

The Carmelite Book of Hours in the Turnbull collection is written in Latin and dates from between *circa* 1498 and 1511. It is written on 103 leaves of vellum, 158 × 107 mm. The collation consists of: (8)¹⁻² (9)³ (8)⁴⁻⁸ (6)⁹ (8)¹⁰⁻¹³. Leaf 18 is an original insertion into the third gathering; there is a bifoliate missing from the centre of the ninth gathering. The second, fifth and ninth gatherings open with illuminated borders, but sideways catchwords are visible at the end of the fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth gatherings. Pin-holes for ruling the guide-lines are visible in the second, ninth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth gatherings. The text of the manuscript is composed of nineteen lines of black ink, with pale red ruling. The script is a French *littera hybrida* of *circa* 1500. The style would suggest an Alsace-Lorraine origin.

This Book of Hours contains:

1. *Calendar* (11r-12v) followed by two pages blank.
2. *Prayers* – for before Mass (14r, 14v and 15r), to the Virgin (15r) and for after receipt of Communion (15v-16r).
3. *Sequuntur quindecim psalmi* – The Fifteen Psalms of Degree (17r).
4. *The Gospel Sequences* – both from Saint John (24r and 24v), followed by a prayer.
5. *Hours of the Holy Cross* (26r).
6. *Sequuntur septem psalmi penitentiales* (rubric 27v) in error for: *Hours of the Holy Spirit* (29r).
7. *Penitential Psalms* (30r) followed by the *Litany of the Saints* (36v).
8. *Psalmi capitulares*, followed by prayers (41r).
9. *Hours of the Virgin* (Use of Carmel) (42r). Matins (42r), Lauds (52v), Prime (58v), Terce (61v), Sext (63r), None (64v), Vespers (66v), Compline [first leaf missing] (69r).
10. *Office of the Dead* (72r). Vespers (72r); Matins – 1st nocturn (75r), 2nd nocturn (78v), 3rd nocturn (83r); Lauds (88r).
11. *Psalmi capitulares* (92r) followed by prayers.
12. *Prayers* to God the Father (93r), to God the Son (93r), to the Holy Ghost (93v), to the Virgin (94r and 96v), the *Flos Carmeli* (98r), and five prayers to Christ (99r).
13. *Memorials* to the Good Angel (100v), to John the Baptist (100v), to Elisha (101r), to John the Evangelist (101v), and to Peter and Paul (101v).

The text of the manuscript ends on leaf 101v; there are two original blank leaves indicating that there were no further Memorials. Leaves 25v and 98v are also ruled and left blank.

At the beginning of most Books of Hours is a Calendar for the whole year listing in order the particular saints to be venerated on each day. This can be of great help in determining the origin of a manuscript as