

# Christ Church MS 92

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# Summary

## Title

De Nobilitatibus, Sapientiis, et Prudentiis Regum

## Language

Latin

## Place of Origin

London

## Date Statement

1326-1327

## Author

Walter de Milemete

## Description

Walter de Milemete wrote his book on the nobility, wisdom and prudence of kings as an offering to King Edward III at the end of 1326. An ambitious project, the text is dominated by the decorative borders, crammed with heraldry, contorted hybrids, combats between man and man, man and beast, half-man and half-beast, hunting scenes and tournaments. It is one of the most beautifully illuminated manuscripts in the world and one in the highest demand by specialists.

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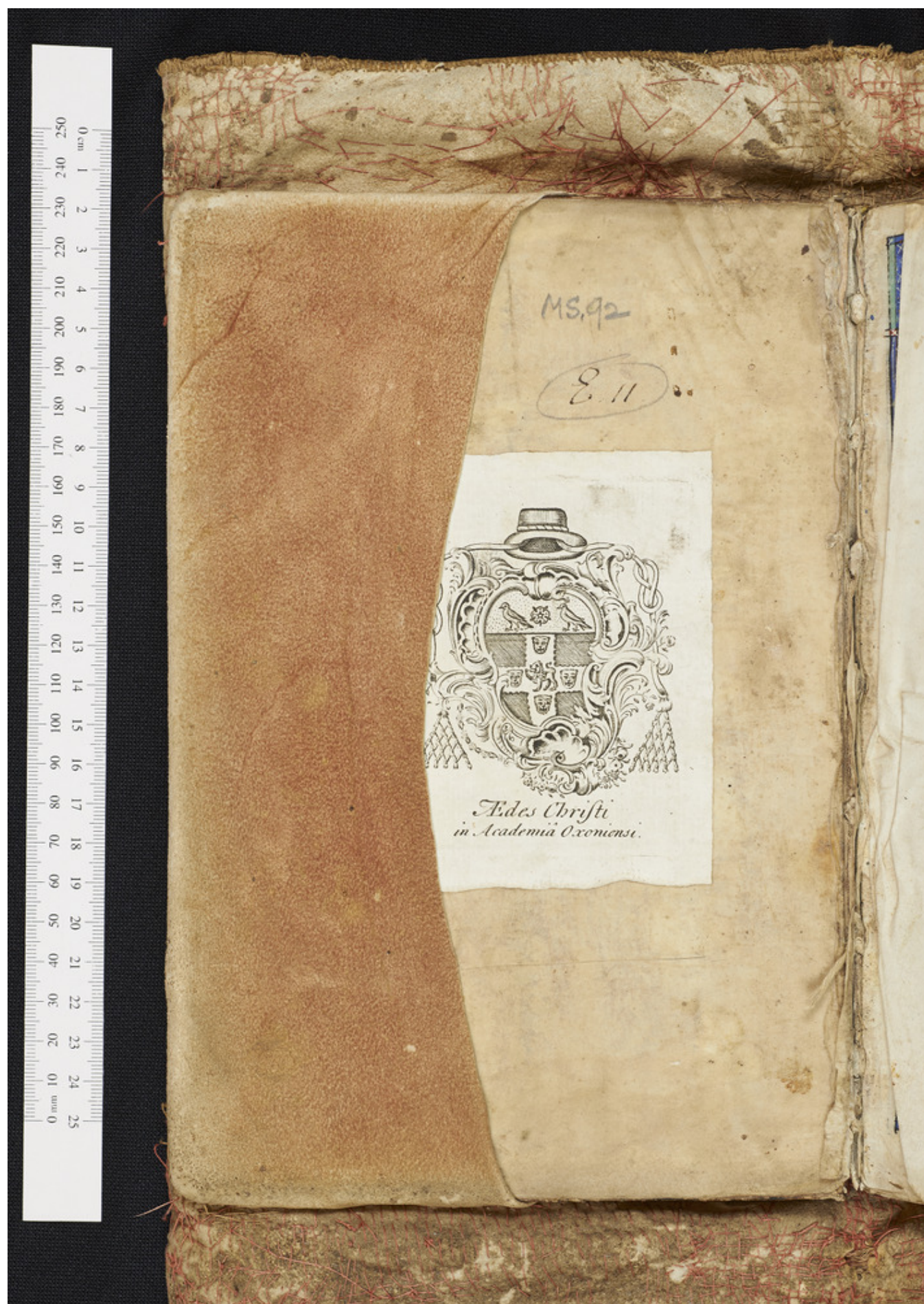


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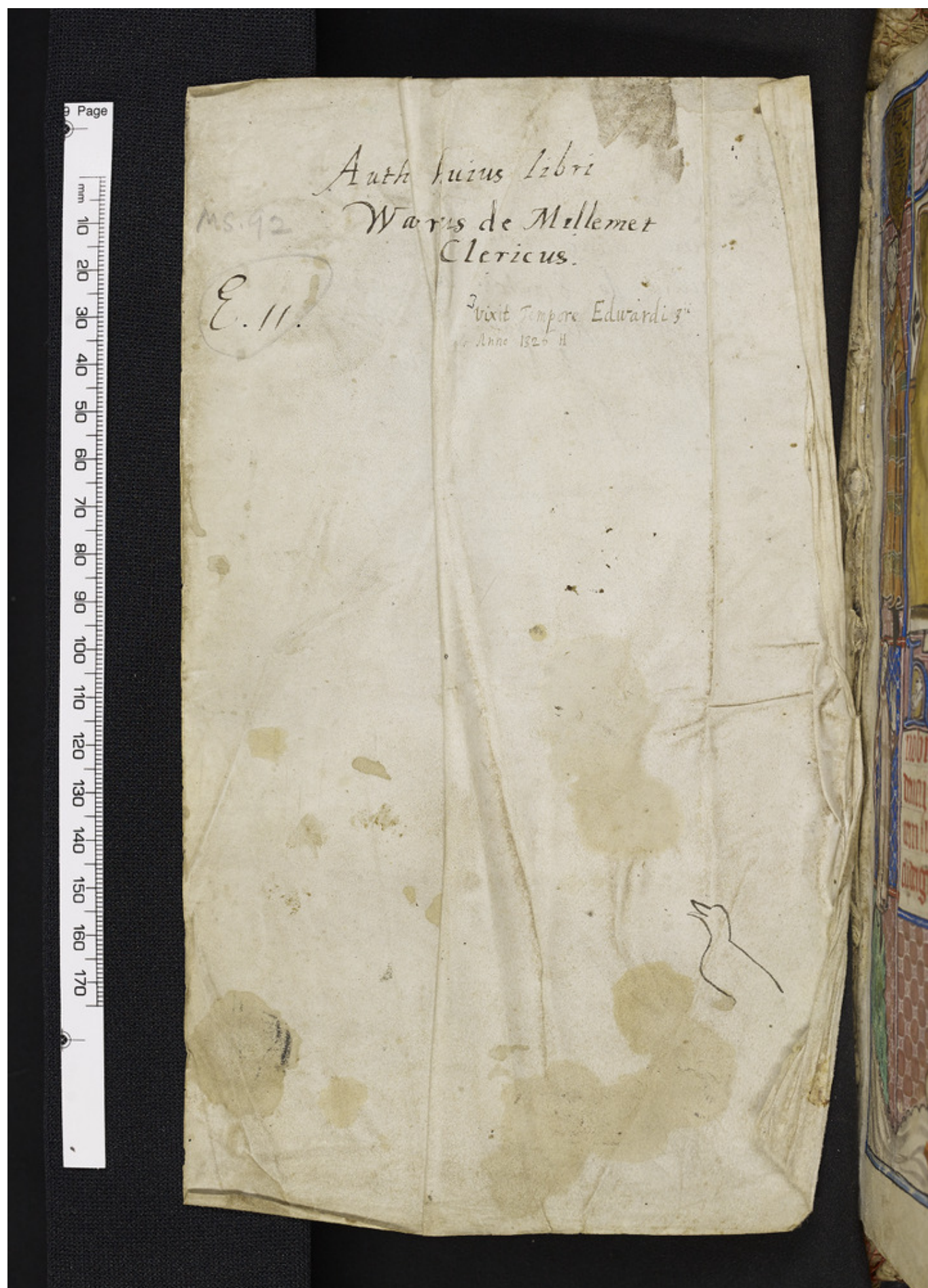
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Librum hunc donavit huius Carpenter  
Parochia de Stanton or Vagant  
in Agro Herefordens<sup>is</sup> Rector.  
Ejusdem Aedis olim Alumnus.  
A. D. 1707.

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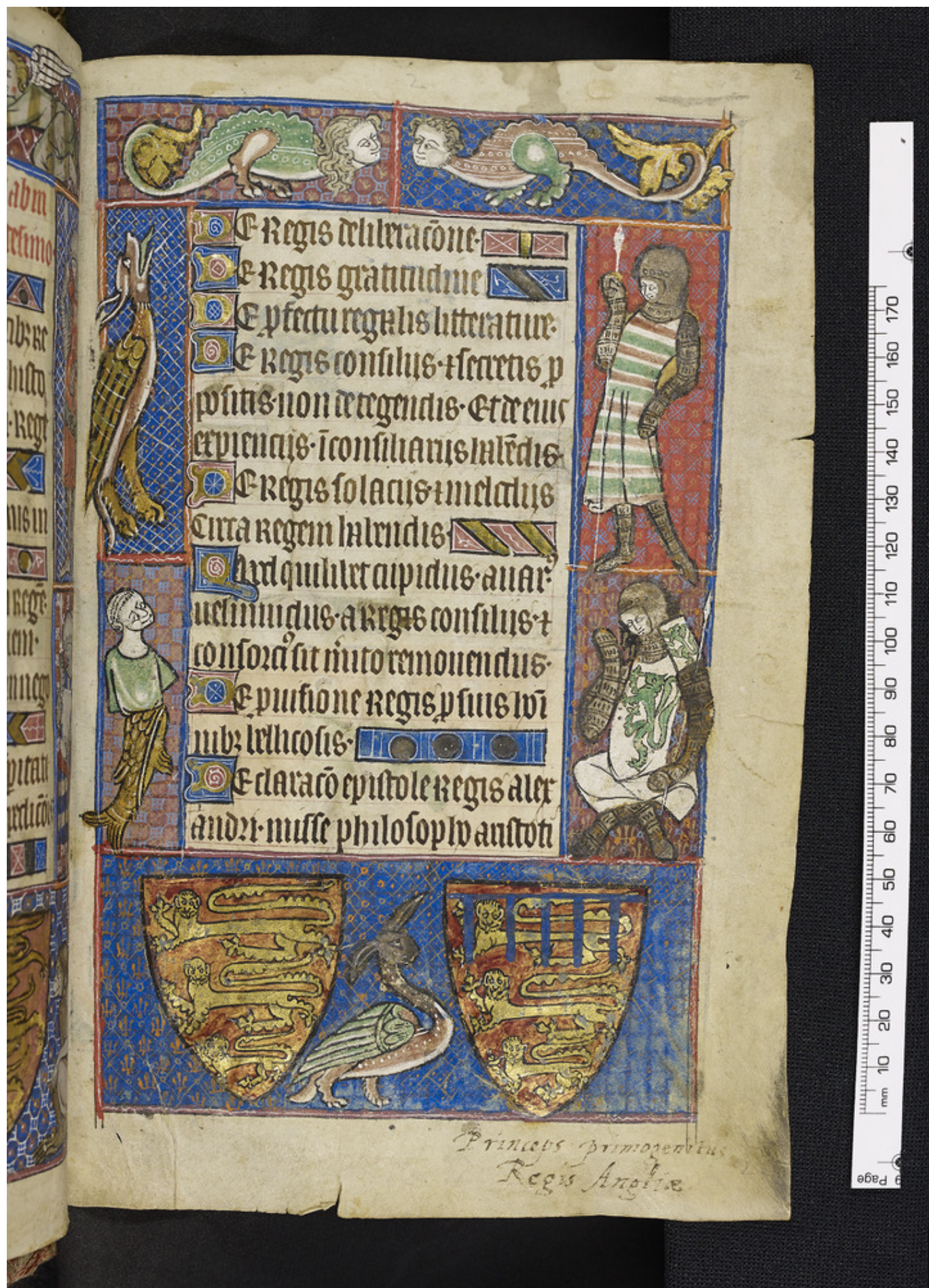






Rex Anglie



































et ceteros clericos ad ordinacione  
 per duos pagraffos primo. collaco  
 ne nona. **Q**uinto igitur ad hui  
 operis uniuersum nomen domini  
 mutandum. a quo totius mu  
 di creatio et eius elementa process  
 erunt et eorum dispositio in orbem  
 terrarum producta est ut habetur co  
 dice de ueti iure emichando. lege p  
 ma in principio. et magis expresse in  
 libro timentis platonis circa medium  
**U**nde constat uirtuosum esse nomen  
 dei. in quo omne genus flectitur cele  
 stium terrestrium et infernorum.  
 propterea omnipotentis dei nomen  
 actibus humanis est summe mutan  
 dum. quia omne datum optimum  
 et omne donum perfectum ab ipso  
 deo est descendens desuper apertis luminibus  
 placatur in autentica. ut littera de celo









in autentica de armis imprincipi  
 o collatione scita. **E**t idem impi  
 tor iustitiamus. alibi sic ait sem  
 per cum dei auxilio. omnem faci  
 am puidiam ut subiecti ab e  
 ius clemencia nob traditi seruiet  
 illi. ut prolatur in autentica de  
 questore imprincipio. collatione  
 scita. **T**ercium alias sic loquit  
 impitor. **H**ec autore nro gub  
 nante impium quod nobis ac  
 lecti maiestate traditum ē. bella  
 feliciter pagimus. pacem decoram  
 i statumque puppice sustentamus  
 ita animos nros ad dei omni po  
 tentis erigimus adiutorium. ut  
 neq; armis 2fidamus. neq; nris  
 militib; neq; bellozum ducib; ul  
 nro ingenio. sed omnem spem ad  
 solam referamus summam puidē





nam trinitatis ut placuit codice  
 de ueteri iure cruciando lege priā  
 in principio. **I**ntro ortatu pre  
 missorum omnipotentem deum  
 saluatorem nrm. a quo omnis  
 uirtus et sapientia procedit ad me  
 um in uero principium. suum hu  
 mili inplorans auxilium. glo  
 riosam q; uirginem mariam. et  
 totam celestem miliciam deuote  
 dum deprecandam. ut ipse deus ex  
 sua gra et bonitate superna in cede  
 dignetur. aliqua humani genis  
 moralia precipue regib; pertinen  
 tia feliciter comprehendere. comprese  
 sa in scriptis utiliter redigere. que  
 ad comodum tendant et honorem  
 venerabilis domini nri. domini  
 edl; archiducis aquitanie comi  
 tis cestræ. et pontine cuius amore



tactus ē tractatus iste. **¶** Et ipse  
 deus gloriosus dñs nro dñs  
 tre comiti filio primogenito hñe  
 di illustris domini nri domini ed  
 uuardi dei grā regis anglie quē  
 altissimus in cunctis suis actibus  
 bonis et utilibz uiuet et seruet et su  
 a plenitudinis grā annuat et con  
 cedat scripta in hñ libro sapienter  
 intelligere intellecta in memoria re  
 tinere et secundum ea in suis nego  
 ciis prudenter agere ut et futuris  
 incrementis infra traditis possit ip  
 se omnibz habundare ut utibz et in  
 hñ seculo terrenum adipisci honore  
 et in futuro gloriā et gaudium se  
 pitemum. quod deus concedat qui ui  
 uit et regnat per infinita seculorū  
 secula.









ne. Domino. Hubertus. Et duci  
 Aquitanie. **S**uius humilis  
 et deuotus. Thalerus de milemete  
 clericus. reuerentiam et honorem ac  
 fidele deuotionis obsequium. semper et sua  
 paratum ad cuncta precepta et ma  
 data cum promptitudine complac  
 di. **O**mnipotens deus rerum celestium  
 infinite bonitatis suae semper fo  
 uens dilectos qui est omnium uir  
 tutum disponsitor. et gratiarum largi  
 tor suam diuinam uobis tribuat  
 gratiam. et dilectionem. ac in uicis stre  
 nuus actibus concedat triumphale  
 explicationem. **T**erra nouit  
 dominatio reuerentia quod honor re  
 gius et nobilitas regat omnes  
 alias interris nobilitates pre  
 cellit et honores. et dominorum sub  
 iecti cura pinguis. ac studio dili

Auther

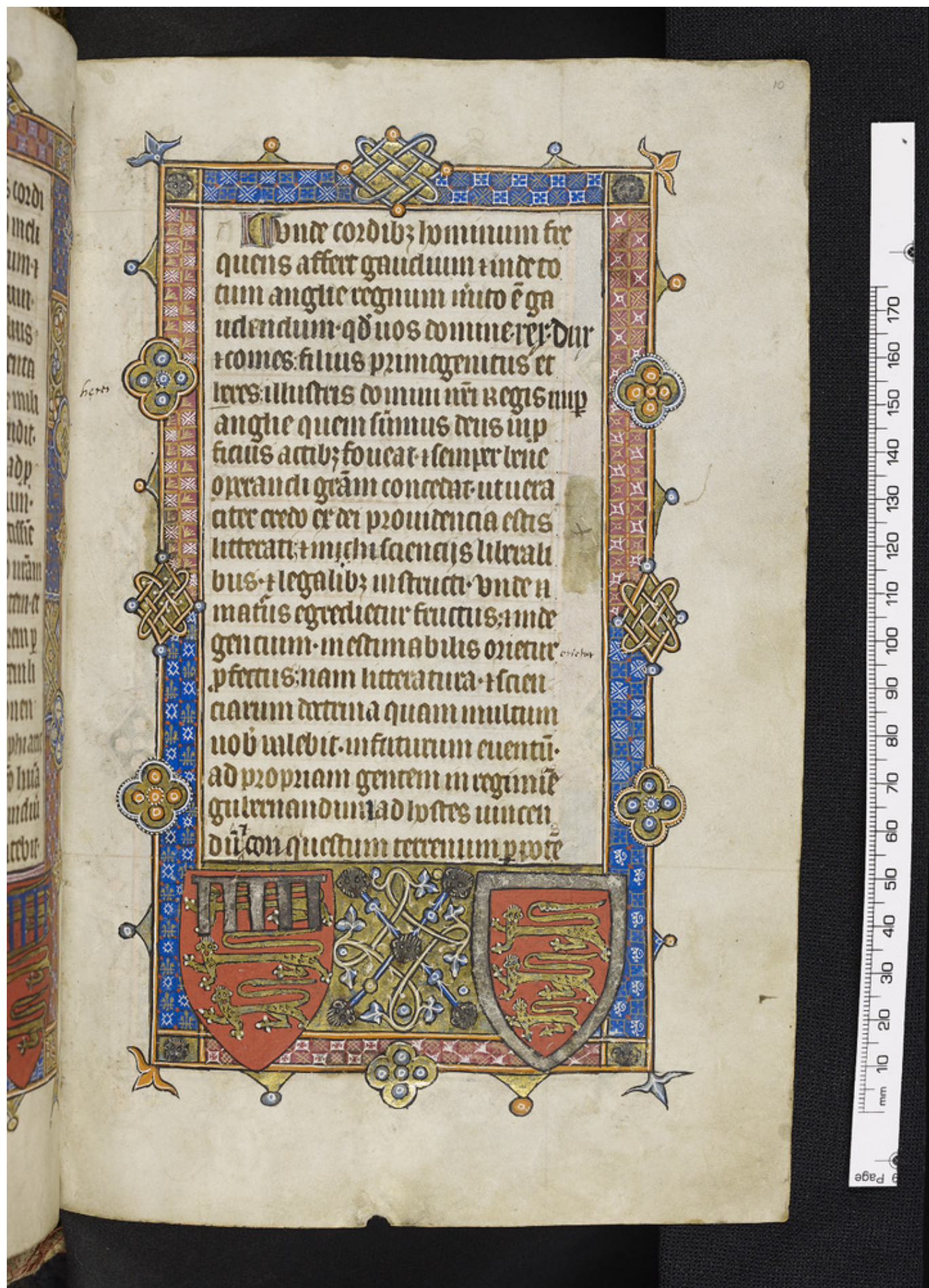




genti debent providere: in suis cordi-  
bus iugiter cogitare quomodo meli-  
us possent honorem, comodium et  
perfectum suorum dominorum  
consilio fidei et auxilio. Valius  
augmentare cum augmenta-  
tio honorum et predictio rerum mili-  
tarium dominorum sepe tendit.  
ad rei publice comodium et ad per-  
fectum omnium subditorum.  
**H**unc est domine reuerentissime  
quod ego uester subiectus ad vestram  
ut spero immensam utilitatem et  
velut estimo ad vestrum honorem per  
dei gratiam augeam. presentem li-  
brum proprio studio curi exponen-  
dum et etiam librum philosophiarum  
totamque magis prudentiam et discipulum huma-  
na continetur pro ut infra indui-  
sis capitulis satis liquide patebit.













precib; mitam in misericordie ad re-  
 tribuendum sibi seruientibus  
 gratum. patri + matri obediendo  
 humiliter subiectum. bonis vi-  
 ris leniuolum. et omni bonita-  
 te repletum. **E**t preter hsec  
 la doctrine moral' efficit homine  
 castum. leniguum. humilem.  
 affabilem. graciosum. morigra-  
 tum. virtuosum. + omni genere  
 uirtutis plenum. a cunctis ho-  
 nib; dilectum. + coram deo plea-  
 tum + acceptum. **V**nde con-  
 stat qd rex uel dux qui secundu  
 industriam philosophicam;  
 uoluerit actus suos consulte re-  
 gere. proutdubio inimicos suos  
 sibi aduersantes. defacili poterit;  
 opprimere regna uaria + prouinci-  
 as diuersas. s in domino ad que

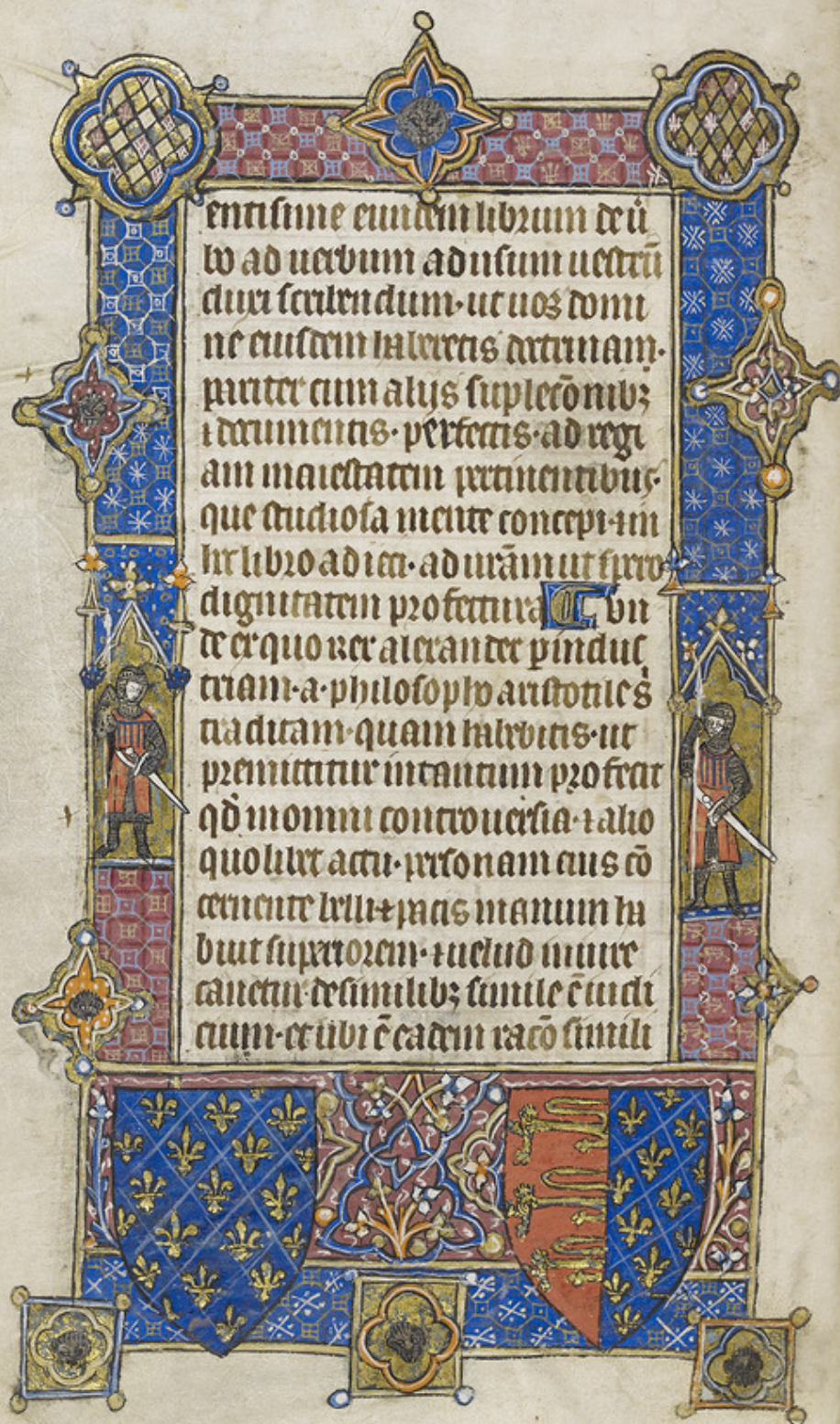






totiles ad vsum regis + penico  
 nem coposuit. qñ. multum se  
 ner etate. in letallis corpore exsti  
 terat qd. ppter nimiam senectu  
 tatem. + corporis ualitudinem  
 in curia regia psonaliter consu  
 lendo morari non poterat. a quo  
 libere rex alexander documentum  
 dedit philosophiam ad se ip  
 sum. + suum imperium in temp  
 ribz pacis + actibz guerre bellico si  
 felicitate regendum. per qd consi  
 lium suos hostes oppressit. bella  
 tenuit. castra + ciuitates. obsecit.  
 diuersas terras + gentes in suo  
 domino adquisiuit. magnam  
 imperium sibi subiugauit. in om  
 ni controuersia triumphum op  
 tinuit. in omni actu regali stre  
 nue se habuit. **T**ercio domine reu





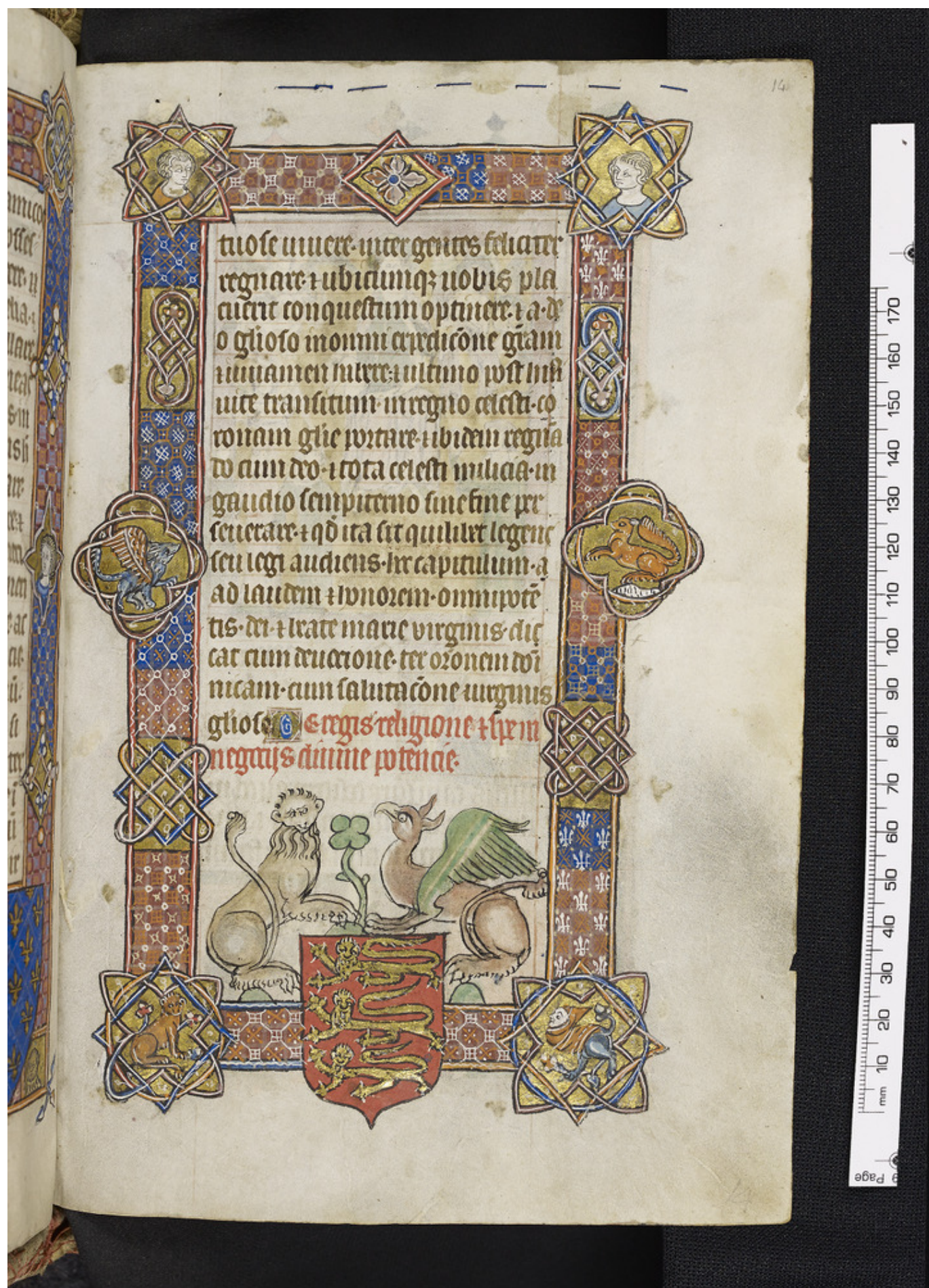






















sepe non desit. cum sit ualde dif-  
ficile consueta relinquere. **T**u  
o credit quod dux et princeps q-  
ad regem debeat peruenire digni-  
tatem. consuetudinibus assuescat  
utilibus. in puericia et etate iuue-  
ni in lege dei et fide catholica. ac in  
cognitione legum sue terre recte  
instruatur. **T**unc tunc prius  
ecce iura et iusticiam libertates tene-  
bit saluas. atq; regnum. et rem  
publicam saluabit in dnu pnc-  
per qd eleuet comatum subdito-  
rum. unde regis exaltabit dominum  
et suum. prosperabitur regnum. in  
**T**u deit itaq; rex ecce libertates  
seruare illicitas. et factis suis meri-  
torum cultum ampliare. diuinum.  
unde decet ipm diuina sepe recole-  
re ministeria. atq; omni die. mi-





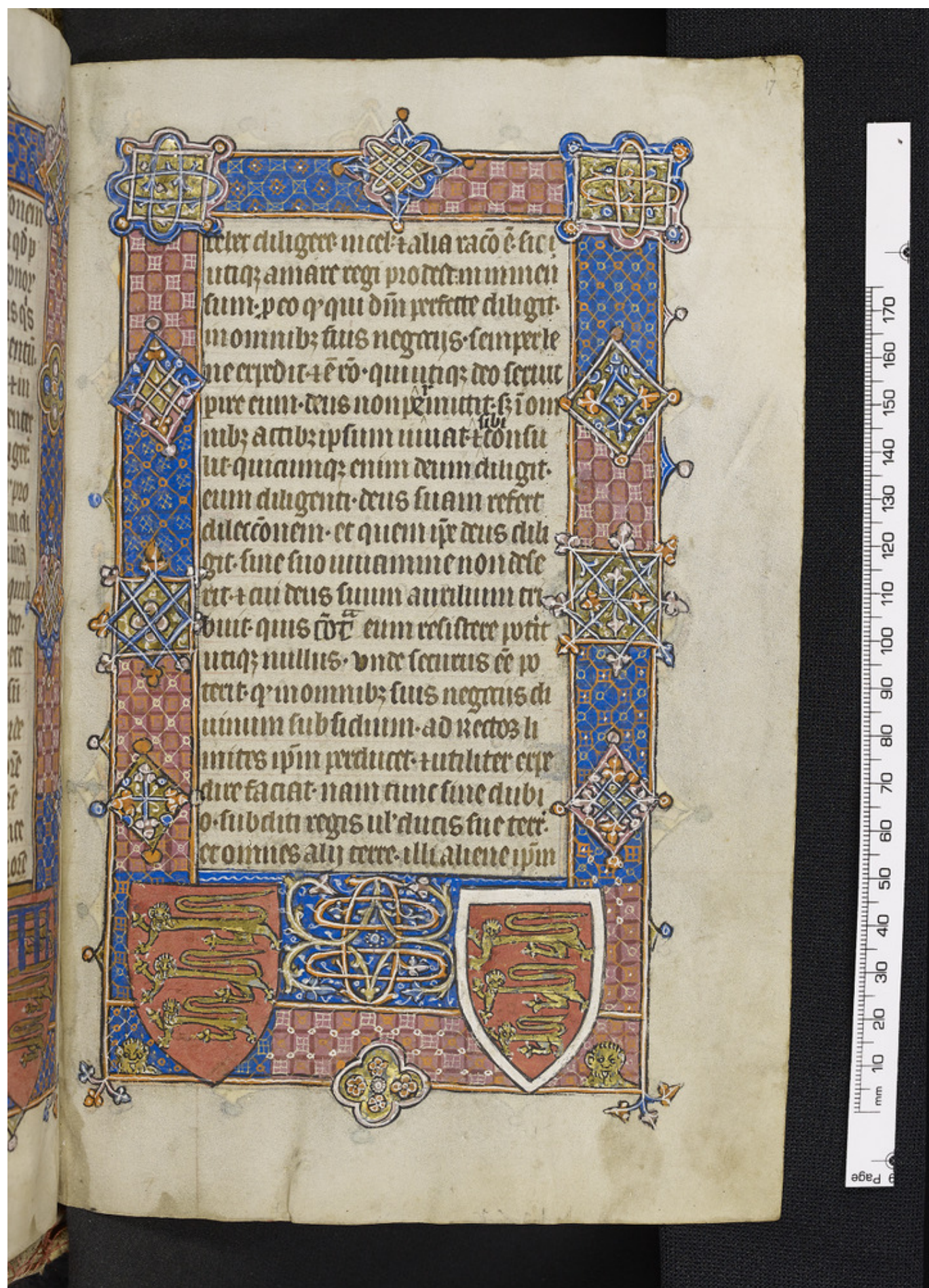
lam saltem iuniam deuote audi  
 re. elemosinas pauperib; erogare.  
 iniuriantes reprimere. oppressos ui  
 nare. in subditos pro loco et tempo  
 re misericordiam exercere. et alia ca  
 ritatis opera frequenter efficere.  
**C**ongruit etiam bonitati qd  
 rex faciat ac statuat. destinari o  
 nib; religiosis eius domino sub  
 iectis. et oritur eosdem. qd de rege.  
 regina et liberis eorum. et suis ante  
 decessorib; memoriam faciant. hie  
 aaleu. in suis deuotionib; predi  
 cationib; et missarum sollempnis  
 sepius q; diuinum implorent.  
 auxilium. ut deus de celis det terre.  
 Si gram. uirtutem qd bene et iuste  
 suum possit gubernare regnum.  
 ad dei placitum et totius populi p  
 fectum. in suis regis negotiis tri







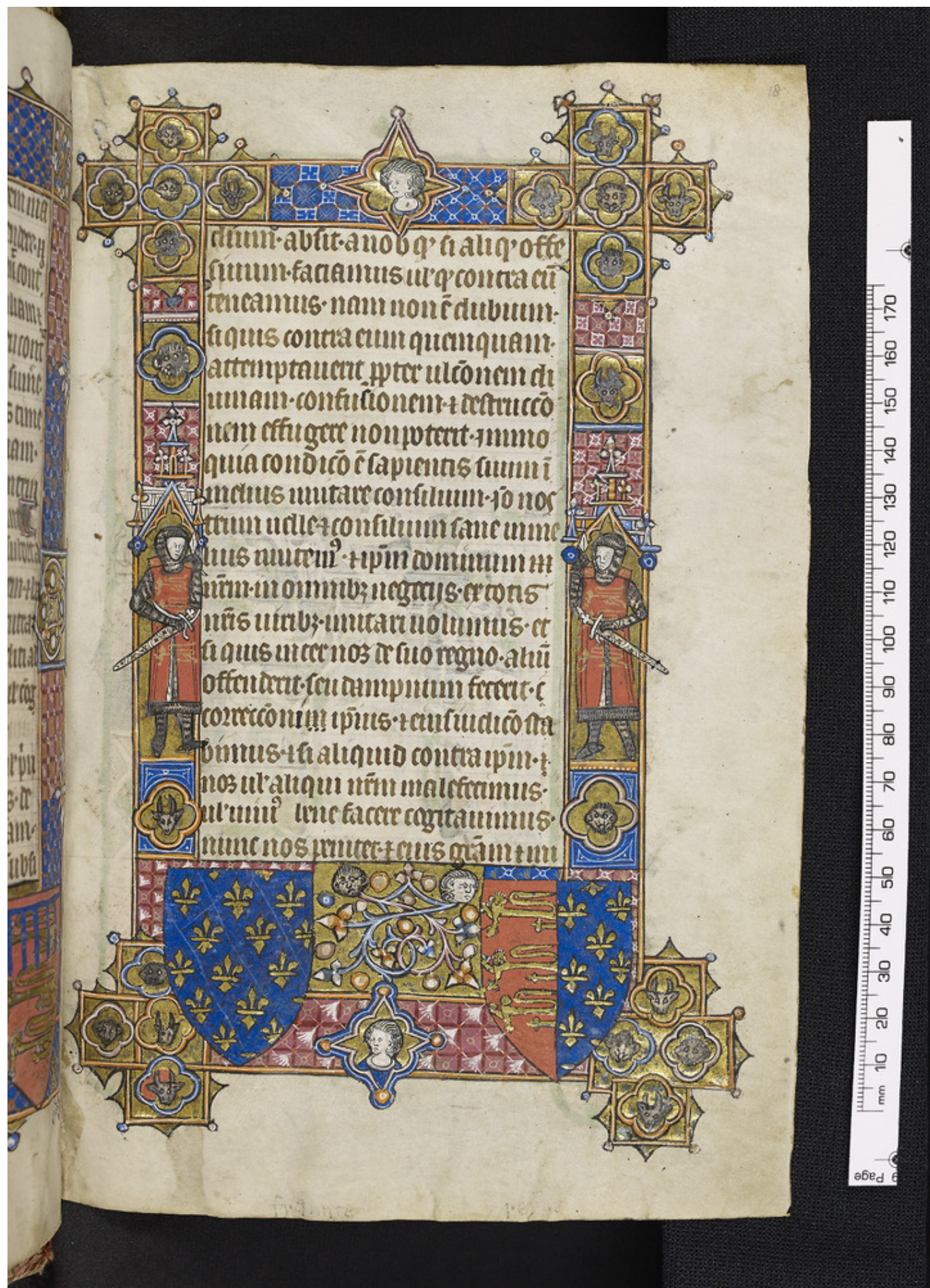




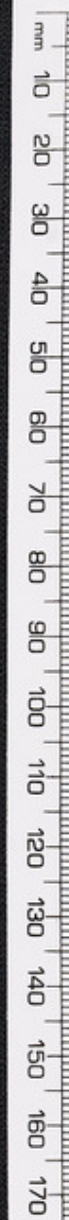












misericordia deuoto corde iplorabim;  
 na dñs iur benigni ē i misericors  
 ipm de pñtib; gñofus iude de et mña  
 fatit securi & fide delem i fiquet tñ di  
 ti suas dimitter malicia; & progi  
 tas offelas i fiet iē eoz & cordia iuitas  
 i phuc mod i rñgno <sup>fieret</sup> plies pur i trācql  
 utacū aliat forte fieret quera discoz



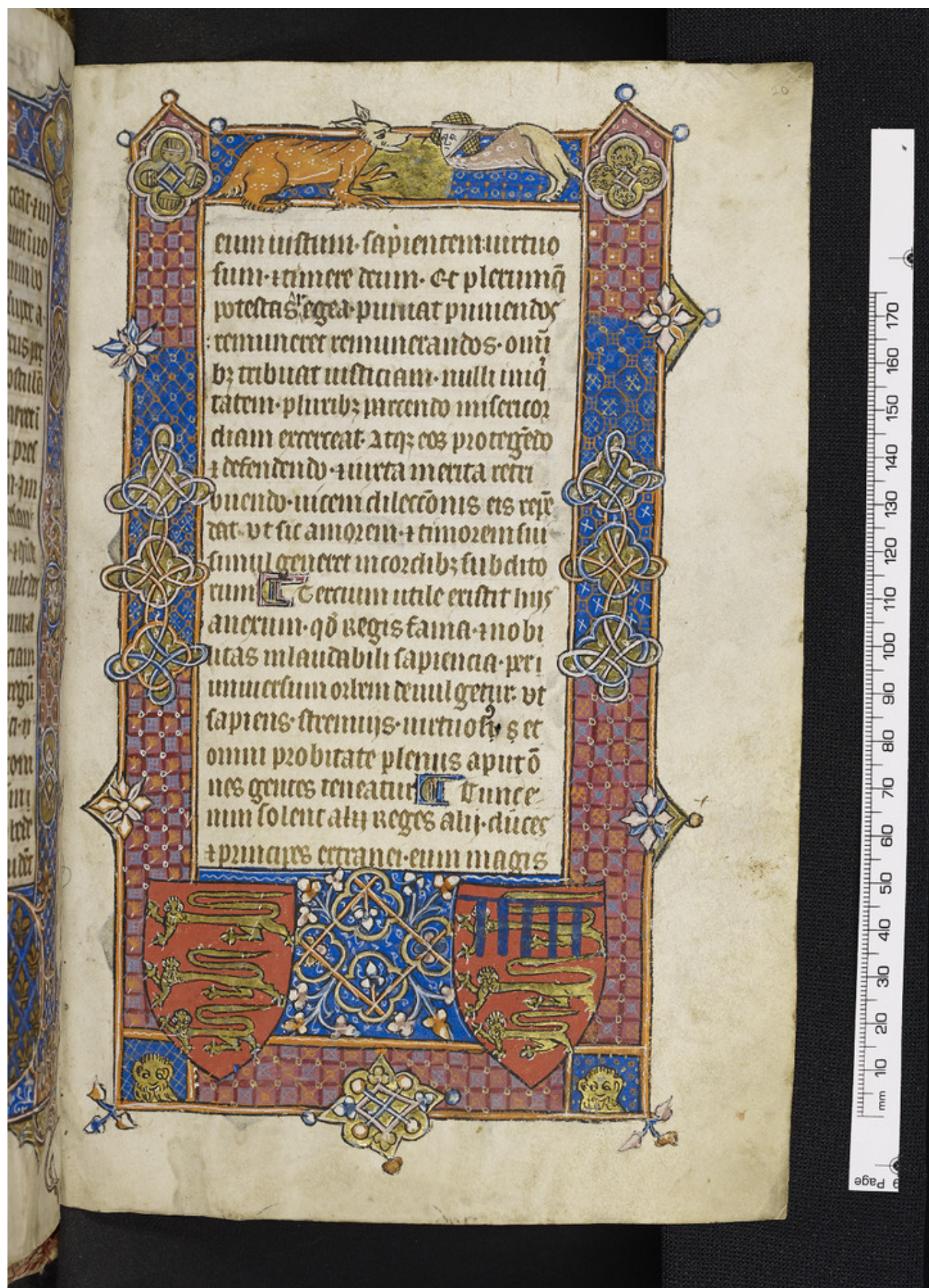








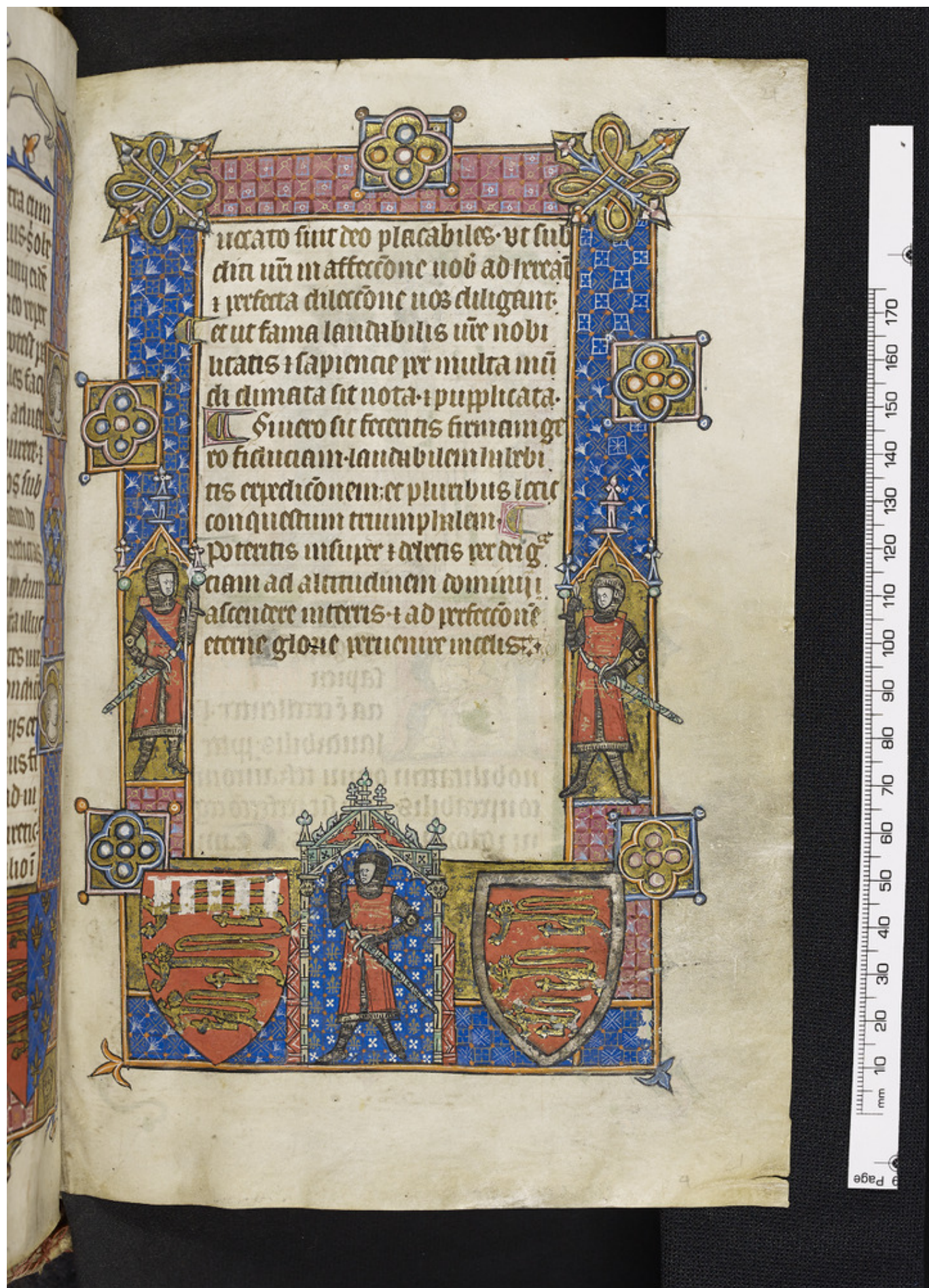


















ipsa omnium regni utilitatem ef-  
 ficat. Et omnem iniquitatem ex-  
 pellit. **P**reterea rememorat pre-  
 sentia celeriter. Et futura ante q̄  
 ueniant longe considerat. Om-  
 nia enim prouidet regni como-  
 di. et uitat dampni pericula. **E**  
 xinde sciendum ē quid sapientia  
 ē habitus animi discretus: per  
 quem discitur uniuersaliter  
 cognoscitur effectus per suas cau-  
 sas preteritas. presentes. ul' futuras.  
 Et constat qd̄ omnis effectus in  
 mundi naturaliter prouenit ex  
 suis causis certis et terminatis.  
 Et qui uult aliquem producere ef-  
 fectum. ul' eius impedire produc-  
 tionem. Oportet ipsum causas  
 diligenter considerare. ut si uelit  
 effectum fieri. causas ordinet et





et promoueat. Et si uelit effectum  
impedire. causis resistat. **Q**uia  
qui sapiens ē in rebus agilibus;  
attendit causas effectuum fu-  
turoꝝ ante eorum existenciā  
et causas contrarias uetisimiles  
ex quibus huiusmodi effectus  
possent impediri. et semper nititur  
ad id qđ melius ē et utilius et su-  
um efficit propositum. scilicet  
gracia. uictoria belli campestris  
tanquam ex causis prouenit.  
et audacia. fortitudine. constan-  
cia. Et fidelitate armatorum.  
pariter cum ordinaciōe bona de-  
liberate preuisa et animositate ex-  
ercitui. producem belli suggesta-  
tibus q; cautel. et prouidentis que  
uices hostium deprimunt. uicto-  
riam inducunt. Et ideo qui





uictoriam optat causas uicto-  
re preparat. et ex his tandem ue-  
nit ad debitum. et optatum finem.

**E**tiam iste effectus qui est pax et  
tranquillitas regni prouenit ex  
concordia magnatum non ex  
minoribus precipue quia minores  
per maiores regulantur et reguntur.  
Et omnes nichilominus prin-  
cipi subiunguntur.

**U**nde ex quo cau-  
se contrarie contrarios produciunt  
effectus. Et concordia magnatum  
est causa pacis regni. per consequens  
discordia inter eos generat bellum  
et conflictum. propterea utrumque te-  
pus belli et pacis regis sapientia et

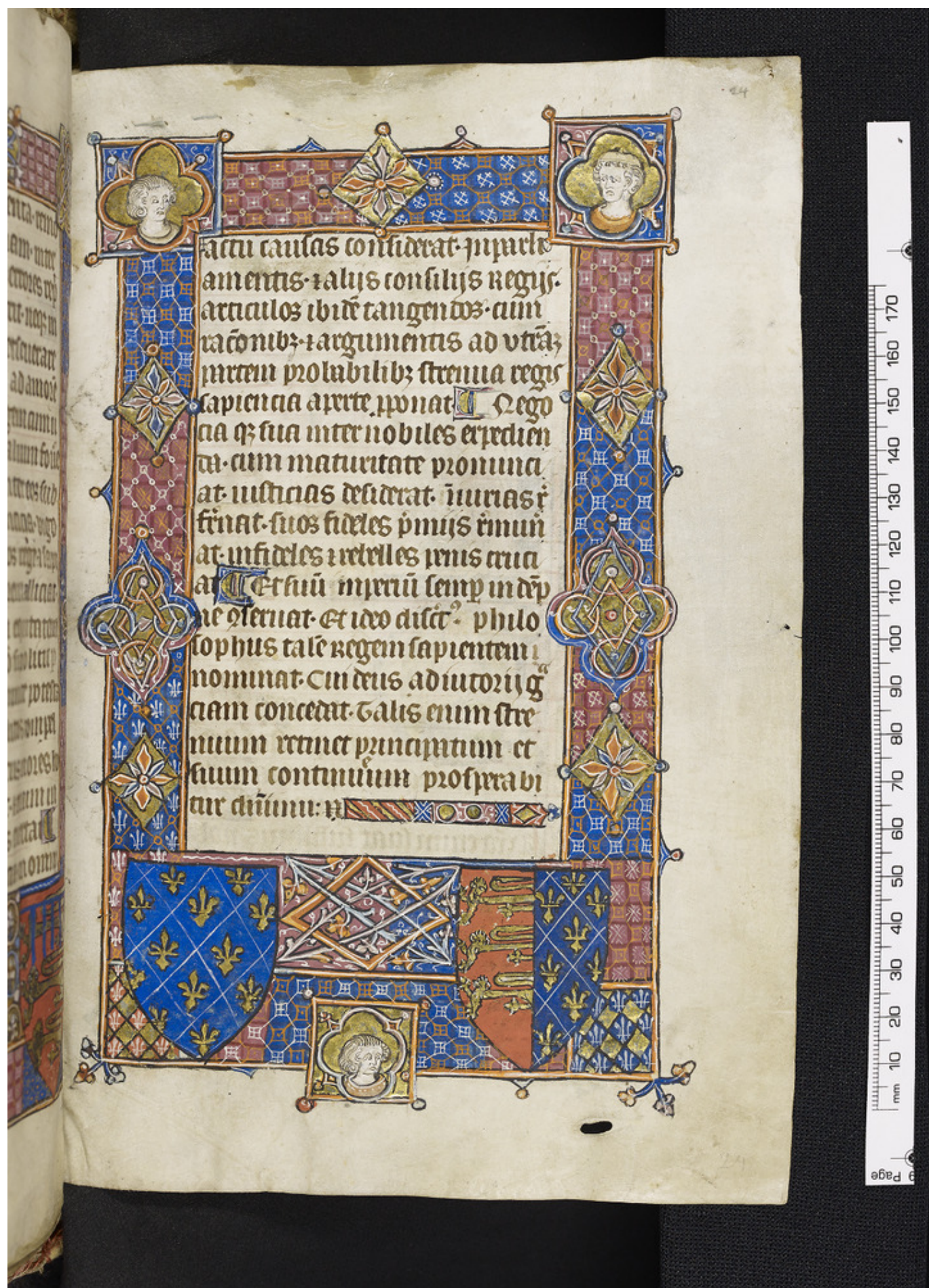
recte gubernat. **N**am tempore  
belli regis sapientia omnes causas  
considerat et circumstantias dispo-  
nit. ex quibus posset sequi uictoria et









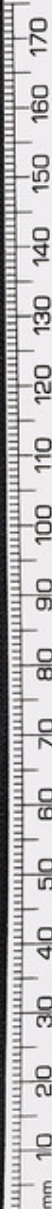








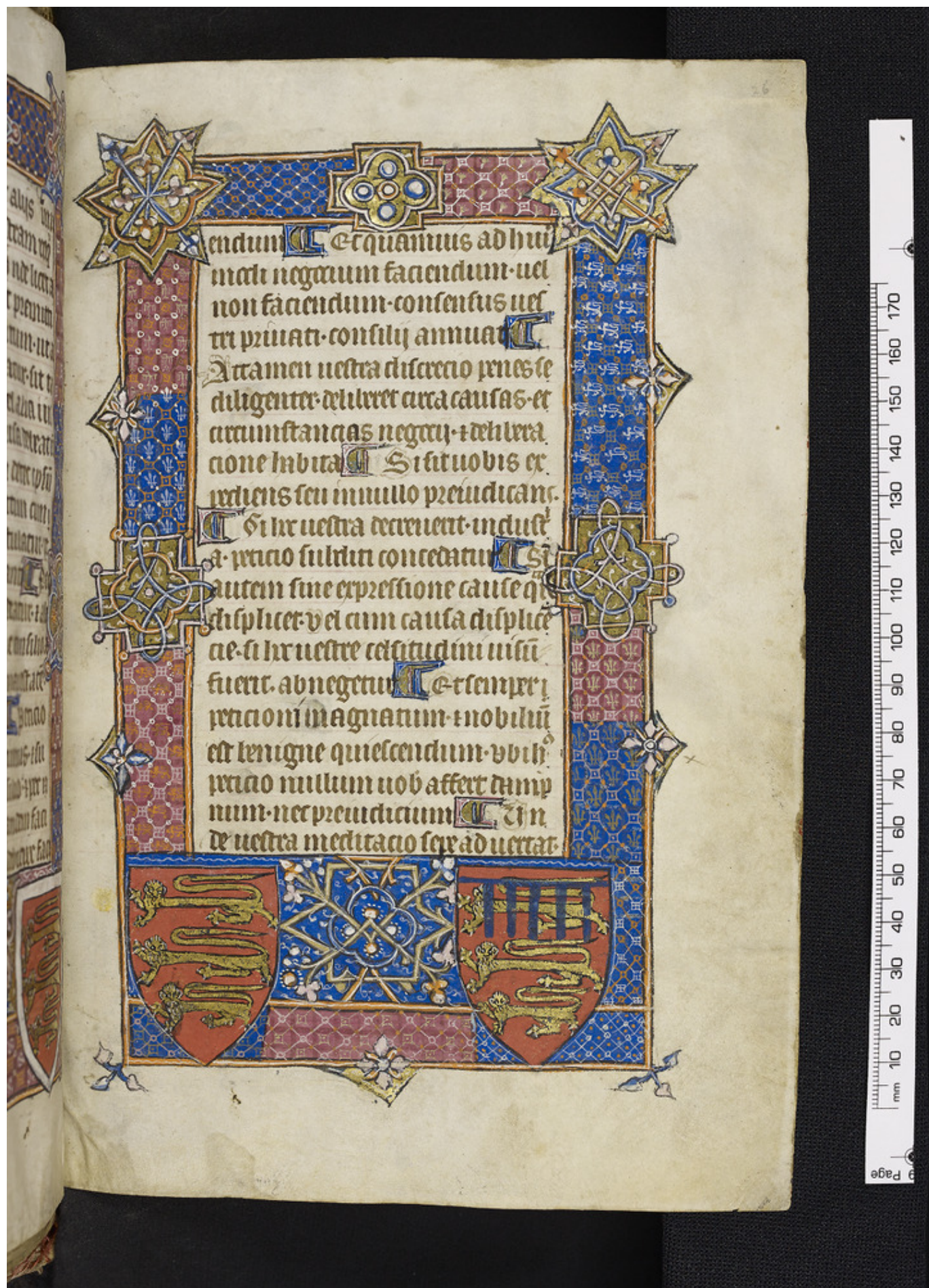
lutas qd multum expedit regie  
 maiestati. qd omnia negocia  
 gra sapienter. cum discrecone  
 sunt expedita. i. terminata. ppter  
 uestram decet dignitatem omnia  
 cum consilio discere agere. Et  
 nichil sine uestra deliberacone p  
 habita finaliter terminare.  
 Unde satis notum ee dinofar.  
 quod barones. comites. milites.  
 vassalli. ecclesiarii q; prelati.  
 Et alii de terra maiores i. mino  
 res ad uestram sepe ueniunt ma  
 iestatem. Et uos deuote interpe  
 lent prouariis eorum negociis.  
 ut pro libertatib; concedendis.  
 Esclauis. Wardis. auxiliagis  
 terris i. redditib; ad manum in  
 mortuam habendis. Et pro in  
 munitatibus. i. priuilegiis loco



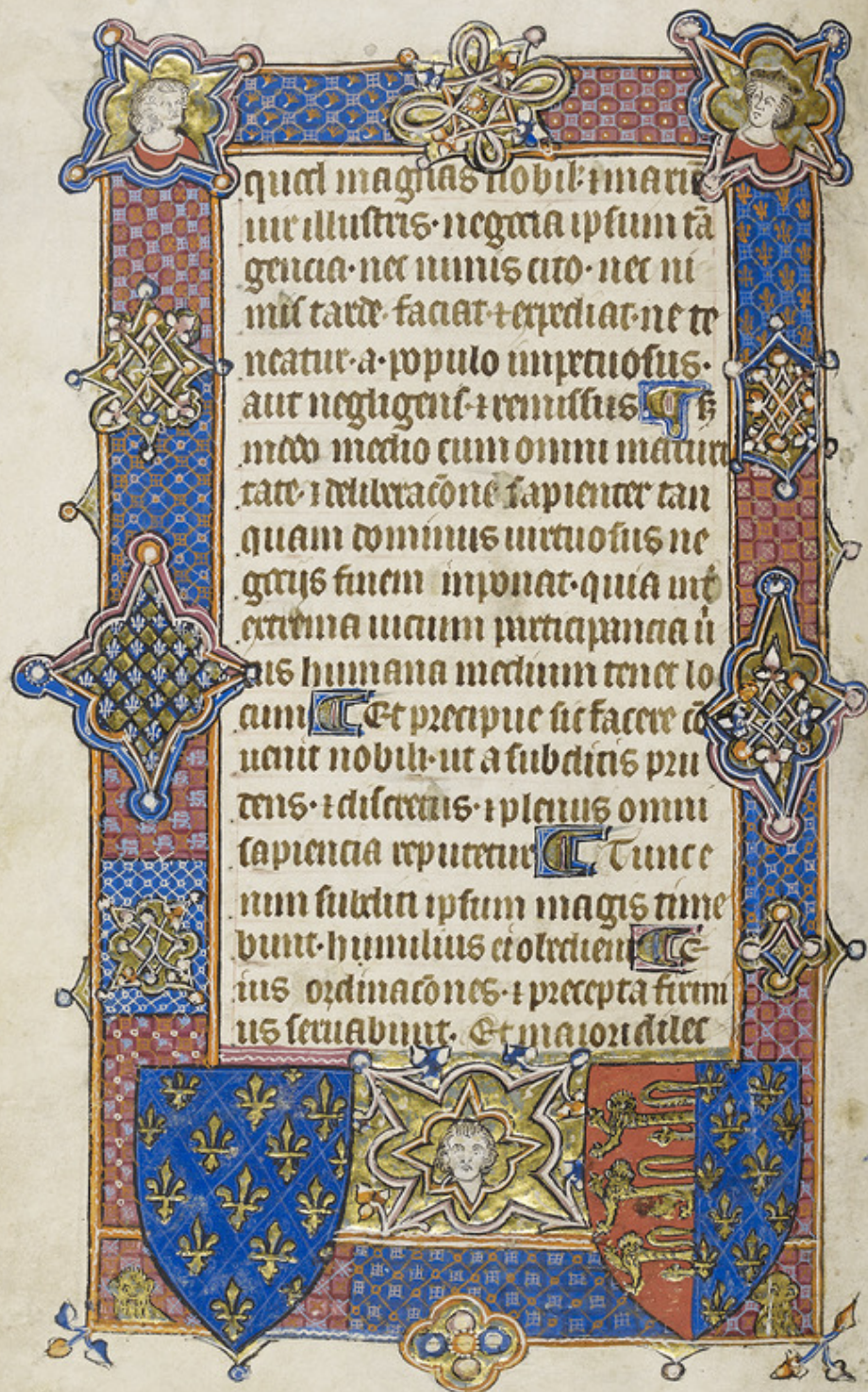












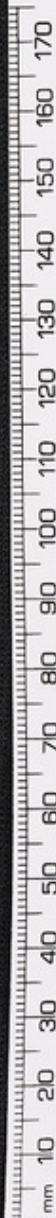


cone timori mirta sibi ad heredit.

**E**t ex his crescit laus principis  
terit gloria regiminis.



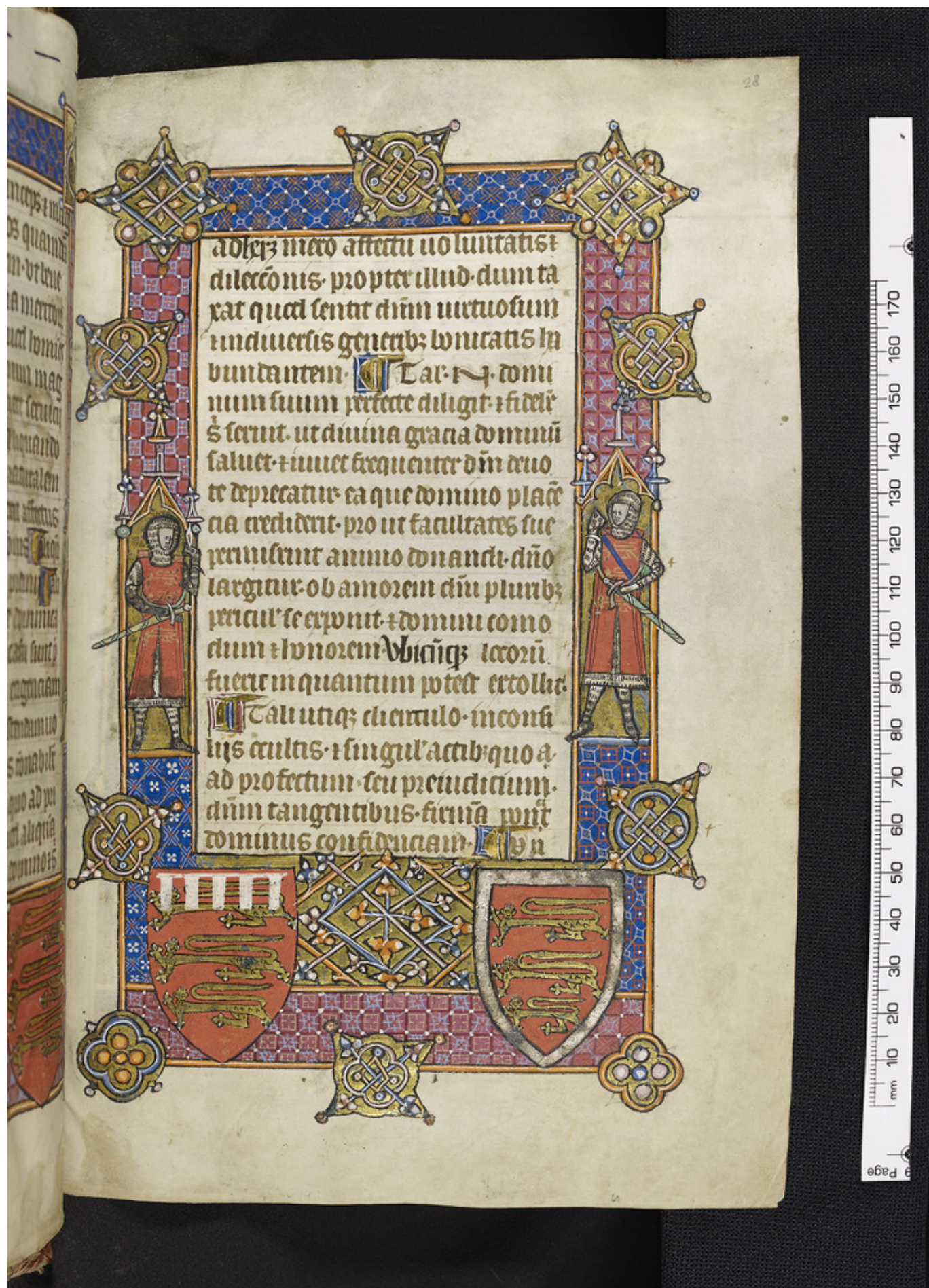
**O**mnino **De-**  
ber dilet regis  
assume et grati  
uestra sub iudine  
lunis sciat nobi



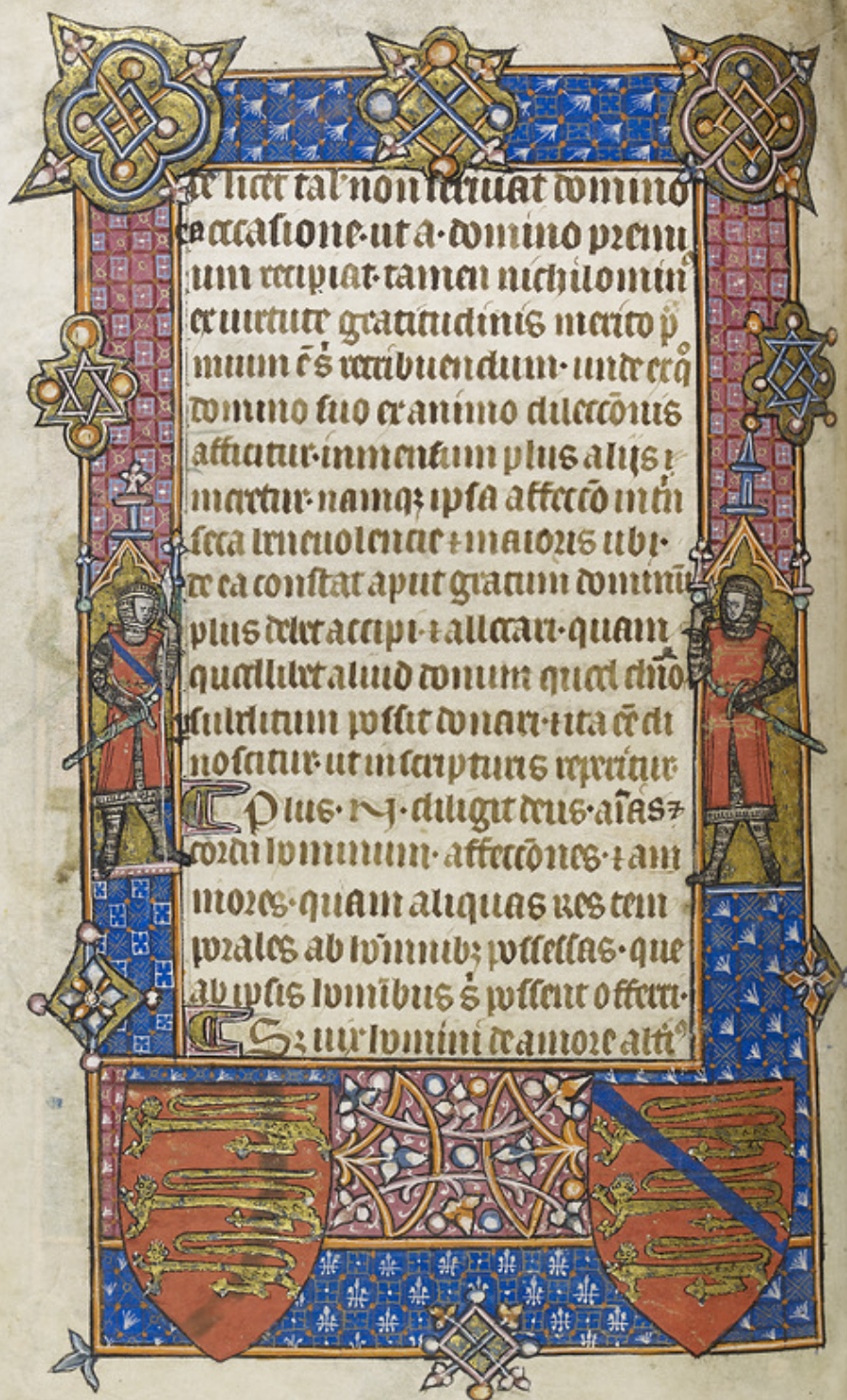




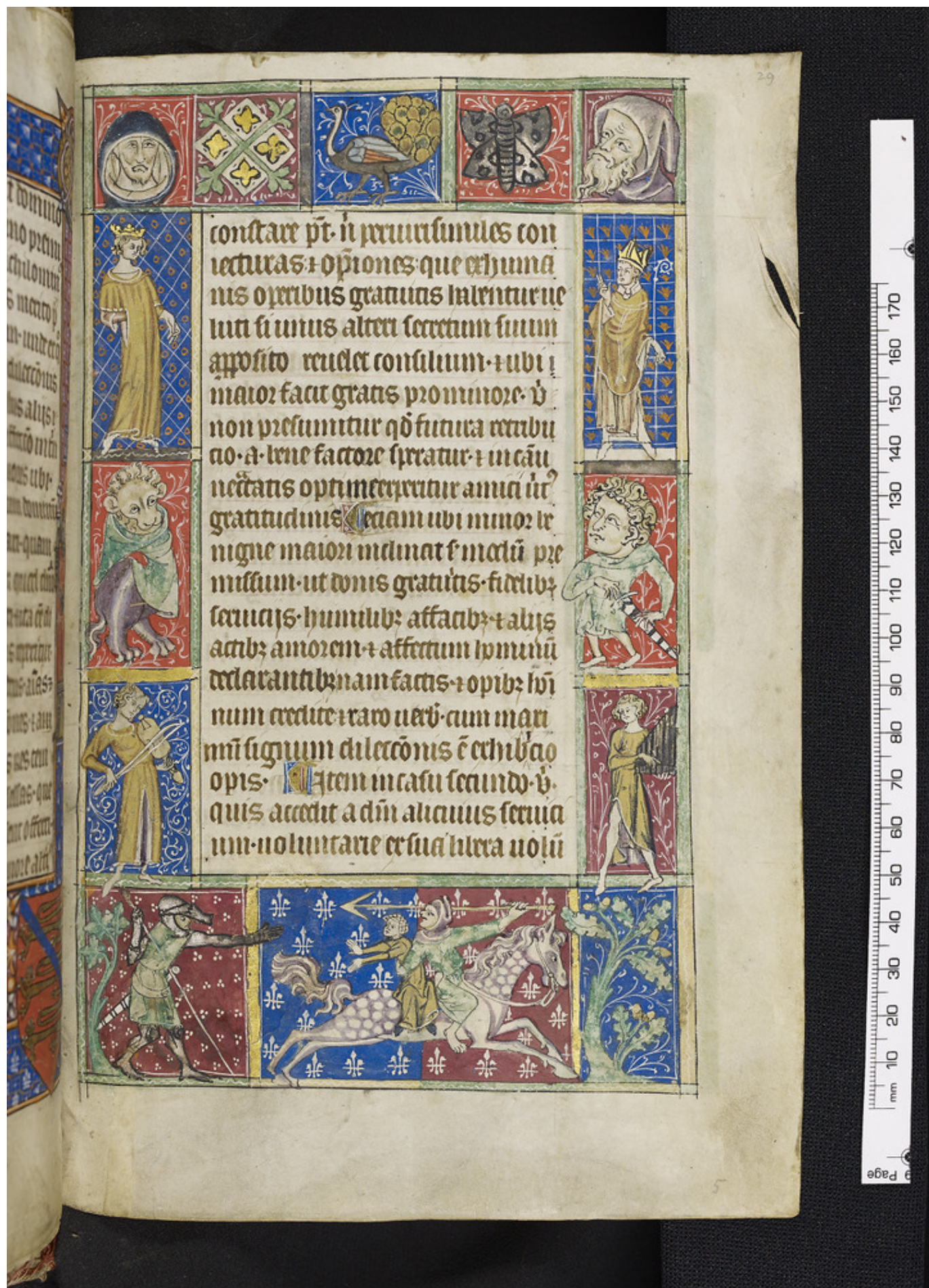
















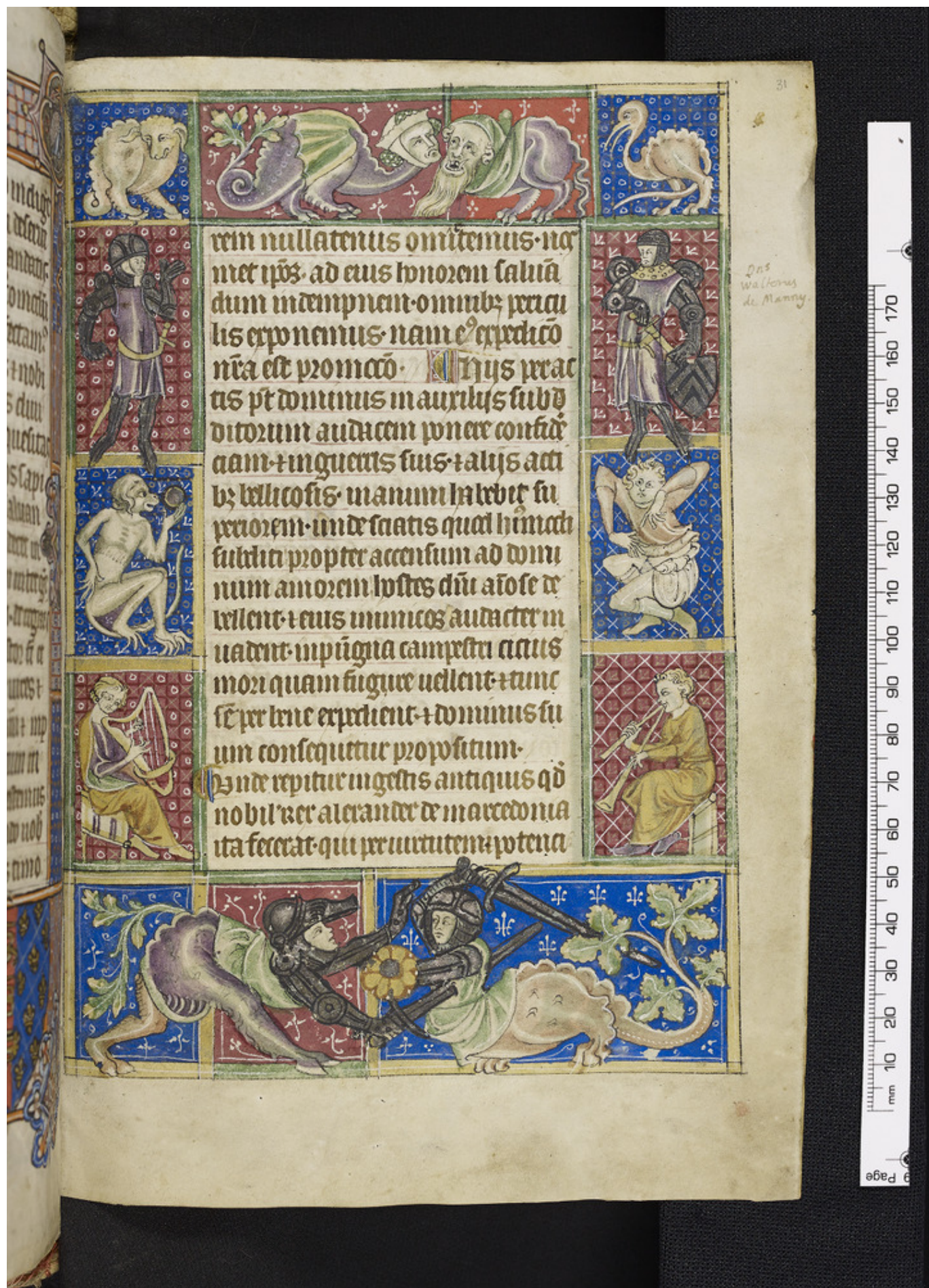








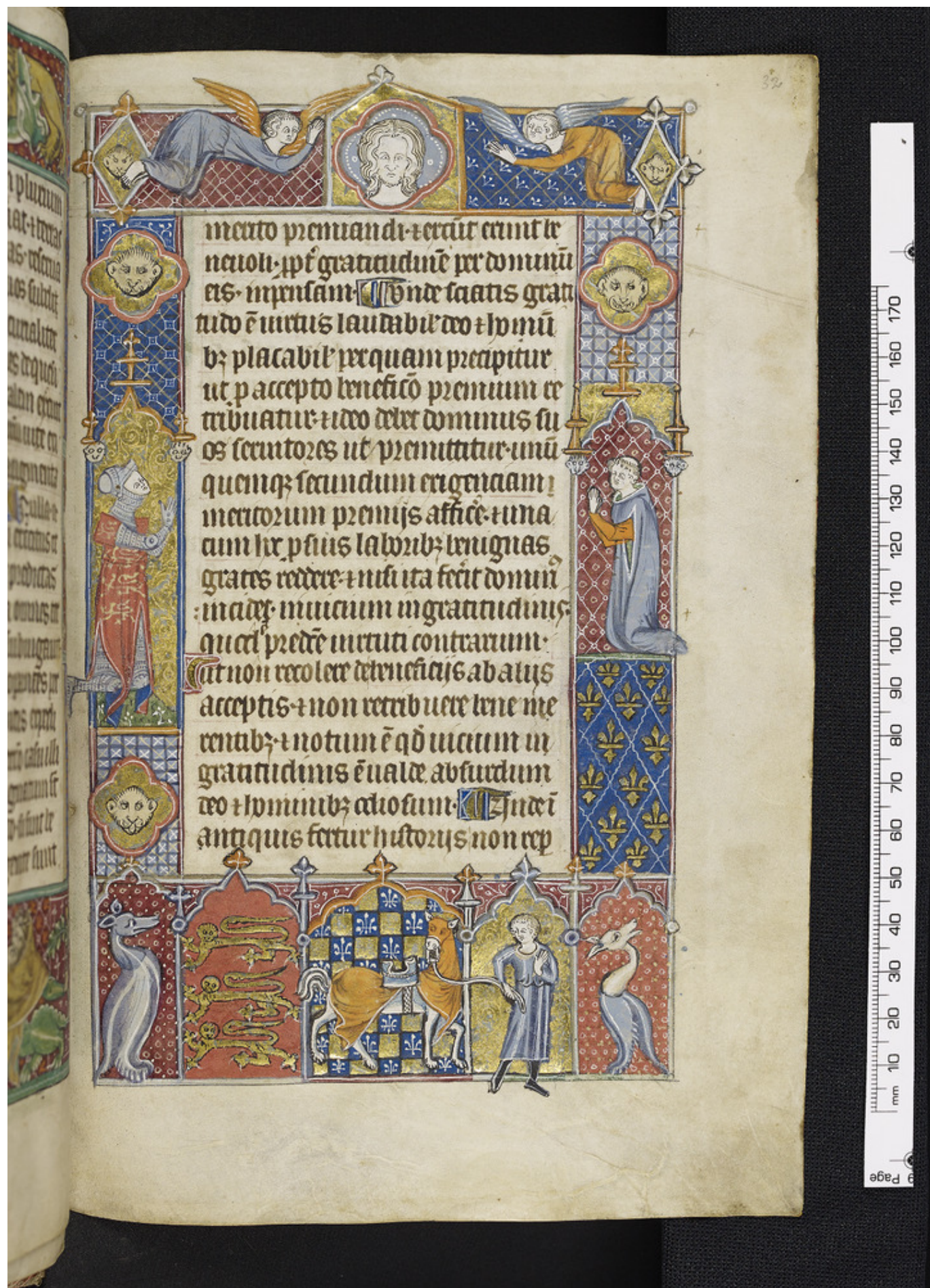




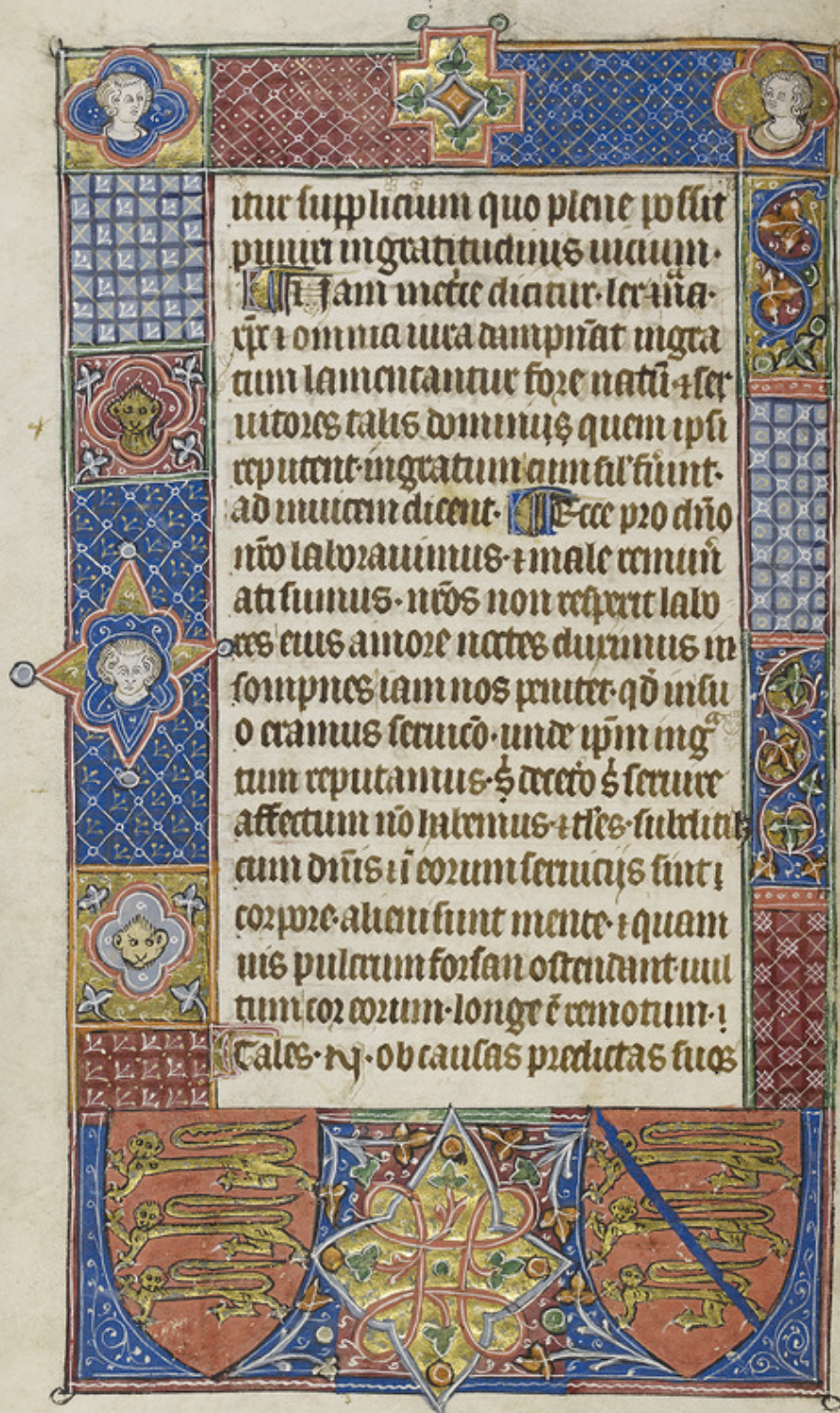




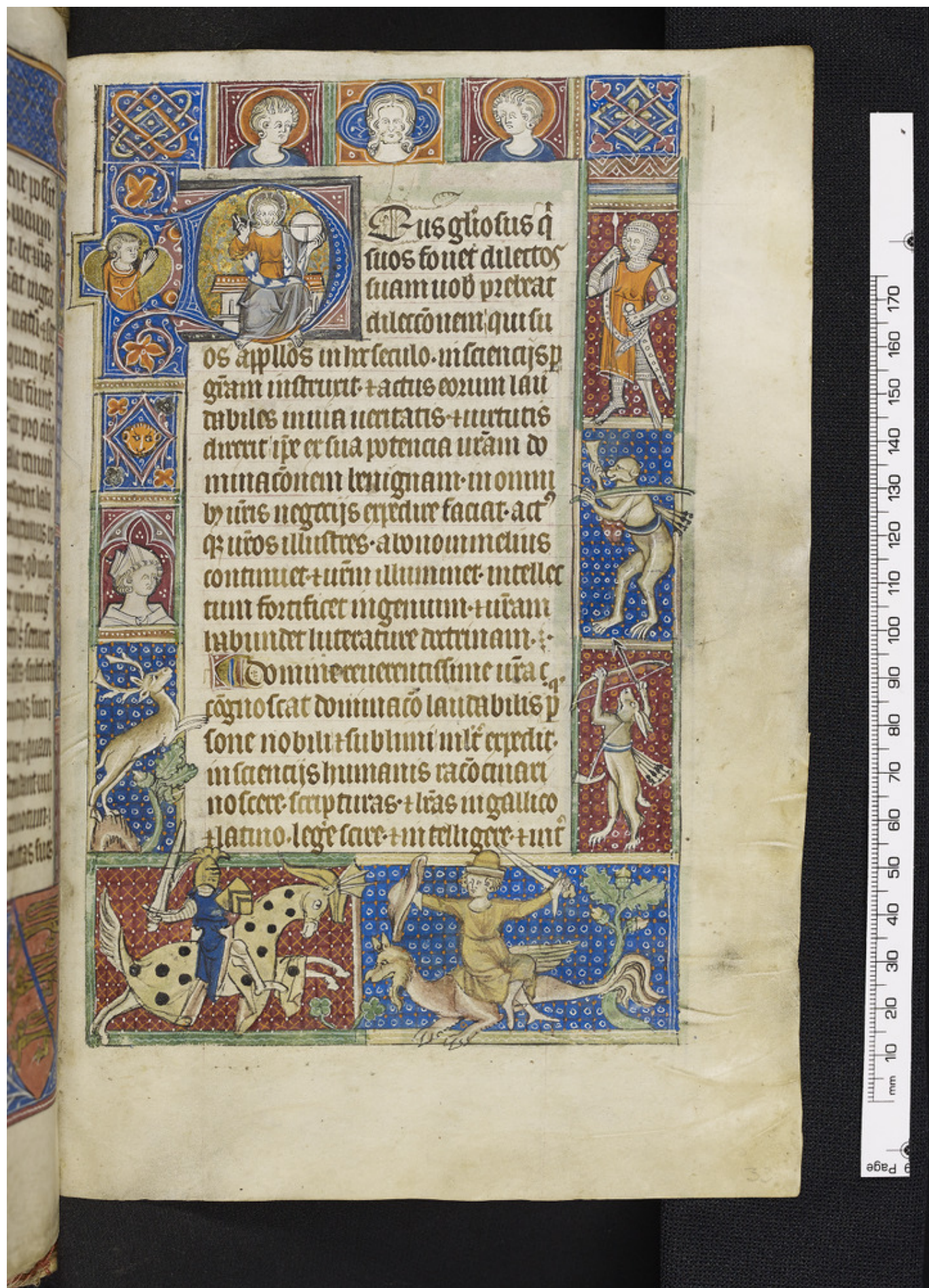








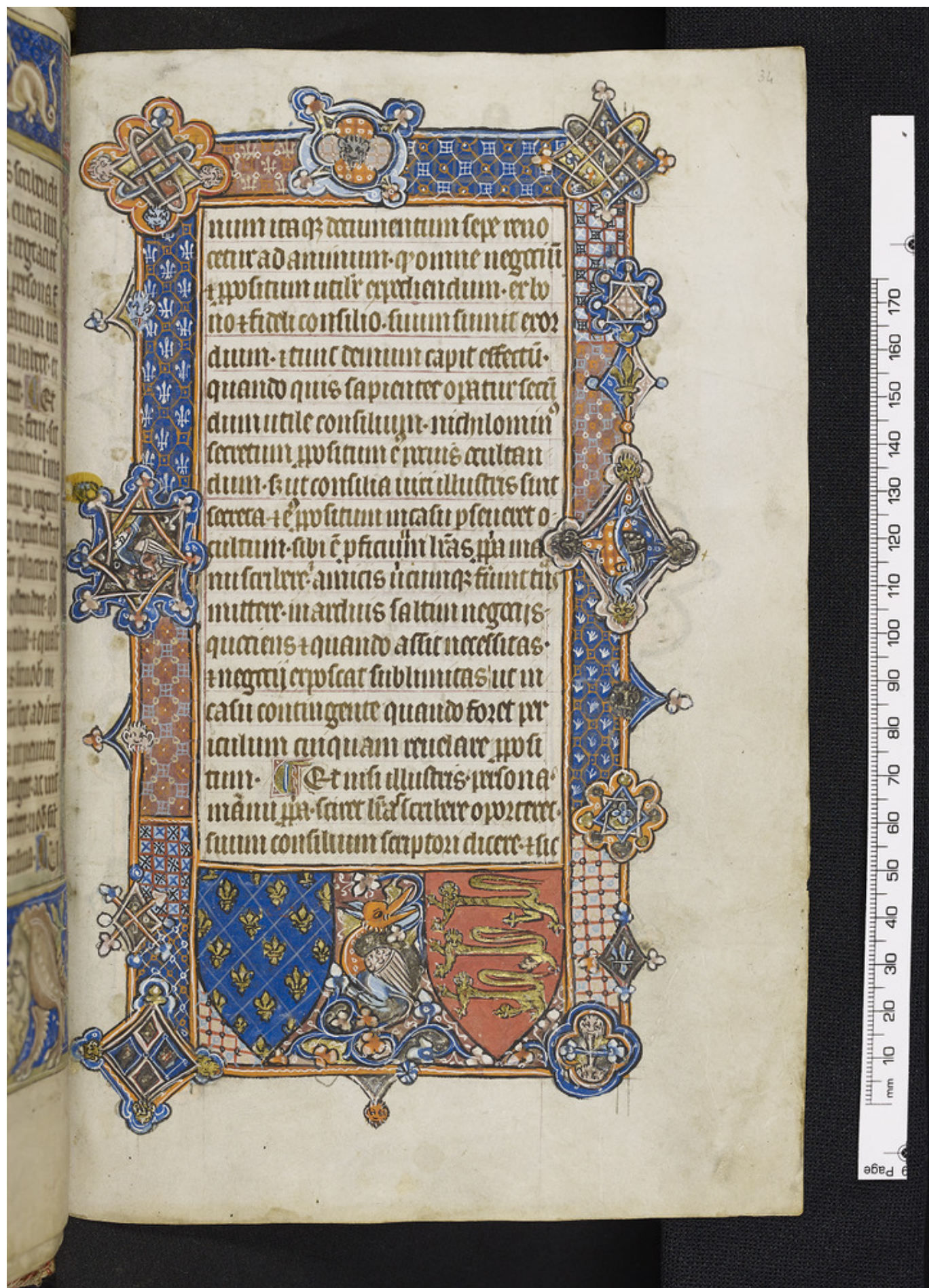




















mita dampna consequuntur. ¶ Vita nouit nobilitas uel plus pici-  
lum caruitur p prudentiam studi-  
osius consultatur ut in tempore bel-  
li et conflictus sepe possit contingere  
quod res duri seu alia illustis per-  
sona que guerant ab alijs s mo-  
tam habuerit. uel ipe alti ex ista ca-  
mouit. auxilijs et succursibz amicorū  
in remotis partibz degentium multum  
indigere et eis ut s uenerint  
in auxilium celeriter suum auxi-  
lium osilium et positum primum  
os et has mittere uoluerit. ¶ Re-  
uera tunc si huiusmodi personam il-  
lustrem has scribere sciret posset  
totum suum consiliū et positū  
in uarijs litteris redigere et sub suo  
sigillo secreto signatis amicus festi-  
nanter transmittere nec possit suū

















uacillissime domine in actib; uis  
discrete providentes secundum form  
premissam temporis et qualitatem  
de uis secretis negotijs et conspice dis  
ponentes perfectum negotiorum finem  
reguebitis et gloriosam expeditionem.

**T**unc et maiores terrarum et  
populus regionum inuicem uos  
amabunt et foras timebunt et eritis  
inter gentes per dei gratiam sicut flos a  
gratiarum celi de uis negotijs utile  
inlentes positum et pacificum retine  
tes dominum uirumque per hanc amplabitur  
imprimis ad laudem populi pro fec  
tum. **De regis consilijs et secretis p  
positis non detegendis. Et de eius  
experientijs in consilijs inlenti  
dis.**







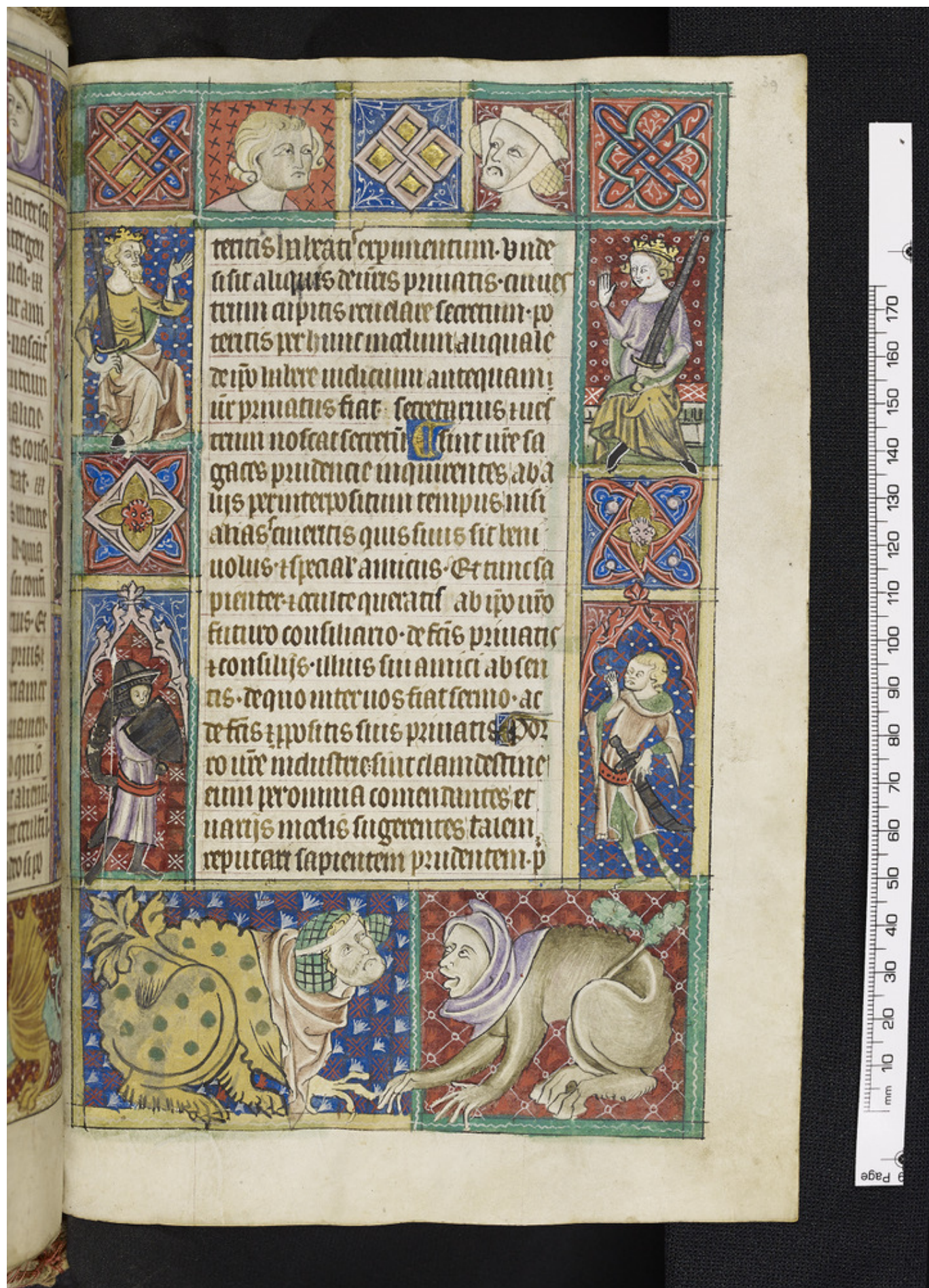








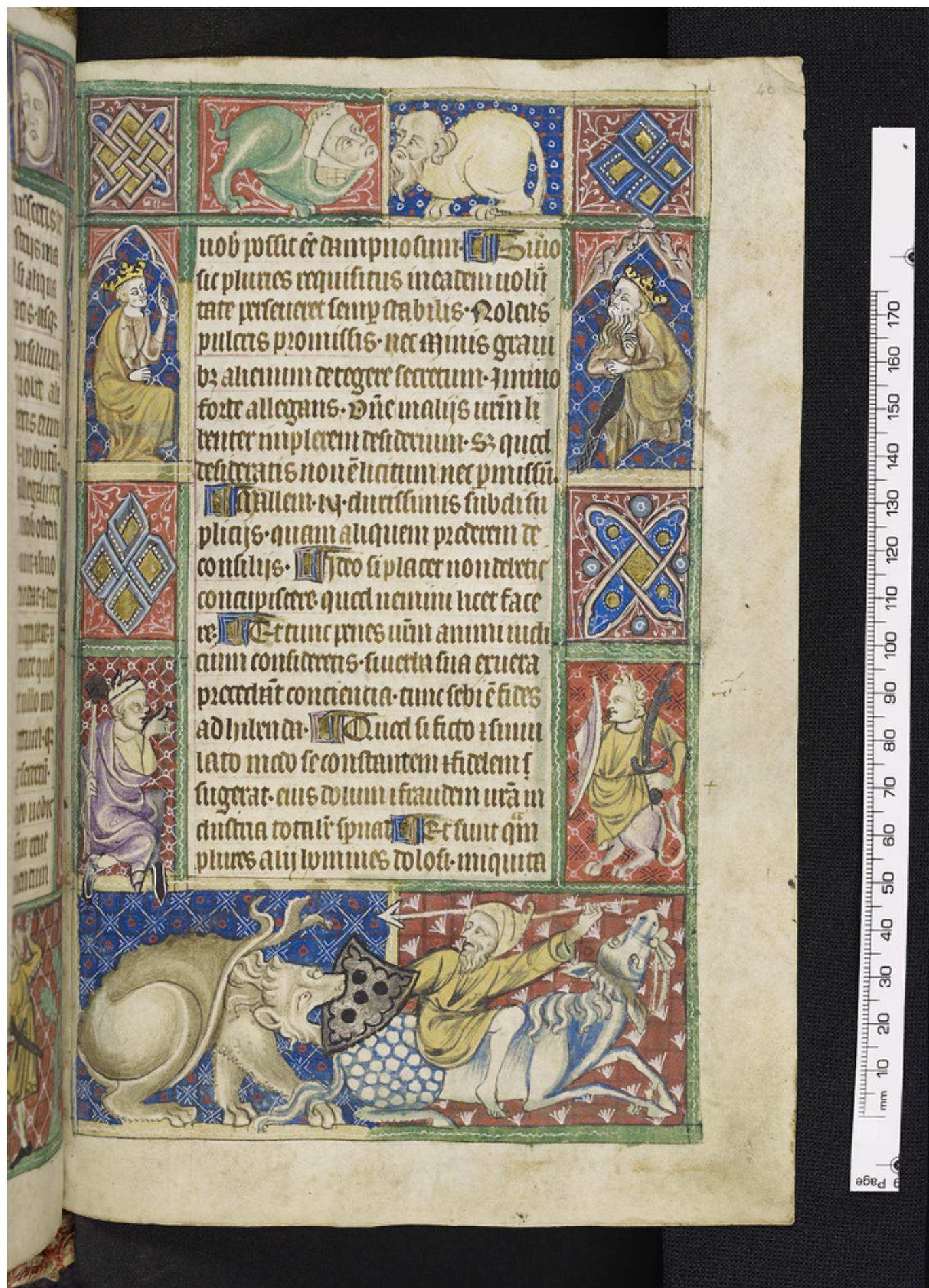




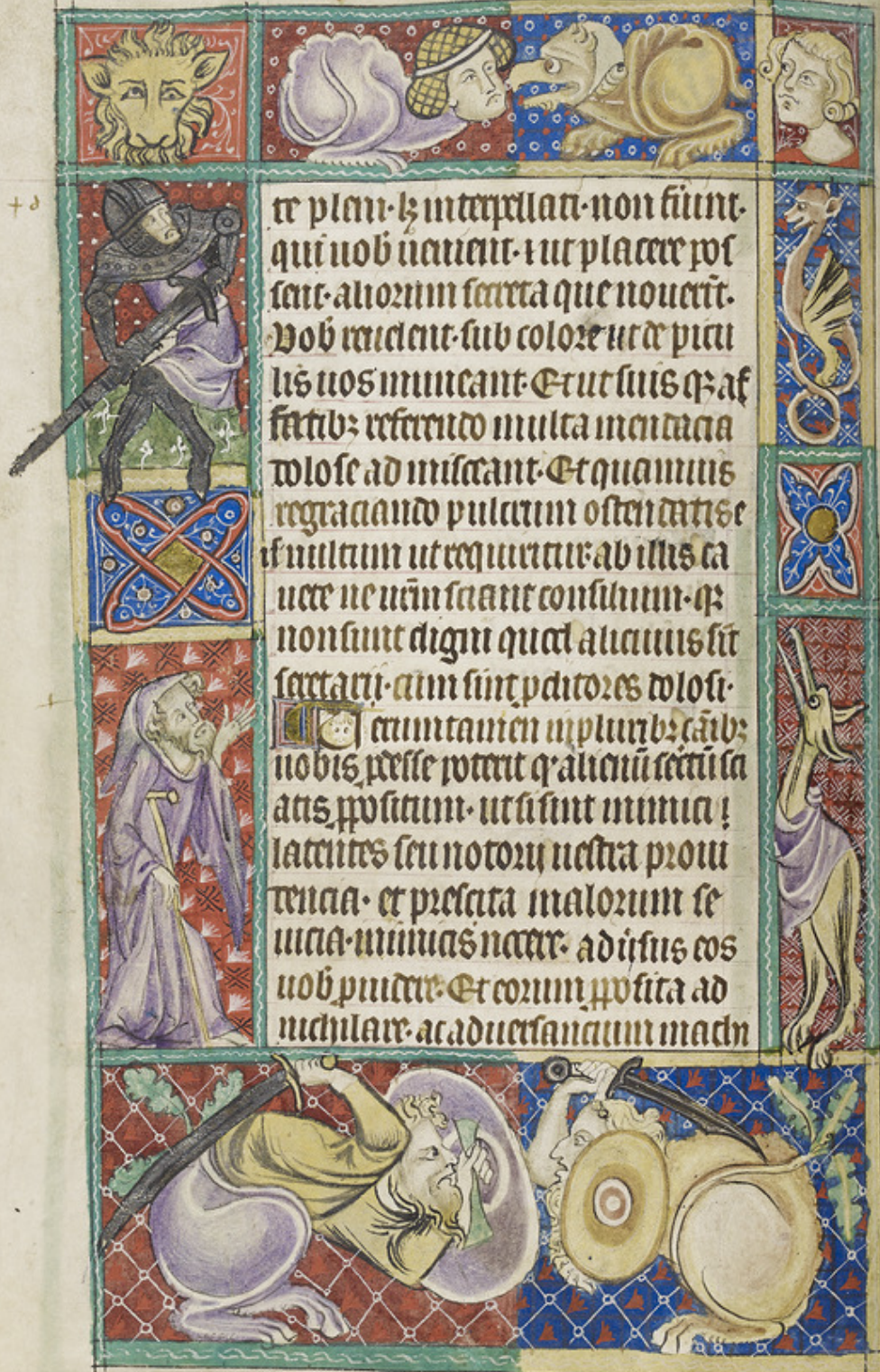




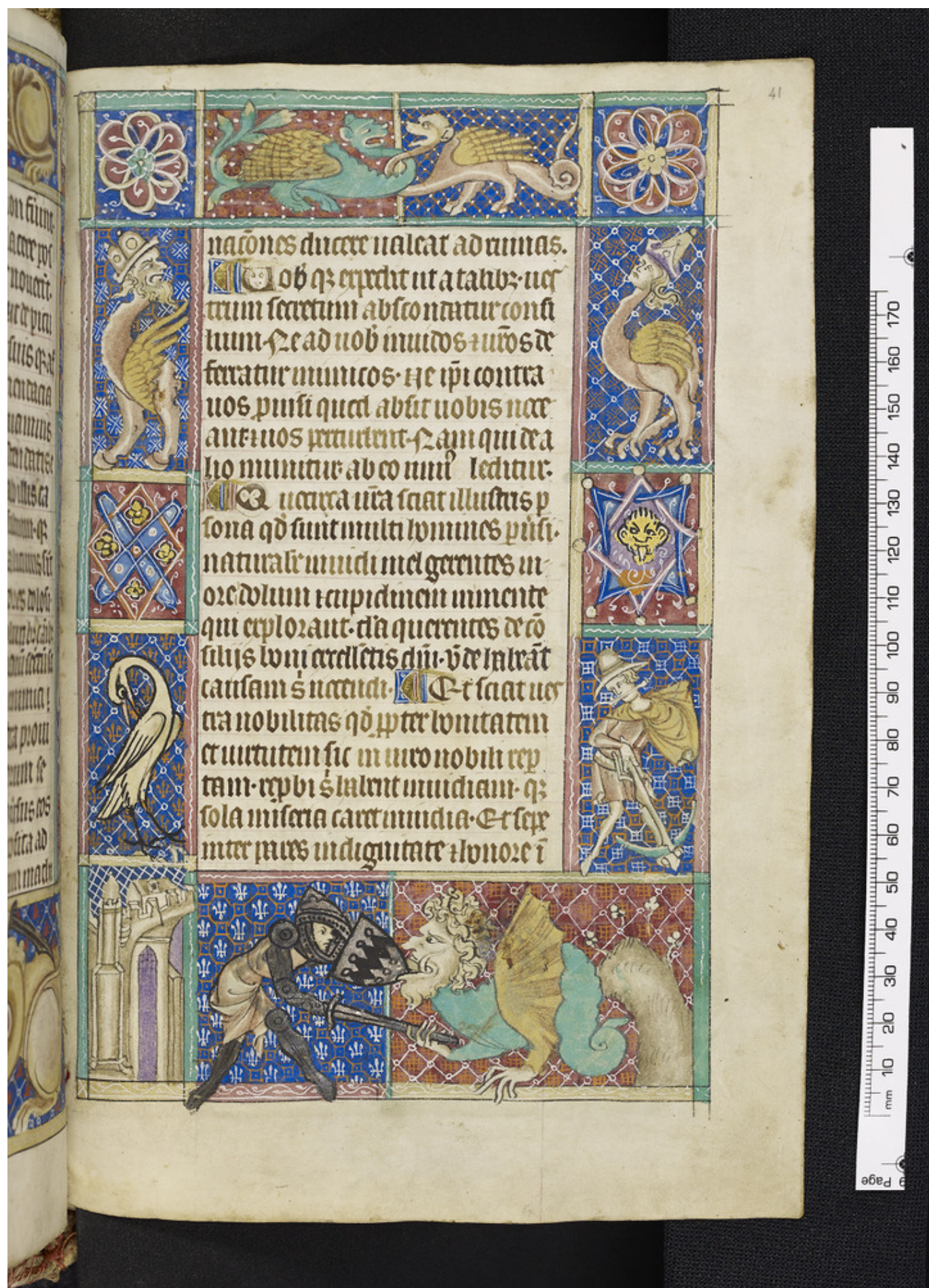


















Immo quod est deterius inimicas re-  
uelant. et multi ficus uidetur expref-  
fe propria facta. h. turpia. in honesta.  
bonis moribus contraria. abscondi-  
nesciunt. et qui gratis proprium detegit.  
iudicium. quomodo consilium abscon-  
deret alienum. Reuera nra sciatur  
excellencia quod qui alienum reuelat  
consilium. quod s. iniungitur celand.  
pedito. fit in alium detrahit. Et indig-  
nationem incurrit diuinam. et pro suo  
enormi demerito grauem a deo plet-  
tetur ultionem. et semper defraudibus homi-  
num prudenter e. cauendum. Verum  
tamen per scienciam astronomica  
uerum habetur iudicium. quod hic  
miserere unius foret plurimum. Quo-  
modo posset homo cognoscere differen-  
ciam inter falsum. et fidem. et se cre-  
tum secrete posset tradi consilium. de q.





alibi tangitur ad plenum. et uob  
 aleas et actum. et ostensum. **¶** Si  
 chilonius dilectissime uia dñi  
 no circumspice agens. et prudenter  
 contingencia prouidens futura. u  
 vñ uolens manifestare secreta. ni  
 si quando alterius consilium sup  
 uñ secreto impendat. Visum est uo  
 b possit afferre comodium. et illis so  
 lum modo personis quibz digne uet  
 tra deceat prudentia. Dum tamē  
 illi non trepidando sint fide. et iura  
 mentis astricti. et sint bone fame ui  
 ri. et a comuni populo fideles reputa  
 ti. Et tunc cum nō psumit aliquos  
 sue salutis inmemores. satis securū  
 ē eis fides adhibenda. et erit uñm secū  
 tum consilium. annuente deo semp  
 uobis proficuum. iniquam no  
 ciuum.













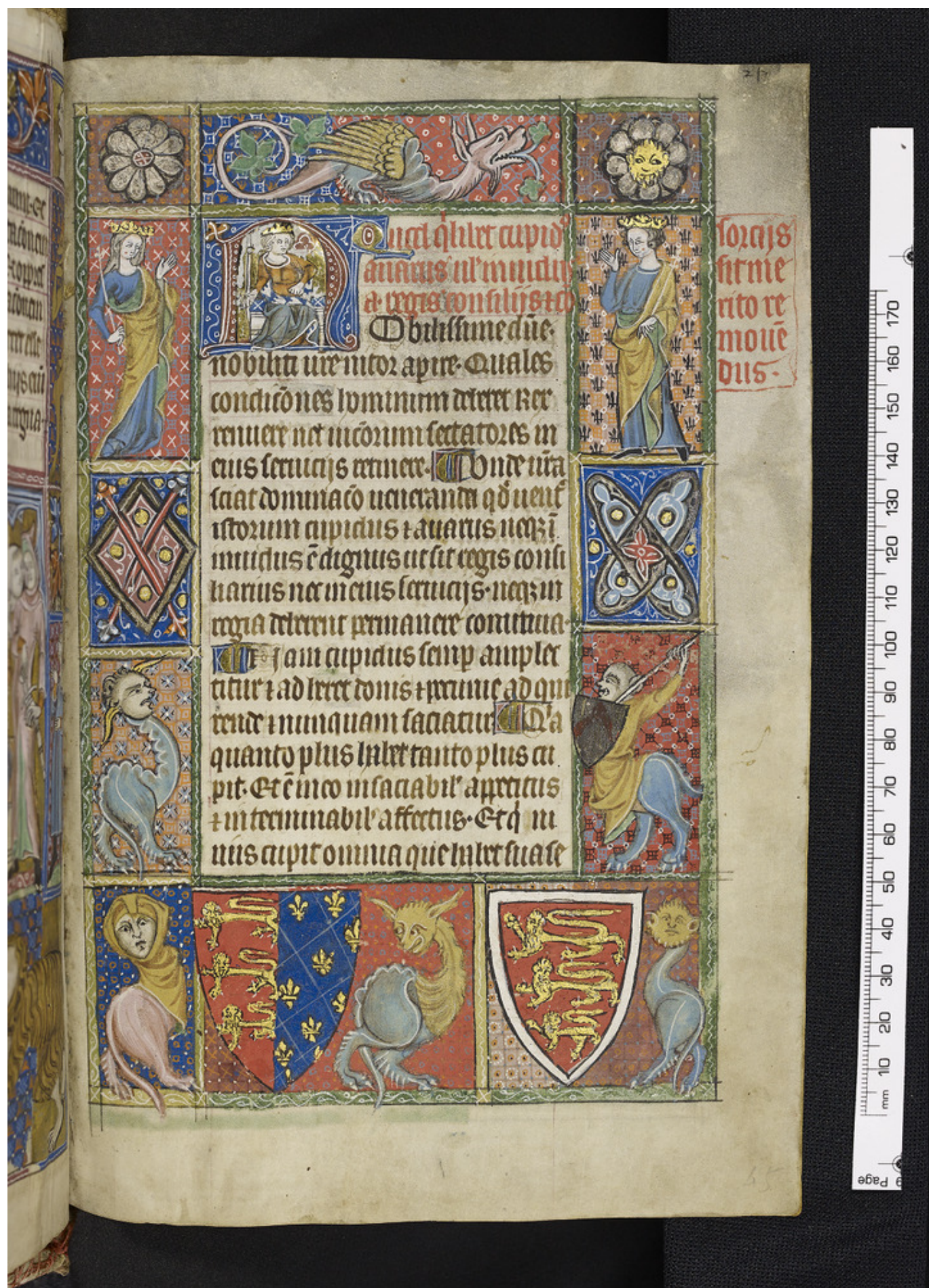


tur intellectus. Iam datur animi  
vigoratur compleretur. et melioratur  
sensuum comprehensio. **Q**uia quod  
libet sensibile obiectum. et porcio na  
le est sui sensus perfectum. Et p  
fectio sensus est causa impulsiva et ge  
nerativa penetrabilis intellectus  
Quare postmodum rex melius po  
test discernere et disponere omnia ne  
gata qualicunque pertinencia sue  
maiestati. **Q**uod sit enim regem de  
lectari uel assuesci. in consiliis iustis  
opibus disconuenientibus sue digi  
tati. **E**t hoc enim seipsum in li  
nestat. in honorem suum deturpat. **N**  
**N**am de ipso tunc minus ten  
bunt sulchiti. Et exultabunt ini  
mia. **S**ed prius in gloria lauda  
bili prosperitatis regiminis. et intende  
sulchitorum regni utilitatibus.













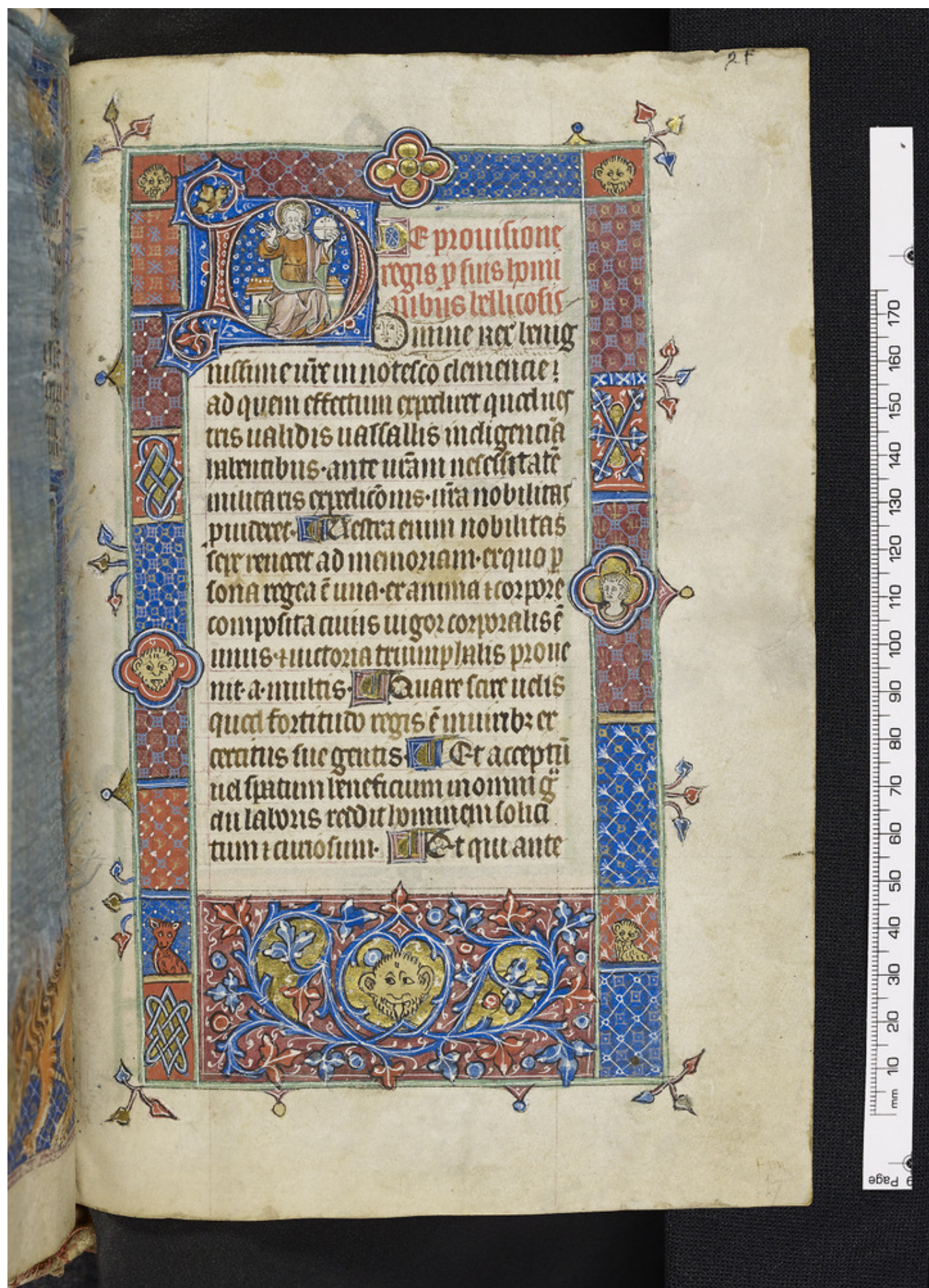














cumentum necessitati longe s̄ pro  
 uidet. de p̄ gaudeat. ¶ Itē dicens est  
 rei p̄p̄licae p̄dest quod rex pro su  
 is ualidis hominibz. quantum  
 ad eorum p̄uisionem sufficien  
 tem ordinare interponat. ¶ Et  
 tunc quatenus indignetur in eis au  
 dacter confidat. ¶ Cum acceptum  
 semel beneficium. eterne memorie  
 sit comendandum. ¶ Et notum  
 ē dīnosatur. et in scripturis app̄at  
 quod p̄tinet regi. et expedit regie ma  
 iestati. quod rex p̄uidet suis hominibz  
 bellicosus indigentibz. quātū  
 ad sustentationem in tempore pacis.  
 ut in eis tempore necessitatis maio  
 rem possit ponere confidentiam. et  
 ¶ Congruit enim ut rex quidē  
 suis hostibz. se uoluit iudicare. seu  
 terram aliquam ul' prouinciā p̄



















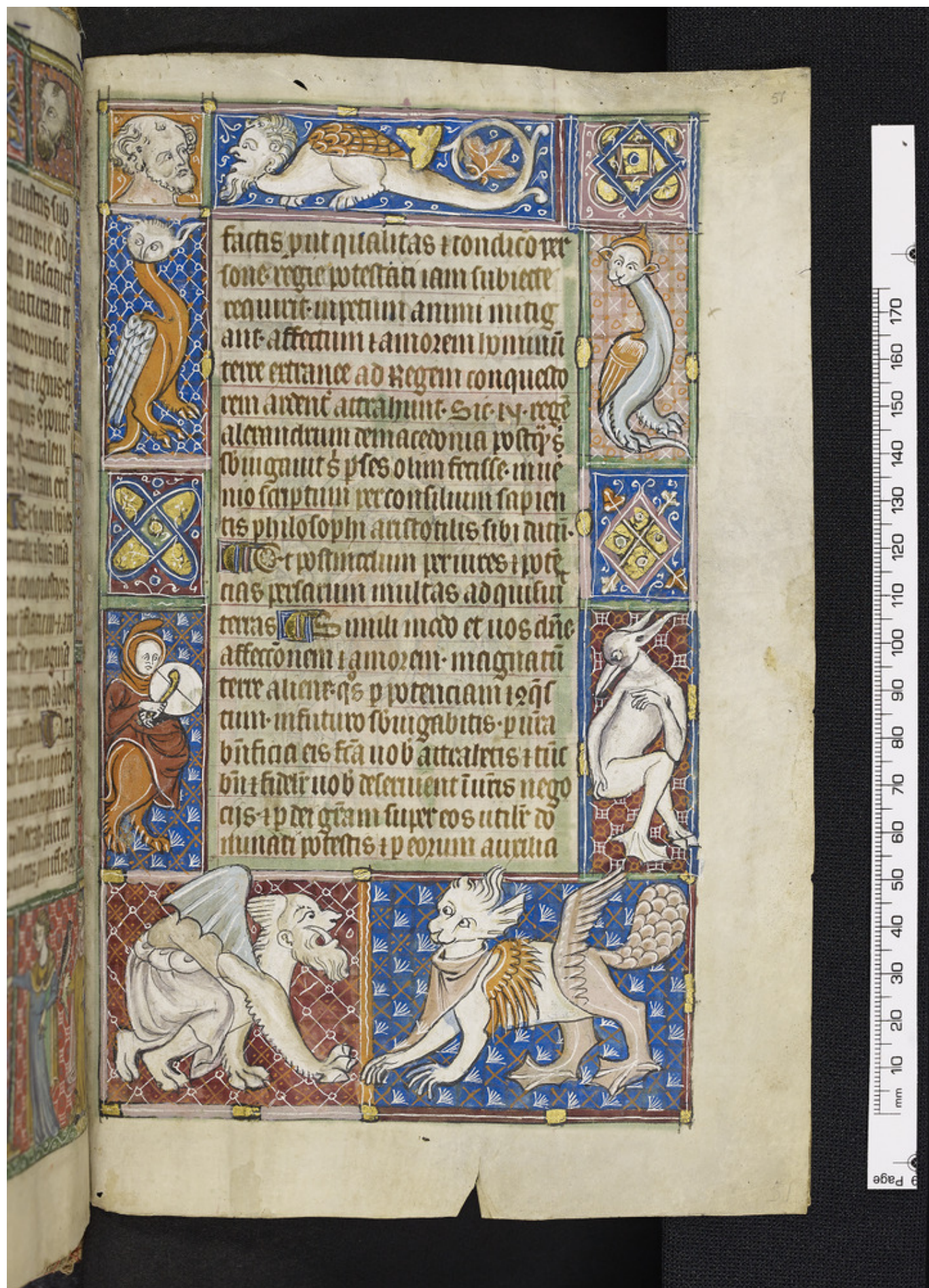




































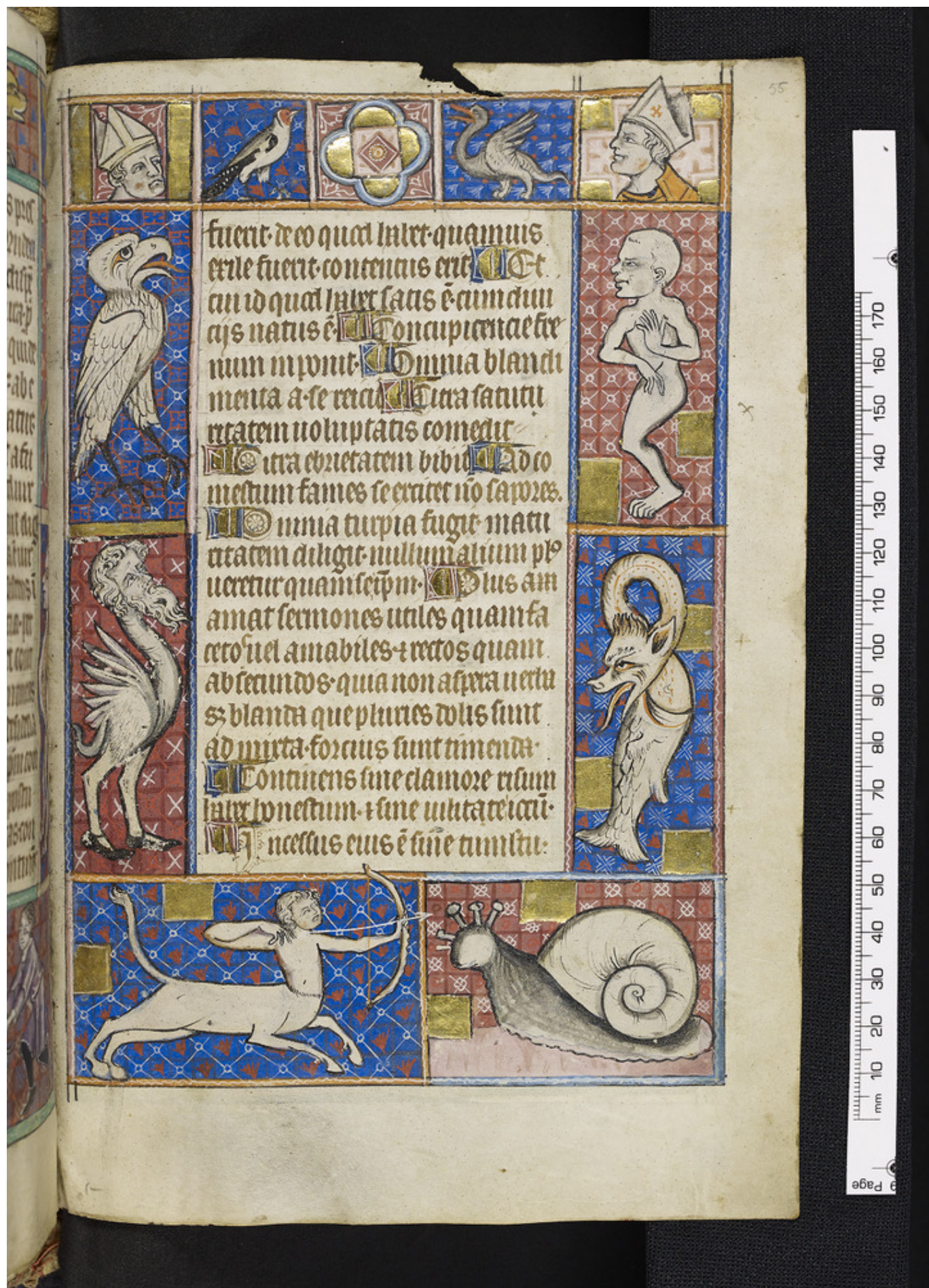




teracone promittit plenius pre-  
 tat quam promiserit. ¶ Pruden-  
 tis animus tribz temporibz dispe-  
 rat. presentia. ordinat. futura. p-  
 uidet. preterita. recordat. unde quide-  
 futuro nichil premeditatur. ab e-  
 uentui in opinato sepe grauatur.  
 ¶ Liquez g'er premittis ut a fu-  
 turis caueatur periculis. quod iur-  
 tus prudentie ualde conuenit dig-  
 nitati regie. ¶ Temperantia e iur-  
 tus moralis directiua. consistens i  
 hys que uite sunt necessaria. per  
 quam quis honestam habet conti-  
 nentiam. ¶ Iam qui continens  
 e. superflua uictus. abicit. desideria  
 sua constringit. ¶ Per seipm con-  
 siderat quantum natura postu-  
 lat. non quantum uoluptas con-  
 cupiscat. ¶ Si quis uero continens











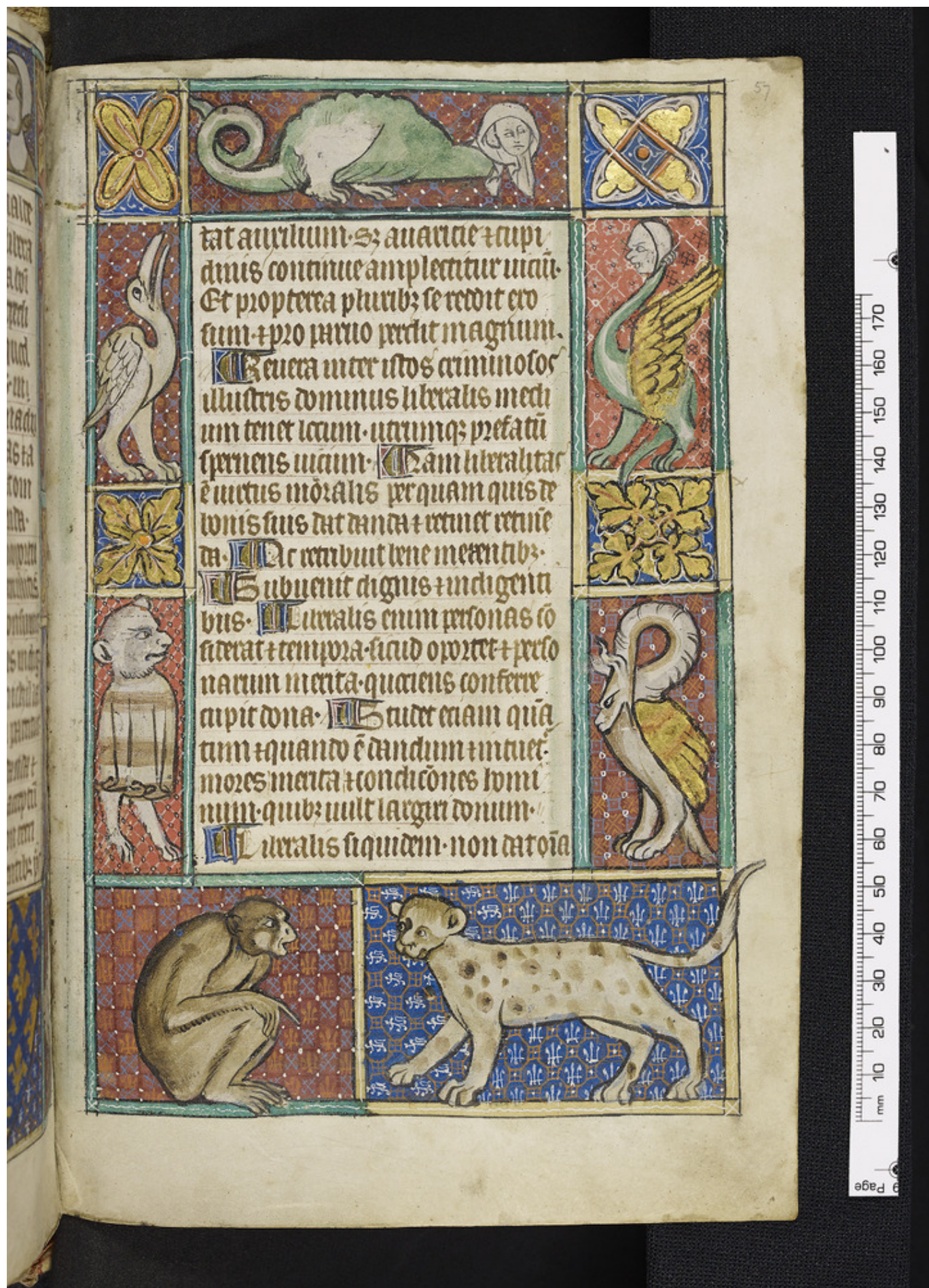




























hpoſtate ualēt z uicta. p q̄ tot orb catit.  
Gen huiusm faluat iudicia clarat iura  
mitigat. **D**ea iuria ſmutit i gĩa ad  
ipſum. **Q**uare q̄ uoluita tgea p̄tā  
tōnē rēgulata p lege ſeruat q̄cquid grōte  
emulſent legib: clarat. **N**o q̄cū i rēgis p̄ſe  
cia affiunt i cī mīā deuote p̄ciet lēuigat  
deat rēgalē ſetū pietatē i rēgē hē mīā.



**P**h cūdis apparēte rēte trīgnū. illustre  
grōfū. mīcorā. **E**t hys ēdūmīa adq  
ter grām. amorē cordiū oīū flūitor.  
Sic tuō dñe ē pūllie. īstīta delicti qñti  
tate. rēdūne pfoē uolētī grām pte. de  
trās. mīcuq. urām ēgālē grām. pietatī  
mīa. cū oī mīesur. īstī tate grōse. atbue.  
**E**t tūc os mīū tūūro nūc. oluēt pēp  
to. tūro se bīcīet ēgālī dñio. īstībitis de  
placēciā. mīgi dūctōē. cō mīto ad ī  
urīs sūūis actib. manū frīorē. q. mīcor  
dō. cēdat qōib. suā largītur mīserīcōdīa.







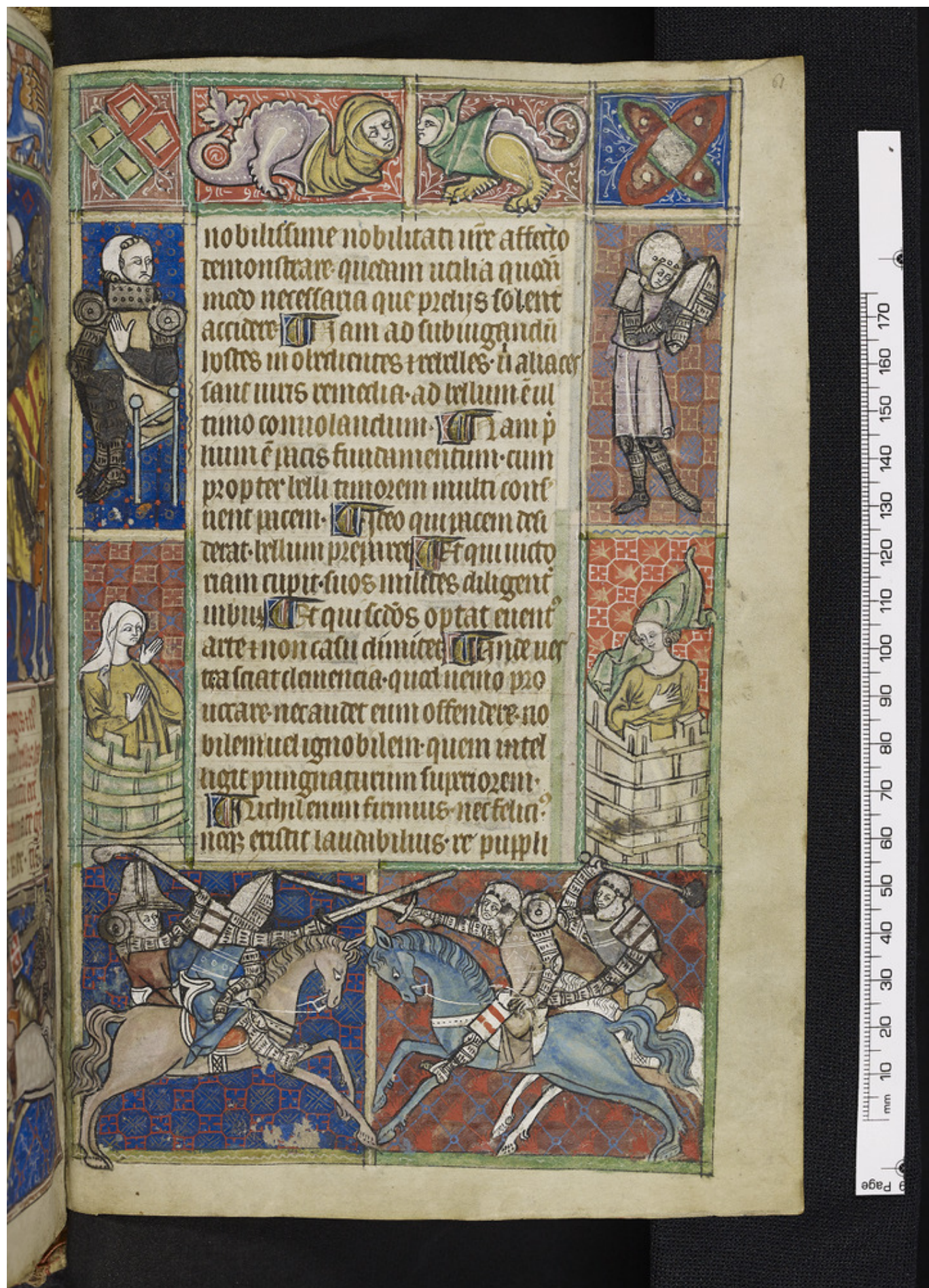
















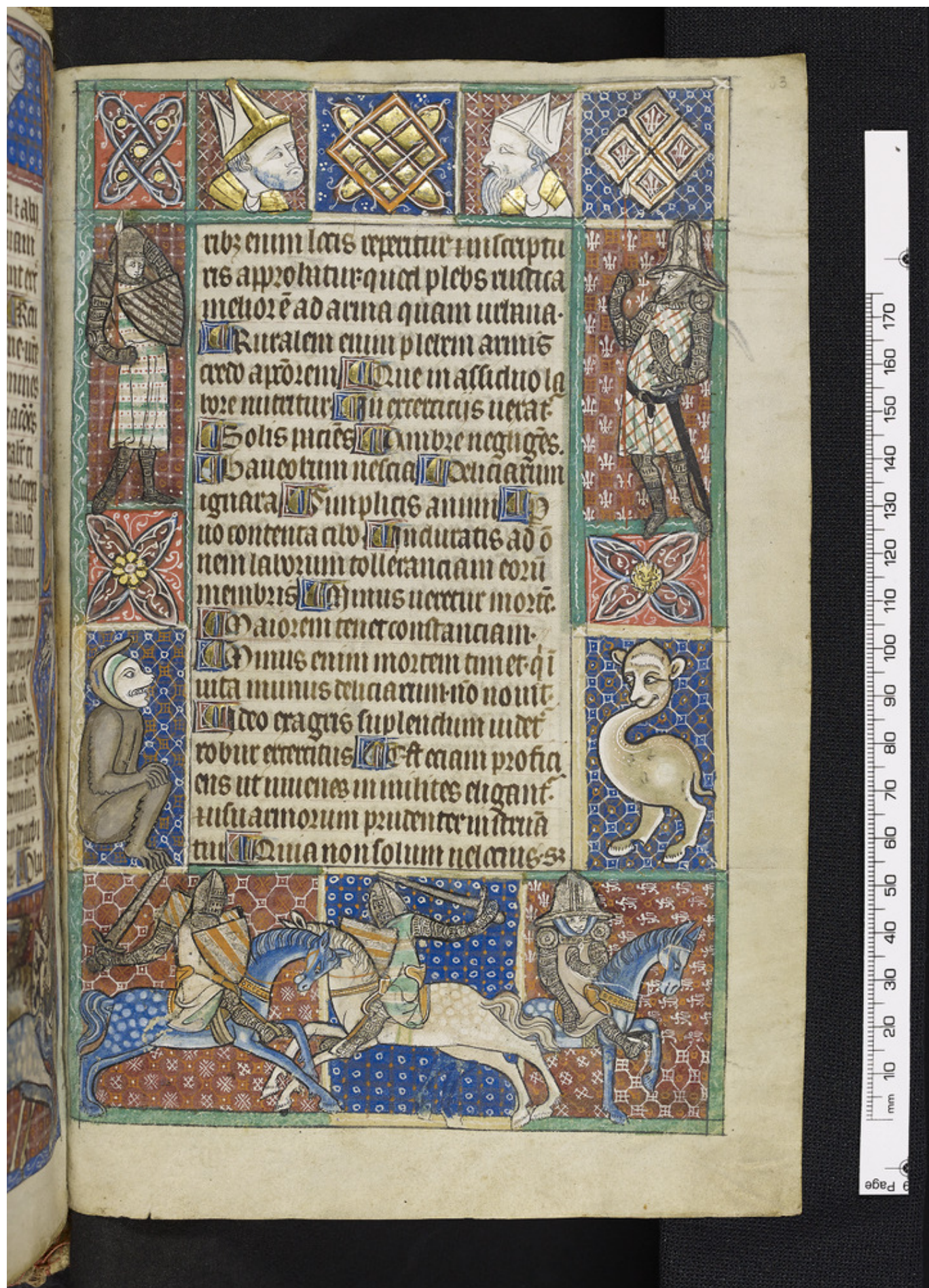
























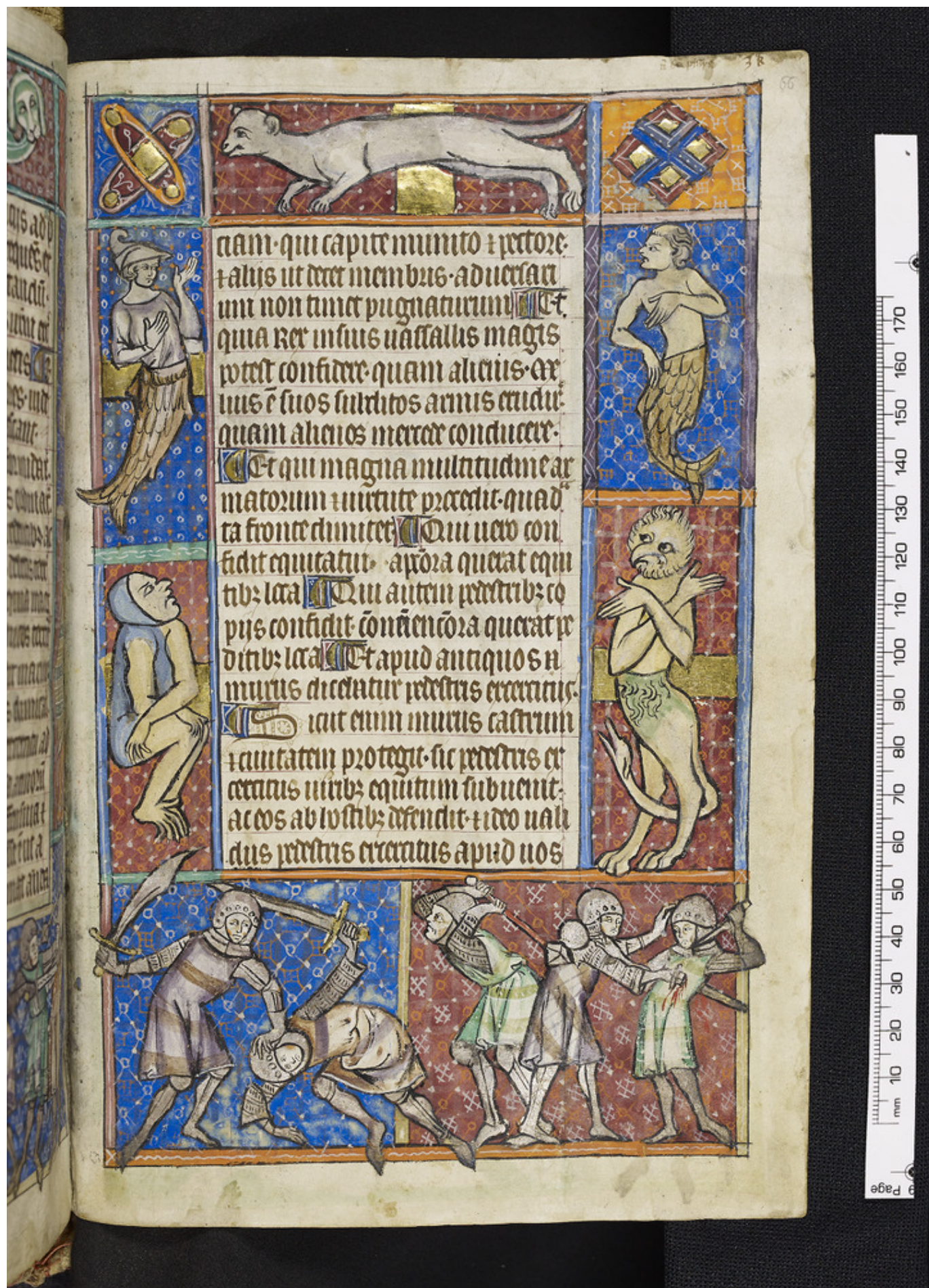








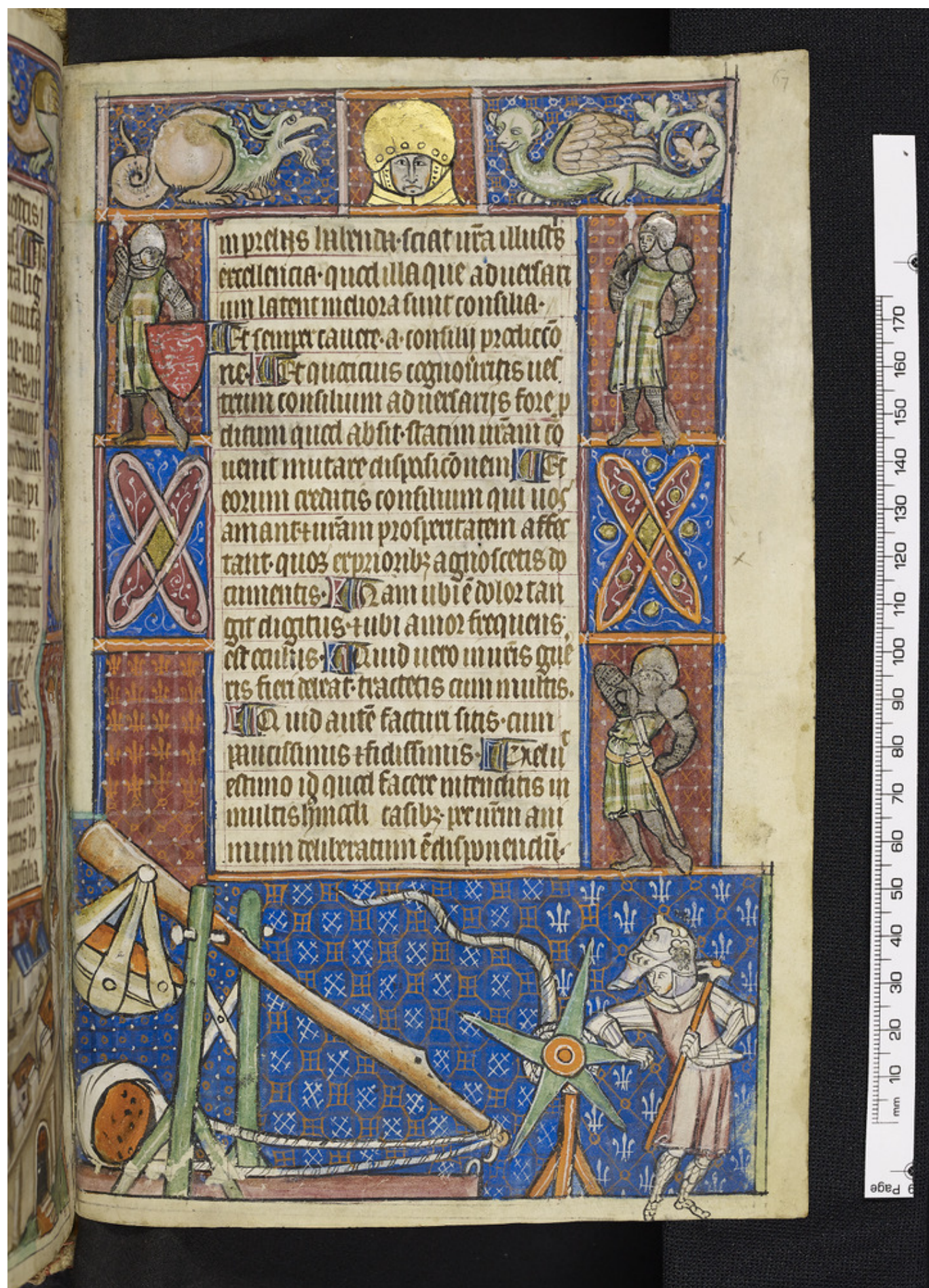
































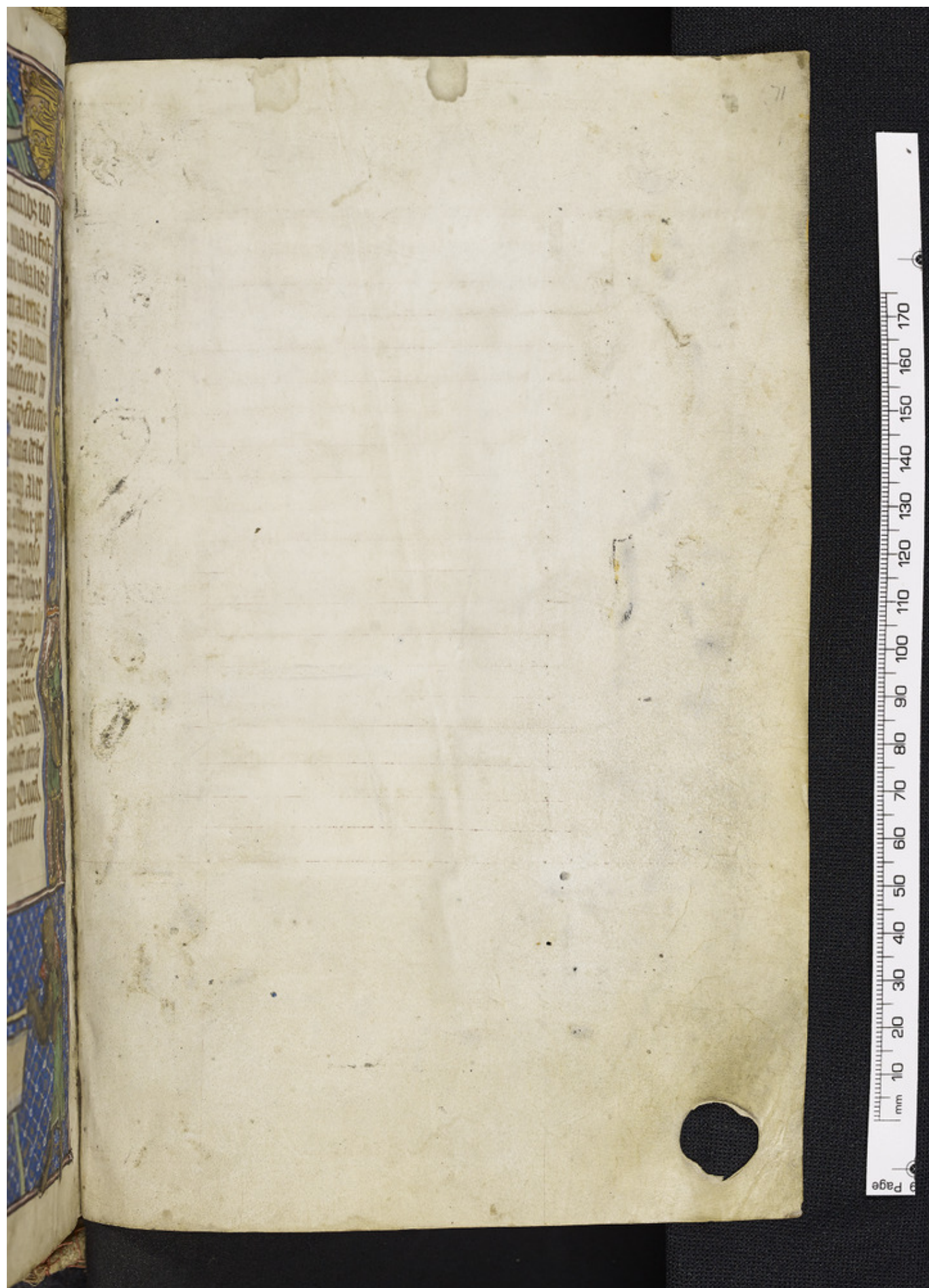




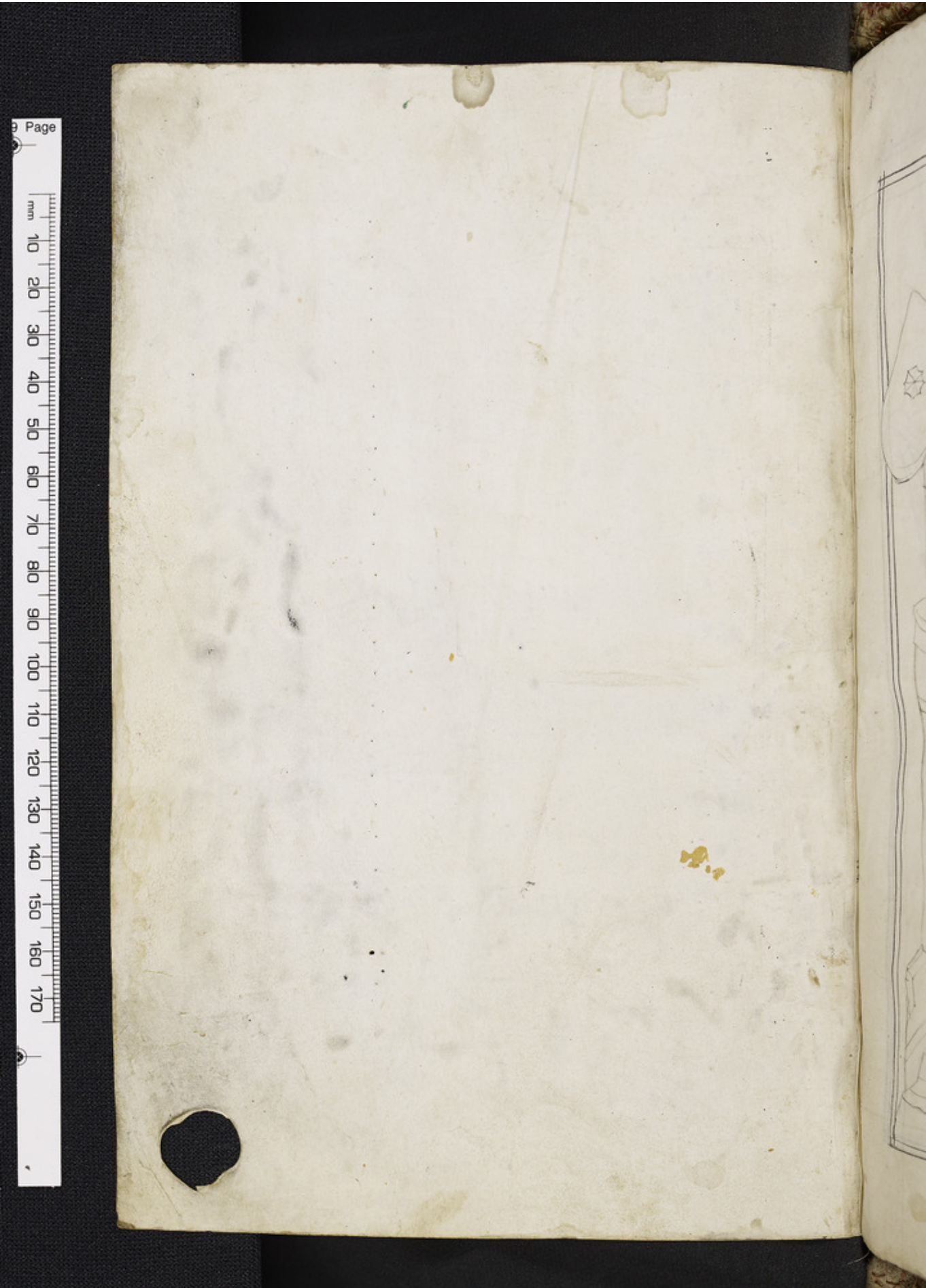












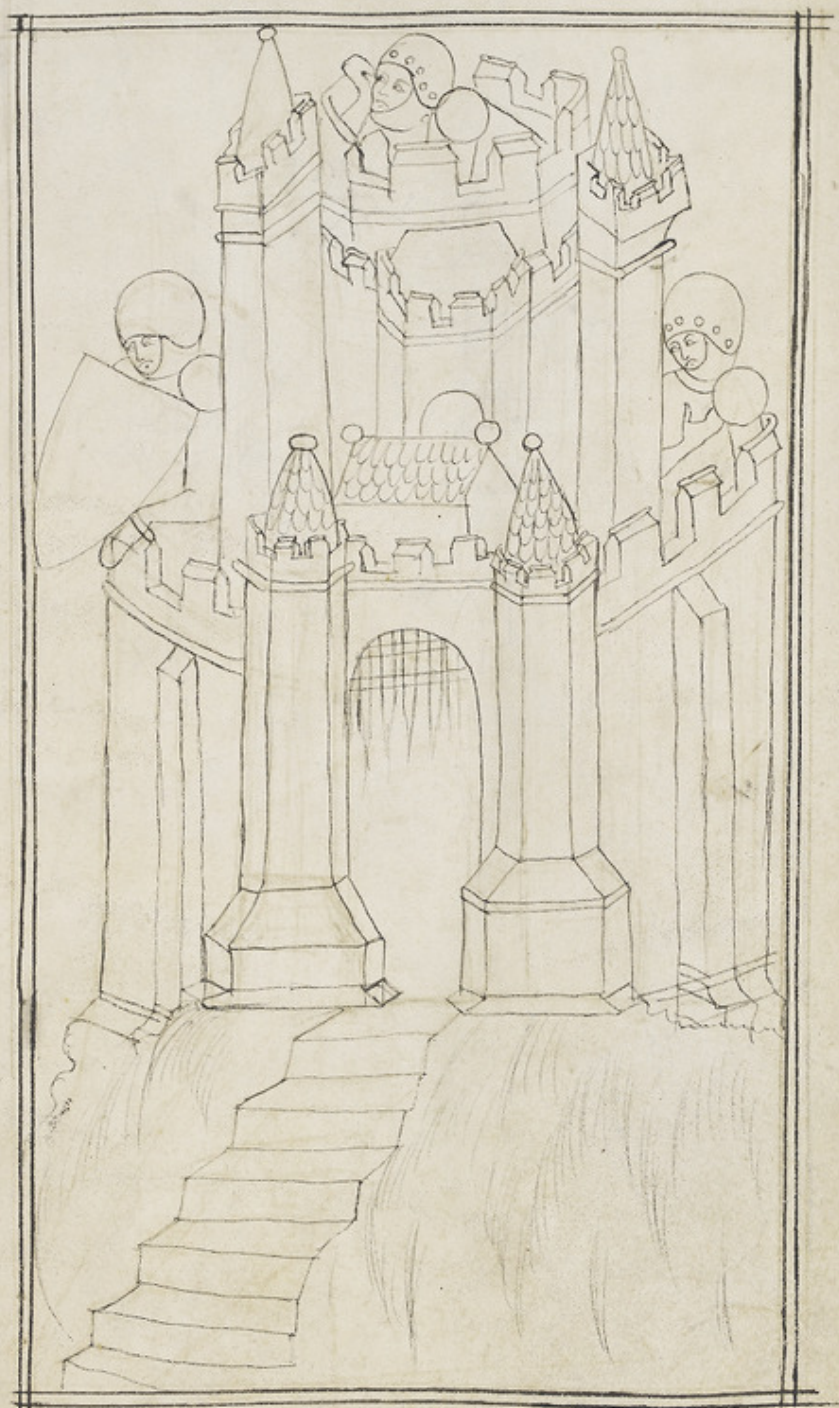




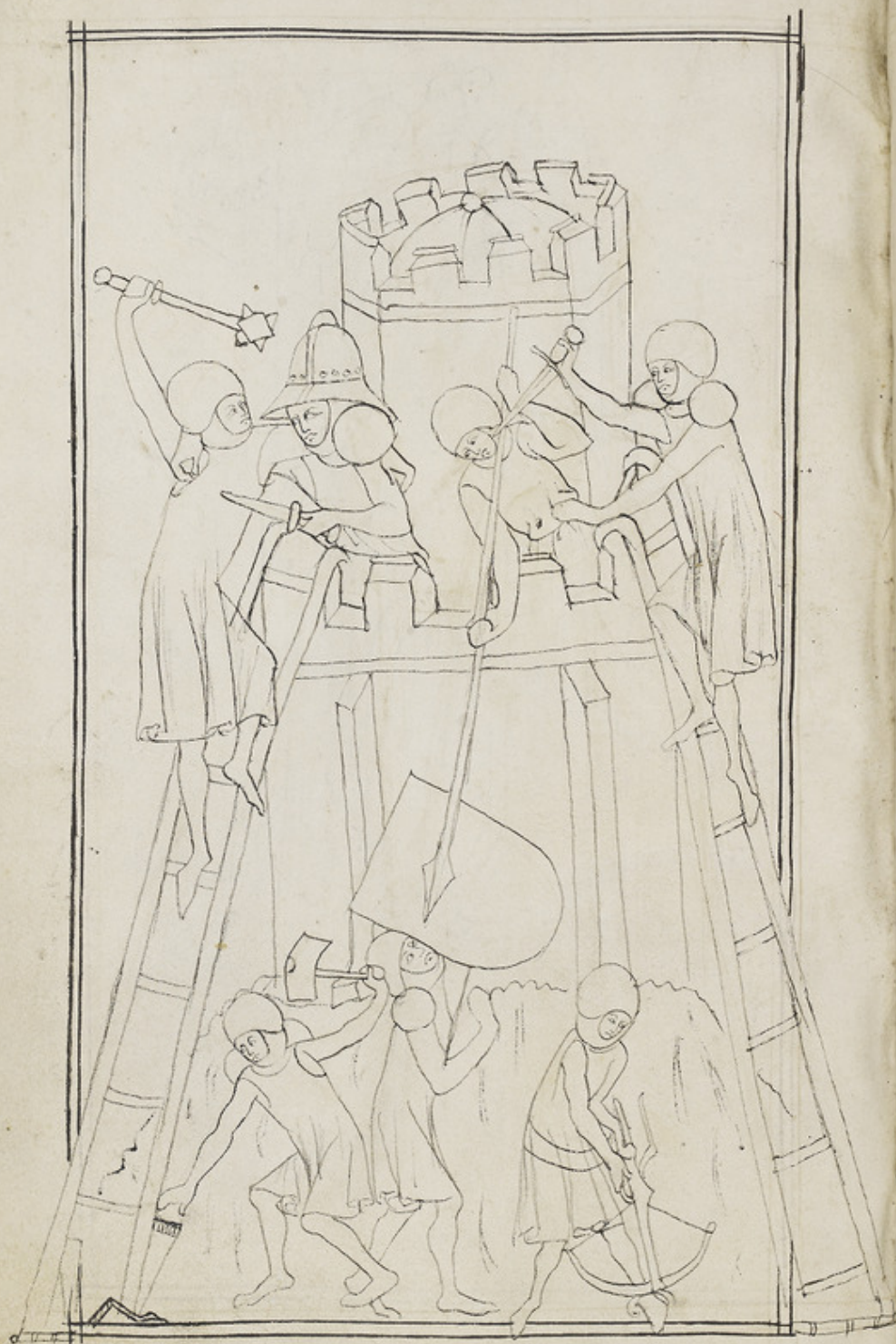




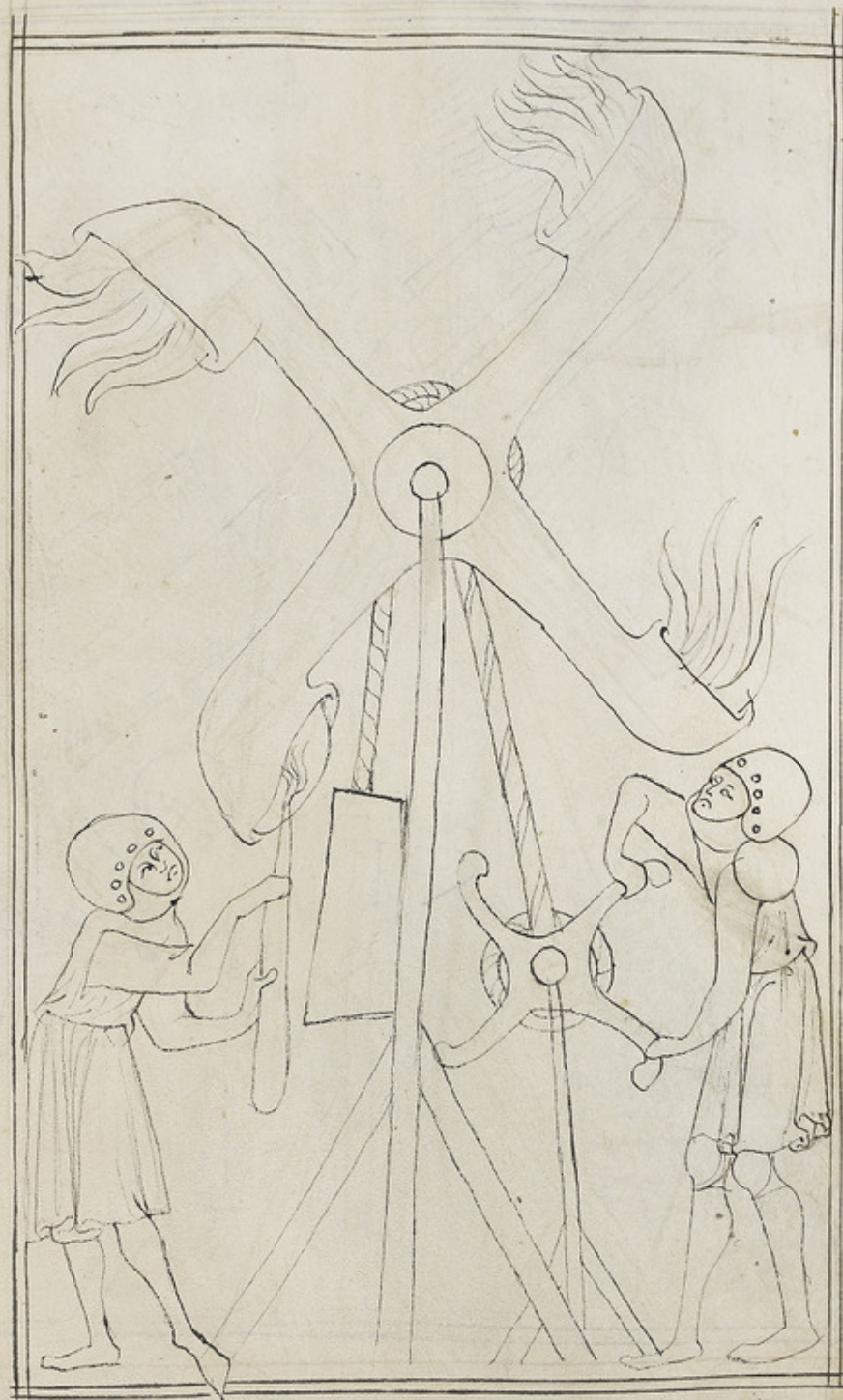








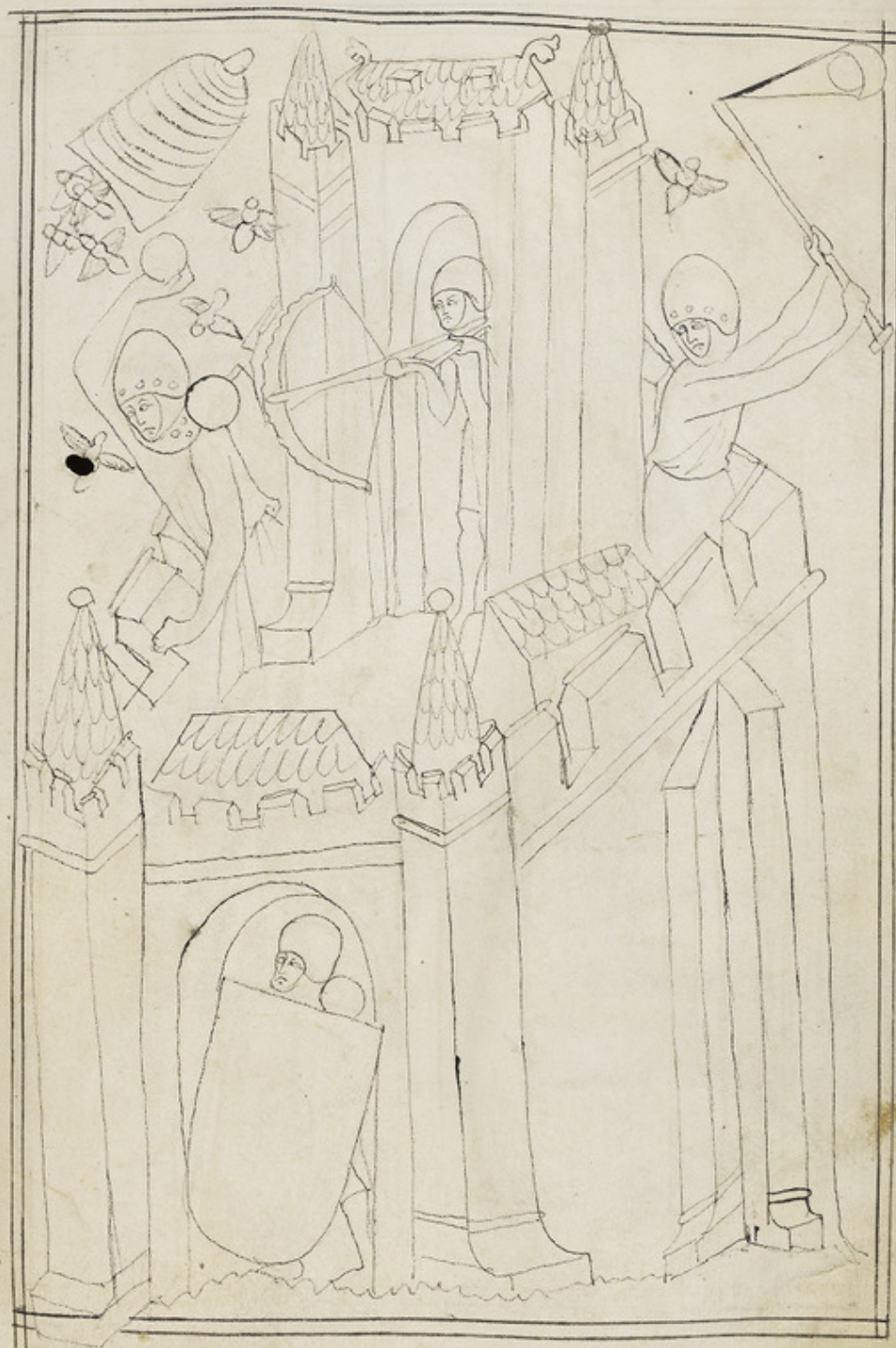




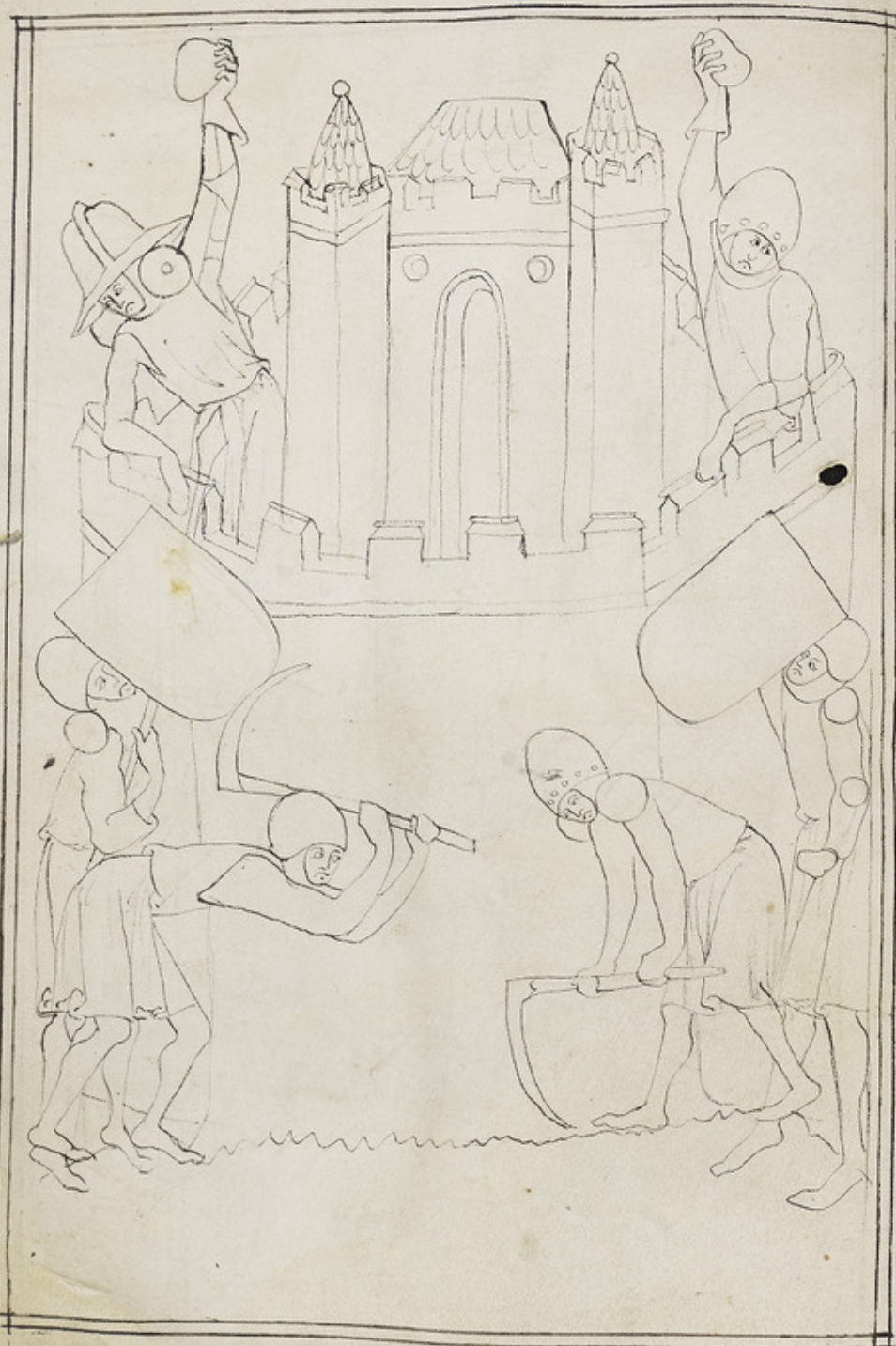




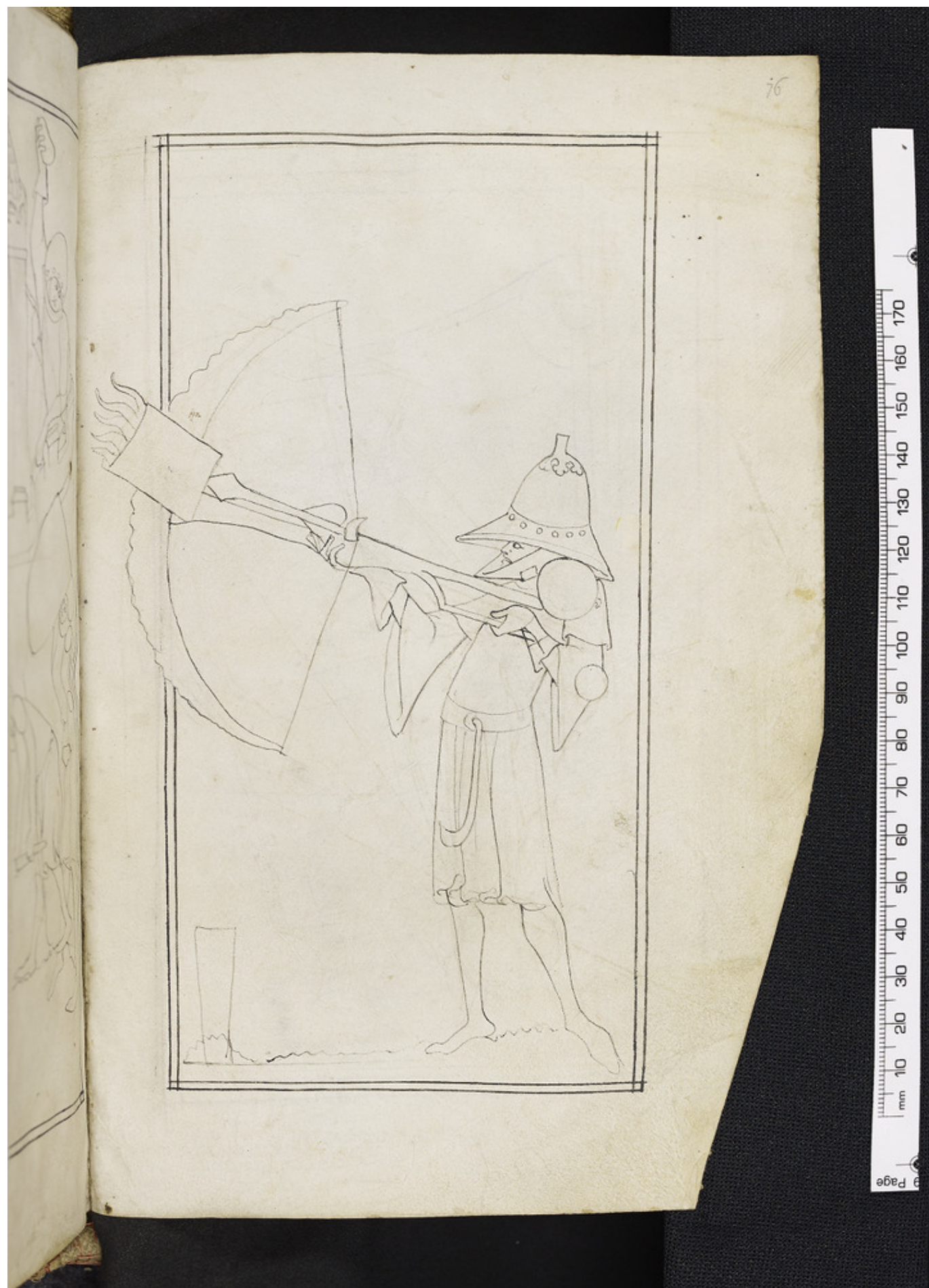
























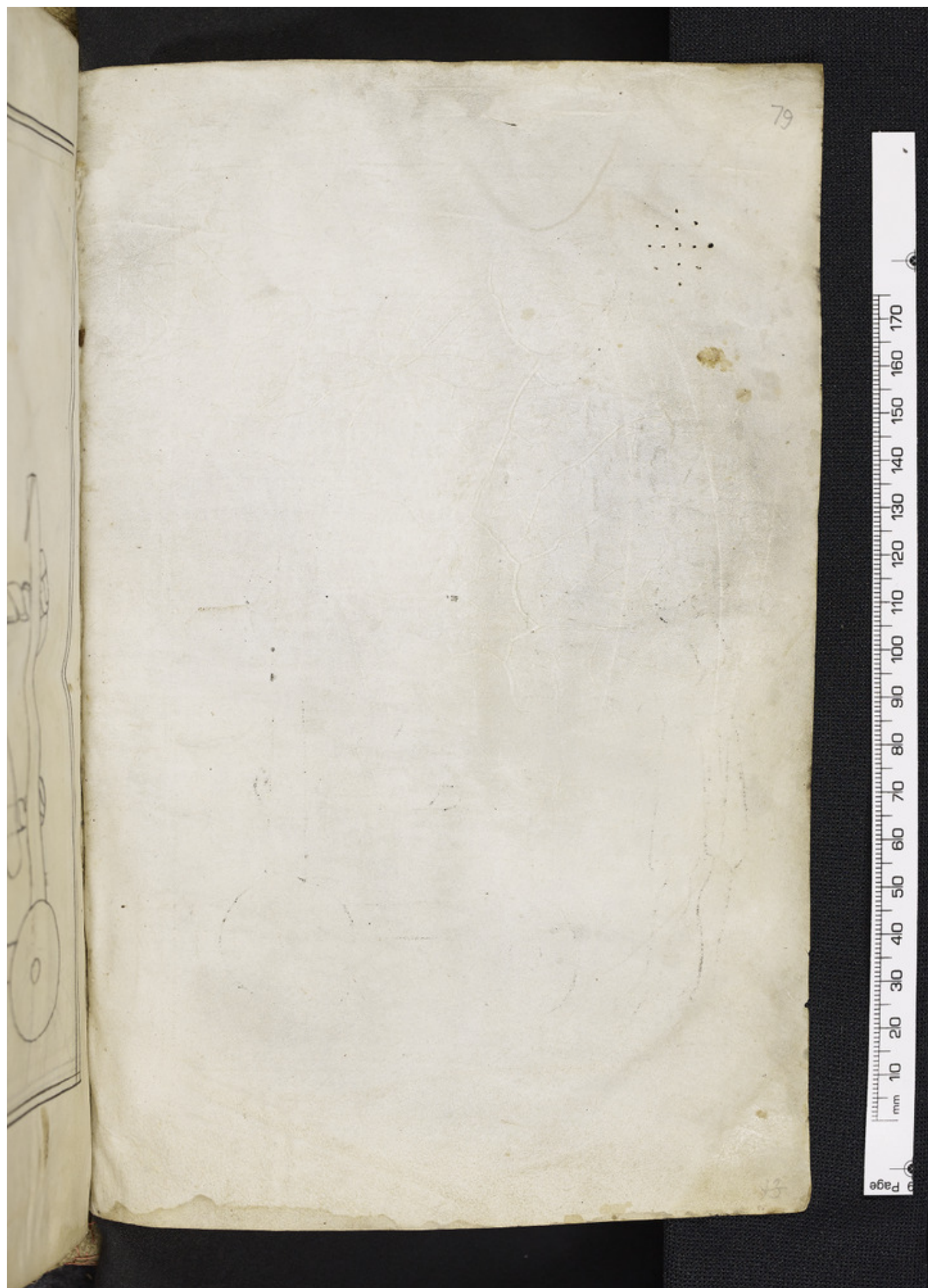




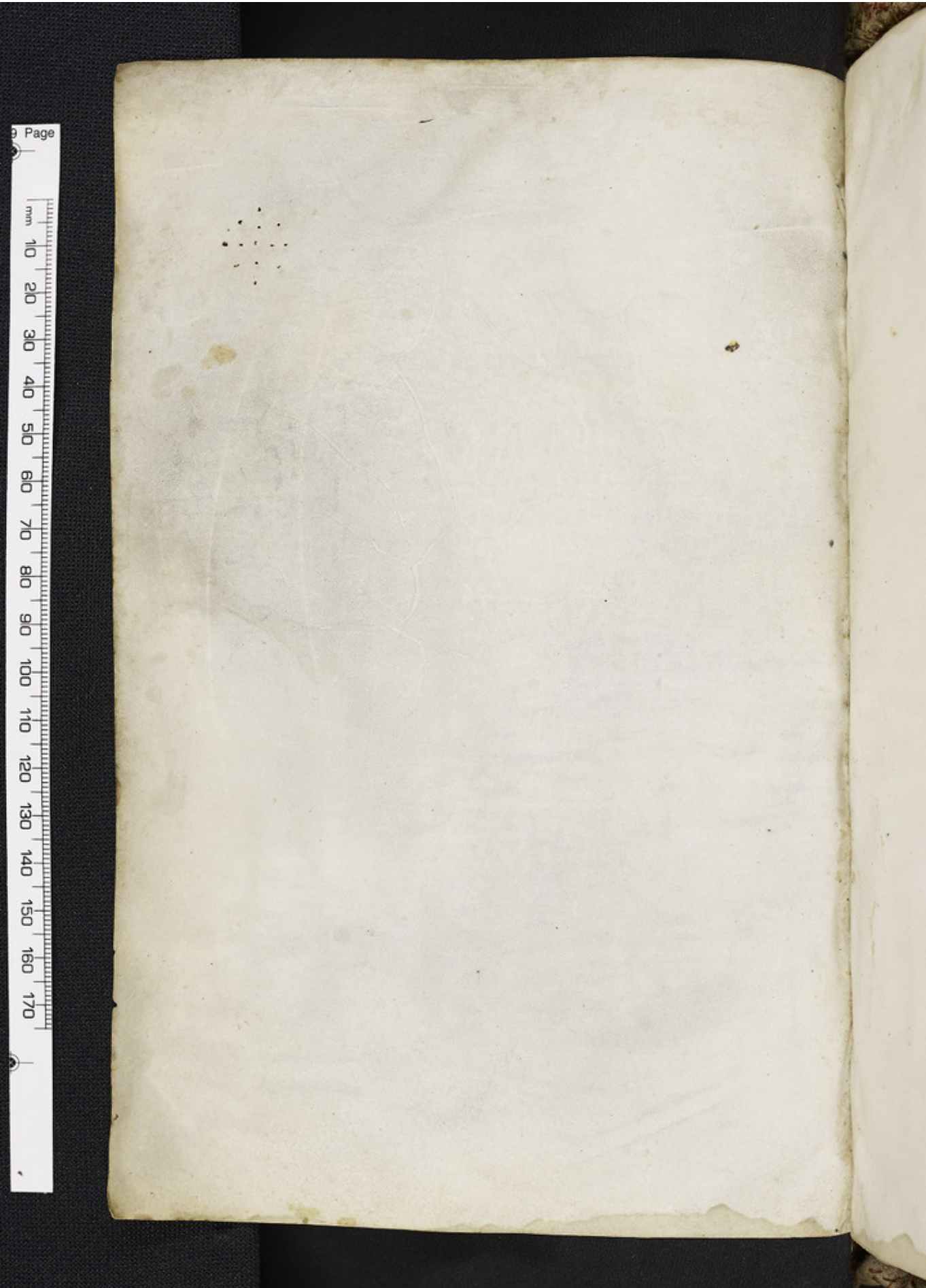






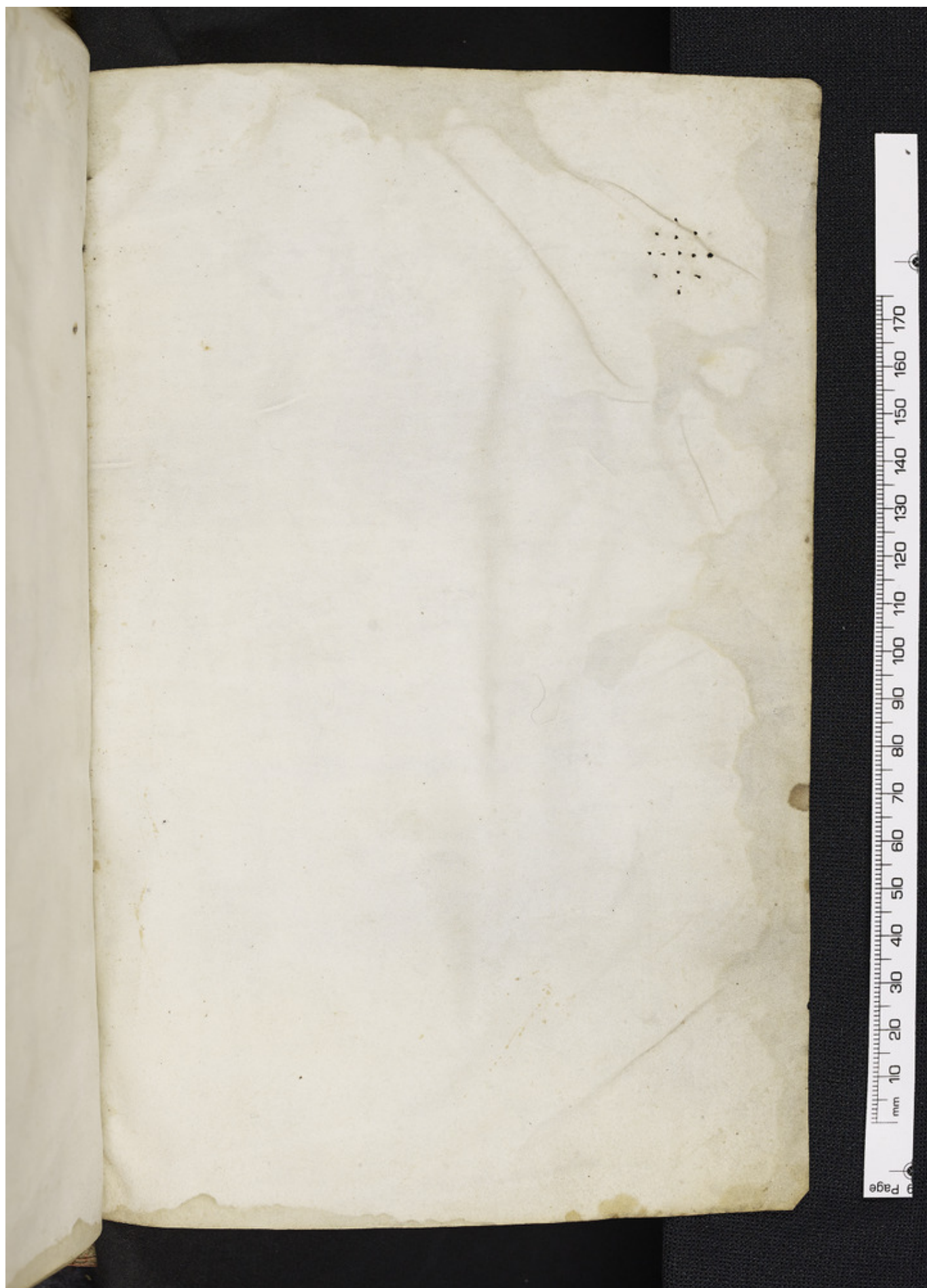




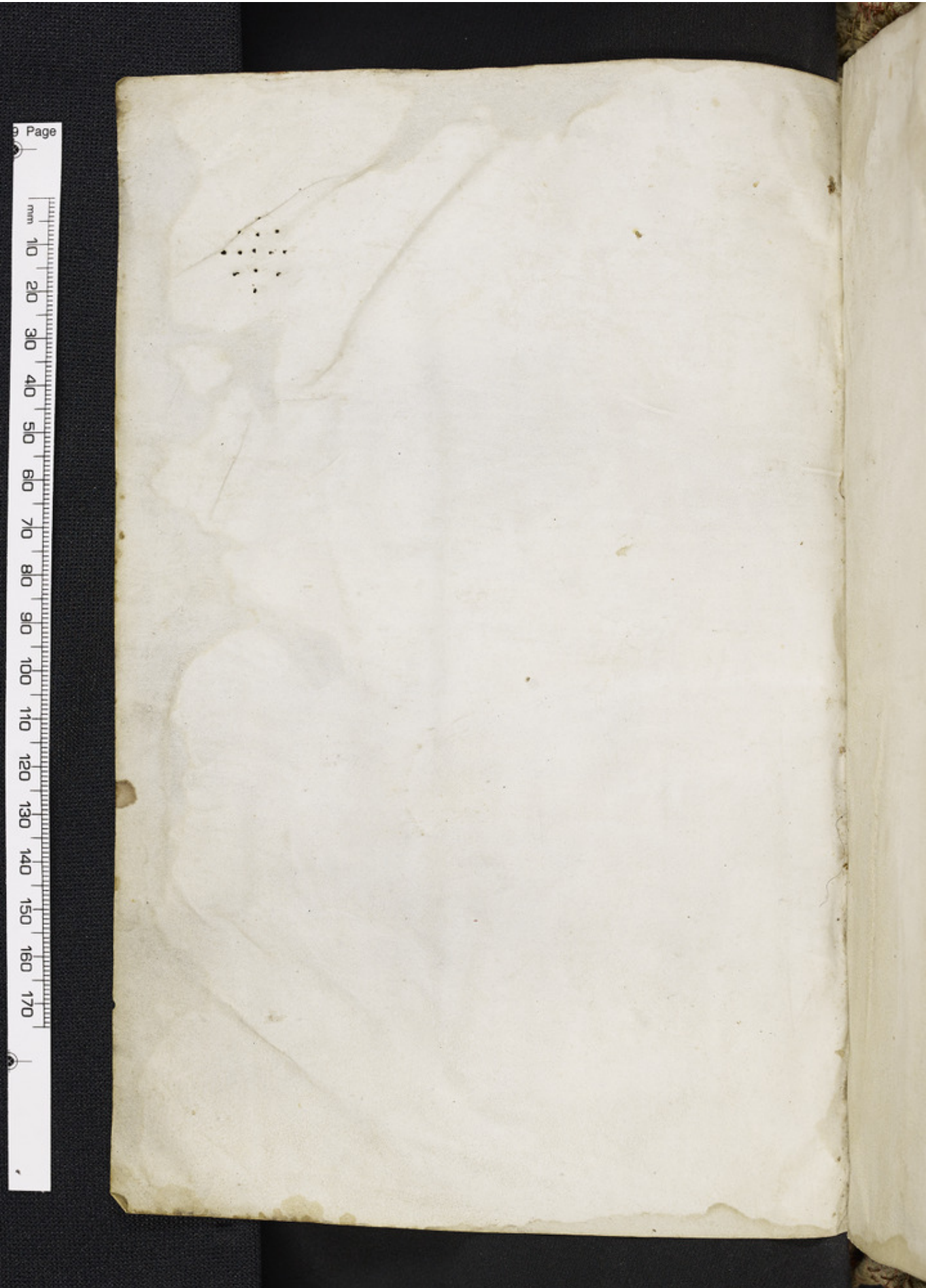




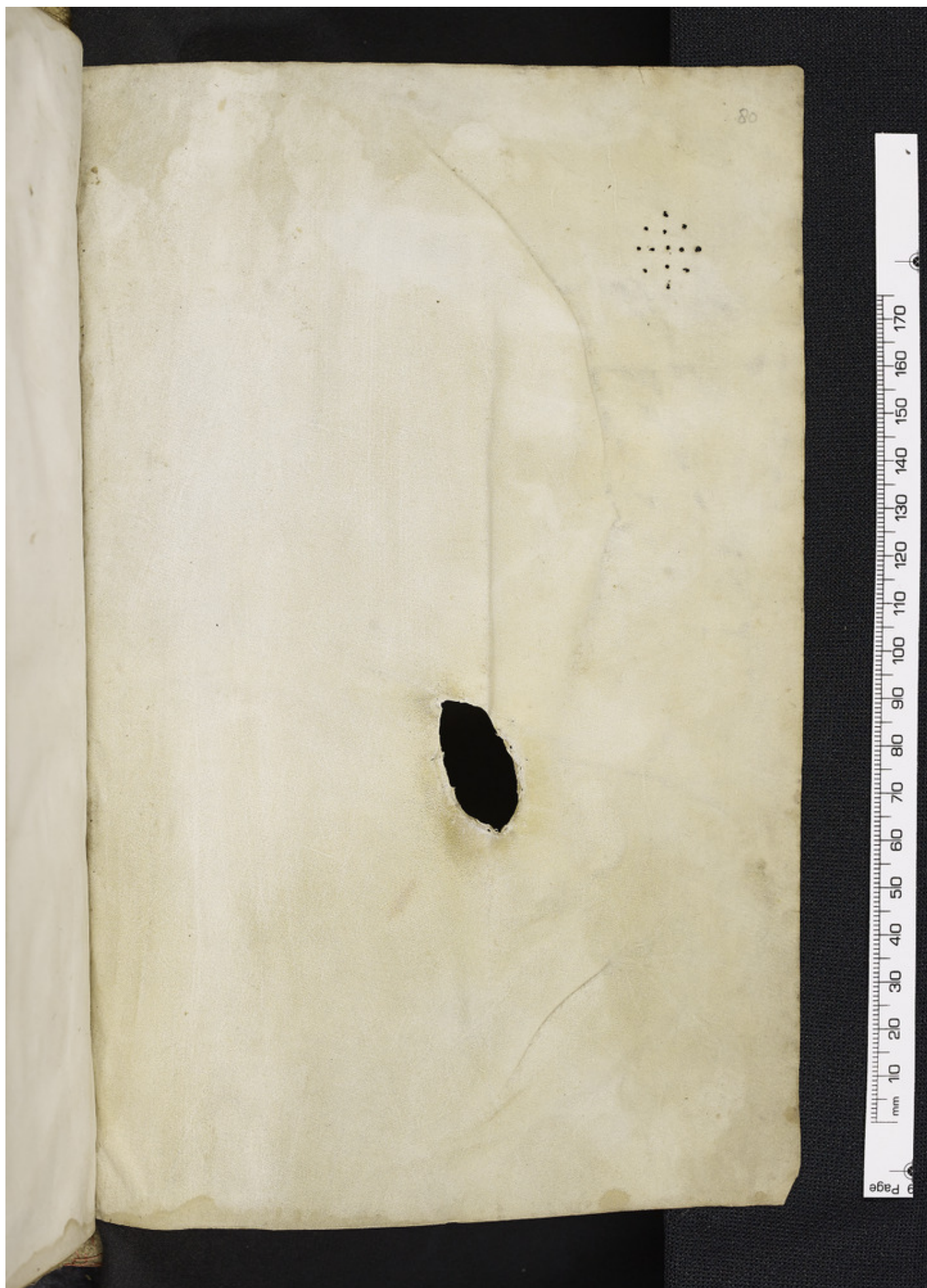
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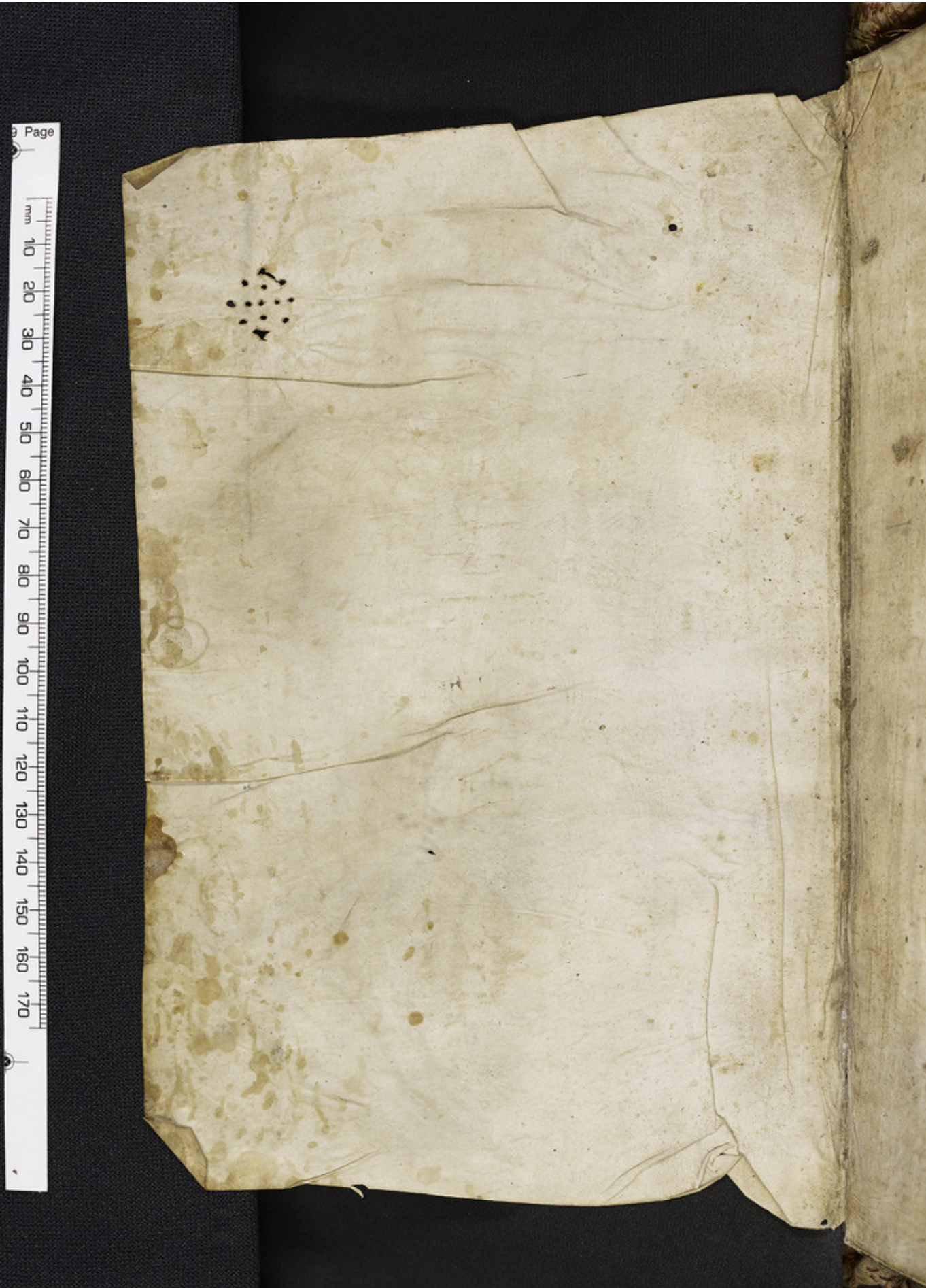














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