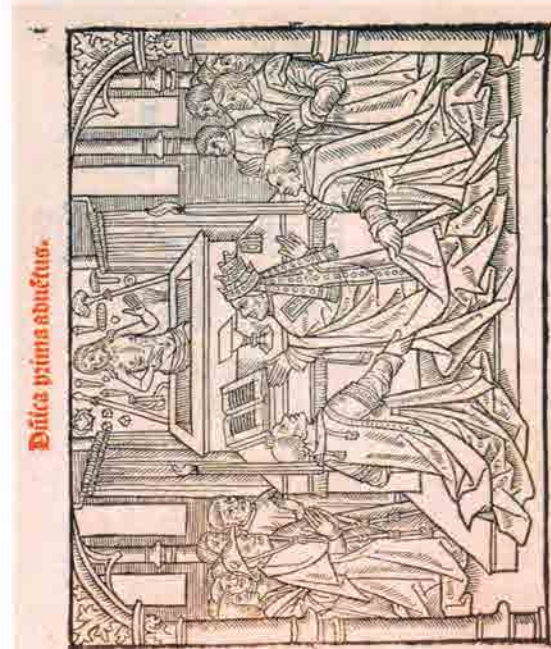




The martyrdom of St. Thomas Becket, from the Tarterlon Hours c.1430. Purchased with the aid of the Friends 2003.



A 1632 Book of Common Prayer used at the English Embassy in Paris during the Interregnum. Purchased with the aid of the Friends in 1977 and conserved at Lambeth.



Diuitia prima abductus.
Officium ad usum throni recitatio
Sarum anglieque feliciter incipit.
omni dicitur: a abduc usq ad cenam dñi

Sarum Missal, printed for Wynkyn de Worde, 1498. Purchased with the aid of the Friends in 1989.

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