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Petrus Cantor: Biblical Commentaries

[Ker 262, Gneuss — ]

**HISTORY:** As Ker (*Cat.*) notes, the only clue to the manuscript's history occurs in a note in the top margin of f. 389r: "Mag(iste)r Will(el-m)us de Weleb(ur)ne h(abe)t q(u)at(er)nu(m) q(u)i h(ic) deest de notul(is) sup(er) actus [apostolorum]." Master William may have been a canon of St. Paul's Cathedral in 1237. Petrus Cantor was precentor of Notre-Dame in 1184 and afterwards Dean of Reims; he died in Longpont Abbey in 1197. Two notes in OE in the bottom margins of ff. 18r and 74v and a comment in Latin written above the first assist in the dating. That on f. 74v refers, as Ker documents, to the raising of the siege of Verneuil on 28 May 1194, that on f. 18r to the capture of Gisors in April 1193. Above the second note is added in different ink: 'hoc sc(ri)psi parisi(us) sedens ad libru(m) meu(m) die quo gisortiu(m) captu(m) fuit'. Ker assigns the manuscript the date 1193-1194.

**CODICOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION:** [iv] + 422 + [v] leaves, foliated 1-442. Leaves measure 332 x 225 mm., with a writing grid measuring 252 x 157 mm. Ruled for 57 lines in two columns. Pricking (small slashes) in outer margin and gutter. Initials and headers are in red ink, with blue tracery. Medieval quire numbering added in lower margins at the end of each quire, dividing the manuscript into four major parts as follows: (1) i (f. 14v), ii (f. 22v), iii (f. 30v), v (f. 47v; iv wanting), viii (f. 71v; vi and vii wanting), x (f. 79v), x (f. 87v), xi (f. 95v), xii (f. 105v), xiii (f. 121v; xiii wanting), xv (f. 131v), xviii (f. 158v; xvi and xvii wanting), xix (f. 171v); (2) i (f. 179v), ii (f. 187v), iii (f. 195v), iiiii (f. 203v), vi (f. 219v; v wanting), xii (f. 227v), ix (f. 240v; viii wanting), x (f. 248v), xi (f. 256v), xii (f. 262v), xiii (f. 270v), xiiii (f. 279v), xv (f. 287v), xvi (f. 295v); (3) i (f. 306v), ii (f. 318v), iiiii (f. 329v; iii wanting), v (f. 337v), vi (f. 345v), vii (f. 353v), viii (f. 361v), ix (f. 370v), x (f. 378v), xi (f. 380v); (4) i (f. 388v), ii (f. 396v), iii (f. 404v), iiiii (f. 412v), v (f. 416v), vi (f. 433v), vii

(f. 437v). Nearly all quires were originally of eight leaves. Sermons and commonplaces have been added, although not much later than the main texts. Numerous added slips and partial leaves containing annotations were added in the 13c.

**COLLATION:** I<sup>2</sup> (ff. 1–2) (added bifolium), II<sup>8+4</sup> (ff. 3–14) (ff. 3, 6, 9, 10 added), III<sup>8</sup> (ff. 15–22), IV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 23–30), V<sup>8</sup> (ff. 31–38), VI<sup>8+1</sup> (ff. 39–47) (f. 45 added), VII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 48–55), VIII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 56–63), IX<sup>8</sup> (ff. 64–71), X<sup>8</sup> (ff. 72–79), XI<sup>8</sup> (ff. 80–87), XII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 88–95), XIII<sup>8+2</sup> (ff. 96–105) (ff. 102–103 added bifolium), XIV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 106–113), XV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 114–121), XVI<sup>8+2</sup> (ff. 122–131) (ff. 125–126 added bifolium), XVII<sup>8+1</sup> (ff. 132–140) (f. 139 added), XVIII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 141–148), XIX<sup>8+2</sup> (ff. 149–158) (ff. 151–152 added bifolium), XX<sup>8+5</sup> (ff. 159–171) (ff. 159–160 added bifolium, ff. 161, 163, 164 added), XXI<sup>8</sup> (ff. 172–179), XXII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 180–187), XXIII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 188–195), XXIV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 196–203), XXV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 204–211), XXVI<sup>8</sup> (f. 212–219), XXVII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 220–227), XXVIII<sup>4+1</sup> (ff. 228–232) (adds 1 after 4), XXIX<sup>8</sup> (ff. 232–240), XXX<sup>8</sup> (ff. 240–248), XXX<sup>8</sup> (ff. 249–256), XXXII<sup>6</sup> (ff. 257–262), XXXII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 263–270), XXXIV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 271–279) (f. 273 added), XXXV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 280–287), XXXVI<sup>8</sup> (ff. 288–295), XXXVII<sup>8+3</sup> (ff. 296–306) (ff. 301, 304, 305 added), XXXVIII<sup>8+4</sup> (ff. 307–318) (ff. 309, 313, 315, 317 added), XXXIX<sup>8</sup> (ff. 319–327) (f. 320 added), XXXX<sup>8+2</sup> (ff. 328–337) (ff. 328–329 added bifolium), XXXXI<sup>8</sup> (ff. 338–345), XXXXII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 346–353), XXXXIII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 354–361), XXXXIV<sup>8</sup> (ff. 362–370), XXXXV<sup>8+2</sup> (ff. 371–380) (ff. 379–380 added bifolium), XXXXVI<sup>8</sup> (ff. 381–388), XXXXVII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 389–396), XXXXVIII<sup>8</sup> (ff. 397–404), XXXXIX<sup>8</sup> (ff. 405–412), L<sup>4</sup> (ff. 413–416), LI<sup>8+9</sup> (ff. 417–433) (ff. 421, 423, 424, 426, 427, 429, 430, 431, 432 added), LII<sup>4+2</sup> (ff. 434–449) (ff. 438, 439), LIII<sup>2+1</sup> (ff. 440–442) (ff. 440 singleton, ff. 441–442 bifolium).

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- f. 1r Sermon on Colossians 3:12 'Induite uos. Haec sunt uerba'.  
 ff. 1r–2r Notes for sermons, commonplaces: 'Conuerte nos deus'.  
 f. 2 Excerpts from Jerome on Hosea.  
 ff. 4–171r Commentary on the Psalms: **LIBER PSALMORVM** | 'Flebat ioh(ann)es'. Contains two notes in OE: (f. 18r) 'Gysorz wæs ygolde filippe frankæne k(in)ge þurh swicdome', (f. 74v) 'Filippe frankæne kyng ne spedde naht æt fernuyll ... twelfmonþe after þan þe he ypan gisorz þurh swicdome' (ed., *Ker Cat.*, p. 331).

- f. 171v Added verses on the Evangelists, in three sections: **In p(ri)mo Quat(er)no** | 'In p(ri)ncipio erat u(er)bu(m)'. [See *King's Cat.*: verses are in "a slightly altered form of the introduction to the Gospel section of Petrus Riga's *Aurora* ... taken from the *Floridus Aspectus* of the same author, a selection of his own verses compiled by him for Archbishop Samson of Reims."]
- ff. 172r-293v Commentary on the Diatessaron or Harmony of the Gospels: **Incipiunt glose sup(er) unu(m) euuangeliu(m) ex quatuor secu(n)du(m) magistru(m) petru(m) parisiense(m) Cantorem.** | **EVUANGELIUM UNVM EX QUATUOR** | 'Qvatuor facies uni era(n)t'.
- f. 294rv Added text completing verses on f. 171v.
- f. 295r Added sermon on Isias 1:16: 'Lauamini. mundi estote'.
- f. 295v Added commentary on Psalm 24.18 'Vide d(omi)ne humilitate(m) mea(m)'.
- ff. 296r-380v Commentary on Epistles, with preface: **INCIPIVNT EP(I-STO)LE B(EATI) PAVLI AP(OSTOLI)** 'Ab increpatione tua'. Romans (ff. 296r-312v), Corinthians 1 (ff. 312v/a-328v/b), Corinthians 2 (ff. 328v/b-337v/a), Galatians (ff. 337v/a-344r/b), Ephesians (ff. 344r/b-349v/a), Philippians (ff. 349v/a-353r/b), Colossians (ff. 353r/b-356r/b), Thessalonians 1 (ff. 356r/b-358v/b), Thessalonians 2 (ff. 358v/b-360r/b), Timothy 1 (ff. 360r/b-365v/a), Timothy 2 (ff. 365v/a-368r/a), Titus (ff. 368r/a-369v/a), Philemon (ff. 369v/a-370r/a), Hebrews (ff. 370r/a-380v).
- ff. 381r-393r Commentary on Acts of the Apostles, with preface: **ACT(US) AP(OSTO)LOR(UM)** 'Liquefacta (est)t t(er)ra et om(ne)s q(u)i habita(n)t i(n) ea'.
- f. 393v Added sermon: **Sermo i(n) die purificationis** | 'Quater fuit'.
- f. 394rv Added sermon on Ps. 23.3-4: **Sermo i(n) die ascensionis** | 'Quis ascendet i(n) monte(m) d(omi)ni'.
- f. 395r Added sermon: 'Dilexit andrea(m) d(omi)n(u)s'.
- ff. 395v-396r Added sermon on Ecclesiasticus 11:3: **S(er)mo i(n) die s(an)c(t)i Andreae** 'Breuis in uolatilib(us) apis'.
- f. 396rv Added sermon on Romans 15:7: 'Suscipite nos inuice(m) sicut 7 chr(istu)s'.
- ff. 396v-415r Commentary on Revelation: **APOCALIPSIS** 'Apocalipsis'.
- ff. 415v-416r Added sermon: **I(n) festiuitate om(n)iu(m) s(an)c(t)o-r(um)** | 'Mirabilis deus'.

- f. 416v Added sermon on 1 Peter 1:21: 'chr(istu)s passus (est) p(ro) nob(is)'.
- ff. 417r-437v Commentaries on Epistles: **EP(ISTO)LE CANONICE**: James (ff. 417r-420v), 1 Peter (ff. 420v-428r), 2 Peter (ff. 428r-433v), 1 John (ff. 434r-436r), 2 John (f. 436r), 3 John (f. 436v), Jude (ff. 436v-437v).
- ff. 437v-439v Added notes and recipes.
- f. 440r Blank.
- f. 440v Added text on Psalm 24.10: 'Uniu(er)se uie d(omi)ni m(isericord)ia ⁊ u(eri)tas'; prayer by St. Gregory: 'Oratio s(an)c(t)i Gregoríi'.
- f. 441r Quaestio: 'Q(ueritu)r utru(m) om(n)e p(e)cc(atu)m sit superbia'.
- f. 441v 'Q(uonia)m nullu(m) malu(m) uitari'.
- f. 442r Blank.
- f. 442v Runic alphabet with explanation in Latin: 'Hoc (est) [alph]abetu(m) [Da]coru(m) (Danorum?) q(uo)d lingua eoru(m) d[icitur] hrvne' [text largely illegible; some 15 characters can be read in the alphabet, with six additional runes below].

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