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Salve signum sancte crucis / Salve virgo sacra parens
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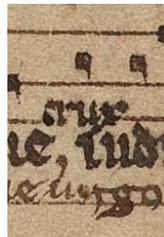
First three pieces are in hands of late s.xii; the rest are in s.xiii hands (a variety of similar scribes, some perhaps the same but writing at different times and with different pens). Described in more detail below.

Notation

Notation is quite square, but the note-heads are not always evenly sized. Single notes are all virgae - no puncta at all; stems on virgae are varied lengths, sometimes curving slightly to left (**1b CHRISTo** [a] / **1b Idem** [b]).



Clivis can have a short descender to right of second note: direction of melody usually makes clear that this does not signify anything. Pes present. No other forms used. Some erasures of notes and insertions of words (**4a salve CRUX iudicii**).



Layout

Salve signum sancte crucis takes up 11 staves, then *Oblatum canticum* follows at the foot. *Salve* is written continuously, and the second text, *Salve virgo sacra parens*, has been added below (or sometimes above) the first text, squeezed in between the text and the



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stave line below or above (on the penultimate system, this text is written between the top and next stave-line of the stave below). It is possible that the text hand is different. It is aligned word by word with the first text (but syllables are not separated, which means quite large gaps between words, because the writing is smaller than the first text). Stave-lines vary from four to five, for no apparent reason.

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