere la musica – come successione di altezze – il solo elemento visivo non era di per sé un sostegno sufficientemente sicuro perché l’esecutore potesse affidarvisi totalmente: esso non bastava a stabilire i rapporti reciproci delle altezze, la cui fissazione sulla pagina tralasciava una serie di decisioni che potevano essere prese solo quando alla vista subentrava o si affiancava l’udito, la dimensione sonora» Borghetti, "Il suono e la pagina. Riflessioni sulla scrittura musicale nel Rinascimento," 108.

509 «Per una civiltà condizionata da forti influssi dell’oralità la rappresentazione scritta di una realtà sonora ha come risultato una concezione della pagina musicale necessariamente diversa da quelle che hanno raggiunto uno stadio più elevato nell’interiorizzazione della scrittura» Borghetti, "Il suono e la pagina. Riflessioni sulla scrittura musicale nel Rinascimento," 103.

are no longer decipherable without making a valid reconstructive hypothesis of that practice». Text underlay in less-texted movements therefore would act as a memory aid for performers, both in what words they should sing (especially in the cases of motets or secular music), and in a rather general alignment between music and text, the rest being left to performers’ decision. This would be confirmed by Adrian Petit Coclico, which in his Compendium musices writes: «incipiat tandem non solum recte, sed etiam ornate canere, et artificiosae, suaviter, et colorate pronunciare, recte intonare, et quamlibet syllam suo in loco, suis sub notis collocare». It is then clear, from Coclico’s account, that note-syllable alignment was left to the singer rather than the composer, who probably defined only the phrase underlay. Schmidt argues that scribes in the less texted movements (Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus dei) would prioritise a «visual (rather than musical) ‘composition’ of the page». He also affirms that it would be pointless trying to interpret scribes’ behaviour as related to performance as they are more interested in «the visual arrangement on the page than anything else». Hence, modern frustration in dealing with texting in those movements stem from the fact that scribal practices were very different from our presuppositions; to quote again Schmidt: «what the scribe does here is very careful indeed; he just takes care in doing something other than what we expect him to do».

Another thing to keep in consideration is the behaviour of the Tenor as it often presents beside the Mass Ordinary texts also the cantus-firmus text, more or less complete. For Caron, a good example is the Missa Jhesus autem transiens, especially the Gloria and the Credo. In recent years,

511 «Quando alcuni tipi di notazioni si presentano non come compiute scritture musicali ma piuttosto come sussidi alla memoria, che presuppongono una dimestichezza ben collaudata con la prassi esecutiva del loro tempo, cessata la quale non sono per noi decifrabili senza una valida ipotesi ricostruttiva di tale prassi», Caraci Vela, La filologia musicale. Istituzioni, storia, strumenti critici. Approfondimenti, 2, 11.

512 Adrian Petit Coclico, Compendium musices descriptum ab Adriano Petit Coclico, discipulo Josquin de Pres (Nuremberg: Johann Berg, Ulrich Neuber, 1552), Bijr.-Bijv. «He will then begin to sing, not only as [the music] is written but also with embellishments, and to pronounce skillfully, smoothly and meaningfully, to intone correctly and to place any syllable in its proper place under the right notes», italics mine, translation after Berger, Musica ficta, Theories of Accidental Inflections in Vocal Polyphony from Marchetto da Padova to Gioseffo Zarlino, 2. One could argue that what Coclico’s says is not relevant for the time period here examined, however as Berger points out: «it is likely that Coclico’s curriculum corresponds to the normal course of instruction received by a music student not only in the early sixteenth century, but throughout most of the period to be examined in this book [ca. 1300 – ca. 1560]» Berger, Musica ficta, Theories of Accidental Inflections in Vocal Polyphony from Marchetto da Padova to Gioseffo Zarlino, 2.


scholars have suggested that these texts were sung, as often text of the *Ordinarium* are difficult to match with the melodies of the *cantus prius factus*. On this matter, Schmidt clarifies that the performance aspect is not prioritised by scribal strategies, as the presence of both texts was the prime concern of copyists, being less interested in their performance.

**TEXT UNDERLAY IN CARON’S MASSES**

Examining text underlay and scribal strategies in Caron’s Masses the obvious starting point is the music notation. When examining the witnesses, we have to consider that scribes may have been limited in the practical realisation of text underlay; these limitations could undermine the congruence between text and music. Both Schmidt and King point out that one of the characteristics that restrict the scribe’s freedom to organise the text consistently is the amount of space available in relation to music. Schmidt argues that the consistence between musical and textual phrases can be challenged by the music occupying more space than the text, and vice versa (with the former being more frequent). King notes that: «notes and syllables are not one-dimensional objects. While in most music hands longs, breves, semibreves […] are usually the same width, syllables by contrast can consist of anything from a single minim stroke (−i−) to eight minim strokes (−mum−).» Moreover, syllable alignment with a particular note is also determined both «by the need to leave space for subsequent syllables, or by the desire not to extend into the margin» and by «the desire to keep the syllables of polysyllabic words together». The presence of many abbreviations can, for example, be explained by a narrowly spaced music, such as in the Gloria and Credo of the *Missa Clemens et benigna* in TrentC 89. The scribe’s attitude towards the text can also be pragmatically influenced by the ‘interference’ of music in the space reserved for the text, especially in the Cappella Sistina manuscripts. There, in fact, the text is often spaced not for reason of alignment with the music but due to the

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519 King, "Texting in Early Fifteenth-Century Sacred Polyphony," 68.

520 King, "Texting in Early Fifteenth-Century Sacred Polyphony," 70, 73.
presence of stems or notes on the first line; this feature can be explained by the scribe’s priority of presenting a good-looking page.

As said, Caron’s Masses present in the various witnesses, and also inside a single witness, different degrees of attention towards the text underlay. VatS 51, which transmits the Missae Accueil le ma la belle, Jhesus autem transiens and Sanguis sanctorum, does not present a unique behaviour when it comes to the text. Schmidt noted that, in general, Cappella Sistina manuscripts have a more ‘aesthetic’ approach to texting.\(^{521}\) However, this seems not to be the case for Caron’s Masses in which there is not necessarily an ‘aesthetic’ scribe’s behaviour but rather a pragmatic one. This can be seen in the Missa Jhesus autem transiens, where we have the text of the Mass Ordinary in all voices, except for the Tenor that in the longer, more texted movement (Gloria and Credo) has only the text of cantus firmus; the text is neatly underlaid with separation of syllables and breaks from line to line just occasional, and sporadic omissions in the Gloria and the Credo. This attitude can be assimilated to the “isochronic texting”, defined by King as such: “When a phrase has more notes than syllables the scribe tend to allow syllables to occur at regular intervals”.\(^{522}\) The Missa Sanguis sanctorum too seems to have the same attitude to texting, but, differently from Jhesus autem transiens, here we have text cues in the lower voices; here it can be seen a sort of ‘aesthetic’ attention of the scribe towards a more appealing texting. At f. 84v towards the end of the first section of the Credo we have the word nobis split between two different phrases (Figure 42).

Figure 42: Missa Jhesus autem transiens, Credo. VatS 51, f. 84v, detail.

Clearly the syllable –bis here must be intended on the semibrevis preceding the rest and not on the first minima. However, shifting the syllable avoids its overlapping with stems of the following line, and creates an evenly spaced line of text. In VerBC 755, the other witness of

\(^{521}\) Schmidt, ”Making Polyphonic Books,” 88.

\(^{522}\) King, ”Texting in Early Fifteenth-Century Sacred Polyphony,” 151.
this Mass, on the contrary, the scribe placed the syllables with a performative attitude without thinking about producing a “visually appealing” page.

The same attitude can be observed in the Missa Accueille ma la belle which presents the most pragmatic approach, amongst these three settings, since, as already noted above, we have guide-lines that help alignment between notes and syllables, and a lot of words divided in syllables.

The same situation as in VatS 51 happens also, as one could imagine, in VatS 14, which transmits the Missa L’Homme armé alongside VatSP B80. Differently from the witness from the St. Peter archive, which itself is a manuscript less visually appealing than the Cappella Sistina’s one, VatS 14 presents a rather complete text with a «phrase underlay» approach. VatSP B80 differently favours a complete texting only in the top voice, while the Triplum has underlay only when is in duo with the Discantus.

The Missa Clemens et benigna too present itself a quite different text underlay in its two witnesses. While the Modenese witness has a neat, almost complete text with a pretty accurate text-note alignment, TrentC 89 instead presents a cursive and full of abbreviation text underlay, common also to the others Trent codices. Generally, it can be said that the scribe’s intention was not attentive to any alignment between text and notes, and also the «phrase underlay» is quite vague. Both witnesses omit some portion of text; ModE M.1.13 lacks “filium dei unigenitum” and “genitum non factum”, while TrentC 89 leaves out “et invisibilium” at the beginning and “crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est”. Moreover, TrentC 89 does not transmit the entire three parts section, both music and text, from “Et in Spiritum Sanctum” until “Et unam sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam ecclesiam”. Murray Steib investigates the textual changes in the Modenese manuscript, arguing that some omissions of short portions of text in ModE M.1.13 can be explained as a lapse of the scribe.523

Usually, when the top voice is resting, the omitted text is often found in one or more of the other voices (as in the case of the Missa Sanguis sanctorum, transmitted in VerBC 755); but in ModE M.1.13 there is a complete omission in all voices of the words ‘genitum non factum’ in the Credo of the Missa Clemens et benigna. This is explained by Steib simply as a scribe’s

distraction, as they would be performed by the other parts, being, therefore, an unintended consequence of the structure of the text. Steib concludes that: «these missing words doubtless would be sung by the other voices at this point, but since they were not fully texted, the source gives the illusion of a textual omission». Although, it has to be noted that the version in Trent C 89 has a rather different text disposition. It presents the words ‘filium dei unigenitum’ and ‘genitum non factum’ in the highest voice; conversely it omits ‘et invisibilium’ at the beginning, present instead in ModE M.1.13 (Figures 43–46).

Figure 43: Missa Clemens et benigna, Credo. ModE M.1.13, f. 145v, detail.

Figure 44: Missa Clemens et benigna, Credo. Trent C 89, f. 382v, detail.

Figure 45: Missa Clemens et benigna, Credo. ModE M.1.13, f. 145v, detail.

Figure 46: Missa Clemens et benigna, Credo. Trent C 89, f. 382v, detail.

In general, we face two different relations between music and text in the two witnesses; the first phrase “Pa
trem omnipotentem” corresponds with the same music phrase in both witness, but already with “factorem celi et terre” there is a difference in the two manuscripts. Trent C 89 underlays all the text under the second phrase while ModE M.1.13 splits it between two music

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524 I presume that Steib also explains the omission of “filium dei unigenitum” in the same way.
phrases with a large melisma on “terre”. Here in the table, the correspondence between portion of text and the nine music phrases of the first part of the Credo.

Table 5: Text and music phrases correspondence in the Credo of *Missa Clemens et benigna*.

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<th>TrentC 89</th>
<th>ModE M.1.13</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 Patrem omnipotentem</td>
<td>Patrem omnipotentem</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 Factorem celi et terre</td>
<td>Factorem celi</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 Visibilium omnium</td>
<td>Et terre</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum</td>
<td>Visibilium omnium et invisibilium</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 Filium dei unigenitum</td>
<td>Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 Et ex patre natum ante omnia secula, deum deo</td>
<td>Et ex patre natum ante omnia secula, deum deo</td>
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<tr>
<td>7 Lumen de lumine, deum verum de deo vero</td>
<td>Lumen de lumine, deum verum de deo vero</td>
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<tr>
<td>8 Genitum non factum</td>
<td>Consubstantialem patri</td>
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<td>9 Consubstantialem patri per quem omnia facta sunt.</td>
<td>Per quem omnia facta sunt.</td>
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Hence, it would be legitimate to wonder whether there was a common antigraph and, if so, what was its aspect; namely, did exist at some point a version of the Mass where the lower voices were texted? If so the scribe of TrentC 89 decided to deliberately neglect it, and to provide a different, almost complete, underlay in the *discantus*; of course, there would be still the problem of the omission of the words ‘*et invisibilium*’ at the beginning.

Differences in text underlay are also present in the third section of the Credo, as the entire first phrase “Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est” is omitted in TrentC 89. As Steib argues, it is probable that the section was originally intended with the omitted text, as at the beginning of the section «in the Trent version, the text fits with a short melisma, but the correspondence seems non-specific, even generic» and further on, where we
have respectively in ModE M.1.13 “Et ascendit in celum” and in TrentC 89 “Et iterum
venturus est”, «there are simply not enough notes to accommodate the text as underlaid in
Trent, but again the text from ModD fits perfectly»\textsuperscript{526}.

The issue of missing text that would have been sung in other voices raises also the question of
how the singer could have known that they had to sing that part, and how would a scribe
ensure that the singers reached that portion of text at that precise point? All these questions find
an answer when we look at the Gloria and Credo of the Missa Sanguis sanctorum both in VatS
51 and VerBC 755. Here indeed some portions of text are also missing in the texting of the top
voice, usually because it rests. Often, however, at least one of the other voices has the missing
text.

Table 6: Missing text in lower voices in Missa Sanguis sanctorum.

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te</td>
<td>Altus; Bassus</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Iesu Christe</td>
<td>Tenor; Bassus</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Iesu Christe</td>
<td>Tenor</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>CREDO</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Visibilium omnium et invisibilium</td>
<td>Altus\textsuperscript{527}; Bassus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Et homo factus est</td>
<td>Tenor; Bassus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Et apostolicam ecclesiam</td>
<td>Tenor</td>
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To these we should also add another portion of text missing in the Discantus but present in
another voice. The clause “Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum” in fact appears only in the
Altus in the version of the Mass transmitted in VerBC 755. However here we have a different

\textsuperscript{526} Steib, “Herculean Labours: Johannes Martini and the Manuscript Modena, Biblioteca Estense, MS α.M.1.13,”
194.
\textsuperscript{527} The words *et invisibilium* are missing.
\textsuperscript{528} The word *omnium* is missing.
situation compared to the other insertions of missing text in the lower voices, since this time the Discantus is not resting but continues singing going directly from “In remissionem peccatorum” to “Et vitam venturi seculi”. These two portions of text are only divided by a breve rest. So, while the Discantus is singing “Confiteor unum baptisma” the Altus sings “Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum”; therefore, here we have two voices, at least, singing different texts simultaneously. The appearance of the missing text in lower voices in this Mass strengthens Steib’s hypothesis of a scribe’s lapse in the underlaying of the text, as it would be possible to think that at some point there was a version of the Mass with texted lower voices, yet the issues on its actual performativity remain. It could also be hypothesised that was Caron’s intention to split texts in different voices, as both witness of the tradition agree on it, being, therefore, an important account on the composer’s intentions.

As we have seen in this brief survey on text underlay, the investigation of fifteenth-century sacred music texting practices leaves the editor open to different possible solutions. Many contributions from the scholarly literature often disagree one with each other, and it is clear that it is not possible to elaborate general rules that can always be applied in every situation, especially for the period here in exam. Even when we look at a limited corpus of texts, such as Caron’s Masses, we observe different behaviours in the tradition, and only through a thorough evaluation of witnesses the editor is able to present a well-reasoned solution, even if, perhaps, others would be “correct” as well. What is evident from an in-depth analysis of texting in Caron’s Masses is that both the composer and the scribes left some aspects to the singers’ skills. As it happens with the notation, the editor needs to translate text underlay, as it would be impossible just to reproduce it as closely as possible to the one present in the witnesses, something that it is limited also by modern typographical solutions.\textsuperscript{520} Also, the analysis of text underlay shows us that different behaviours of texting were possible (a case in point, as we have just seen, the text of the Credo in \textit{Sanguis sanctorum} and \textit{Clemens et benigna}), therefore the best solution is to adopt slightly different policies on text underlay according to the witness(es).

\textbf{EDITORIAL CRITERIA}

I have provided an edition of the texts, a transcription of text underlay, and the text under the edition of the music. In the first, the text is presented, edited for every voice in which it appears, and it is divided in clauses. Errors have been tacitly corrected and the graphic variants have been normalised (e.g. consubstantialem/cumsubstantialem, mundi/mondi, Pilato/Pillato, Sabaoth/Sabbaoth). In case of a Mass transmitted by more than one witness, the text is presented synoptically, so that the reader can easily compare the two versions. Punctuation and capital letters follow the modern use. Unrealised initials have been rendered with subscript capitals, abbreviations have been tacitly resolved, the archigrapheme $u$ is separated in $u$ and $v$ according to the modern practice, spelling with $y$ and $j$ have been made uniform to $i$, and the allotropes $ti$ and $ci$ expressing assibilated sound, typical of medieval Latin, have been rendered only with $ti$. In case of truncated or incomplete words, geminated consonants transcribed as simple, and missing letters the edition adds the lacking parts in italic (e.g. glorificamus, vivificantem, peccata etc). When there are omissions in the text, it has been decided to integrate them between angle brackets and reduced font size only in the highest voice, usually the one that bears the most complete text among all voices, and, concerning the Gloria and the Credo, if the omitted portion does not appear in any other voice. In all other cases the omission is marked with an asterisk; this is valid also for voices other than the highest, but only when we are dealing with proper text underlay and not just text cues.

The transcription of text underlay reports the text as it is in the witnesses, so I tried to represent separation of syllables, missing letters, abbreviations, etc. This is to give an idea of how the text looks like and what was the scribe’s general attitude towards the text, its completeness, and the way it is realised. The text underlay is transcribed for every voice; changes of line, of section, and of page are signalled (respectively by $l$, $/$, and $//$); a single dash (--) indicates that space was left because already occupied, often by stems or notes; a double dash (---) shows that syllables are separated; the underscore (_) signals the space between different words; and the hash sign (#) is used when there is a material lacuna and the text is not readable.

The edition of the music has text underlay according to the witness used as principal one for the edition of the music. I tried to follow as close as possible phrase underlay of the witness. Textual omissions and interpolations have been retained. Spelling follows the principles adopted in the edition of the text. In some cases, when text underlay is different between the
witnesses, namely the witness not used as the principal one bears more text in the lower voices or has a clearer underlay than the main witness, the text in the edition is presented in italics. Text is in italics also when integrated editorially. I have decided not to force text underlay in lower voices where it is evident that the music does not allow it properly. When the text is added according to a secondary witness which does not present the same ligatures as the main one, I have underlined the syllables under the ligature. The same happens when I had to split ligatures to fit the text in the Discantus. The choice of underlaying the text according to the phrase underlay of the main, and in some cases only, witness sometimes present some criticalities. While most of the time it is a reliable methodology, that undoubtedly finds its logic in the scribe’s behaviour, there are however a few instances where the editor, in order to accommodate the words under a phrase, needs to break some ‘rules’ of text underlay. That is the case, for example, of Missa Accueille ma la belle, where in the Credo I decided to underlay more than one syllable under a ligature.

![Figure 47: Missa Accueille ma la belle, Credo, VarS51, f. 12r, detail.](image)

As one can see here (figure 47) the clause et cum glorificatur needs to be accommodated in a phrase between two rests, which does not have enough notes for the syllables if one respects the rule of one syllable for each ligature. Therefore, I have opted to split the c.o.p. ligature, and underlaid the syllable -fi- of conglorificatur under the second element (figure 48).

![Figure 48: Missa Accueille ma la belle, Credo, bb. 209-212.](image)

Another instance can be found a few bars later, in the Supremum (bb. 244-246), where the final syllables of the word resurrectionem are underlaid under two ligatures. Also in this case I decided to respect phrase underlay. In a controversial article, David Fallows takes a strong a
view on ligatures, affirming that ligatures are a "purely scribal whim, just an alternative way of writing notes", and that they should not be used by the editor for text underlay. Schmidt argues that the role of ligatures in late medieval polyphony has still not yet been fully explained, being a graphic device chosen by the scribe, who could have also opted to notate the same figuration also in an unligated manner. As one can observe in the critical apparatus of Caron’s Masses, there are many instances in which witnesses diverge in the use of ligatures, and this inevitably has consequences on text underlay. Hence, it is possible that other manuscripts transmitting the Credo of Missa Accueille ma la belle those ligatures are not present at all, or even that phrase underlay is completely different. This happens especially, as Schmidt notes, in voices other than the Discantus, which present little text in the witnesses. Furthermore, the decision of using the text copied in the witnesses causes another issue, namely what to do with repeated notes? In some instances, there are some phrases that present repeated notes, which should accommodate different syllables, but there is no text at all. My approach here has been conservative since I decided not to add any editorial textual repetition. Moreover, while theoretical literature, albeit only from the sixteenth century onward, is quite clear on the fact that repeated notes should be sung with different syllables, polyphonic works often present an abundance of repeated notes without any indication of text underlay. A case in point is one of the typical cadential movement of this period (figure 49).

Figure 49: Missa Sanguis sanctorum, Kyrie, bb. 35–38.

In this case, and in many others, it would be counterintuitive to place the syllable -son under the first bb and then repeat leyson under the remaining notes. Thus, I have avoided to intervene in those cases where repeated notes would entail an editorial repetition of the text.

It is evident that this editorial approach is only one of the many that are possible. I have tried to present a text underlay coherent with what can be found in the manuscripts, avoiding a heavily

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edited text underlay, which would inevitably be a personal choice. Text underlay is one of the most debated issues of fifteenth-century music, and the scope of this chapter was to present the copious issues that the editor faces when editing this music, leaving to the performer the freedom of accepting the choices made in this edition.
CONCLUSIONS

The present study was designed to investigate Firminus Caron’s polyphonic Masses within the framework of investigating a composer for which documentary evidence is scarce and is mainly constituted by Caron’s works themselves. Nevertheless, a number of conclusions can be drawn. First, the corpus of polyphonic settings for the *Ordinarium Missae* cannot so far be deemed to include any further work beside those ascribed to him in coeval manuscripts; modern attempts of attributing to Caron the anonymous *Missa Thomas cesus* preserved in VatSP B80 and the six *Missae L’homme armé* transmitted by NapBN 40 should not be accepted, as they are based on methodological inconsistencies. Still, the investigation of these anonymous settings shows some interesting information regarding their possible contexts. The *Missa Thomas cesus* did not originate in Rome: it was most likely composed in Bruges, and the crusading context proposed by Reynolds must be discarded as well, due to a number of incongruities. The manuscript NapBN 40, transmitting the six anonymous *Missae L’homme armé*, originated in Burgundy, commissioned by a member of the lower nobility, Philibert de Janly, and was later donated to Beatrice of Aragon. Its content, context, and donation can be traced back to the late medieval crusading movement, which often disseminated its rhetoric through works of art. The crusading rhetoric can also be seen as the reason for the abundance of fifteenth-century polyphonic works based on *L’homme armé* due to its pervasiveness in Burgundian and European cultural life. This tradition also included a Mass by Caron, which belong to the early tradition, being composed in all likelihood after those of Okeghem, Du Fay, Busnoys, and connected, due to the use of similar motives, to Du Fay’s Mass.

One of the main objectives of this dissertation was to provide also a new complete critical edition of Caron’s Masses, according to the latest and most valid methodological standards. Besides the usual editorial work, this operation entailed the examination of a number of critical editions, those today considered as the golden standard of fifteenth-century sacred music, which gave me the opportunity to analyse how different editors behaved when facing some of the most common issues of late medieval and Renaissance music. The results of this appraisal directly informed the editorial criteria that I have chosen in my edition. I have also devoted
two chapters to the exploration of two of the most debated issues between musicologists, namely text underlay and accidental inflections.

After noting that most critical editions resort to an almost mechanical application of sets of rules provided by fifteenth- and sixteenth-century theoretical literature, dedicating little space to the discussion of problematic situations and their choices, I have thoroughly discussed the presentation of both text and accidental inflections in the witnesses of Caron’s Masses, as well as the decisions I have taken in my edition. Of course, there is no such thing as a definitive critical edition, and each edition and the choices there contained are an act of interpretation. Therefore, the suggestions I have made in terms of editorial accidental inflections or text underlay are only just one of the many possible options. Nevertheless, they are informed by an understanding of Caron’s Masses as a corpus, and keep as main landmark the manuscripts, since they are the only evidence we have. Furthermore, the investigation of text underlay and accidental inflections has shown that Caron might have taken an active role in choosing how the text should appear in his Masses, and used accidental inflections as a compositional tool.

The findings from this study make several contributions to the current literature. Caron’s Masses are a case study that allowed me to touch upon several critical aspects of fifteenth-century music, such as: methodology of attribution, the L’homme armé tradition, the cultural context of polyphonic compositions, the methodologies of a critical edition, and the analysis of text underlay and accidental inflections as stylistic markers.

Certainly, this dissertation and the critical edition merely constitute the starting point for any further research on Caron’s Masses. The scope of this study was limited to an investigation of Caron’s polyphonic settings of the Ordinary, mainly from a textual point of view. This was necessary, since musicologists mostly focused on the lack of biographical data on Caron, therefore, an introductory study that considered recent findings on late fifteenth-century music, updating the scarce literature on this composer, was necessary. This study did not attempt a comprehensive evaluation of Caron's personal style, analysing in-depth the compositional techniques adopted by the composer. Still, a few stylistic traits can be inferred throughout the thesis, but a full investigation on this would go beyond the aim of this dissertation. Some features of Caron’s compositional techniques are of extreme interest, such as
his counterpoint and dissonances (as in Missa Clemens et benigna, Gloria, bb. 114–116), or the use of imitation (Missa Accueille ma la belle, Kyrie, bb. 61–63) are unquestionably worth of further exploration.

Several questions still remained to be answered. Further studies could not only address Caron’s style and his position in the landscape of fifteenth-century music, but also new research could examine more closely the cultural context of late fifteenth-century Masses. The insights gained from this study on the pervasive role that the crusading movement played in late medieval cultural life could be expanded in order to investigate its role beyond the L’homme armé tradition. Finally, the significant implications for the understanding of how text underlay and accidental inflections could be a compositional tool can not only inform future critical editions but also be relevant also for other composers.
EDITORIAL PRINCIPLES

VOICES

The names of the voices are written above the stave, if editorial they are comprised in square brackets. Usually the highest voice bears no denomination, if present will be derived from other compositions preserved in the manuscript otherwise will be named as Discantus.

CLEFS

The original clefs have been substituted by the modern G clef on second line, suboctave G clef on second line, F clef on the fourth line. The most appropriate clef is chosen exclusively according to the ambitus of the voice, so that ledger lines are avoided as much as possible. The original clefs are stated in the Critical Apparatus.

METRE AND MENSURATION

The five Masses are edited in modern notation observing the following principles: all the note values have been correspondingly transcribed without halving or quartering. Exceptions have been made where proportional notation calls for changes, according to the mathematical ratio required. In one case I decided instead of halving the notation in the parts in proportion to augment the notation of the only part without proportional indication. It is the case of the sections in tempus imperfectum of the Gloria and the Credo of the Missa Jhesus autem transiens. Here the Tenor, which have a canon, is in tempus imperfectum while the other voices are in tempus imperfectum diminutum. This would usually require halving those section but I opted to augment the Tenor as I think the other voices, going directly to another mensuration sign without stop would be performed too quickly if diminished since the notation is alla semibreve, and not differentiated from the one of the tempus integer.

I decided to adopt modern time signatures in my edition according to the table in the slide. I differentiate the time signatures for the tempi diminuti according to the tactus, if alla breve with a consistent notation with large note values based on the breve I opt for the indication $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$; if alla semibreve, namely when the notation is not different from that one of tempi integri, I opt for the indication $\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}{2}$. 
The ancient *figurae* establish a relationship of 1:1 or 1:2 with the modern values according to the following principles:

- $\Phi$ → $\frac{3}{1} / \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$
- $\Phi$ → $\frac{2}{1} / \frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}{2}$
- $\Phi$ → $3 \times \frac{2}{1}$
- $\Phi$ → $3 \times \frac{3}{1}$
- $\Phi$ → $2 \times \frac{3}{2}$

- Final *longae* and *maximae*, lacking real value, are rendered with the corresponding value of the mensuration in use, with a fermata sign.
- Presence of an extra half *tactus* at cadences is represented by extending the bar without notice.
- Modern bar lines are used for each staff and modern ties are used for values exceeding the measure.
- Proportions are indicated above the staff without changing the time signature.

**Ligaturae and Colores**

*Ligaturae* and *colores* are rendered by the usual symbols, i.e. horizontal square brackets for the former and angle brackets for the latter.

**Accidental Inflections**

The original accidentals are given in the text as in modern practice and are valid only for the note involved and its immediate repeats. Accidentals present in collated witnesses are given in the text in brackets. Editorial accidentals are placed above the note involved and have a prescriptive function.
TEXT UNDERLAY

Text underlay is supplied according to the witness used as the principal one for the edition of the music. I tried to follow as close as possible phrase underlay of the witness. Textual omissions and interpolations have been retained. Spelling follows the principles adopted in the edition of the text. When text underlay is different between the witnesses, namely the witness not used as the principal one bears more text in the lower voices or has a clearer underlay than the main witness, the text in the edition is presented in italics. Text is in italics also when integrated editorially. When the text is added according to a secondary witness which does not present the same ligatures as the main one, I underline the syllables under the ligature. The same happens when I had the text is fitted under split ligatures.

CRITICAL APPARATUS

The Critical Apparatus is negative and is divided in three sections. The first one is an introductive profile of the composition and include:

- *Incipit:* the first word of the verbal text in the highest voice;
- List of the witnesses, of which the first is the manuscript used as reference, here are indicated also the beginning and the ending *folia*.
- Mensuration signs;
- Voices and clefs; name of the voices and relative clefs;
- Paratexts, the inscriptions are expressed diplomatically, unrealised initials are subscripted;
- Additional remarks;

The second section of the Apparatus is devoted to the textual remarks, in which I explain where and why I diverged from the main witness; I also present any feature of the witness that cannot be reproduced in the edition. The third section of the Apparatus reports different readings present in other witnesses. Entries in the second and third layers of the Apparatus involve the following parameters: pitch, note value, notational variants, like *ligaturae, colores,* and *puncta,* (excluding those which are merely graphic). The identification of the *locus* is formalised as follows: voice, measure(s), notes and rests specified according to their position within the bar via Arabic numerals. The pitches are expressed according to the Guidonian system and in italic, pitches within a *ligatura* are joined through a dash.
## Abbreviations

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Edition of Texts

Missa Accueille ma la belle

Kyrie

Supremum:

1) Kyrie leyson, Kyrie leyson, Kyrie leyson.
2) Christe leyson, <Christe> leyson.
3) Kyrie leyson.

Contratenor Altus:

1) Kyrie leyson.
2) Christe leyson.
3) Kyrie leyson

Tenor:

1) Kyrie leyson.
2) Christe leyson, Christe leyson.
3) Kyrie leyson.

Contratenor Bassus:

1) Kyrie leyson.
2) Christe leyson.
3) Kyrie leyson.

Gloria

Supremum:

1) Et in terra pax hominibus bone voluntatis.
2) Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
3) Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
4) Domine deus, rex celestis, deus pater omnipotens.
5) Domine fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
6) Domine deus, agnus dei, filius patris.
7) Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis;
8) qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
9) Qui sedes ad dexteram patris, miserere nobis.
10) Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe,
11) cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria dei patris.
12) Amen.

Contratenor Altus:

1) Et in terra pax hominibus bone voluntatis.
2) Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
3) Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam * tuam,
4) Domine deus, rex celestis, deus pater omnipotens.
5) Domine fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
6) Domine deus, agnus dei, filius patris.
7) Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis;
8) qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
9) Qui sedes ad dexteram patris, miserere nobis.
10) Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, *
11) cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria dei patris.
12) Amen.

**Tenor:**

2) Laudamus te, benedicimus te
4) Domine deus, rex celestis, deus pater omnipotens.
5) Domine fili unigenite, Iesu Christe
7) Qui tollis
8) Qui tollis peccata mundi
9) Ad dexteram patris, miserere nobis.
10) Quoniam tu solus sanctus
11) Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria dei patris.
12) Amen

**Contratenor Bassus:**

2) Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, * glorificamus te,
3) * propter magnam gloriam tuam
4) Domine * rex celestis, deus pater omnipotens
5) Domine fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
7) Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis
8) qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
9) Qui sedes ad dexteram patris, miserere nobis.
10) Quoniam tu solus * tu solus Dominus, tu solus *
11) cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria dei patris.
12) Amen.

**Credo**

**Supremum:**

1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
2) Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum,
3) et ex patre natum ante omnia secula.
4) Deum deo, lumen de lumine, deum verum de deo vero.
5) Genitum non factum consubstantialem patri, per quem omnia facta sunt.
6) Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de celis.
7) Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria virgine et homo factus est.
8) Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est.
9) Et resurrexit tertia die secundum scripturas,
10) et ascendit in celum, sedet ad dexteram patris.
11) Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos cuius regni non erit finis.
12) Et in Spiritum Sanctum dominum et vivificantem, qui ex patre filioque procedit.
13) Qui cum patre et filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur,
14) qui locutus est per prophetas.
15) Et unam sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam ecclesiam.
16) Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.
17) Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum,
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19) Amen.

CONTRATENOR ALTUS:

1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
2) Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum,
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16) Amen.

TENOR:

2) Et in unum dominum.
10) Et ascendit.
14) Qui locutus est per prophetas.
15) Et unam sanctam.
16) Confiteor unum baptisma.
18) Et vitam venturi seculi.
19) Amen.
CONTRATENOR BASSUS:

2) Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum,
3) Et ex patre natum ante omnia secula.
4) deum de deo, lumen de lumine
7) Et incarnatus de Spiritu Sancto.
8) Crucifixus etiam pro nobis.
10) Et ascendit in celum sedet ad dexteram patris.
11) Cuius regni.
12) Qui ex patre filioque procedit.
13) Qui cum patre.
14) Qui locutus est per prophetas.
15) Et unam sanctam, catholicam.
16) Confiteor unum
18) Et vitam venturi seculi.
19) Amen.

SANCTUS

SUPREMUM:

1) Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth.
2) Pleni sunt celi et terra gloria tua.
3) Osanna in excelsis.
4) Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
5) Osanna in excelsis.

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CONTRATENOR BASSUS:

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AGNUS DEI
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1) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
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9) Qui sedes ad dexteram patris, miserere nobis.
10) Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe,
11) cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria dei patris.
12) Amen.

**CONTRATENOR ALTUS:**
1) Et in terra pax hominibus bone voluntatis.
2) Laudamus te.
3) gloriam tuam.
4) Domine deus, rex celestis, deus pater omnipotens.
5) Domine fili unigenite, iesu christe
6) Domine deus, agnus dei.
7) Qui tollis peccata.
11) Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria.

**TENOR:**
2) Laudamus te.

8) Qui tollis deprecationem nostram.
9) qui sedes ad dexteram.
10) tu solus altissimus.
11) Cum Sancto Spiritu.

**CONTRATENOR BASSUS:**
2) Laudamus te.
3) gloriam.
4) Domine deus, rex celestis.
7) Qui tollis.
11) Cum Sancto Spiritu.

**CREDO DISCANTUS:**

**CONTRATENOR BASSUS:**
1) Et in terra.

4) Domine deus, rex celestis.
7) Qui tollis.
11) Cum Sancto Spiritu.

**CREDO DISCANTUS:**
1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
2) Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum,
3) et ex patre natum ante omnia secula.
4) deum de deo, lumen de lumine, deum verum de deo vero.
5) Genitum non factum consubstantialem patri, per quem omnia facta sunt.
6) Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de celis.
7) Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria virgine et homo factus est.
8) Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus et seplultus est.
9) Et resurrexit tertia die secundum scripturas,
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15) Et unam sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam ecclesiam.
16) Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.
17) Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum,
18) et vitam venturi seculi.
19) Amen.

**CONTRATENOR ALTUS:**
1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi.
6) Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram.

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17) Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum,
18) et vitam venturi seculi.
19) Amen.

**CONTRATENOR ALTUS:**
1) Patrem omnipotentem.
6) Qui propter nos homines.
7) de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria.
8) Crucifixus etiam pro nobis.

11) Cuius regni non.
12) Et in Spiritum Sanctum dominum et vivificantem.
13) simul adoratur.
16) Confiteor.

**Tenor:**
1) Visibilium omnium.
2) unum dominum Iesum.
8) Crucifixus et sepultus est.
16) Confiteor baptismam.
17) resurrectionem mortuorum.

**Contratenor Bassus:**
1) Visibilium omnium.
6) Qui propter nos.
8) Crucifixus etiam.
12) Et in Spiritum.
13) simul.
16) Confiteor.

**Sanctus**
**Discantus:**
1) Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth.
2) Pleni sunt celi et terra gloria tua.
3) Osanna in excelsis.
4) Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
5) Osanna in excelsis.

**Contratenor Altus:**
1) Patrem.
6) Qui propter nos homines.
9) Et resurrexit.

**Sanctus**
**Discantus:**
1) sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth.
2) Pleni sunt celi et terra gloria tua.
3) Osanna in excelsis.
4) Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
5) Osanna in excelsis.

**Contratenor Altus:**
1) Sanctus * Dominus *.
2) Pleni sunt celi et terra *.
3) Osanna in *excelsis*.
4) Benedictus qui venit in nomine *.
5) Osanna in *

**Tenor:**
1) Sanctus, sanctus.
2) Pleni sunt.
3) Osanna in *excelsis*.
4) Benedictus.
5) Osanna in *excelsis*.

**Contratenor Bassus:**
1) Sanctus, sanctus.
2) Pleni sunt.
3) Osanna.
4) Benedictus qui venit.
5) Osanna in *

**Agnus Dei**

**Discantus:**
1) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
2) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
3) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem.

**Contratenor Altus:**
1) Agnus dei.
2) Agnus dei, qui.
3) Agnus dei, *nobis pacem*.

**Tenor:**
1) Agnus dei, peccata mundi.
2) Agnus dei, miserere.
3) Agnus dei, qui.

**Contratenor Bassus:**
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MISSA JHESUS AUTEM TRANSIENS

KYRIE

SUPREMMUM:

1) Kyrie eleyson.
2) Christe leyson.
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CONTRATENOR ALTUS:

1) Kyrie eleyson.
2) Christe leyson.
3) Kyrie eleyson.

TENOR:

0) Jhesus autem transiens.
1) Kyrie leyson.
2) Christe eleyson.
3) Kyrie eleyson.

CONTRATENOR BASSUS:

1) Kyrie eleyson.
2) Christe eleyson.
3) Kyrie eleyson.

GLORIA

SUPREMMUM:

1) Et in terra pac hominibus bone voluntatis.
2) Laudamus te, benedictimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
3) gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
4) Domine deus, rex celestis, deus pater omnipotens.
5) Domine fili unigenite, Iesu Criste,
6) Domine deus, agnus dei, filius patris.
7) Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis;
8) Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
9) Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe,
10) cum sancto spiritu in gloria dei patris.
11) Amen.

CONTRATENOR ALTUS:

1) Et in terra pac hominibus bone voluntatis.
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10) Quoniam * tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe,
11) Cum sancto spiritu in gloria dei patris.
12) Amen.

**Tenor:**

0) Jhesus autem transiens.

**Contratenor Bassus:**

1) Et in terra pax hominibus bone voluntatis.
2) Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
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12) Amen.

**Credo**

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14) Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.
15) Jhesus autem transiens, per medium illorum ibat.

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10) Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe, 
11) Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria dei patris. 
12) Amen. 

TRIPLUM: 
1) Et in terra pax hominibus bone voluntatis. 
2) laudamus. 

5) Domine fili unigenite, Iesu Christe, 
6) domine deus agnus dei filius patris. 
7) Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis. 

10) tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe. 

TENOR: 
3) Gratias agimus. 
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1) Et in terra pax hominibus bone voluntatis. 
2) laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, 
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2) Laudamus te. 
3) Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, 
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7) Qui tollis; 
8) Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. 
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12) Amen. 

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2) Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, 
3) gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
7) Qui tollis peccata.

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CREDO

DISCANTUS:

0) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
1) <et in unum dominum Iesum Christum>, filium dei unigenitum,
2) et ex patre natum ante omnia secula.
3) deum de deo, lumen de lumine, deum verum de deo vero.
4) Genitum non factum consubstantialem patri, per quem omnia facta sunt.
5) Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de celis.
6) et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria virgine et homo factus est.
7) Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est.
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10) Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos cuius regni non erit finis.
11) Et in Spiritum Sanctum dominum et vivificantem, qui ex patre filioque procedit.

CREDO

SUPREMMUM:

1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
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16) Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum,
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18) Amen.

Triplum:
1) Patrem omnipotentem.
2) filium dei unigenitum.

CONTRATENOR ALTUS:
1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
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10) et ascendit in celum.
11) Qui ex patre filioque procedit.
12) Qui cum patre et filio.

17) Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.
**Tenor:**

1) Et invisibilium.

10) Et ascendit in celum.

12) Qui ex patre filioque procedit.

17) Et expecto.

19) Amen.

**Contratenor:**

1) Patrem omnipotentem.

2) Filium dei unigenitum.

3) Et ex patre.

10) Et ascendit in celum sedet.

16) Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.

17) Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum,

18) Et vitam venturi seculi.

19) Amen

**Tenor:**

2) Et in unum dominum, Iesum Christum,

4) deum de deo, lumen de lumine, deum verum de deo vero.

6) Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de celis.

7) Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria virgine et homo factus est.

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19) Amen.

**Contratenor Bassus:**

2) Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum,

3) et ex patre natum ante omnia secula.

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| 5) Osanna in excelsis. |

| Tenor: |
| 1) Sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth. |
| 3) Osanna. |
5) Osanna in excelsis.

**CONTRATENOR:**
1) Sanctus.
3) Osanna in excelsis.
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**AGNUS DEI**

**DISCANTUS:**
1) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
2) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
3) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem

**TRIPLUM:**
1) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
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**TENOR:**
1) Agnus dei, qui tollis.
3) Agnus dei, * dona nobis pacem.

**CONTRATENOR:**
1) Agnus dei.
3) Agnus dei, dona nobis.

**SUPREMUM:**

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**CONTRATENOR BASSUS:**

1) Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
3) Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem.

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**MISSA SANGUIS SANCTORUM**

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**KYRIE**

**DISCANTUS:**
1) Kyrie eleyson.
2) Christe eleyson.
3) Kyrie eleyson.

**CONTRATENOR ALTUS:**

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**KYRIE**

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7) Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis;
8) Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
11) Cum Sancto.
12) Amen.

**Tenor:**
3) Gratias agimus tibi propter.
4) Domine deus.
5) Unigenite.
6) Filius patris.
8) Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
10) Iesu Christe.
11) Cum Sancto.
12) Amen.

**Contratenor Bassus:**
2) Laudamus te, benedicimus te, glorificamus te,
3) gratias agimus tibi
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12) Amen.

**Credo**

**Discantus:**
1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terrae *.
2) Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum,
3) Et ex patre natum ante omnia secula.
5) *Genitum non factum* consubstantialem patri, per quem omnia facta sunt.
6) Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de celis.
7) Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria virgine *.
8) Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est.
9) Et resurrexit tertia die secundumscripturas,
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17) Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.
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19) Amen.

**CONTRATENOR ALTUS:**

1) Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium.

9) Et resurrexit tertia die secundumscripturas,
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### TENOR:

1. Amen.

### CONTRATENOR BASSUS:

1. Visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

### SANCTUS

### DISCANTUS:

1. Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth.
2. Pleni sunt celi et terra gloria tua.
3. Osanna in excelsis.
4. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
5. Osanna in excelsis.

### CONTRATENOR ALTUS:

1. Sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth.
2. Pleni sunt celi.
3. Osanna in excelsis.

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### TENOR:

2. Et in unum dominum Iesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum.

7. Et homo factus est.

8. Sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est.

11. Cuius regni non erit finis.

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19. Amen.

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### SANCTUS

### DISCANTUS:

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### CONTRATENOR ALTUS:

1. Sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth.
2. Pleni sunt celi.
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TENOR:
1) Sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus.
2) Tua.
3) Osanna in excelsis.
4) Qui venit in nomine Domini.
5) Osanna in excelsis.

CONTRATENOR BASSUS:
1) Sanctus, sanctus Dominus deus Sabaoth.
2) Gloria tua.
3) Osanna in excelsis.
4) Qui venit in nomine Domini.
5) Osanna in excelsis.
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GLORIA

S: Et in terra pax hominis bone voluntatis laudamus te bene-dilectum te adoramus te glorificamus Græ agim_ tibii prop--ter magnam tuam dne deus rex celestis deus pa--ter omni--potens dne filii unigenite ihus_ xpe_ Domine deus Agnus_dei filius pa--tris // Qui tollis pcta mui--di misere--re nobis Qui tollis pcta mui--di susci--pe deprecation--nem nram Qui se--des addexteram pa-tris miserere no--bis Qui tu solus sanctus tu solus dnis tu solus altissimus iesus _xpe_ cu sancto sphi inglade--i pa--tris A--me--n

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T: laudamus te benedicim_ te_ deus rex celestis deus pa--ter orip--otæ dne filii unigæte ihus xpe_ Qui tollis Qui toff pcta mudi Ad Dexteram pris miserere _n nobis Qui tu solus sanctu_ cu m _sancto spu_ in glia deus pri A--me--n
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CREDO

S: PAtem om-ni- potēm factoren celi et ter--re visibili omni et invi-sibilium et inul-nū- dominū isusu xpm filii dei unigēi et- ex- p- natū aī l omīa secu--la Deum de deo lumē de lumine deuī verūs dedeo | ve--ro Genitum nō factū cūsustanciaē pāt per quē omīa facta sū qqqp nos l hoies et qpter nām salu-tem descen--dit decelis l Et carnatus ē de spū sancto ex mē xginge et hō factē est- Crucifixī ēt l nohios subponcio pilato passus et et sepulta est | Et resur--xit ter-eria de--s--cum--l--dum script--tu--las | Et ascendē ce--lum sedet addextera prīs et iterū venturō l est cū glīa judica--re vivos et mortuos cui regnī nō erit l--fi nis-- et i spīn sanctē dīnē et vivifi-cantem Qui ex patre filio--que procedit Qui cū pēre et filio simul- adoratur et cūgifiłĭi-catur Qui locutus est per pro--phei--tas- Et unā sanctā catholica et apostolicam eccle--siam Confiteor unū baptismā | remissiōnē pēcoē Et et pecto resurctioēs mortuōs et vitā venturi seculi A--m--en-

CtA: PAtem om-ni- potēm factorē celi et ter--re visibilium omnium et in--visibilī et i unū dīn īhī xpm filii dei unigeitū | et prē natū aī oīa secula deuē de deo lumē de luīe deuē deo vo- Genitū nō factū con-substācīāē prē per quē oīa facta sūt Qui qqpter nos- hoies et qpter nīra salutem descendit de celis et incarē de spū sancto l ex mē--vēgie et hō factē ē Crucifixūsē et pro nobis sub pocio pilato passus l et sepulta est | Et resur--xit ter-eria di--l--e--secun--dum scriptul ras | Et ascendēt in celum sedet addextera prīs et iterū venturō est cū glā | judicāre vivos et mortuos que procedit Qui cū pēre et filio l adoratur et cūgifiłĭi--tur Qui locutus ē per phetaes | Et unam sanctā catholica et apostolicā celiam | Confiteor unū baptismā | et vitam venturi seculi A--m--en--

T: Et ī unū dīn īhī xpm filii dei unigeitū et ex-- prē-- natū aī oīa secula deuē de deo lumē de luīe | et incarē de spū sanctō Crucifixūs ēt p nohī | Et ascendēt in celū sedet addextērā patris l Cuius regnī l Qui ex prē-- filio--que procedit Qui cū prē l Qui locutus ē per propheta | Et unam sanctā catholica | Confiteor unū | Et vitam venturi seculi A--m--en--

SANCTUS

S: Sanctus l- sanc--l-tu sanctus l domi--nus deus l sabā | oth / pleni l sunt ce lii et terra glorii--l--a tu--a-- // OSan--l--na in ex--l--cel--sis / Bene--l--dic--tus qui venit l nomi--l--ne do mi--ni / OSanna na in ex--l--cel--sis

CtA: Sanctus san--ctus l dīn l l deus sabā--oth l / pleni sunt-- celi l et ter--ra gloria--tu--a-- // OSan na--l--na in ex--cel--sis / Bene dic--tus Qui l ve--nit in nomine domi l--ni / OSan na l in ex--cel--sis

T: sanctus san--tus dīn del--us sabā--oth // OSanna na in ex--l--cel--sis / OSanna l in ex--cel--sis
CtB: sanctus_ do--lmi--nus_ de--l--us_|_ saba--oth_ / Osanna_ l in ex--cel--lsis_ / O-sanna_ in ex--l--cel--sis_

AGNUS DEI

S: Agnus_ de--l--i__ qui__ tollis__ pe-ca--ta__ mū--di__ misere--l--re__ no--bis_ / Agnus_ de--l--i__ qui__ tol--l--lis__ pecca--ta__ mū--di__ mil-sere--re__ no--bis_ / Agnus de--l--i__ qui__ tollis__ peca--ta__ mū--di__ do--lha__ no--l--bis pa--cem_

CtA: Agnus_ de--l--i__ qui__ tollis__ pcēa__ mū__di__ misere--l--re__ no--bis_ / Agnus de--l--i__ qui__ l--tollis__ pcēa__ mū--di__ misere--re__ l--re__ no--bis_ / Agnus de--l--i__ qui__ tollis__ l__ pcēa__ mū--di__ do-na__ no--l--bis pa--cem_

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CtB: Agnus_ de--l--i__ qui__ l__ tollis__ pcēa__ mū--l--di__ misere--l--re__ no--bis_ / Agnus de--l--i__ qui__ l__ tollis__ pcēa__ mū--l--di__ do-na__ no--l--bis pa--cem_
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D: Patrem omipotentem---tē factore---celi---et
   ter---l---re---visibilium---oũs---et invisibī---liū---
   et in unū domini---nūs---isēs---spēm---et ex prē---nati
   tuš---ante---oũa---secula---deu---de---o---lumē---de
   lumine---deu---vēlū---de---deo---verō---cū---
   substātialē---pa---tri prē---oũa---facta---ōuē---
   Qui pp---nos hominēs---et pp nostrā---l salutē
descen---dit---de---ce---lis---et in car-naturēl ext
de spū---sanctō---l---ex maria virgīne---et homo
fā---l---cētus---ē---Crucifixus etīa---pro
nobis sub pontiō---πilato passus---et sevul---tus
est---et resurrexīt tertia die---secūdū---l
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CtA: Patrē---omī---potentē---facto---rē---l---celi---/
   Qui pp---nos homīnes---et pp nostrā---l de spū
scēto---ex maria---/---Crucifixus etīa---p
nobilē---l---Cuiē---regnī---ō---erī finīs---/---ē
in spū---sanctū---δūm---et vivificātē---qui ex prē---
filioq---pro---cēt---qui cū---prē---et filio simul
adoratur---et cūglorificātē---q---locūtē---ē
πpphetēs---et unā
sanctē---catholicē---et apostolīcē---l eccle---siam
/---Confitore unū---baptīs---ma---ē---remissīo---nē
peccato---ē---et expecto resurrectionē---
mortuo---/---ē---et vitā---vitā---venturi---seculē---A
---l---men

T: Visibilium oũs Clemēs et benigna unū dān
isē---/---/---Crucifixus et spulē---ē---/---Con
fitore unū---baptisma resurrectio---nē mūtuqū

CtB: Visibilium oũs---/---Qui pp nos---/---
Crucifixus etīa---/---ē---ē---ē---ē---ē---ē---ē---ē---ē---ē

SANCTUS

D: San---ctu---s---san---ctus---l---san---ctus
domi---nūs de---us---abā---oθ---P---lenī---sūt
ce---li---ē---ter---l---ra---gloria_tu---a---/
Osnā---l---in ex-celsīs---/---B---enedictus---qui
ve---nīt---i---no-mi-ne---domi---l---ni---Osnā---l
in ex-celsīs

D: Anc---tus---sanctus---sanc---tus---l---domi
nus de---us---sana---l---oθ---plēnī---sunt---celi
et terl---ra---gloria_tu---a---/---Osnan---na---in---ex---
l---celsīs---/---Benedictus---qui venit---in
mē---domi---Osnana---l---in ex-celsis---sis
CtA: Sanctus_ dominꝰ_ / P- leni- sūt- celi- et terra_ // Osanna_ in ex / Benedictus qui venit in nome_ / Osanna_in_
T: S-anctus_ Sanctus_ // Osanna_in ex_ // Osanna in ex_
CtB: S- Sanctus_ / P- leni- sūt_ // Osanna_ // Benedictus qui venit_ / Osanna_in_

AGNUS DEI

D: A-gnus_ dei_ qui tollis pecca--ta l mū--di misere--re no--bis / Agnus_dei_ qui_ tolli-s pēta mū--di_ misere--re_no--bis / Agnus_ dei_qui_ tol--lis pēta_ mū--di_dona nobis pacē_
CtA: A-gnus_ / Agnus_ qui / Agnus de-i_ I nobis pacē_
T: Agnus _dei_ peccata mūdi_ / Agnus de-i_ miserere / Agnus dei qui_
CtB: Agnus- de-i_ / gnus dei_ / Agnus_ dei_

AGNUS DEI

D: A-gnus_ dei_toi_lis pcēta mūdi_ l misere-re no--bis / Agnus_ dei_ qui_l tol--lis pēta mūdi misere_re_no--bis / Agnus dei quī tollis_ pēta mundi_ dona nobis pacē_
CtA: Agnus_ / Agnus_ / Agnus_
T: Agnus_ / Agnus_ / Agnus_ dei →
CtB: Agnus_ / Agnus_ / Agnus_
MISSA IHESUS AUTEM TRANSIENS

KYRIE

S: k--yrie_l eley--son / x الماضي ley--son / l_ eley--son  
 CtA: k--yrie_l eley--son / x الماضي l__ ley--son / k--yrie l__ l_ eley--son  
 T: Jhīs_ autem transiens kyrie leyson / x الماضي eley--son / kyrie l_ eley--son  
 CtB: kyrie l_ eley--son / x الماضي l__ eley--son / kyrie l_ l_ eley--son  

GLORIA

S: Et in terra pax hominibus_ bone_ voluntatis_ Laudamus te_ Benedictimus te_ Adoramus te_ gloricamus te_ Gracias agimus_ tibi_ propter_ magnam_ domum_ Deus_ rex_ celestis_ deus pater_ oml--niptens_ domine_ fili unigenite_ ihesu_ criste_ domine_ deus agnus_ dei_ filius_ patris_ // Qui tollis peccata_ mundi_ miserere_ nobis_ Qui tollis peccata_ ca--ta mundi-- suscipe_ deprecacionem_ nostram_ Quoniam tu solus sanctus_ altissimus_ Jhē--su_ xpriste_--ste_ Cum sancto spiritu_ tibi_ propter_ nostrum_ salutem_ descendit_ de celis_ ut__ adoratur_ et__ adoratur_ et_ se_ et_ filio sít__ adoratur_ et_ conflorificat_ q locultus_ e_ p_trias_ et_ una_ sæcras_ catho_ aplica 

Credo
ecclæ Confiteor unum baptisma in l remissionem peccatorum_ Et expect resurrectionem mortuos_ Et vitæ vèturi scìi Amen

CtA: Patrem_ omnipotentem_ factorem celi et ter-re_ visibilium_ om-nilum_ et_ invisibilium et in unum do-minum jhesum xpristum filium dei uniferitum |_ Et ex patre natum ante omnia se-cula deu|- deo Lumen- de Lumine deum verus l de deo- vero Ge-nitum_ non factum_ consubstantialem patri per quem omnia | facta sunt qui,peter nos homi-nes_ Et incarnates ē de_ spū sců et homo fētis ; / Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub pontio pylato passus et sepultus est_l Et resur-ex-it tertia die secundum scripturas 7 ascendit ē- celus sedet l sedēd ad dexterā prēs 7 ıtēz- vētur q ē- cum gloria iudica-re_ vivos et mortuos cui9 regni l Et in_ spē scēm dūm et vivifican- te3-j ex prē filioq; p-cedit Et una3 scľā | catolica et aplica3 ecclesiā3_ Confiteor unum baptisma in remissio- nem | pčǒq ; Et expect resurrectionem mortuos_ Et vitāz venturi scǐi A--M--E--N

T: jhesus autem transiens_ per medium illorum _ ibat _ // jhesus_ autem transiens per medium illorum ibat_

CtB: Patre3 omnipotentem_ fac|--tore3 celi et terre_ visibili3 omi l | et invisibili3 Et_ in unum dūm fētis filium- dei unigenitum et ex prē natu aন oǐ a l scľa- deum- deo lumen de lumine deum verum de deo vero_ Genitum nō factus consubstantiales oǐ a fētis I qui propoter nos homines et propoter nostrum tarde descendit | de celi Et incarnates est de spū sancto ex maria vgine 7 hō fētis est _ // Cru-ciifixus etiam pro nobis sub pontio pilato passus et sepultο e E resur-exc_ tercia die_ scēm scripturas Et ascēdē i celu sedēd ad dexterā prēs Et ıtēz vēturο ē iudicarē vivos et mortuos_ C-uis regni nō erit finis Et i spē scēm dūm l et vivificante3 q ex prē filioq; p-cedit Et una3 scľā catholica et aplica3 eccē3 Confi_ theor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum_ Et expecto l resurrexionem mortuos_ Et vitam venturi seculi A--M--E--N

SANCTUS

S: Sanctus_ sanc--tus l sanc--tus dol--minus_ deus_ saba--l--oth / pleni_ sunt l celi et_ terra glori--l--a tu--a _ // Osan--na l in _ ex--cel--l--sis / benedic--l--tus_ qui ve--nit_ in l_ no--mine do--l--mi--ni / o-san--na l in excelsis_

CtA: sanctus_ sanc--tus l sanc--tus_ domil--nus_ deus_ saba--oth _ // Osanna_ in _ ex--l-- celsius--sis / o--sanna l in ex--celsius

T: jhesus autem transiens sanctus sanctus l dominus_ deus_ saba oath _ // Osanna l in excelsis_ / Osanna_ in __ ex--celsius


AGNUS DEI

S: Agnus_ de--i_ qui l tollis mun--di_ miserere_ no--l--bis / Agnus l_ dei qui_ tollis_ pec- ca-tal_ mun--di_ miserere_ l nobis_ // Agnus_ dei qui l tollis_ pec-ca--ta_ mū--di / Dona_ nobis l_ pacem_

CtA: Agnus debi qui tollis peccata l mundi_ miserere_ nobis_ // Agnus_dei qui tollis l_ peccata_ mundi_ / dona_ nobis l_ pacem_
T: Ihe-sus autem transiens Agnus dei qui tollis peccata | mundi | miserere nobis // Agnus_ dei qui_ tollis_ peccata_|_ mundi / Dona_ nobis_ |_ pacem_

CtB: Agnus_ dei qui_ tollis_ peccata_ mundi- mi-serere_ |_ nobis_ / Agnus_ dei_ qui_ tol---
lis_ pecl---cata_ mundi_ misere---re_ |_ nobis_ // Agnus_ dei_ qui_ tollis_ pec--cata_ mun---di / don-a_ nobis_ |_ pacem_
MISSA L’HOMME ARME

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**KYRIE**

D: Kyrie_leyson//Xpriste_leyson/
Kyrie_leyson

Tr: Kyrie_leyson//Xpriste_leyson/Kyrie_leyson

T: lôme_lhôme--lhôme arme kyrie_leyson//
Xpriste_leyson//Kyrie_leyson

Ct: kyrie_leyson//Xpriste_leyson/

**GLORIA**

D: Et in terra_pax hominis--lbus bone_volitab--lis_laudamus_te_benedicim agno--te__
Adoram te_glo--rificamus_te__Grās l agimus__

Tr: Et--in terra_pax hominis_lbone_volui--tatis_lauda__Domine_fili_unigenite_ihesu_xpristel_dne_deus_agn__

T: lhôme lhôme arme Gratias agim__Qui tollis pēta müdi__Cū sancto_spiritu__

Ct: Laudam agno--te__Qui toll__peccata__

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**KYRIE**

S: Kyrie_ley--son//Xpe_ley--son/

CtA: Kyrie_ley--son//Criste_ley--son/

T: lome lome arme Kyrie_ley--son/XP__ley--son/

CtB: Kyrie_ley--son//Criste_ley--son/

**GLORIA**

S: Et in terra_pax hominibus bone_volunta--lis_laudamus_te_benedicimus_te__
Adoramus te_glorificamus_te__Grās l agimus__

tibi__propter_magnā_spiritum__

Tr: Et--in terra_pax hominis_lbone_voluta--tatis_lauda__Domine_fili_unigenite_ihesu_xristel_dne_l deus_agn__

T: lhôme lhôme arme Gratias agim__Qui tollis pēta müdi__Cū sancto_spiritu__

Ct: Laudam agno--te__Qui toll__peccata__

Cum_santo_spiritu__
T: laudamus te_ Grās agim° tibi pppter magnā__ glorīa tuā dolmine deus rex celestit
deus pater omnipo---tens // Qui tollis_ Qui
tolis pēta mūdi suscipe depcitione3 nostraml_
Tu solus altissimus_ Jhū_ l_ xpe_ / Cum
sancto spū_ in gloria_ dei_ l_ patris_ A---
men_

CtB: laudamus- te benedichimus te--
adoramus te_ l glorificamus te Grās_ agimus
tibi_pppter magnă_ l gloriam tuam_ dēe
deus rex celestit_ de-us pater_ l omnipo---tens//
Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis Qui
tollis l peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem
nostram Qui sedes addextera_ l patris miserere
nobis Qū tu solus sanctus Tu solus diūs tu
solus altissimus Jhū_ l_ xpe_ / Cum_ sancto
spiritu_ în_ gloria_ dei_ l patris_ A--men_
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub pontio pilato passus et sepultus est et resurrexit in tertia die scripturas. Et ascendit in celum. Qui ex pre filio procedit qui cū pre filio et filio. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.

T: lôhôme lôhôme- arme et invisibiliū // Et ascendit in celum // Qui ex pre filio--qβ procedit // Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.

Ct: Patrem omnipotentem factorem celi et terre visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unū dūm i̇hm x̄m filiū dei unigenitū // Et ex pre natum ante ōa secula deū- lumen de luie deū vez de deo // Vero genitū non cōsusțăciale pīr per q̃ ōa-fact aunt- Qui p̄tter nos hōes // Et p̄tter nostrā- salute descendit de cels Et incarnates est de spū sancto ex maria virgine et homo factus est. // Crucifixus eciam pro nobis // Sub poncio pilato passus et sepultus est // Et resurrexit tercic die-- scripturas // Et ascendit in cels // Sedet // Qui ex pre filio--qβ pceedit // Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.

T: Et in unū dūm-- i̇hm x̄m deū de deo lumē de luie deū verū de deo vero // Qui p̄tter nos hōes-- et p̄tter nostrā salutā descendit de cels // Et incarnates est de spū sancto ex maria virgine et homo factus est // Et ascendit i̇ celu̇ sedet addaxteram prīs // Et unam sanctam catholicam // Et apostolicā ecclēsia Confiteor unū // Baptisma in remissionē p̄tto--rum // Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum // Et vitam venturi seculi // Amen.

CtB: Et in unum- dūm i̇hm x̄m-- fi-liū-dei-- unigeni-tū et ex patre natū āi omūa secula deum de deo lumē de-- lumē deū vez de deo vero-- genitū nō factū- cōsusțăciale patrī // Per quē omūa facta sunt // Quī propī nos hōes-- et p̄tter nār̄s salute descendit de cels et incarnatus est de spū sancto ex maria virgine et homo factus est // Et ascendit i̇ celu̇ sedet-- addaxteram patrī et itēz-- // Est cō Gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos Cuius regni nō-- erit finis // Et i̇ spū sanctō dolminū et vivificātē qui ex
pře filioque pceled quicq pře filio simul
addorat et cõglorificat q locup e p.pphetas
Et unâ sanctam catholica et apostolicam
ecclica Cõsíteor unũ baptisma in remissões
pêtorum // Et expêcto resurrectionem
mortuorum et vitam venturi seculi
A--m--e--n._

SANCTUS

D: Sanctus sanctus_ l_ sanctus_ dēn_ l_ deus
saba--l--oth // Pleni_sunt_ celi_ et terra
gloria_ l_ tu--a / Osanna_ l_ in excels--l--sis
Bene--dictus_ qui venit_ l_ qui_ venit_ In
nomine_ l_ diù / O-sanna_ l_ l_ in_ excels--l--sis
Tr: Sanctus_ sanctus_ / Pleni_sunt_ celi_ et
terral_ gloria_ l_ tu--a / O-sanna_ l_ l_ in
excels--l--sis_ // Benedictus_ l_ qui venit_ In_l
nomine_ domini_ / Osanna_ l_ in_ excels--l--sis
T: sanctu_ // Osanna_ _in_excelsis_--l
Osanna_ l_ in excels--l--sis
Ct: sanctus_ // Osanna_ l_ in_ excelsis_--l

S: Sanctus_ sanctus--l--tus_ sanctus--l--tus
domi--nus_ de--l--us saba--l--oth // Pleni
sunt celi_ et terl--ra_ gloril--a_ tu--l--a_ / Osanna_ l_ in excels--l--sis_ // Benedictus
qui ve--l--n_ nit_ in nomine_ l_ domi--l
Osanna_ _in_excelsis_--l--sis

CTA: Sanctus_ sanctus--l--tus_ sanctus_ l
dominus_ deus_ saba--oth_ // Pleni_ sunt
celi_ et_ ter_--ra_ glo--l--ria_ tu--l--a_ / Osanna_ l_ in excels--l--sis_ // Benedictus
qui_ ve--l--n_ nit_ in nomine_ l_ domi--l
Osanna_ _in_excelsis_--l--sis

T: sanctus sanctus dēn deus saba--l--oth
Osanna_ _in_excelsis_--l--sis_ // Osanna_ _in_excelsis_--l--sis

CTB: Sanctus_ sanctus_ l_ domi--nus_ l_ deus
saba--l--oth // Osanna_ l_ in_ excels--l--sis
Osanna_ _in_excelsis_--l--sis

AGNUS DEI

D: Agnus_ dei_ qui_ tollis_ peccata_ l
mūdi_ l_ miserere_ l no--bis_ // Agnus
dei_ l_ qui tollis_ peccata_ mūdi Miserere
no--bis_ // Agnus_ dei_ l_ qui_ tollis_ peccata
mūdi / Dona_ l_ nobis_ pa--cem
Tr: A_gn9_ dei_ l_ qui_ tollis_ l_ peccata_ mūdi
Miserere_ nobis // Agnus_ dei_ l_ qui_ tollis
peccata_ l_ mūdi Miserere_ nobis_ //
Agnus_ dei_ l_ (l) _ Donal_l_ nobis_ pacem
T: A--gnus_ dei_ qui_ tollis_ // // Agnus_
dei_ l_ / Dona_ l_ nobis_ l_ pacem
Ct: Agnus_ dei_ // // A--gnus_--l_ / Dona

S: Agnus_ de--l--i_ qui_ tollis_ pēfal_ mon-
di_ misel--re--re_ no--bis_ / Agnus_ de--l
Qui_ l_tollis_ pēfam_ mondi_ miserere_ l_ no
bis_ // Agnus_ de--l--i_ Qui_ l_tollis
peccata_ l_ mun--di_ Donal_ l_ no--bis_ pa

CTA: Agnus_ de--l--i_ qui_ l--l_ Qui
mīl_ no--bis_ / Agnus_ de--l--i_ Qui
tollis pēfal_ mondi_ miserere_ no--bis_ //
Agnus_ Qui_ tollis_ l_ peccata_ mun--l--di
Donal_ l_ no--bis_ pa--l--cem

T: Qui_ tollis_peccata_ pmdo_ misere--l--
re_ no--bis_ // Agnus_ dei_ Qui_ tollis_ l
peccata_ mun--d_ do--na_ nobis_ l_ pa

Ct: Agnus_ dei_ // // A--gnus_--l_ / Dona

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CtB: Qui tol--lis peccata_ l_ mondi l_ misere--re no--bis // Agnus dei Qui_ tollis l_ peča_ mū--di_ dona l_ no--bis l_ pa--cem_
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nostram__ihesu_xpris__te__cú_sancto-spiritu_in__glá__dei__patris_A__men_

**Credo**

D: Atrem oñipotétem _factoré_ celi Et Terre__l__--et__i_unú_dmím__ihesum__xpris__tú_filiú
dei unigenitum []_et__ex_pře__natú_9__sbstantiālempři_p_--quē_omnia_facta__sunt
Qui,pppt nos homī--nes__et_ppter nostrum__saltem_[]_descendit_de__ce--lis__et
incarnatus_[]_est_de_ṣpū_sanc--to_ex__marïa_virgine__Crucifixus__itiam__pro_nobis__sub
pontio_pila--to__passus__et_lier__se__Resurrexit_tertia_tie__secúdū__scriptu--ras
et_ascendit_in__celú_sedet__addexterā__patris__et
iterú_ventur"₇_9_glá__iudicare_vivos__et_mor--lu--os__Cui"__Regni_ō_ēr_ēt_fini_ë
in_spm sēcil__domi--num_ë__vìvifican--lē;_qui_ex_pře__et_filio--q_procedit_Quicú_pře__et_fìlió__simul
adorat₄__et_cúguïlìrical__et__Tu__locut₉_ë_ë_p__pphetas__et_uná_sanc__Quā_cháç₁₉__et__Confítor
uní_baptísm__in__Remíssíonem__peccatós__et
vitam__venturī__secu--li_[]__A--men

CrA: _Patrem_ oñipotétem_factorem_celi__et
Terre_visibiliū__omī___et__Resurrexit_tertia_tie__scūd_scrip--turas_ë__et_ascendit_l'int__célu_sedet__et
iterú_ventur"₇_ë__gloria__iudicare_vivos_9
mortuos__Cui"_Regni_ō_ēr_ēt_fini_ë_l_ë__expecto__Resurrectionē__mortuós_2₉_A__men

T: _et__in_unú_dmím__ihesu_xpr=sì__filiú__dei__unigenitū__l_ë__se__puplit__et_ascendit_ë__Resurexíti
sunt__et__Resurrexit___scripturas___et__ascendit_in__celú_sedet__addextēra__patris__et
iteru_ventur"₇_9_glá__iudicare_vivos__et_mor--lu--os__Cui"_Regni_ō_ēr_ēt_fini_ë
in_spm_sēcil__domi--num_ë__vìvifican--lē;_qui_ex_pře__et_filio--q_procedit_Quicú_pře__et_fìlió__simul
adorat₄__et__cúguïlìrical__et__Tu__locut₉_ë_ë_p__pphetas__et_uná_sanc__Quā_cháç₁₉__et__Confítor
uní_baptísm__in__Remíssíonem__peccatós__et
vitam__venturí__secu--li_[]__A--men

CrB: _Visibilíu_ omí__et_in--visibilíum_2₉_2₉__et__homo_factus__est_ë__Cuius__Regni_non_ēr_ēt_fini_ë
in_spm_l_ë_ë__A--men

**Sanctus**

D: Anc--tus__et_sanc--tus_do--mi__=nus_de--us
sab--l--ba__=oth_ple__ni__sunt_ce--li__et_terra__
Glá__tu--a_Osan--na_in_excél--sis__Ene--dic--

**Sanctus**

S: Sanctus_sanc--tus__sanc--tus_do--
minus_de--us__sab_ah__plēni__sunt_cē
et_terra_Osanna_in__excelsís_ë__Benedic--
CRITICAL APPARATUS

Missa Accueille ma la belle

Kyrie

INCIPI: Kyrie

WITNESS: VatS 51, ff. 6v–8r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Kyrie ∅; Christe ℃; Kyrie ¶

VOICES AND CLEFS: [Supremum] C1; Contra[tenor Altus] C3-C2; Tenor C3; Contra[tenor Bassus] F3

PARATEXTS: ‘Caron’ top of f. 6v; ‘Acueille malabelle’ stave 7, f. 6v; ‘Vte’ staves 6 and 10, f. 7r

TEXT REMARKS:

S 27,3 Sm
CtA 30, 6 black
S 14,1 ‘signum congruentiae
CtA 14,1 ‘signum congruentiae
CtA 65,1 erased corona
CtB 65,1 erased corona
CtA 116,7 difficult reading due to manuscript corruption, conjectural

Gloria

INCIPI: Et in terra

WITNESS: VatS 51, ff. 8v–10r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Et in terra ∅; Domine Deus S: ∅, ℃; CtA: ∅, ℃; Qui tollis ℃ VOICES AND CLEFS: [Supremum] C1; Contra[tenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3; Contra[tenor Bassus] F3

PARATEXTS: ‘Duo’ stave 6, f. 8v and stave 5 f. 9r; ‘dñe de9’ stave 10 f. 9r

TEXT REMARKS:

S 15,1 ‘signum congruentiae
CtA 15,1 ‘signum congruentiae
CtA 89,2 ℃
CtA 155,4 Sm
T 168,1 ℃ under the note, added later
Credo

Incipit: Patrem omnipotentem

Witness: VatS 51, ff. 10v–13r

Mensuration signs: Patrem omnipotentem ♯; Et resurrexit ♯, ♯; Et ascendit ♮; Et unam sanctam ♯

Voices and clefs: [Supremum] C1; Contra[tenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3; Contra[tenor]

Bassus F3

Paratexts: ‘Duo’ stave 1, ff. 11v–12r; ‘Verte’ stave 6 f. 12r; ‘Verte’ stave 10 f. 12r

Text remarks:

CtA 16,2 stem missing, due to corruption of ms.
S 20,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 20,1 signum congruentiae
CtB 71,3-4 difficult reading due to corruption of ms., conjectural
CtA 104,3-105,1 black
S 120,1 punctum after the note
T 214,1 ‡ under the note, added later

Sanctus

Incipit: Sanctus

Witness: VatS 51, ff. 13v–15r

Mensuration signs: Sanctus ♯; Osanna I ♮; Osanna II ♯

Voices and clefs: [Supremum] C1; Contra[tenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3–C2; Contra[tenor Bassus]

F3–F2


Text remarks:

S 4,3 black
S 11,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 31,1 color
S 39,1 ‡ added later
CtA 42,6 M
S 66,5 Sm
S 166,2 c, corrected to avoid the clash with b, in CtA
AGNUS DEI

INCIPI: Agnus Dei

WITNESS: VatS 51, ff. 15v–17r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Agnus Dei I ○; Agnus Dei II ‧

VOICES AND CLEFS: [Supremum] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3; Contra[tenor Bassus] F3

PARATEXTS: ‘Duo’ stave 5, ff. 15v–16r; ‘29 agnus tacet’ stave 9 f. 15v; ‘29 tacet’ stave 10 f. 16r

TEXT REMARKS:

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\textbf{CtA} & 12,1 \textit{signum congruentiae} \\
\textbf{CtB} & 23 \textit{difficult reading due to corruption of ms., conjectural} \\
\textbf{CtB} & 33,3–6 \textit{difficult reading due to corruption of ms., conjectural} \\
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\textbf{CtB} & 139,2 \textit{F, corrected to avoid the clash with \(g\) in CtA} \\
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MISSA CLEMENS ET BENIGNA

KYRIE

INCIPI: Kyrie

WITNESS: ModE M.1.13 ff. 140v–141r • TrentC 89 ff. 378v–379r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Kyrie ○; Christe ○; Kyrie: φ (Mod) • (Tr89)

VOICES AND CLEFS: Discantus C1; Contratenor Altus C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor Bassus F3

PARATEXTS: ModE M.1.13 ‘Caron: Clemens et benig’ top of f. 140v; ‘Tenor’ stave 7, f. 140v; ‘Clemēs et benigna’ stave 7, f. 140v; ‘Contra’ stave 1, f. 141r; ‘Bassus’ stave 5, f. 141r • TrentC 89 ‘Tenor’ stave 5, f. 378v; ‘Contra’ stave 1, f. 379r; ‘Conē basso’ stave 5, f. 379r

COMPARISON WITH TRENTC 89

| CtA | 1-1 | B, Sb |
| CtB | 1,1-2,2 | L col-B col, B |
| D  | 3,2  | \ |
| CtA | 4,4  | correction from M to Sb |
| T  | 5,1  | Sb, Sb |
| D  | 9,4-5 | g M p.a., f Sm, f Sm, e Sm |
| CtA | 9,4  | missing |
| D  | 11,1-12,1 | B, Sb |
| T  | 17,1  | lig |
| CtB | 18,2  | no \ |
| D  | 19,3-20,2 | cc Sb p.a., bb M, bb M, aa M |
| CtB | 27  | no lig |
| CtB | 27,2-28,1 | lig |
| CtB | 28-29  | no lig |
| D  | 35,2-36,1 | no lig, no col |
| CtB | 37-38  | no lig |
| CtA | 39-42,1 | gg Sb, dd M p.a., ee Sm, ff Sb, gg Sb, ff Sb col, ee M col, cc Sb–dd Sb, cc Sb, aa B |
| T  | 49,3  | correction from Sm to M |
| D  | 51,4-7 | g Sb, f M |

GLORIA

INCIPI: Et in terra

WITNESS: ModE M.1.13 ff. 141v–145r • TrentC 89 ff. 379v–382r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Et in terra ○; Qui tollis ○; Cum Sancto Spiritu φ
VOICES AND CLEFS: Discantus C1; Contratenor Altus C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor Bassus ModE

M.1.13 F3–F4 • TrentC 89 F3

PARATEXTS: ModE M.1.13 ‘Tenor’ stave 7, ff. 141v, 143v, 144v; ‘Contra’ stave 1, ff. 142r, 143r, 144r, 145r; ‘Bassus’ stave 7, f. 142r, stave 6, ff. 143r, 144r, 145r; ‘tenor tacet’ stave 7, f. 142r; • TrentC 89 ‘Tenor’ stave 6, ff. 379v, 381v; ‘Clemens et benigna’ stave 6, f. 379v; ‘Contrā 1°’ stave 1, ff. 380r, 382r, stave 5, f. 380v; ‘Tenor 2 Bassus’ stave 5, f. 380r; ‘Contra 2 bassus’ stave 1, f. 381r, stave 5, f. 382r

TEXT REMARKS:

D 9,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 9,1 signum congruentiae
CtB 45,3 C, correction ope codicum to avoid the clash with dd in the D

COMPARISON WITH TRENTC 89

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CtA 145,3-146,1 no lig
CtA 146,1-2 lig
CtB 148,3-4 lig
CtA 155,3-156,2 d Sb, d M, d Sb

Credo

Incipit: Patrem omnipotentem

Witness: ModE M.1.13 ff. 145v–149r • Trent C 89 ff. 382v–385r

Mensuration signs: Patrem o; Crucifixus f; Confiteor o

Voices and clefs: [Discantus] C1; Contratenor Altus C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor Bassus F3

Paratexts: ModE M.1.13 ‘Tenor’ stave 7, ff. 145v, 147v, stave 8, f. 148v; ‘Clemēs et benigna’ stave 7, f. 145v; ‘Contra’ stave 1, ff. 146r, 147r, 148r, 149r; ‘Bass’ stave 7, f. 146r; ‘tenor tacet’,
stave 8, f. 146r; ‘Bassus’ stave 6, ff. 147r, 148r, 149r; • TrentC 89 ‘Tenor’ stave 6, f. 382v, stave 7, f. 384v; ‘Contra 1’ stave 1, f. 383r, stave 5, f. 383v; ‘Contra 2’ bassus’ stave 6, f. 383r; ‘Contratenor bassus’ stave 1, f. 384r; ‘Contra 1’ stave 1, f. 385r; ‘Contra 2’ bassus’ stave 5, f. 385r

Text Remarks:

| CtA | 12,1 | signum congruentiae |
| D  | 30,3 | f Sb added ope codicum to avoid hypometry |
| CtB | 38,5 | G, correction ope codicum to avoid the clash with a in CtA and aa in T |
| CtA | 235 | (Sb) added ope codicum to avoid hypometry |

Comparison with TrentC 89

| CtA | 12,1 | signum congruentiae |
| CtA | 12,1 | B p.p. |
| CtA | 14,2–3 | M, M |
| CtA | 16,1 | Sb, Sb |
| CtA | 25,5–26,2 | Sb p.a. |
| D  | 28,6 | e |
| D  | 30,3 | f Sb |
| D  | 32,4–5 | M, M |
| CtA | 34,1 | col |
| CtB | 38,5 | F |
| D  | 39,2–3 | Sb col, M col |
| T  | 39,3–4 | lig |
| CtA | 41,2 | Sb, M |
| CtB | 47,1–2 | no lig |
| CtB | 47,2–3 | lig |
| D  | 49,2–3 | correction from C to Sm |
| D  | 51,3 |  |
| CtA | 60,1 |  |
| CtB | 60,4–5 | lig |
| CtA | 61,3–4 | lig |
| D  | 64,3–5 | M p.a., C, C |
| D  | 68,4–5 | M p.a., Sm |
| CtA | 68,5–69,1 | lig |
| D  | 69,2–3 | M p.a., Sm |
| D  | 73,2–3 | Sb col, M col |
| CtB | 75,2 | F |
| CtB | 79,2 | G |
| CtA | 89,2 | d |
SANCTUS

INCIPIIT: Sanctus

WITNESS: ModE M.1.13 ff. 149v–151r • TrentC 89 ff. 385v–387r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Sanctus ◊; Osanna I ◊; Benedictus ◊

VOICES AND CLEFS: [Discantus] C1; Contratenor Altus C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor Bassus F3

PARATEXTS: ModE M.1.13 ‘Tenor’ stave 7, f. 149v, stave 6, f. 150r; ‘pleni tacet’ stave 9, f. 149v; ‘Contra’ stave 1, ff. 150r, 151r; ‘Bassus’ stave 6, f. 150r, stave 5, f. 151r; • TrentC 89 ‘Tenor’ stave 6, f. 385v, stave 5, f. 386v; ‘Clemens et benigna’ stave 6, f. 385v; ‘Contra 1’ stave 1, ff. 386r, 387r; ‘Contra 2 bassus’ stave 5, f. 386r; ‘Contra 6’ stave 4, f. 387r

TEXT REMARKS:

D 9,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 9,1 signum congruentiae
CtB 19,3 E, correction ope codicum to avoid the clash with dd in D and f in CtA and T
CtB 31,3  G, correction *ope codicum* to avoid the clash with *aa* in D and *a* in CtA
T 88  (B) added *ope ingenii*

**COMPARISON WITH TRENTC 89**

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AGNUS DEI

INCIPI: Agnus Dei

WITNESS: ModE M.1.13 ff. 151v–152r • TrentC 89 ff. 387v–388r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Agnus Dei I o; Agnus Dei II ç; Agnus Dei III o

VOICES AND CLEFS: [Discantus] C1; Contratenor Altus C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor Bassus F3

PARATEXTS: ModE M.1.13 ‘Tenor’ stave 6, f. 151r; ‘Contra’ stave 1, f. 152r; ‘Bassus’ stave 6, f. 152r; • TrentC 89 ‘Tenor’ stave 5, f. 387v; ‘Contra’ 1st stave 1, f. 388r; ‘Contra’ 2 bassus’ stave 5, f. 388r;

TEXT REMARKS:

D 6,1 signum congruentiae

COMPARISON WITH TRENTC 89

CtA 87,5 no
D 92,2-3 ff M, ee M
CtB 93,4-95,1 no lig
T 95,2-3 M p.a., Sm
CtB 95,4-96,1 no lig
CtB 98,4 F
CtA 98,5 aa M

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MISSA JHESUS AUTEM TRANSIENS

KYRIE

INCIPIIT: Kyrie

WITNESS: VatS 51, ff. 46v–47r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Kyrie φ; Christe φ/c (S); Kyrie φ

VOICES AND CLEFS: [Supremum] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3–C4; Tenor C3; [Contratenor] Bassus C4

PARATEXTS: ‘Tenor’ stave 7, f. 46v; ‘Jhês autem transiens’ stave 7 f. 46v; ‘Bassus’ stave 7, f. 47r

TEXT REMARKS:

S 21 Mensuration sign c. Probably the scribe forgot the virgula.
S 60,5–6 Sm. Corrected to avoid hypermetry.

GLORIA

INCIPIIT: Et in terra

WITNESS: VatS 51, ff. 47v–49r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Et in terra φ; Qui tollis: φ/c (T); Cum Sancto Spiritu: φ

VOICES AND CLEFS: [Supremum] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3–C4; Tenor C3–C4; [Contratenor Secundus] C4

PARATEXTS: ‘Caron’ top of f. 47v; ‘Canon l Recte sursum quartaꝫ superade colori l post color aufert2 ōmeando per dyapēte l Ut prius hinc iterās cū pausis tolle colores’ stave 7 f. 47v; ‘Tenor’ stave 8, ff. 47v, 48r; ‘Jhesus autem transiens’ stave 8, ff. 47v, 48v; ‘Contratenor ꝛ’ stave 6, f. 48r

TEXT REMARKS:

S 9,1 signum congruentiae
CrA 9,1 signum congruentiae
S 35,1 signum congruentiae
Cr2 35,1 signum congruentiae
T 55 (B), B G. The rest has been removed to avoid hypermetry.
CrA 98,1–2 difficult reading due to corruption of ms., conjectural

CREDO

INCIPIIT: Patrem omnipotentem
Witness: VatS 51, ff. 49v–51r

Mensuration signs: Patrem omnipotentem ☩; Crucifixus ☩/ɔ (T); Confiteor ϕ

Voices and clefs: [Supremum] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3–C4; Tenor C3; [Contratenor Bassus] C4

Paratexts: ‘Tenor’ stave 9, f. 49v, stave 8, f. 50r; ‘Jhesus autem transiens’ stave 9, f. 49v, stave 7, f. 50v; ‘per medium illorum ibat’ staves 9–10, f. 49v

Text remarks:

Sanctus

Inципit: Sanctus

Witness: VatS 51, ff. 51v–53r

Mensuration signs: Sanctus ☩; Osanna I ϕ; Osanna II φVoices and clefs: [Supremum] C1; Contratenor [Altus] C3–C4; Tenor C3–C4; [Contratenor Bassus] C4

Paratexts: ‘Tenor’ stave 9, f. 51v; ‘Jhesus autem transiens’ stave 9, f. 51v; ‘duo’ stave 5, f. 51v, stave 8 f. 52r, stave 3 f. 52v, stave 7, f. 53r; ‘Pleni tacet’ stave 10 f. 51v, stave 4, f. 52r; ‘Benedictus tacet’ stave 9 f. 52v, stave 3, f. 53r

Text remarks:
AGNUS DEI

INCIPI: Agnus Dei

WITNESS: VatS 51, ff. 53v–55r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Agnus Dei I •; Agnus Dei II ♩

VOICES AND CLEFS: [Supremum] C1; Contratenor [Altus] C3–C4; Tenor C3; [Contratenor Bassus] C3–C4

PARATEXTS: ‘Tenor’ stave 9, f. 53v; ‘Jhesus autem transiens’ stave 9, f. 53v; ‘Contratenor’ stave 1, f. 54r; ‘Duo’ stave 5, f. 53v, stave 7, f. 54r; ‘Scḏs agnus tacert’ stave 10 f. 53v, stave 3, f. 54r; ‘Verte folium’ stave 10, f. 54r

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| CtB | 7,1 | *signum congruentiae*
| T | 28–74 | 32 (B) |
| CtB | 38,3–4 | difficult reading, conjectural |
**MISSA L’HOMME ARMÉ**

**KYRIE**

**INCIPIIT:** Kyrie

**WITNESS:** *VatSP B80* ff. 99r–100r • *VatS 14* ff. 127v–128r

**MENSURATION SIGNS:** Kyrie ⊁; Christe ⊁; Kyrie ⊁

**VOICES AND CLEFS:** *VatSP B80* [Discantus] C1; Contratenor Secundus C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor Primus C4 • *VatS 14* [Discantus] C1–G2; Contra[tenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3; Contra[tenor Bassus] C4

**PARATEXTS:** *VatSP B80* ‘F. caron’ top of f. 99r; ′vē foliū′ stave 2, f. 99r; ‘Tenor’ stave 3, f. 99r, stave 6, f. 99v; ‘lōme lhōme lhōme arme’ staves 3, f. 99r; ‘Contracer’ stave 4, f. 99r, stave 1, f. 100r; ‘Contracer’ stave 6, f. 99r, stave 6, f. 100r • *VatS 14* ‘Caron’ top of f. 127v; ‘Tenor’ stave 7, f. 127v; ‘l’ome lome arme’ stave 7, f. 127v; ‘Contra’ stave 1 and 6, f. 128r

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GLORIA

INCIPI: Et in terra

WITNESS: VatSP B 80 ff. 100v–102v • VatS 14 ff. 128v–130r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Et in terra o; Domine fili unigenite c; Qui tollis c; Cum sancto spiritu φ

VOICES AND CLEFS: VatSP B80 [Discantus] C1; Triplum C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor C4 • VatS 14 [Discantus] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3; Tenor C2–C3; Contra[tenor Bassus] C4

PARATEXTS: VatSP B80 ‘Tenor’ stave 8, ff. 100v, 101v, stave 4, f. 102v; ‘lhōme lhōme arme’ stave 8, f. 100v; ‘Triplū’ top left of ff. 101r, 102r, stave 6, f. 102v; ‘Contra”’ stave 7 f. 101r; ‘Duo’ stave 1, ff. 101v, 102r; ‘Contf”’ stave 7, f. 102r, stave 8, f. 102v; ‘Vē foliū’ stave 6, f. 102r; ‘volve foliū’, bottom right of f. 102r • VatS 14 ‘Duo’ stave 6, f. 128v, stave 5, f. 129r; ‘Tenor’ stave 9, f. 128v, stave 7, f. 129v; ‘Verte’ stave 8, f. 128v, stave 6, f. 129r; ‘dē fili tacet’ stave 10, ff. 128v, 129r; ‘Contra’ stave 7, f. 129r, stave 6, f. 130r

TEXT REMARKS:

D 14,1 originally notated as Sm, corrected in M by the scribe
Tr 36,4 originally notated as Sm, corrected in M by the scribe
Ct 38,1 D, corrected in a according to VatS 14 to avoid the clash with the c in T
T 149 (B) added according to VatS 14
Tr 165,2 c, corrected in dope ingenii to avoid the clash with the bb in D and the d in T
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INCIPI: Patrem omnipotentem

WITNESS: VatSP B 80 ff. 102r–107r • VatS 14 ff. 130v–133r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Patrem omnipotentem ⋄; Et ascendit ⋄2; Et unam sanctam ⋄3; Et expecto ⋄

VOICES AND CLEFS: VatSP B80 [Discantus] C1; Contratenor primus / Triplum C3; Tenor C3; Contratenor Secundus C4 • VatS14 [Discantus] C1; Contra[tenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3; Contra[tenor Bassus] C4

PARATEXTS: VatSP B80 ‘Tenor’ stave 5, f. 103r, stave 9, f. 104v, stave 7, f. 105v, stave 6, f. 106r; ‘lhōme lhōme arme’ stave 5, f. 103r; ‘Cōtѓor’ stave 6, f. 103v; ‘Cōtѓor ʒ’ stave 9, f. 103v, stave 8, f. 105r; ‘Tenoriʒ Residuū’ stave 8, f. 103r; ‘Triplū’ stave 1, f. 104r, top left of f. 105r; ‘Cōtѓ ʒ’ stave 7, f. 104r, stave 5, f. 106r, stave 6, f. 107r; ‘Duo’ stave 1, ff. 104r, 104v; ‘Contѓor ʒ’ stave 5, f. 105r; ‘Contѓ ṁ’ stave 1, f. 106r; ‘Verte foliū’ stave 4, f. 106r; ‘Cōtѓ ћ’ stave 1, f. 107r • VatS 14 ‘Tenor’ stave 8, ff. 130v, 131v, stave 7, f. 132r; ‘Pontra’ stave 1, f. 131r; ‘Contra’
stave 6, f. 131r, stave 7, ff. 132r, 133r; ‘Crucifixus tacet’ stave 10, f. 131r; ‘Duo’ stave 1, ff. 131v, 132r; ‘Verte’ stave 6, f. 132r; ‘Vte’ stave 7, f. 107v, stave 8, ff. 108v, 109v

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**Comparison with VatS 14**

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D  112,2  B Sb
D  115,1-2  no lig
D  118,5-119,2  col
D  125,1-2  no lig
T  125,1-2  no lig
D  128,3  M α M bb
Tr 129,1-2  no lig
Tr 129,2-130,2  B g Sb d
Ct  133,1-2  lig
Ct  134,1-2  lig
Tr  136,1-2  no lig
Ct  136,1-2  no lig
Tr  141,1-142,1  no col
T  142,1-145,1  lig
D  142,3-143,1  Sb p.a. bb M g
T  145,1-2  no lig
Tr 147,1-2  col
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Tr  154,1  no lig
Tr  160,1-161,1  B Sb
Tr  163,1-2  no lig
Tr  166,1-2  lig
Ct  171,1-2  no lig
D  180,4-181,2  col
D  182,1-3  Sb aa Sb d
D  184,4-185,2  no lig
Tr  195,2-3  no col
T  196,2  no col
T  205-206  lig
D  211,1  no 
Tr  214,1-2  lig
Ct  214,2  no col
Tr 217,1-218,2  col
T  218,1-2  lig
Ct  220,2-221,1  lig
D  220,3-221,1  lig
Ct  221,2-223,1  lig
T  221,3-223,1  lig
Ct  222,2  absent
D  232,2  e
Tr  236,1-2  col
Sanctus

Incipt: Sanctus

Witness: VatSP B80 ff. 107v–110r • VatS 14 ff. 133v–136r

Mensuration signs: Sanctus ɔ; Osanna I ɛ; Pleni ɔ2; Osanna II ɔ

Voices and Clefs: VatSP B80 [Discantus] C1; Triplum / Contratenor primus C3; Tenor C3–C4;
Contratenor Secundus C4 • VatS 14 [Discantus] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3;
Contr[a]tenor Bassus C4

Paratexts: VatSP B80 ‘Tenor’ stave 7, f. 107v, stave 8, ff. 108v, 109v; ‘Pleni tacet’ stave 8 f. 107v; ‘Verte foliū’ stave 8 ff. 107v; ‘Triplū’ top left of f. 108r; ‘Contr f’ top” stave 7, f. 108r, stave 8, ff. 109r, 110r (perpendicular); ‘Duo’ stave 1, ff. 108v, 109r, 110r; ‘Contr f’ top” stave 4, f. 109v (perpendicular), 110r (perpendicular); ‘Benedictus tacet’ stave 6, f. 110r • VatS 14 ‘Verte’ stave 5 and 9, f. 133v, stave 10, f. 134r, stave 6, f. 135r; ‘Tenor’ stave 9, f. 133v, stave 8, ff. 134v, 135r;
‘Contra’ stave 7, f. 134r, stave 8, ff. 135r, 136r; ‘Duo’ stave 1, ff. 134v–136r; ‘benedictus tacet’ stave 10, f. 135r

Text Remarks:

Ct 39,3 D, corrected in E according to VatS 14 to avoid the clash with the E in Tr

Comparison with VatS 14

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D 22,1  no ,
D 22,2-3  col
Tr 24,1-2  no lig
Ct 24,1-2  lig
Tr 24,3-4  col
D 27,3-4  col
Tr 28,4-5  col
Tr 29,5  G
T 31-32  absent
Tr 32,3-4  lig
Tr 33,3  a
D 35,3-4  col
Tr 36,1-2  col
D 38,2  no ,
Tr 38,5-39,2  col
Ct 39,3  E
D 40,1  B Sb
Ct 40,1  no col
D 42,4-43,1  M p.a. bb Sm cc
Tr 43,4-44,1  no lig
Tr 45,4-5  no lig
D 56,1-58,1  lig
Tr 63,1-65,1  L B
D 72,1-73,1  no lig
Tr 72,1-73,1  no lig
Tr 75,2-76,1  lig
D 76,1-2  no lig
Tr 76,2  no lig
D 77,3-78,3  Sb col dd Cr col cc Cr col bb
D 83,2-84,1  lig
D 89,1  no lig
D 91,1-92,1  no lig
Tr 92,1-93,1  no lig
D 96,3  Sm e Sm d
Tr 98,4-99,1  no lig
T 109-111  no lig
Tr 116,1-2  no lig
D 117,3-119,1  no lig
Tr 119,1-120,1  no lig
D 121,1  L
D 123,1  absent
D 125,1-127,1  lig
Ct 125,1-130,1  lig
Tr 125,1-2  lig
Tr 125,2 b
Ct 131,2 no
Tr 133,1–2 no lig
Tr 134,2–135,1 g
Tr 136,1–2 MM
D 137,1 no lig
Tr 139,1–2 lig
D 146,2–148,1 lig
Tr 147,1–2 no lig
D 154,1–2 lig
Tr 178,1–179,1 no lig
D 183,2 Sb p.a.
D 184,1 absent
Tr 185,1–2 lig
D 190,2–191,1 lig
Tr 193,3–4 no lig
D 194,2 no lig
D 200,3 Sb p.a.
D 201,1 absent
Tr 205,1–2 col
D 216,3 e
Ct 217,3–4 lig
D 218,1–2 col
Ct 218,2–3 col
Tr 218,4–219,2 M p.a. e Sm d M e
Tr 221,2–222,1 BL

AGNUS DEI

incipit: Agnus Dei

witness: VatSP B80 ff. 110v–113r • VatS 14 ff. 136v–138r

Mensuration signs: Agnus Dei I o; Agnus Dei II θ; Dona nobis o

Voices and clefs: VatSP B80 [Discantus] C1; Contratenor primus C3; Tenor C3–C4;
Contratenor secundus C4 • VatS 14 [Discantus] C1–G2; Contra[tenor Altus] C3; Tenor C2–C3;
Contra[tenor Bassus] C4

Paratexts: VatSP B80 ‘Tenor’ stave 8, f. 110v, stave 6, f. 112v; ‘Contf’ stave 1, f. 111r;
‘Contf θ’ stave 8, f. 111r (perpendicular), stave 6, f. 113r (perpendicular); ‘Duo’ stave 1, ff.
111v–112r; ‘Verte foliū’ between staves 5 and 6, f. 111v; ‘Residuū cortfuum’ stave 9, f. 112v; ‘Residm
ī fine pʰ pag’ stave 8, f. 113r • VatS 14 ‘Duo’ stave 5, ff. 136v, 137r; ‘Tenor’ stave 8, f. 136v,
stave 7, f. 137r; ‘agn’ tacet’ stave 9 f. 136r; ‘Contra’ stave 8, f. 137r, stave 1, f. 138r, stave 7, f. 138r; ‘z’ agn’ tacet’ stave 10, f. 137r

TEXT REMARKS:

CtP 38,3 in VatSP B80 present another Sb d before the Sb p.a., it is here accepted the reading in VatS 14 to avoid hypermetry
D 85,3 originally notated as M, then the stem was abraded

COMPARISON WITH VATS 14

D 1,2 no ḫ
D 11,2-3 col
D 12,3 ḫ
D 13,2 e
D 13,3-4 col
D 14,1-2 lig
D 14,2-3 col
D 15,1 *signum congruentiae*
CtP 15,1 *signum congruentiae*
D 18,4-5 col
D 20,1-2 col
D 20,3 Sb p.a.
D 20,5 absent
D 21,2-3 col
CtP 24,1-2 col
D 25,2-3 col
D 27,3 *aa*
D 27,3-28,1 lig
D 28,1 no ḫ
D 28,1-2 col
D 28,5-29,2 no lig
CtP 29,3-4 col
CtS 29,4 ḫ
D 29,5 ḫ
D 29,5-30,4 col
T 32,2 ː
T 32,4-33,1 Sb M
D 33,1-2 col
T 34,1 ʃ
CtP 34,1-3 Sb ç M p.a. d Sm e
D 34,2 no ḫ
T 34,2-3 col
CtP 34,6-7 col
D 37,1-2 col
CtP 40,3-4 M p.a. Sm
CtP 45,2-48,1 lig
CtP 47,2-48,2 col
D 58,3 M f Sb bb, M aa M bb
D 59,3-60,2 no lig
CtP 60,2 d
CtP 61,2 M d Sb b-Sb a M b
D 74,3-4 col
D 77,1 g
D 82,3-83,1 lig
CtP 82,3-83,1 lig
CtP 83,2-3 lig
T 88,1-89,1 (Sb) B g
CtP 95,2-97,2 material lacuna
D 98,2-100,1 lig
T 99,2-100,1 B Sb
CtS 105,2-110,1 lig
CtP 105,3-107,1 Sb-Sb
CtS 111,1 no ,
CtS 112,1-2 no lig
CtP 114,1-115,1 lig
T 117,1-118,1 lig
D 123,2-125,1 lig
D 127,2 b
D 127,2-129,1 lig
CtP 127,2-129,1 lig
CtP 128,2-129,1 col
D 129,2-130,1 no lig
CtP 129,3-130,2 dittoigraphy
D 130,2-132,1 lig
D 132,2-133,1 lig
CtS 133,1-2 lig
CtP 133,3 absent
CtP 134,1-2 lig
CtS 134,1-135,1 lig
D 136,1 b
CtS 138,4 E
D 139,1-2 col
CtP 140,1 Sm
CtP 140,5 M
T 142,1-2 Sb M Sb M
CtS 142,2-3 lig
CtP 143,1-2 lig
T 143,3 originally M, the stem was abraded and added another M later as in VaSP B80
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| D   | 144,4–5 | col |
| CrP | 145,1–2 | Mg M e |
| T   | 145,1–2 | Sb M Sb M |
| T   | 148,1–2 | Sb M Sb M |
| T   | 148,2 | \# |
| D   | 149,1–2 | col |
| D   | 149,3–150,1 | lig |
| T   | 150,1–2 | Sb M Sb M |
| T   | 151,1 | Sb M |
| T   | 151,2–152,1 | lig |
| D   | 151,7 | \(\vdash\) |
| D   | 151,7–152,2 | col |
| D   | 152,3–4 | no col |
| T   | 154,4–5 | Sm F M G |
| D   | 155,4–5 | col |
MISSA SANGUIS SANCTORUM

KYRIE

INCIPI: **VerBC 755 Kyrie** • **VatS 51 Kyrie**

WITNESS: **VerBC755 ff. 36v–37r** • **VatS 51, ff. 81v–82r**

MENSURATION SIGNS: Kyrie o; Christe ‡; Kyrie o

VOICES AND CLEFS: **VerBC 755** [Supremum] C1–G1; [Contratenor Altus] C3; [Tenor] C3;
[Contratenor Bassus] F3 • **VatS 51** [Supremum] C1; Contratenor [Altus] C3; Tenor C3;
Contratenor Bassus F3

PARATEXTS: **VerBC 755** ‘Sanguis sanctorꝝ’ stave 8 f. 36v • **VatS51** ‘Caron’ top of f. 81r;
‘Tenor’ stave 7, f. 81v; ‘Contratenor’ stave 1, f. 82r; ‘Contratenor Bassus’ stave 6, f. 82r

TEXT REMARKS:

T 5,3 notated as the first element of a lig c.o.p.
S 8,3–9,5 portion of text marked with a circle and rewritten, then crossed out, after
the ending of the first Kyrie, probably by another scribe. The main text
has the following reading: M aa, M f, Sb aa, Sb g, M p.a. aa, Sm g, Sb f,
Sb e
S 23,2–24,1 originally in VerBC 755 aa, corrected by the scribe

COMPARISON WITH VatS 51

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INCIPI: VerBC 755 et in terra • VatS 51 Et in terra

WITNESS: VerBC 755 ff. 37v–39r • VatS 51 ff. 82v–84r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Et in terra o; Qui tollis ç

VOICES AND CLEFS: VerBC755 [Supremum] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3; [Tenor] C3; [Contratenor Bassus] F3 • VatS 51 CS51 [Supremum] C1; Contra[tenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3; [Contratenenor] Bassus F3

PARATEXTS: • VatS 51 ‘Tenor’ stave 8, ff. 82v, 83v; ‘Verte folium’ stave 10, f. 82v, stave 6, f. 83r; ‘Contra’ stave 1, ff. 83r, 84r; ‘Bassus’ stave 7, ff. 83r, 84r

TEXT REMARKS:

CtA 13,4 originally notated as a M, the stem was crossed out and then abraded
CtA 19,1 signum congruentiae
CtB 21,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 87,2 originally f, then abraded and corrected
CtB 94,1 signum congruentiae
S 125,1–2 lig c.o.p., corrected according to VatS 51

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**Comparison with VatS 51**

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S 89,3-4 Sb cc
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CtA 90,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 97,4-98,1 no lig
CtA 104,1-105,1 no lig
CtA 109,3-110,1 M e, M e, M d
CtB 110,1-111,1 no lig
CtB 116,1 no lig
CtB 121,1-2 no lig
S 125,1-2 M, M; it is possible to see lig c.o.p., as in VerBC 755, abraded; correction made by another scribe
S 127,1-2 B
CtB 128-143 lig
S 143,1 (B)
CtA 143,1-144,1 no lig
CtA 145,3-146,1 no lig
CtA 150,2-151,1 no lig
S 152,3-153,4 B aa, Sb g
CtA 154,2-155,1 no lig
CtB 155,1-156,1 no lig
CtB 158,1-161,1 lig
CtA 158,3-159,4 B a, Sb G
S 159,2-4 Sm c, Sm b, Sb c
S 173,1 L
CtA 173 (B) before lig
CtA 176,1-177,1 no lig
S 177,2 g
T 179 (B) before lig
CtB 181,1-183,1 lig
CtA 181,2-183,1 no lig
CtA 183,2-185,1 no lig
CtB 187 Sb D before M; later addition
CtB 188,1 abraded
S 191,1 no ∞
S 192,1-193,1 no lig

Credo

Incipit: VerBC 755 Patrem omnipotentem • VatS 51 Patrem omnipotentem

Witness: VerBC 755 ff. 39v-41r • VatS 51 ff. 84v-86r

Mensuration Signs: Patrem omnipotentem ∞; Et resurrexit ∙
VOICES AND CLEFS: VerBC 755 [Supremum] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3; Tenor C3; [Contratenor Bassus] F3 • VatS 51 CS51 [Supremum] C1-G2; Contratenor [Altus] C3; Tenor C3; [Contratenor Bassus] F3

PARATEXTS: VerBC 755 ‘Verte foliū ad Residuum’ stave 8, f. 39v; Tenor stave 8, f. 40v • VatS 51 “Sanguis sanc torz” stave 9, f. 84v; ‘Tenor’ stave 9, f. 84v, stave 8, f. 85v; ‘Contratenor’ stave 1, ff. 85r, 86r; ‘Bassus’ stave 6, f. 85r, stave 7, f. 86r

TEXT REMARKS:

CtA 13,1 signum congruentiae
T 19 rest added ope ingenii, according to signa congruentiae
CtA 20,3 signum congruentiae
CtB 20,1 signum congruentiae
CtB 48,3 originally notated as a M, then the stem was abraded
CtB 54,2 originally notated as a M, the stem was crossed out and then abraded
S 135,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 135,1 signum congruentiae
CtA 137,2-139,1 originally notated as a L, then the stem was abraded. The L is retained in the text according to VatS 51
CtB 143,1 signum congruentiae
T 166-171 later addition in the stave above
T 224,2 originally d, abraded and corrected in c
CtA 261,1 p.a. abraded

COMPARISON WITH VATS 51

CtA 2,1-3,1 lig
S 11,2-3 col
CtA 11,2-3 col
CtB 16,5-17,1 no lig
CtA 19,2-3 col
CtA 19,3 f
CtA 19,4-5 Sb f
S 20,2 signum congruentiae
CtA 23,1-2 lig
CtA 23,3-4 col
CtA 26,1-2 col
S 29,2-3 col
S 29,5-7 col Sb bb M aa
CtA 31,2-5 col
S 37,2-3 col
CtB 37,4-5 col
CtA 42,2 d
CtA 43,5-6  col
CtB 44,7  M C, M C
S 45,3  \n
S 46,5-6  M, M
CtA 47,1-2  no lig
S 48,3  \cc
S 50,4-5  col
S 52,2-3  col
CtA 52,5-53,1  no lig
CtA 53,3-4  col
T 54-55  no lig
S 61,2-3  col
CtB 66,1-2  no lig
CtB 66,3-4  col
S 77,2-3  col
S 77,5  \n
S 78,2-3  col
CtA 78,2-79,1  \a
S 79,2-3  no lig
CtA 79,2  no lig
S 93,3-94,2  B \cc
S 102,1-2  col
S 102,3-103,4  B \aa, Sb \g
CtA 117,1-2  no lig
CtA 128,1-2  no lig
S 129,1-3  col
CtA 131,1-2  no lig
S 132,1-133,1  no lig
CtA 135-136  no lig
CtB 137,1-142,1  lig
CtA 137,2-139,1  L
CtA 139,2-141,1  no lig
CtA 144,1-145,1  no lig
CtA 145,1  (B)
CtB 146,1-148,1  no lig
CtA 147,1-149,1  no lig
CtB 152,1  no lig
CtB 152,1  Sb D, Sb D
CtA 157,1-2  no lig
CtA 160,1-2  no lig
CtB 163,1-2  no lig
CtB 181,1  no lig
CtA 197,12  lig
CtA 197,2  \(f\)
CtA 200,2-3  Sb \g
SANCTUS

INCIPIT: VerBC 755 sanctus • VatS 51 Sanctus

WITNESS: VerBC 755 ff. 41–43 • VatS 51 ff. 86–88r

MENSURATION SIGNS: Sanctus o; Benedictus c; Osanna II φ

VOICES AND CLEFS: VerBC 755 [Supremum] C1; [Contratenor Altus] C3; [Tenor] C3;
[Contratenor Bassus] F3 • VatS 51 [Supremum] C1–G2; Contratenor [Altus] C3; Tenor C3;
[Contratenor] Bassus F3

PARATEXTS: VerBC 755 ‘Verte foliū ad Residuum’ • VatS 51 ‘Tenor’ stave 8, ff. 86v, 87v;
‘Contratenor’ stave 1, f. 87r; ‘Bassus’ stave 6, f. 87r, stave 7, f. 88r

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KYRIE
GLORIA

[Supremum]

Et in terra

[Contratenor Altus]

Et in terra pax hominibus bonis

[Tenor]

pax homine

voluntatis

[Contratenor Bassus]

mi - nibus bone

voluntatis

Lauda

Lauda

Lauda

[Supremum]

[Contratenor Altus]

[Tenor]

[Contratenor Bassus]
Laudamus te, benediciamus
da - mus te, be - ne - di - ci - mus te,

ad - or - amus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.

ad - or - amus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.

da - mus te, a - do - ra - mus te,

Gratias agimus

Gratias agimus

be - ne - di - ci - mus
glo - ri - fi - ca - mus

ti - bi

prop -
Prop-ter ma-gnam glo-ri-am tu-am.
Di-

Prop-ter ma-gnam glo-
mi-ne de-us, rex ce-

Do-

Do-

ri-am tu-am.
Di-

ce-

pa-

pa-

les-

les-

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di, mi-se-re-re no-bis.

 Qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, mi-se-re-re no-bis.

 Qui tol-

 di, su-sci-

 di, su-

 li-


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misere-re no-bis
se-re-re no-bis Quo-ni-ni

mi-se-re-re no-bis

Quo-ni-am tu so-lus san-

am tu so-lus san-

tus,

tu so-
lus

dominus,

so-
lus

tu so-
lus

lus,
tu so-
lus
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tu so - lus al - tis - si - mus,

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do - mi - nus, tu so - lus
do - mi - nus le -
do - mi - nus, tu

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le - su Chri - ste.
al - tis - si - mus Cum Sanc - su Chri - ste

Cum Sanc - to Spi - ri - tu,

to Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a

in Sanc - to Spi - ri - tu,
in glori - ri - a de - " 

d e - " 

glo - ri - a de - i 

glo - ri - a de - i pa - tris. 

de - " 

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men.
Credo
um omnium et invisibilium.

ni um et invisibilium. Et

Eum

in unum Dominum

in unum Dominum lesum

Chriestum, fili

lesum Chriestum, fili

lium dei unige

lium dei unige

Et ex patre

Chri...

do-mi-num le-sum Chri-stum, fili

lium de-i unige-ni-tum.
ni-ge-ni-tum. Et ex pa-tre na-
tum an-te om-ni-a se-cu-la.

De-um de de-o, lu-men de lu-mi-ne, de-
na-tum an-te om-ni-a se-cu-

De-um de de-o, lu-men de lu-

De-um de de-o, lu-

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descendit de cælis. incarnatus

incarnatus de Spiritu Sancto

Ex Maria virgine et

ex Maria virgine, et homo factus est.

Et homo factus est. Cru-
Cru-ci-fi-xus et-i-am pro no-bis
est. - - - - - pro no-
ci-fi-xus et-i-am pro no-

sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to,
sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to, pas-

bis sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-

pas-sus est et se-pul-tus est. Duo
sus et se-pul-tus est. Duo re-

to pas-sus et se-pul-tus est. [racet]
Et ascendit in caelum,

Et ascendit in caelum,

Et in

Et

sebet ad dexteram pa-

sebet ad dexteram pa-

scendit in caelum, se-

trix Et iterum venturus

trix

i - te - rum ven - tu - rus det
et cum glori - a iu - di - ca -

Et i - te - rum

ad dexteram

ven - tur - us est cum glori - a iu - mor -

pa - tris

vos et mor - tu - os, cui - ius

di - car - re vi - vos
et mor - tu - os.
Curios re-gni.

Et in Spi-ritum Sanctum, do-mi-num tu-ros.

Et in Spi-ritum Sanctum, et vi-vi-fi-can-tem, do-mi-num et vi-vi-fi-can-tem, qui
qui ex patre filioque

proce-dit. Qui cum

pa-tre et filio simul

Qui cum patre

Qui cum
ado- ratur et cum glo-

et f i - lio a - do - r-

pa - tre et

ri - f i - ca - tur,

tur et cum glo - ri - f i - ca-

Qui

cum glo - ri - f i - ca - tur.

qui lo - cu - tus est per pro -

tur, qui lo -

lo - cu - tus

Qui lo - cu - tus est per
Et unam sanctam catholi-cam et apostoli-

am ecle-si-am. Con-

am sanctam catho-
se - cu - li. A - - - - men.
Do - mi - nus
tus,

sanc - tus
sanc - - - - tus

Do - - - -

Do - mi - - - - - - nus
nit ine nomi ne

Do mi ne

Do mi

O ni. O san

O san
Missa Clemens et benigna

KYRIE

[Discantus]

[Contratenor Altus]

Tenor

[Contratenor Bassus]

Chri

\[\text{Discantus}\]

\[\text{Contratenor Altus}\]

\[\text{Tenor}\]

\[\text{Contratenor Bassus}\]

\[\text{Chri}\]
GLORIA

[Discantus]

[Contra[tenor Altus]

Tenor

[Contratenor] Bassus

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bus bone voluntatis. Laus damus te, bene dicimus te,
Domine fí-omni-potens. Do-mi-ne fí-

ter om-ni-po-tens. Do-mi-ne fí-

li u-ni-gen-i-te, le-

li u-ni-gen-it, le-su Chri-ste. Do-

li u-ni-gen-i-te, le-su Chri-ste.

su Chri-ste. Do-mi-ne de-us, a-

mi-ne de-us, a-gnus de-

Do-mi-ne de-us, a-gnus
gnus de-i, fí-li-us pa-

i, fí-li-us pa-

de-i, fí-li-us
ta mundi, suscipe

De - - prec -

De - prec -

Pre - ca - ti - o - nem nos -

cationem nos - tram.

sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti -

tio - nem nos - tram. Qui

- o - nem nos - tram.
su Christo ste.

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in glori-

glo-ria dei patris.

ri-a de-i pa-tris. A-

-ri-tu in glo-ria de-i pa-tris.

ri-a de-i pa-tris. A -
omnium et invisibilium. Et

in unum Dominum, Christum filium

le summarum dei unigenitum. Nata

le summarum dei unigenitum, et ex patre natum an

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unde omnia secula. Deum deo
ante omnia secula. Deum deo
- te omnia secula. Deum deo
lumen de lumine, deum verum deo vero,
lumen de lumine, deum verum deo vero,
sum de o, lumine, deum verum deo vero,
de o, lumine, deum verum deo vero,
ro.
Genitum non fac pro.
Genitum non fac pro.
ter nostram salutem, descendit de celelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiri
tu Sanc
to ex Spiri
tu Sanc
to ex Maia vir
gi
e, et homo fac-
ex Maia vir
gi
e et homo fac-

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pas - sus et se - pul - tus est.

et se - pul - tus est.

se - pul - tus est

Et se - pul - tus

Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - est. Re - sur - re - xit
di - e

est. Re - sur - re -

e se - cum - dum

ter - ti - a di - e se - cum -

se - cum -

xit.
mi - num et vi - vi - fi - can - tem,

mi - num et vi - vi - fi -

tum,

qui ex pa - tre fi - li - o - que
can - tem, fi - li - o - que

pro - ce -

pro - ce -

dit.

dit. Qui cum pa - tre

dit. Qui cum pa - tre, si -
et filio simul adora

mul adora

Si simul mul adora

tur et con glorifi
catur et con glorifi
catur, qui locutus est per prophe
tur, qui locutus est per prophe
tur, qui locutus est per
tur per prophetas

tas. Et unam sanctam catholi

tas. Et unam sanctam catholi

prophetas. Catholi
nem pec-ca-torum et ex-pec-to res-rec-tio-
ma in re-mis-sio-nem pec-ca-torum, mor-
bap-tis-ma, res-rec-tio-nem mor-tuo-

mis-sio-nem pec-ca-torum,
nem mor-tuo-rum et vi-tam ven-tu-ri se-cu-
rum et vi-tam ven-tu-ri se-cu-
et vi-tam ven-tu-ri se-cu-

men.
tus qui venit in nomine

ne dic tus qui venit in

Domini. Osan

ne Domini. Osan

ex

na in

na in
Agnus Dei

[Discantus]

[Contratenor] Bassus

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[Tenor]

i, qui tollis pec-ca-

Agnus de i,

- - - - gns de i,

- - ta mun - di,

- - ta mun -

pec-ca - - - - ta mun -

pec - ca - - - -
tol - lis pec - ca - ta
qui tol - lis mun -
tol - lis mun -
tol - lis mun -

mun - di, mi -
mun - di mi - se -
 mun - di
se - re - re - re
re - re - re

mi - se -
di, dona nobis pacem.

no - bis pa - cem.

di do - na nobis pacem.

do - na nobis pacem.
Missa Jhesus autem transiens

KYRIE

[Discantus]

[Contra tenor Altus]

Tenor

[Contra tenor] Bassus

Jesus autem transiens

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a - do - ra - mus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.

te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te. Gra - ti - as a - tem tran - si -

mus te. Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti -

Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter

gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter ma -

ens

- - - - - bi prop - ter ma -

ma - gnam glo - ri - am tu - am. Do-mi-ne

gnam tu - am glo - ri - am. Do-mi-ne de -

gnam glo - ri - am tu - am. Do-
deus, rex celestis, deus pater omnipotens.

Domine fili unigenite,
tis, deus pater omnipotens.

me di

Domine fili unigenite,

le su Christ

Domine fili

sum il lor

ge nite, le su Christ
Domine Deus, agnus dei, filius patris.

Domine Deus, agnus dei, filius patris.

 Qui tollis peccata mundi.

Qui tollis peccata mundi.

Jesus Christ, benedictus.

Jesus Christ, benedictus.
bis. Qui tol-
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su - scipe deprecationem

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triam. Quoniam tu

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nobis. Qui tollis pec - catta mun-

- - - - -

nos - - - -

triam. Quo -
lus sanctus, tu di, su-isci-pe depreca-tio-nem non-niam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, lus Dominus, tu stram. Quoniam dium il tu solus
Credo

[Discantus]

Patrem omnipotentem, factura

[Contratenor Altus]

Patrem omnipotentem, factorem celestem,

Tenor

Patrem omnipotentem, factorem celestem et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et

[Contratenor Bassus]

Patrem omnipotentem, factorem celestem et terrae, visibilium Omnium et invisibilium.
Et in unum Dominum lesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum. Et ex patre natum ante omnia secula. Deum deo, lu- mene de lumine, deum verum

Et in unum Dominum lesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum. Et ex patre natum ante omnia secula. Deum deo, lu- mene de lumine, deum verum

Et in unum Dominum lesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum. Et ex patre natum ante omnia secula. Deum deo, lu- mene de lumine, deum verum
de o, lumen de lumine, de um verum de o

de o vero. Genitum non fac tum con-substan-tialem,

ve vero. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem, sub-stan-tialem patri, per quem omni-

omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem, di um illo-

nines et propter nostram salutem.
tem, descendit de celis. Et incarnatus
a facta sunt. Qui prop-ter nos ho-
rum i-bat.

tem, descendit de celis. Et incarnatus
est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria
et

est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria

- ne, et homo factus est. Crucifixus

- ne, et homo factus est. Crucif-

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etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato,
cifixus etiam pro nonis sub Pontio

cifixo etiam pro nobis

passus et sepultus est.
o Pilato, passus et

sub Pontio Pilato,

Et resurrexit tertia die

sepultus est.

passus et sepultus est.
secundum scripturas.

Et resurrexit ter-ti-a

au-tem transi-

Et re-

sur-re-xit ter-

Et a-

scen-dit in ce-

lum, se-

die se-

cun-

dum
dsens per

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die se-

cun-
dum
det ad dex-

ter-am pa-

tris. Et i-

scripturas. Et a-

scen-

dit me-

scripturas. Et a-

scen-dit in ce-
te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a
in ce - lum, se - det ad dex -
lum
se - det ad dex -

iu - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os,
ram. Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est
te - ram pa - tris Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est
cu - ius re - gni non e - rit
fi - nis.
cum glo - ri - a iu - di - ca - re

iu - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor -
Et in Spiritu Sanctum Dominum et vivos et mortuos, cujus regni

et in Spiritu Sanctum, qui ex patre filioque

dum il...

et in Spiritu Sanctum

proce... Qui cum pat... do... lo... rum...

Et in Spiritu Sanctum, Dominum et vivos et mortuos, cujus regni non erit finnis
tre et filio simul ado-
num et vi - vi - fi -
i - - bat

vi - vi - can - tem,

ra - tur et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur, qui
can - tem, qui ex pa - tre fi - li - o - que

qui ex pa - tre fi - li - o - que.

locu - tus est per pro - phe - tas. Et u - nam san - pro-ce - dit. Et u - nam san - tam ca-tho - li - cam

Et u - nam san - tam ca - tho - li - cam et a - po-
tam catholicae et apostolicae ecclesiae

et apostolicae ecclesiae

siam. Confiteor unum baptisma

am. Confiteor unum

hesus autem

am. Confiteor unum baptisma

sma in remissione nemi pecatorum

baptisma in remissione nemi pecatorum

tem transit scientia

in remissione nemi pecatorum et
rum et ex-pecto re-sur-rec-tio-nem mor-tu-o-rum
et ex-pect-o re-sur-rec-tio-nem mor-tu-
ens
per
ex-pect-o re-sur-rec-tio-nem mor-

me-dium il-lo-rum i-bat.
Sanctus

[Discantus]

[Contratenor [Altus]]

Tenor

[Jhesus autem transiens

[Contratenor Bassus]
Dominus

siens

Dominus

Sanctus

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Sanctus
AGNUS DEI

[Discantus]

Contratenor

[Contratenor Bassus]
Missa L'homme armé

KYRIE
GLORIA

[Discantus]

Triplum  Et  in  ter  -  ra

Tenor  Et  in  ter  -  ra

Contratenor

6  pax  ho - mi - ni - - - bus  bo -

pax  ho - mi - ni - bus  bo -

11  ne  vo - lun - ta - - - -

ne  vo - lun - - - -

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Laudamus te benedicta tis, Laudadamus te, adoramus mus te, be-ne-di-ci-mus te, a-do-ra-mus mus te.

Glorificamus te, glorificamus mus te, a-do-ra-mus mus te, a-do-ra-mus mus te,
nigent[e], le-su Chri-st[e].

Do-mi-ne de-us, a-gnus

dei, filius pa-

pa-

trix Qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-

trix Qui tol-lis

Qui
Christe.
Christe.
Christe.

 Cum Sancto Spiritu,
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria
dei

 in gloria
 in gloria
dei

dei
Credo

[Discantus]

Triplum

Patrem omnipotentem

Tenor

Patrem omnipotentem

Contratenor

Telem, factorem celestis et terrae, visibilis

Telem, factorem celestis et terrae

lium omnium et invise

re, visibilium omnium

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de vero. Generi-tum non fac-tum con-sub-stan-ti-a-lem patri, per quem
om-ni-a fac-ta sunt. Qui prop-
ti-a-lem patri, per quem om-
quem om-ni-a fac-ta sunt. Qui prop-ter nos homi-

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nes et prop-ter no-stram sa-lu-tem, de-
nos et prop-ter no-stram
ho-mi-nes et prop-ter no-stram sa-lu-tem,
descen-dit de
descen-dit de
descen-dit de ce-lis. Et in-car-na-tus
descen-dit de ce-lis. Et in-car-na-tus est
descen-dit de ce-lis. Et in-car-na-tus est
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in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu San-cto ex Ma-ri-a vir-gi-ne, et ho-mo fac-
et homo factus est. Crucifi
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ne, et homo factus est.

xus etiam pro nobis sub Pon
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to pas-sus et se-pul-tus est.
ton to pas-sus et se-pul-
tus est.

Et resur-re-xit ter-
Et resu-re-xit ter-
ita di-e se-cun-dum
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te-rum ven-turus est

lum, se-det ad dex-te-ram

in ce-lum, se-det ad
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pa-tris. Et i-te-rum ven-

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tur-rus est cum
det ad dex-te-ram pa-tris

pa-tris. Et i-te-rum
vos et mortuos, cuius re-
gloria iudicaret vivos

venturus est cum

gniren erit finis. Et in Spi-
et mortuos, cuius

gloria iudicaret

ritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivifi-
regni non erit fin-

care vivos et
can - tem, qui ex pa - tre fi - nis. Et in Spi - ri - tum

mor - tu - os, cu - ius - li - o - que pro - ce - dit.

Sanc - tum, Do - mi-num et vi - vi - re - gni non e - rit

Qui cum pa - tre et - fi - can - tem, qui ex pa -

fi - nis. Et in Spi -
tus est per prophetas

etur et con-glorificatur, qui locutus

Et unam sanctam

est per prophetas. Et unam sanctam

- - - - catholicae

et apostolicae

catholicae et apostolicae
apo-sto-li-cam ec-cle-si-am. Con-fi-te-a-po-sto-li-cam. Con-fi-te-or

or u-num bap-tis-ma

u-num bap-tus-ma in remi-ssi-o-nem

bap-tis-ma in remi-ssi-o-nem in remi-ssi-o-nem pec-
or u-num bap-tis-ma in remi-ssi-o-nem
Sanctus

[Discantus]

Triplum Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,

Tenor Sanctus,

Contratenor Secundus

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- gnus de - i, qui

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Gratias agimus tibi propere.

Gratias agimus tibi magnam gloriam tuam. Dominus tibi magnam gloriam aegibi propter magnam gloriam.
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Do-mi-ne de-us, rex ce-les-
mus ti-bi prop-

tis, de-us pa-ter om-ni-

ma-gnam glo-rí-am.

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pa-ter om-ni-po-

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unum Dominum lesum Christum, filium dei unigenitum.
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sunt. Qui property nos homi-
Et
sunt. Qui property nos homines et prop-

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Et a-scen-dit in ce-
in cellum, sedet ad dexteram

Et iterum venetus est cum gloria iudica-

Et iterum venetus est cum gloria iudica-
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os, eius regni non

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et mortuos,

Etrum

finis.

Et
in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominici regni non

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Sanctus, sanctus, sanc...
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